

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

DATE: September 22, 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 (came in at 12:02 p.m.) and Marvin “Bubby” Isham

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Anness – Present; Commissioner Mattingly – Present; Mayor Williams – Present; Commissioner Coleman – Absent during roll call, but came in at 12:02 p.m.; Commissioner Isham – Present

APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Isham to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on September 8, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Mattingly to approve the minutes for the special called meeting held on September 16, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE AND PAY DEPARTMENTAL INVOICES

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Coleman to approve those invoices. Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-19 – AMENDING THE FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE 2008-06

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Isham to approve second reading of ordinance 2025-19 – amending the flood damage prevention ordinance 2008-06. 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.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-20 – PROPERTY TAX RATE

Commission had first reading of ordinance 2025-20 – property tax rate.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-21 – MOTOR VEHICLE TAX RATE

Commission had first reading of ordinance 2025-21 – motor vehicle tax rate.

APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-09-22 – TREE BOARD BANK ACCOUNT

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Anness to approve resolution 2025-09-22 – Tree Board bank account. Mayor Williams read the resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZE MAYOR WILLIAMS TO SIGN THE UNITED HEALTHCARE COBRA AGREEMENT

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Coleman to authorize Mayor Williams to sign the United Healthcare COBRA agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-09-22(1) – CITY OF HARRODSBURG – ASSIGNMENT OF WILKINSON MEGASITE PURCHASE AGREEMENT TO HARRODSBURG MERCER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Mattingly to approve resolution 2025-09-22(1). Mayor said it is a resolution assigning the Wilkinson megasite purchase agreement to Harrodsburg Mercer County Industrial Development Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS PUTTING A PARKING SIGN AT 112 W. LEXINGTON STREET. MR. MCKNIGHT WITH SALVO WEAPONRY REQUESTS THE SIGN SAY SALVO WEAPONRY PARKING ONLY

Mayor Williams said next on the agenda is the discussion of a parking sign at 112 W. Lexington Street in front of the Salvo Weaponry store. He said the owner, Mr. McKnight has requested the sign to say Salvo Weaponry parking only. Mayor Williams said his understanding is more or less a loading and unloading zone for customers that purchase firearms and feel uncomfortable walking down the street with those firearms. Mayor asked Mr. McKnight is that kind of the gist of it. Mr. McKnight said yes. Mayor said he would like to open the table for any discussions and Mr. McKnight completed his paperwork and are able to speak and present here at the City Commission if you so desire. Mayor said if you do wish to speak, we'd ask that you come to the podium and identify yourself, otherwise we can just discuss it amongst ourselves and refer to you with any questions that we may have, is that okay. Mr. McKnight said yes sir. Commissioner Isham said the only thing that we can do, I mean we can vote whatever we want to I guess, but the only thing we can do really honestly is put like a 30-minute parking or hour parking whatever we want to do but if you give one business a parking sign for them only then you are going to have every business. He said we have went through this for several years, so if you do it one you have to do it for everyone of them. Commissioner Anness said we have already turned down one. Commissioner Isham said we have already turned them down in the past, so we can put a time limit, put signs up there like 20 minutes. Commissioner Mattingly asked if he put up a sign there himself. Mr. McKnight said originally there was a 15-minute sign and that was taken down this past year. He said he thinks there

