

OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Work Session

August 14, 2018 - 12:00 PM

City Hall

101 E. 4th Street

Owensboro, KY 42303

1. Call to Order - Mayor Tom Watson

Present:

Mayor Tom Watson

Mayor Pro Tem Bob Glenn

Commissioner Pam Smith-Wright

Commissioner Larry Conder

Commissioner Jay Velotta

2. OBKY Final Report – Dr. Fred Reeves, A+ Leadership, stated that the final report had been distributed to the Commission. Three key items are ready to kick off: 1) Mayor's Mile: a walking route in the downtown area; 2) Entertainment District: a designated entertainment area within a specific geographic area in the downtown core; and 3) Downtown Arts.

3. Entertainment District – Tim Ross, Public Events Director gave a presentation (attached) on the potential downtown Entertainment Destination Center (EDC). Two options were presented: 1) grant temporary licenses on an as-needed basis (current method) or 2) designate an EDC. An entertainment destination center would require state approval and would have set dates and hours that alcoholic beverages are permitted within a designated space. Individual establishments would have the option of participating in the EDC. The State has given preliminary approval for a downtown EDC. No additional insurance premiums would be required through Kentucky League of Cities since the City would not be selling alcohol. Major Gordon Black stated there could be some increase in security cost, however, until specifics are given they are not known. After additional discussion, staff was given the direction to move forward with obtaining a license.

4. TIF Footprint Amendment – City Manager Pagan explained that an amendment to the original Gateway Commons TIF footprint is being requested to incorporate additional property acquired by the developer (at his request) and two small areas at the request of the State because the TIF boundary did not coincide with parcel boundaries. The State is aware of the upcoming change. An ordinance will be presented for consideration to the City Commission before going to the Kentucky Economic Cabinet for approval.

5. City Project List – The city project list was enclosed for review.

6. Adjournment – There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Cecil, City Clerk