

**AUGUST 9, 2022  
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MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
VERSAILLES MUNICIPAL BUILDING/4:30 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL: MAYOR BRIAN TRAUGOTT PRESIDED OVER THE MEETING. ALSO PRESENT WERE COUNCIL MEMBERS LAURA DAKE, LISA JOHNSON, FRED SIEGELMAN AND AARON SMITHER. ALSO PRESENT WAS CITY ATTORNEY BILL MOORE. COUNCIL MEMBERS MARY BRADLEY & KEN KERKHOFF WERE ABSENT.**

**Council member Fred Siegelman arrived at 4:38 p.m. and left the meeting early at 5:31 p.m.**

**DEPT. HEADS: MIKE MURRAY AND ARIEL O'REEL WERE PRESENT REPRESENTING THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS.**

**Local Preference Ordinance**

**Mayor Traugott began the meeting by indicating that this topic has been discussed previously and he would like to examine the text provided about it again. He explained that he has re-read the document that was provided in light of a recent discussion about basketball goal quotes presented by a local vendor at a prior council meeting. Council member Johnson voiced concern that the city may run the risk of not getting a bid from an outside vendor if a local preference ordinance is passed. Council member Smither questioned if most purchases are local, in which Mayor Traugott responded that most day to day purchases are. Council member Dake asked if local was defined as Woodford County or also surrounding counties, in which Mayor Traugott answered Woodford County as the ordinance is currently drafted. Council member Dake wished to clarify that the city could not skimp on quality just because another vendor is local. Mayor Traugott concluded the discussion asking City Attorney Moore to draft the document into ordinance form.**

**Rental Housing Legislation**

**Mayor Traugott provided a copy of a PowerPoint titled 'Homelessness & Housing in Kentucky' which was created by the Kentucky League of Cities along with a copy of the city of Carrollton's rental dwelling permit ordinance. Council member Dake questioned if people in Versailles are renting properties unlawfully in which the properties are not up to code or fit. Mayor Traugott responded that he is sure this is happening but these properties would not fit into the majority. Mayor Traugott claimed that individuals threatened with eviction could file a complaint with the city about the state of their residence to try and get out of eviction. Mayor Traugott also stated that on the flip side, a resident could complain about their property to the landlord and then the landlord could threaten them with eviction. Council member Johnson stated that it seems to be an imperfect situation as it seems there could be a lot of he said she said situations. Council member Dake indicated that there is move-in checklist available online for landlords to follow with basic information regarding the rental property. Council member Smither stated that if the process isn't being followed and the landlord isn't doing what they're supposed to do then the tenant should have rights against that. Mayor Traugott stated that unfortunately a tenant's access to the courts is much more limited than it would be for the landlord. Council member Siegelman stated that a lot of tenants choose to live with issues in their properties because they are afraid of not having anywhere else to live and their landlord raising rent if they start complaining about certain issues. Council member Johnson asked the council what kind of city they want to have because we need to have good living conditions for our residents. Mayor Traugott wrapped up the discussion by prompting Attorney Moore to draft ordinances related to this topic.**

**Transportation Corridor Overlay Study**

**Council member Dake began the discussion stating that in regards to the recent RFQ they received for a transportation study, the total was originally \$111,000 and they have brought the price down to \$64,400 by removing one task in its entirety and then negotiating with the firm to discount the other tasks. City Attorney Moore asked if the study would be used for just city information or included in the comprehensive plan as well. Council member Johnson stated that this study will give the council more information to review themselves and be included in the comprehensive plan. Council member Smither stated that this seems like it would be a planning and zoning issue that we already fund with the county. He questioned if this is something that we could wait to see what comes through when the comprehensive plan is released.**

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**Council member Dake asked if another city would pay for a study like this and Mayor Traugott responded that a city our size more than likely would not but larger cities may. Council member Smither stated that he was just trying to figure out what the city would actually do with the information once they received it. Council member Dake asked if they should meet with the Planning Director Steven Hunter and if planning and zoning would use the information. City Attorney Moore stated that if the study came from a reputable firm then planning and zoning would definitely use the study. Council member Johnson asked if the council should wait to see if planning and zoning will “possibly” do a study on their own for the comprehensive plan or go ahead and pay for it now to have the information rather than later. Council member Johnson concluded the discussion with planning on speaking to Steven Hunter before the next council meeting on Tuesday.**

**Mayor Traugott adjourned the meeting without objections.**

**APPROVED:**

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**BRIAN TRAUGOTT, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK**