

CITY COMMISSION

WORK SESSION MINUTES

April 9, 2019

6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Chilton, Estrop, O'Neill, and Rue. City Manager Heck.
Guests Mr. Dean Blair and Rev. Orbie Estep.

ABSENT: President Copeland.

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS:

Topics discussed at the work session held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, were:

1. Mr. Dean Blair, Director of the Clark County Fairgrounds, updated the commissioners on several upcoming events to be held at the fairgrounds. The Wake the Lake speedboat race is planned for its third annual event for August 10 and 11, 2019. Mr. Blair thanked the city commissioners and staff for assisting with bringing the national event to the local site, and indicated that 700 million viewers watched the recorded event via national television coverage. The race features a right-hand turn which is the only one of its kind. Mr. Blair spoke on ticket options and tailgating opportunities at the event as well as the speedboat driving school in cooperation with Wright State University. Previous improvements to the boat launch were made with a 2018 grant, and a new \$10,000 grant was received for a new sound system.

A solar collegiate boat race for college-level engineering students representing many countries will be held again at the fairgrounds as well as races on the cross country 5K race course. The Polar Plunge is a popular event, and a professional fishing tournament is under consideration.

Mr. Blair described the rebranding of the fairgrounds as the Champions Park to draw events to the many buildings and facilities available.

Commissioners thanked Mr. Blair for his continued passion for the facilities and all agreed that his work for the fairgrounds is great for the local area.

2. Reverend Orbie Estep of Grace Missionary Baptist Church shared information about the new church facility recently built on Beacon Street. The building sits on the former Kenwood Elementary School location and was built with no steps allowing easy access for all. Rev. Estep talked about the various ministries and events available. Their church building is a \$25 million investment in the area and is available to the new, nearby Kenwood Elementary School and the neighborhood. Their former church was sold to another congregation for re-use.

Mr. Rue stated his appreciation for the church staying in the general neighborhood and assisting another church group with a building that can be used again.

Mrs. Chilton asked for additional information on church services. Rev. Estep stated the church is located at 1301 Beacon Street with services at 11 a.m. on Sunday with other events throughout the week.

Mr. O'Neill commented that the new church is a tribute to the neighborhood.

3. On motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the meeting adjourned.

Yeas, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue and Mrs. Chilton.

Yeas 4, Nays 0.

Adj. 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill R. Pierce
Clerk of the City Commission

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Following the work session, Dr. Estrop presented a proclamation to Rev. Estep proclaiming April 13, 2019, as Grace Missionary Baptist Church Day.