

**CITY OF HARRODSBURG
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING**

DATE: April 14, 2025

TIME: 12 p.m.

PLACE: City of Harrodsburg, Conference Room

Mayor Robert “Bob” Williams called the regular meeting to order at 12 p.m. Members present, Commissioners; Kerry Anness, Charlie Mattingly, Jack Coleman and Marvin “Bubby” Isham.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Anness – Present; Commissioner Mattingly – Present; Mayor Williams – Present; Commissioner Coleman – Present; Commissioner Isham – Present.

RECOGNITION OF KIMBERLY MCGRATH FOR 15 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mayor Williams presented Kimberly McGrath with a certificate of appreciation for 15 years of service with the City of Harrodsburg. Mayor thanked her.

SPRING CLEAN UP WEEK

Mayor announced spring clean up week is scheduled for May 5th – 9th.

APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CALLED MEETING HELD ON MARCH 24, 2025

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Isham to accept the minutes for the regular meeting held on March 24, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING HELD ON MARCH 26, 2025

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Coleman to approve the minutes for the special called meeting held on March 26, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE AND PAY DEPARTMENT INVOICES

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Anness to approve and pay the department invoices. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF RICH NEWSOM TO THE HMCIDA BOARD

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Mattingly to approve the appointment of Rich Newsom to the Harrodsburg Mercer County Industrial Development Authority (HMCIDA) Board. Mayor said he will be replacing Vickie Bottoms. He is a loan officer at Community Trust Bank. Mayor said we will be replacing one banker for another and that's a good thing to have, the financial piece on the Industrial Authority Board. Motion carried unanimously.

AWARD THE BID FOR WEED EATING AND MOWING AT SPRING HILL CEMETERY

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Isham to award and sign the bid from Devine Creations for weed eating and mowing at Spring Hill Cemetery. The bid was opened at 8:30 a.m. on 4/4/25. Their price for bi-weekly weed eating and blowing was \$2,970; price for weekly as needed mowing \$1,650. Mayor said that was the only bid received. Motion carried unanimously.

AWARD BID FOR THE SURPLUS VEHICLES TO ERIC MOORE

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Mattingly to award the bid for the surplus vehicles to Eric Moore. Mayor said there were three bids received. The bids were opened at 9 a.m. on 4/4/2025. Highest bid was \$2,371 entered by Eric Moore. Motion carried unanimously.

AWARD BID FOR LAGOON CLEANING AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT TO H & A RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Coleman to authorize to award and sign the bid for lagoon cleaning to H&A Resource Management at the Water Treatment Plant. Motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZE MAYOR WILLIAMS TO SIGN THE MUNICIPAL ROAD AID COOPERATIVE PROGRAM AGREEMENT

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Mattingly to authorize Mayor Williams to sign the Municipal Road Aid Cooperative Program Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-04-14

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Isham to approve resolution 2025-04-14, a Resolution adopting and approving the execution of a Municipal Aid Co-op Program Contract between the Incorporated City and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, as provided in the Kentucky Revised Statutes and accepting all streets referred to therein as being streets which are a part of the Incorporated City. Roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows: Commissioner Anness – Yes; Commissioner Mattingly – Yes; Mayor Williams – Yes; Commissioner Coleman – Yes; Commissioner Isham – Yes. Motion passed.

APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Coleman to approve a budget amendment to increase 05-108-5780 (2020 Water Meter Project) \$295,443.15), decrease 05-101-5071 (legal fees) \$60,000, decrease 05-102-5042 (other contract services) \$74,943.15 and decrease 05-104-5052 (capital outlay) \$50,000, decrease 05-104-5057 (small equipment parts) \$10,000, decrease 05-1165057 (equipment parts) \$20,000, decrease 05-117-5041 (maintenance and repair) \$65,000, decrease 05-117-5045 (miscellaneous expense) \$7,500 and decrease 05-117-5046 (small equipment purchase) \$8,000. Commissioner Mattingly asked what was going on. City Clerk Huffman said we have a 2020 water meter project loan that we would like to payoff. Roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows: Mayor Williams – Yes; Commissioner Coleman – Yes; Commissioner Isham – Yes; Commissioner Anness – Yes; Commissioner Mattingly – Yes. Motion passed.

GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Isham to Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) for the purpose of discussing pending or proposed litigation on behalf or against the public agency at approximately 12:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by/seconded, Commissioners Isham/Coleman to come out of executive session at approximately 12:29 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION

Motion by/seconded, Commissioners Isham/Anness to go back into regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

NO ACTION TAKEN

Mayor announced no action was taken in executive session.

APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-04-14

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Coleman to approve resolution 2025-04-14. Mayor said the City of Harrodsburg resolves jointly with the Mercer County Fiscal Court to file a verified petition with the Mercer Circuit Court to exercise its granted power of eminent domain under KRS 67.085; KRS 82.082; KRS 416.540 - 416.670 for the purpose of securing the aforementioned mineral rights on the parcels as described in the Eminent Domain Petition and hereby authorizes Mayor Williams and all successors in title to sign and file any and all necessary documents proceed with the petition. Roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Commissioner Anness – Yes; Commissioner Mattingly – Yes; Mayor Williams – Yes; Commissioner Coleman – Yes; Commissioner Isham – Yes. Motion passed.

COMMISSIONER ISHAM THANKED THE DEPARTMENTS

Commissioner Isham thanked all of the city employees and county employees because everybody jumped in and helped during all this rain we had. He said the Water Treatment Plant and Sewer Treatment Plant both was in 24/7 trying to keep things running. Commissioner Isham thanked them for their work and stepping up. Other Commissioners agreed.

