

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - FEBRUARY 8, 1995

The Board of Commissioner of the City of Pikeville met in Special Meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 1995 at 3:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the City Hall Public Meeting Room at 260 Hambley Boulevard, Pikeville, Kentucky.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Steven D. Combs called the meeting to order. Commission Members present and forming a quorum were as follows:

MAYOR: STEVEN D. COMBS
COMMISSIONER: KENNY BLACKBURN
WALTER BLANKENSHIP
SHARON CLARK
EUGENE DAVIS

The special meeting was called for the following purposes:

1. TO CONSIDER DISCUSSION WITH THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS BOARD AND THE LIBRARY BOARD CONCERNING THE CITY'S PROPERTY ON THE RIVERFILL BEHIND THE CITY PARK AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION.

2. TO CONSIDER DISCIPLINARY CHARGES AGAINST JOHNNY P. MEADE, JR.

1. TELECOMMUNICATIONS CENTER: Don Wallen, representing the Telecommunications Center Board, which is a non-profit corporation consisting of 22 board members, reported that the Telecommunications Board along with the Park Revitalization Committee and Library Board of Directors had met to discuss the feasibility of constructing a Telecommunications Center and a Library Facility on the lower level of the river fill behind the City Park. City Engineer, Jack Sykes, prepared a sketch to depict the location of the two buildings. According to Mr. Wallen, all Boards were in favor of the proposed location.

In the absence of Joe Justice, Library Board Chairman, Librarian Billie Sue Davis, told the Commission that the Library may be unable to obtain sufficient funding with which to construct a facility to house the Library. She stated it was the understanding of the Board that the Library could share a facility with the Telecommunications Center. Mr. Wallen advised the Commission that he had been informed by Roger Recktenwald, Executive Director of the Big Sandy Area Development District, that while the Telecommunications Center and the Library can share equipment, the Library can not be located within the same building. Mr. Wallen told the Commission that Mr. Recktenwald is trying to work with funding agencies to work around the requirement that the facilities be separate. Mrs. Davis told the Commission that with the cost of the caissons being estimated at \$150,000.00, she thought the Library's hope of constructing a new facility would be cost prohibitive.

Mr. Wallen assured the Commission that the Library would be able to avail itself of the Telecommunication Center's technology and equipment. He asked the Commission to consider approving a Letter of Commitment whereby property in the lower level of the river fill behind the City Park would be dedicated for the construction of a Telecommunications Center. Mr. Wallen agreed to provisions which would provide for construction to begin within a two year period. Should construction not begin within the specified time period, the property would revert to the City. Mr. Wallen advised the Commission that the Telecommunications Center Board must have proof of local participation in the project. The Board will apply for grant funds which provide for a 75:25 match.

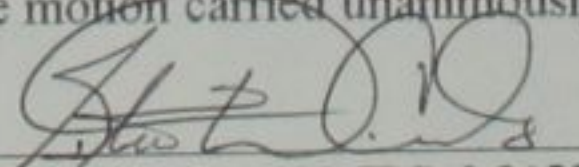
Mayor Combs made the motion to authorize City Attorney Davis and Mr. Wallen to negotiate an agreement for the property. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. During discussion, Mayor Combs pointed out that with this motion, the City is not making a commitment. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

2. DISCIPLINARY HEARING: City Attorney Davis reported that Commissioner Blackburn had advised him that both the complainant and employee involved in the disciplinary hearing were his customers. The City Attorney, after a review of the City's Code of Ethics, determined that Commissioner Blackburn had a conflict of interest and advised it would be improper for him to hear or render a decision in this matter.

At 3:42 p.m., Mayor Combs made the motion to adjourn to executive session, pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (f), to consider disciplinary charges against Police Officer, Johnny P. Meade, Jr. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried 4 - 0 - 1 with Commissioner Blackburn abstaining from the vote.

At 9:00 p.m., Mayor Combs made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis to reconvene to regular session. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried 4 - 0.

At 9:01 p.m., Mayor Combs made the motion to recess the meeting until 10:00 a.m. on February 9, 1995, when the City Commission would reconvene in the same special session to consider the same issue. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED 
STEVEN D. COMBS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Karen Harris
KAREN HARRIS, CITY CLERK

