

## **OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **Work Session**

**November 8, 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. WAYFINDING SIGNS** – Lelan Hancock, Assistant City Manager, explained the Wayfinding Signs will be in two (2) phases: the first phase will be signs leading you from the bypass into downtown and second phase will be the smaller pedestrian signs. Hunter Ragan, Engineering Tech, further explained the process the City has been through to design the signs, the purpose of them and showed a presentation (attached). The State is encouraging communities to develop and adopt their own community wayfinding signs. Examples were shown of the sign and the logo for the sign will be unveiled at a later date. The center post placement signs will measure 15' high and the sign blank size is 8' x 6'. There will be primary, secondary and tertiary locations. During the project phase, forty-two (42) signs will be placed. There will be eight (8) primary signs leading into the City limits to downtown, Convention Center and International Bluegrass Music and Hall of Fame (IBMM), ten (10) secondary signs within inter-city limits, seventeen (17) tertiary signs (mainly in downtown corridor) and seven (7) individual signs. Bid advertisement is set for mid-December and construction should begin in spring of 2023. Mr. Hancock added that the signs were created in partnership with Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Chamber of Commerce, city staff and IBMM.

**3. DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY EVENTS** – Tim Ross, Public Events Director, shared a presentation revealing some of the upcoming Christmas activities in the City (presentation attached). A website has been developed: [www.owensboro.org/christmas](http://www.owensboro.org/christmas) with full details of all events. The events begin November 18 with the Christmas tree lighting downtown and will run through December 31.

**4. FALLEN FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL** – Lieutenant Andrew Behl presented information on the recent memorial event that took place October 5 in Frankfort where OFD had four (4) firefighters memorialized: Peter Cooper, T. Churchill Guthrie, John Thornberry and James Westerfield. Presentation attached.

**5. UPDATE ON TENNIS COURTS** – Kerry Bodenheimer, Recreation Superintendent, reviewed the tennis court inventory within the City and further explained that three (3) outdoor courts are being added to Owensboro Tennis Complex. They are being funded in part by a private donor (\$200,000). As part of the project, courts at Moreland are being resealed and restriped. Dirk Dooper, Assistant City Engineer, further explained that resealing and striping took place at six (6) indoor courts at Merchant Centre Court

and nine (9) outdoor courts at Owensboro Tennis Complex; the contractors also performed crack-repair, reseal, and stripe of twelve (12) courts at Moreland Park. The overall budget for Owensboro Tennis Complex and Merchant Centre Court was \$578,000. The Moreland Park project budget was \$91,980. Mrs. Bodenheimer stated that the Parks Department has applied for grant funding through USTA. They were awarded \$30,000 (pending final approval of all stipulations and project completion) for the Owensboro Tennis Complex and Merchant Centre Court projects. The Moreland Park application is under review.

**6. CITY PROJECT LIST** – Project list attached. City Manager Pagan noted that the Parks Master Plan was added to the project list. Amanda Rogers, Parks Director, stated they only received one bid for batting cages at Fisher Park and it was well over-budget. They are looking at other options for the project and will come back to the City Manager with recommendations. City Manager Pagan said a kick-off meeting has taken place with the architect and consultant for the indoor sports facility. The facility location will be discussed at the December 6 Commission meeting.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 12:40 p.m.

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Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Beth Davis, City Clerk