DIANE MAYS SPOKE

Diane Mays said she was back. She said she thinks she was here on April 14th about the water coming down off the hill by the hospital, coming straight down the street, going into to her yard. Ms. Mays said it flooded her basement. She has had to get a furnace and a water heater. Ms. Mays said after the rain we had last week; the water came in and knocked out her furnace and water heater out. She said she doesn't have money to keep buying water heaters and furnaces. Ms. Mays said her sump pump couldn't move fast enough. She said she wants to know why we can't get an engineer to come in and figure something out. She said this isn't something that just started happening, it's been happening for years. Ms. Mays said someone cut out a ditch in front of her house. She said to her it is a safety thing because if someone does not know it is there and they step out of the car they are going to fall in it. She said the ditch does not stop the flow of water on heavy rainy days. She asked why a drain could not be put in at the top of the hill or midways down to stop the rain. Commissioner Mattingly said with as much rain as we had last week, almost 9 inches a lot of people had water problems. He said with that much water where are you going to detour it to. Commissioner Mattingly said he doesn't have a fix, but maybe someone else may have a fix. Commissioner Isham asked City Attorney Norrie Currens if we could ask Ryan Carr to see if there was something we could do. Ms. Mays son said we might be able to divert on Cedar Street. He said he seen one guy has a railroad tie beside of his house. He suggested putting a railroad tie or a building a concrete/road bump or something to divert. Commissioner Mattingly asked Frank if the curb has been cleaned up there in front of her property. Frank said yes; Ms. Mays son said it was full of rocks. Mayor said we can talk it over with the City Attorney find out what our guidance is from a liability standpoint and we can have Ryan Carr along with Frank go out there and maybe get some ideas. Mayor said if we are not able to handle it, we can pass the idea on to you. He said right now it is going to take an engineer to determine what the best course of action will be. Mayor said we cannot control the rain. Mayor said this is one of those problems that has been going on for years, that we are not going to change overnight. He said it is going to take some time and effort by everyone, but we will work on it.

PAM PARKS SPOKE

Pam Parks gave the Commission a letter on behalf of Bonnie Huffman. Ms. Parks said Ms. Huffman is out there cleaning out the gutters at 80 something years old. She said Ms. Huffman has called and called and called over the years. Ms. Parks said Ms. Mays wants to know who is responsible for that. Ms. Parks said the other situation she came about; its about 2:30 in the

morning on February 24th. She said at 2:30 in the morning she stopped at the Redi Mart beside the Dairy Queen. Ms. Parks said she had on a red sequin outfit. She said she went in to pay for her gas, the man said go ahead and pump it and come back in to pay for it. She said before she went in there was a Police cruiser setting there watching her. Ms. Parks said she got out on 127 and never got over 50 miles, behind her was a bright light shining in her mirror. She said she kept looking back to see who was behind her. Ms. Parks said he got behind her then he pulled out and the front of his car was at her back door; then he slowed down and got behind her again. She said he comes around her again and they were side by side; then he slowed down and got behind her again. Ms. Parks said when they got to the little houses on the hill, he put his lights on. She said when he stopped her, she was nervous because she is a black woman driving an old school Cadillac stopped by a white policeman. She said after she gave him her id and insurance card, he said ma'am I am not going to give you a ticket; she said cause I didn't do nothing. Commissioner Isham asked how far was she out of town when he pulled her over. Ms. Parks said where she could see the little houses that John Lyons had built on top of the hill. She said sometimes when people do things it can be looked at as racial because she is a black woman. She said he watched her the whole time she was pumping gas. She said she asked him his name and she seen it was Kelly. She said she was waiting on him to tell her to get out of the car. Ms. Parks said when she went to get her insurance card out, she seen there was a police man at the passenger side back of her car. City Attorney Norrie Currens said so there were two officers. Ms. Parks said yes but she couldn't see the other one pull up. The officer told her she crossed the white line, she said I don't think I did but if I did you followed me all this time and got these bright lights. She said this water problem is financially draining on citizens. She asked the Commission what they are going to do. Ms. Parks said Mr. Mayor what kind of compensation is there for this. She said as the Mayor the new Mayor what do you plan on doing. Commissioner Mattingly said she doesn't have an answer for her water problem. Commissioner Isham said he will personally talk to Ryan Carr and get back with Ms. Mays. He said she might not like the answer he will give her or she might like the answer but at least he will get an answer. Mayor said for 23 years this issue has been going on. He said the whole town needs a lot of work; it has taken years to get into this situation. He said it is extremely unfair to ask me as the new Mayor what I am going to do about it right now. Mayor said as I mentioned earlier, we will talk to Ryan Carr and have our Public Works Supervisor go out there and look at things, we will discuss it through our attorney to make sure the city doesn't get into a situation where we can be sued because that seems to be the way of the world today. Mayor said Rome was not built in a day and we are not going to fix Harrodsburg overnight. Ms. Parks said no baby, but it's been happening for so long and before nobody was paying attention. Mayor said trust me I am paying attention. Mayor asked Ms. Mays if she has filed any of this with her homeowner's insurance. Ms. Mays said we filed it and they wouldn't give her a penny because it was caused by water. She said she didn't file her water heater because she knew is she kept filing claims her insurance would go up. She said she didn't have any hot water or heat. Ms. Mays asked if they had her phone number and Mayor said yes.

ADJOURN

Motion by/seconded, Commissioners Isham/Coleman to adjourn at approximately 1:06 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Robert O. Williams, Mayor

Shavonna Huffman, City Clerk