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Minutes

June 16, '16 Monthly Member Meeting

Mayor Bill Dieruf, President, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7:00PM, Central Bank/Hurstbourne, 2nd floor Community Room, 9300 Shelbyville Road. He opened the floor for introductions.

Mayor Dieruf called for community reports:

Sara Massey, Mayor Greg Fischer's office, invited everyone to the upcoming Fairness Parade, June 17 at 7:00PM in downtown Louisville.

Google Fiber: Mayor Dieruf distributed copies of a draft Uniform Franchise Agreement for Cities to review. It is the last step in the initiative to bring Google fiber to Louisville. The Cities will need to adopt it through a first and second reading and submit to Mayor Dieruf. The Metro Council will adopt the same UFA. The Cities should also adopt an ordinance that gives its Mayor the authority to enter into an agreement with the Google fiber franchise. This document should be approved by the end of July. Mayor Dieruf will submit them to Google fiber and Metro Government upon approval by all Cities. He reviewed the various components of the UFA and entertained questions. He thanked all City Mayors and officials for their assistance in getting this initiative completed. It has been adopted by all 82 cities.

He also gave an update on the initiatives of bringing high speed fiber to our communities by AT&T and Time Warner. The JCLC has worked with all three companies in the adoption of the legal requirements and steps to bring high speed fiber to all cities.

Mayor Dieruf referred everyone to the May 19, 2016 Monthly Meeting Minutes at their seats. They were approved by consensus.

Mayor Jim Ising, Treasurer, was called on for a report. He reported a balance of \$2,743.94 as of April 30, 2016; income of \$2400.05; expenses of \$1300.00; balance of \$3,843.99 as of May 31, 2016. Mayor Ising reported that the JCLC fiscal year ends on June 30, 2016 and city and associate membership income will start to arrive to meet the annual budget.

Mayor Dieruf gave a review of the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) request for a 20% rate increase to meet infrastructure repairs and long term needs. A percent of this size will need approval by the Metro Council. He called on Tony Parrott, MSD Executive Director, for a presentation on this proposal. Mr. Parrott thanked JCLC for the opportunity to review the programs, services and infrastructure needs with city officials and invites all cities to join with MSD in support of a rate increase to meet them. He thanked the Mayors of the Cities of Prospect and Hurstbourne for their assistance and partnership in addressing the severe problems in those areas due to excess rain and flooding.

Mr. Parrott stated that the services levels within the county and individual city/neighborhood communities are not adequately funded for MSD to meet existing needs.

MSD has developed a 20 year facility plan that the rate increase will cover. There is an existing need for 700 various projects with a cost of \$4.2 billion. The five year portion of this plan will cost \$930m and MSD currently has \$275m in the bank for these projects. The bond market has been paying for these needs and the MSD capacity for future bonding is in jeopardy. This is the reason for the MSD request for a rate increase.

MSD is currently engaging community organization and leader for a discussion on these project needs. A plan needs to be developed for the funding of vital infrastructure needs. Service and drainage infrastructure in counties nationally is in critical shape due to age and repair neglect. The potential for environmental catastrophic events and their impact is not currently part of a national dialogue. The current Louisville levee pumping stations, etc. is rated D and is 80 years old. New construction on these projects would also boost the local economy through jobs. The current Louisville 10 year plan has the potential for a \$3.4b economic development impact.

He alerted the attendees to imminent failures if the community continues to defer on maintenance and repairs of aging infrastructures. The current federal court decree on improvements has gotten most of the attention in recent years. The current MSD budget has \$.05c from every \$1.00 for capital improvements. The MSD budget has a \$2b debt per bond repayment through 2045. This is the reason for future limitations on project bonding.

The rate increase is also necessary to protect the community's bond rating and meet the 5 year plan.

The increased frequency of extreme weather storms from 2005-2014 has impacted various cities and neighborhoods within Jefferson County. These have been 3' to 5' events and the current system has difficulty addressing these increases and their frequency.

MSD Board can approve a rate increase up to 6.9c without Metro Council approval and will address it if the Council does not approve the current request.

The MSD Board and staff are developing a strategic community outreach plan to engage the community in MSD planning and future proposals. He invited the cities and JCLC to become partners with MSD in this process. Mr. Parrott engaged with the attendees in a question and answer period.

Mayor Dieruf thanked Mr. Parrott for his presentation and encouraged all cities to continue to connect with MSD for their individual city issues or MSD future needs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jack Will
Executive Director**