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Minutes

March 21, '19 Monthly Member Meeting

Mayor Bonnie Jung, President, welcomed everyone and opened the March 21, '19 Monthly Member Meeting at 7:00PM, City of Middletown City Hall, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road, Middletown, Kentucky. She opened the floor to attendee self introductions. She gave special introductions to the following new JCLC Board members elected at the Feb., '19 Annual Meeting: Directors: Mayor Beverly Chester Burton, City of Shively; Mayor Zak Dugla, City of Creekside; Mayor Brent Hagan, City of Lyndon; Mayor Brenda Moore, City of West Buechel. The Board Officers: are Mayor Bonnie Jung, President, City of Douglass Hills; Mayor Becky Peak, Vice-President, City of Plantation; Commissioner Mary Rose Evans, Sec., City of Parkway Village; and Mayor Mary Hornek, Treasurer, City of Meadow Vale. Mayor Bill Dieruf, City of Jeffersontown, will serve as Past President. He is currently serving as President of the Ky. League of Cities.

Mayor Jung referred attendees to the JCLC Feb. 21, '19 Monthly Member/Annual Meeting Minutes at their seats. A motion was made to accept the minutes by consensus, approved. She thanked those who were able to attend and hoped they enjoyed the reception/meeting format and the venue.

Mayor Jung called on a representative of Jeff. Co. Public Schools, Abby Piper, Assist. to the Superintendent, for a Community Partner Report. She thanked JCLC and Cities for their continued support of JCLC and various city-school partnerships. She gave an overview of the 2019 Ky. State Legislature and the issues of importance to education. She expanded on opportunities for cities to partner with schools in or near their city.

The March meeting program topic is the 2019 Kentucky State Legislature: Issues of Importance to Cities. Mayor Jung introduced Mayor Bill Dieruf, KLC President, and J. D. Chaney, KLC Assist. Exec. Director. Mayor Dieruf spoke specifically to legislation regarding the Hate Crime Bill and amendments to the current Angel Program that originated in the City of Jeffersontown.

J. D. thanked the JCLC and City Mayors that interacted with KLC representatives during the legislative session. KLC prioritized 21 legislative issues on its '19 legislative agenda and 13 of them are currently on the Governor's desk for signature.

He highlighted the following:

*Road funding formula: 80% of gas tax collection goes to county roads. Continued work on amending this formula, raise the gas tax and fairer allocation to cities.

*Occupational License Tax: this is a major city revenue source and it is presently in committee.

*Audit Reform Bill: SB 172 regarding cities with population under 1000. Change audit requirement to every other year; cities of 1000-2000 is every other year but inclusive of each year. The newspaper publishing requirements of a city audit were changed.

*HB 399 Classification Reform 2.0: addressed the percent of occupational license tax, the Governor has signed it.

*SB 29 Alcohol Regulation: establishes a alcohol regulatory fee for all cities under 20,000 population.

*HB 69: Expand authority for City investment options if they have them.

*HB 191 Police Depts.: empowers the Ky. Law Enforcement Council to remove police officers forever based on grievous acts.

*HB 354: exempts government unit on the sales tax application to an event admissions fee.

*HB 354: Repealed the local bank franchise tax. HB 458: merged and clarified it.

J. D. and Mayor Dieruf opened the meeting to questions and answers.

Mayor Jung concluded the meeting with a review of the current Local Insurance Premium Tax debate occurring between the Metro Mayor and Metro Council. She reviewed the draft local City ordinance on this tax that the JCLC Board sent to each of the cities for their consideration. The Metro Council is voting on an increase in this tax tonight at their meeting. If the Metro Council does not approve an increase in this tax, the draft ordinance for cities will not go into effect unless the city drafted it in that manner. Discussion followed on the draft city ordinance and the necessary next steps if the Metro Council increases the current tax rate.

There was no other business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Mary Rose Evans
Secretary