was a vote on it, I wasn't here I was out of town and couldn't be here to talk about it, but there was originally a 15-minute sign there. He said people were parking there all day from people on Main Street to Noel's office, so if we could put that back up, I would be fine with that just so that people would be more comfortable coming in and out. Mayor Williams said the biggest concern that he has about even a sign with a time limit on it is the enforcement of the time limit. He said if you put a sign up that says 15-minute parking only for Salvo Weapons, what is to keep someone from parking there all day or for a couple hours. He asked if that was something he was going to enforce. Commissioner Isham said he couldn't enforce it. Mayor said yeah so it is something we are going to have to have our police department check on periodically or. Commissioner Isham said my opinion you wouldn't want to put Salvo, you wouldn't put his name on it at all. He said you just put 15 minute parking for loading or unloading or whatever you wanted to do there, but then it would be, he could call the police department and say you know there is a car been setting out here for 2 hours and they can come by and say well its here and we are clocking their time and they could come back in 30 minutes and if it is still setting there they could write that person a parking ticket. Commissioner Isham said but that is about the only way could do it really. Mr. McKnight said on Poplar and West Main there are parking limit, time limit signs on those streets. He said I am not on Main Street with other business either, so I know that was brought up about other business having issues with parking signs. Commissioner Isham said but with that being public parking down through there though that's what they could get us on it. He said we have had several in the past years down Main Street that has asked for one in front of their place of business and like I say if we done it on one, we have to the other, the only way you could do it is you would do it down through there for so many minutes, you know 30 minutes or 15 minutes or whatever we voted on to do it. Commissioner Mattingly said when the sign was up down there, I think that had your name on it, it said for parking only I went down there and watched and the complaint was I think you said, you told me when you got there in the morning there weren't no places to park, I have not found that to be true. He said there's parking places, it might be on down below where your business is or across the street in front of the library. Commissioner Mattingly said a person could park over there and walk across the street. Mr. McKnight said and they could do that from Noel Turners people can do that also since they are parking there all day. He said the thing about it is I have people that haven't come in my store because there is no parking, they run out of parking; its happened quite a bit and I have a lot of people tell me I can't park so I can't shop, so it costs me money. Commissioner Isham is there 4 or 5 right down through there between where the Buick Chevrolet used to be and the corner or Main, how many parking spots is there roughly. Mr. McKnight said from the corner I think there is 6. Commissioner Isham said we can do that whole line down through there and do a say 20-minute parking or something like that, a 30-minute parking. Commissioner Isham said I know what the problem is there are people working on Main Street parks and leaves their vehicle there all day instead of parking around back where there is parking. Mr. McKnight said Noel has a parking lot for them. Commissioner Mattingly said the business on the corner there are about 4 cars that park there and sit there all day and there's your problem right there. Mayor Williams said we have limited parking signs right here on Short Street, he said we can either take half of them or maybe 4 of them and make them limited time parking or do all 6. He said anything we do, today is just a discussion on it. He said anything we do, once we as a Commission decide on it has to be in an ordinance so that means that our attorney is going to have to write up the ordinance, we will have the first reading on it and then we will have the second reading and vote on it before it becomes official. Mayor Williams said I wouldn't have any issues with putting a 15-to-30-minute limit on any or all of them. Commissioner Coleman said he would be better with 30. Mayor Williams said 30 minutes. Commissioner Mattingly

agreed. Commissioner Isham said on all 6 of them. Commissioner Isham said you have people going to the restaurant, a lot of people would use them if they was open and close. Mayor Williams said he is thinking about the barber shop there, the hair cutting place there too. Mr. McKnight said it is a dog groomer, I think now. Mayor said is it a dog groomer. Mr. McKnight said she has the same issue too people just coming in dropping off dogs and keeping them safe when your dropping them off. Mayor said and the other side of the street where the library is we could leave them open for any length and there is a handicap slot over there. Mayor asked if there was a handicap slot in that group of 6. Mr. McKnight said at the very end. Mayor said down there next to Chiles Street. He said that one I don't know that we could, could we put a time limit on a handicap. Commissioner Coleman said he wouldn't want to. Commissioner Mattingly said we better leave it alone. Mayor asked what's the general consensus, put a 30-minute time limit on all of them that are down there with the exception of the handicap. Commissioner Coleman said that is what I vote for. Commissioner Mattingly said 30-minute parking for the 6 places on the southside from the corner of Main and Lexington; 4 or 6 whatever the Commission thinks. Mayor Williams asked if 30 minutes was enough time. Mr. McKnight said generally yeah. Mayor Williams said it should be for them to come in and take a look and buy it and walk out. Commissioner Coleman said it is better than 15, go 30. Mayor Williams said a 30-minute time limit on the southside slots with the exception of or minus the handicap slot. Commissioner Mattingly said do we need to put that in the form of a motion? Commissioner Isham said we have to do the ordinance; she has to draw the paperwork up. Mayor Williams said we have to have an ordinance, I am just trying to figure out, get the details, between Shavonna and I, between City Clerk and I we can get the City Attorney to write up the ordinance based on this information and then we will vote on it and make it official. Mayor Williams asked for any other questions or comments. Mayor Williams asked Mr. McKnight anything from you. Mr. McKnight said I am good.

APPROVE ALLOWING THE MERCER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO USE CITY STREET BARRICADES FOR THE CHAMBER BATAAN RUCK MARCH EVENT AT ANDERSON DEAN PARK ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025 FROM 7 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Anness to approve allowing the Mercer Chamber of Commerce to use city street barricades for the Chamber Bataan Ruck March event at Anderson Dean Park on Saturday, November 1, 2025 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mayor said November 1st has been designated as a Bataan Death March or Harrodsburg Tanker commemoration and military appreciation day. Mayor said they would like to get at least 66 people in the Ruck March so they can have each marcher marching in memory of one of the tankers. Motion carried unanimously.

GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Isham to go into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(g) discussions between a public agency and a representative of a business entity and discussions concerning a specific proposal, if open discussions would jeopardize the siting, retention, expansion, or upgrading of the business at approximately 12:22 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by/seconded, Commissioners Coleman/Isham to come out of executive session at approximately 1:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION

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

NO ACTION TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor announced no action was taken in executive session.

ADJOURN

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

Robert O. Williams, Mayor

Shavonna Huffman, City Clerk