

## **OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **Work Session**

**August 9, 2022 12:00 PM**

Owensboro City Hall

101 E. 4th Street

Owensboro, Kentucky

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Tom Watson**

Present: Mayor Tom Watson, Commissioners Larry Maglinger, Mark Castlen, Bob Glenn and Jeff Sanford.

**2. RIVERPARK CENTER UPDATE** – Executive Director Rich Jorn presented an update for the RiverPark Center (presentation attached). Mr. Jorn reviewed the events that were held in 2021 including: Arts Teaches Kids and educational programming; Director's series; Broadway series; Resident User Groups (Owensboro Symphony, OPS Fine Arts Festival; Owensboro Dance Theatre and Encore Musicals); additional programming at The GhostLight Lounge and DownTown Live; and other local events (civic events, celebrations and Friday After Five). The total economic impact for 2021-2022 was \$7.2 Million for Daviess County and \$6.7 Million for Owensboro. Mr. Jorn reviewed the upcoming events.

**3. PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT** – Dirk Dooper, Assistant City Engineer, reviewed the process of pavement management for the City (presentation attached). The City maintains 244 miles of asphalt streets and 22 miles of concrete streets. City streets are rated on a PCI (Pavement Condition Index) to determine the distresses in the streets. In previous years, the Engineering Department has utilized college interns to rate, however, this year a consultant was hired. They drove every city street using lasers mounted on the vehicle to better determine the PCI. The Engineering Department uses the gathered data to evaluate the lowest ranking street and drafts a paving list. The goal is to pave 8-9 miles streets each year and maintain a 30-year paving cycle. Mr. Dooper explained that concrete is more expensive, more time consuming, yet lasts longer.

**4. HYDROFAIR EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN** – Battalion Chief Colter Tate and Captain Bobby Grant presented the plan (presentation attached). In partnership with several other agencies, including departments from Indiana and the State, the Owensboro Fire Department has developed and implemented a safety plan for the event both in the river and on shore.

**5. HYDROFAIR UPDATE** – Tim Ross, Public Events Director, briefed the Commission on the upcoming Hydrofair (presentation attached). The event featuring 50 teams from throughout North America and New Zealand will be held August 20-21, 2022. It will also host the 2022 American Power Boat Association (APBA) North American Championship and the APBA Grand Prix Nationals. The weekend will feature a Bridge Day, Lights on the Ohio, Downtown Summer Jam, and Friday After 5. Mr. Ross thanked the sponsors

and recognized Mark Marsh, President/CEO of Owensboro Health for their partnership. Mr. Marsh presented Mr. Ross with a sponsorship check for the Friday After 5.

**6. CITY PROJECT LIST** – Project list attached. There were no responses to the Request for Proposals for repairs to Cravens Pool. The contractors stated the timeline was an issue. Therefore, the pool is expected to re-open the summer of 2024. Mayor Watson asked if transportation was offered to the Cravens Pool patrons to go to Chautauqua (Combest) Pool. Amanda Rogers, Parks Director, said that passes were offered and no one accepted. Commissioner Glenn asked about the timeline for the outdoor tennis courts. Mr. Dooper explained that the completion date is the end of October since we've had very wet conditions and utilities need to be corrected. Mayor Watson asked about the possibility of moving the Transit office. City Manager Pagan responded that it is not a project on the radar right now and there is no design or budget for it.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 12:46 p.m.

---

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

---

Beth Davis, City Clerk