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JOHN VAUGHAN MAYOR'S LETTER

A big thanks to Council Member Yvette Winnette and her team for planning and organizing both the Annual Yard Sale and Fourth of July Parade. While a rather wet yard sale day discouraged both buyers and sellers, many of the residents that braved it out did have a fair amount of people come by. Fortunately the parade did not have to dodge any raindrops this year and was well attended. Congratulations to all of this year's winners.

The current hot topic for our City is the pending request for a zoning change on the 1.6 acres at 1701 Herr Lane. Signature Health Care – Jefferson Place listed this property for sale eight months ago and the owners of the Berkshire Hathaway-Parks and Weisberg, Realtors are purchasing the property with plans to construct a new one-story professional office building on the site. They are currently in the early stages of requesting a zoning change from the current R4 to OR-1.

The owners of Berkshire Hathaway-Parks and Weisberg held a meeting on July 7th to present their preliminary plan and obtain feedback from the residents on their plan. Comments from the attendees will be taken into consideration prior to the owners applying to the Metro Planning Commission for the requested zoning change.

Requests for zoning changes are researched by Metro Planning Commission's Planning and Design staff. Once their research is completed, the Commission holds a public hearing and votes to recommend approval or denial to the proper legislative body. Residents are encouraged to attend this public meeting as public testimony is taken at this public hearing. The Commission limits the time for the presentation of testimony and prohibits reading statements on behalf of someone else. Authority for final approval or denial rests with the proper legislative body. In this case, the legislative body will be the Graymoor-Devondale City Council. For more information I encourage residents to visit the Planning Commission website <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/planning-design/planning-commission>.

As the City is made aware of public meetings on the zoning change the information will be posted on the city's website: <http://www.graymoor-devondale.com> under the EVENTS tab. In some cases we may use the Reach Alert system to notify residents of these meetings. Residents must register to receive any Reach Alerts. Information on registering for the Reach Alerts can be found on the Graymoor-Devondale website under the NEWS tab. Should announcements of the meeting allow sufficient time notification will be emailed to residents. If you would like to receive an email with city notifications and newsletters, you should submit your email address to the city by completing the form at the bottom of any page at www.graymoor-devondale.com. Please note, the city does not share or publish these email addresses.

For several months now, the City Council has been researching and comparing various Tree Programs that would allow the City of Graymoor-Devondale and residents to expand our tree canopy and increase the number of quality trees in our city. As long time residents know, over the past 10-12 years several severe storms and disease have unearthed or damaged many of the trees that provided our beautiful tree canopy. The city's new Tree Program is designed to offer assistance to residents that want to participate in our Tree Program by completing and submitting the required application and following the program's guidelines. More details about the program's application and requirements are included in this newsletter.

Lastly, this newsletter includes the city's 2019-2020 Budget. I would like to extend my thanks to our city's employees and officials that have continued to manage the city's funds in a manner that continues to allow us to maintain our previous tax rates and discounts for the this new budget.

Best wishes for a wonderful summer.

City of Graymoor-Devondale Tree Program

The Graymoor-Devondale City Council has budgeted a limited amount of money to encourage residents to plant trees this fall. This is a first come, first served program. When the budgeted money is allocated, no further applications will be accepted. Program highlights include: Residents must request, complete and submit the City's required Tree Planting Program Application:

Request: The application can be obtained by downloading the application from the Forms/Permits section of the city's website at www.graymoor-devondale.com; emailing the City Clerk at cityclerk@graymoor-devondale.com; calling 502-429-0834 (option 102) or by visiting the City Office at 1500 Lynn Way to pick up the application.

Submission: The application must be submitted by September 1, 2019 by mail to 1500 Lynn Way, Louisville, KY 40222 or emailed to cityclerk@graymoor-devondale.com.

The planting location will be in an agreed upon location by the resident and City Contractor to ensure trees do not encroach on easements when fully mature. One tree per lot.

Residents will choose their tree species from the City's approved tree list included with the application.

Graymoor-Devondale will pay the City's Contractor directly for the tree planted on a resident's lot.

Residents will give the City and its Contractor access to the resident's property to plant the tree.

By signing the application, residents agree to care for and water the tree.

Trees will be planted in the fall of 2019.

The speed limit on Graymoor-Devondale's streets is 25 miles per hour.

CITY OF GRAYMOOR-DEVONDALE
ORDINANCE NO. 1, SERIES 2019-2020
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF AN AD VALOREM TAX

WHEREAS, in order to provide revenue for general governmental purposes and operations, with manner of assessment and collection of said taxes; and

WHEREAS, to provide the assessment of all real property within the City corporate limits as of January 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the provisions for the levy and collection of these taxes shall apply for a period starting on July 1, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Graymoor-Devondale does ordain as follows:

Section 1:

The assessment of said real property shall be the valuation as listed on the Jefferson County Property Valuation tax records as of January 1, 2019 and is hereby adopted as the assessment for ad valorem tax purposes.

Section 2:

To levy as ad valorem tax on all real property and property of utility companies as allowed by law at the rate of .20 cents per one hundred dollars of the assessed value.

Section 3:

Upon delivery of such bills, payment shall be made to the City Treasurer. Collection of delinquent taxes shall be made in the manner provided by law.

(a) Tax bills that are satisfied by payment in full on or prior to October 31, 2019 shall receive a discount of fourteen percent (14.0%). The face amount of each tax bill shall be due and payable from November 1, 2019 until November 30, 2019. All tax bills unpaid after November 30, 2019 shall be subject to a penalty of ten percent (10%) and interest at the rate of one and one-half (1.5%) per month until satisfied in full.

(b) All tax collection expenses incurred by the City, including attorney’s fees and the cost of legal action shall be deemed a penalty in addition to that specified in subsection (a) of this section and shall be encompassed within the City’s lien for delinquent ad valorem property taxes.

Section 4:

The revenue from said taxes, interest and penalties shall be used for general operating expenses of the City and for the general purposes of the City, in the discharge of its municipal functions as ordained, resolved or directed by the City Council of Graymoor-Devondale.

Section 5:

This ordinance shall be effective upon passage and upon publication.

First Reading: 05/21/19

Second Reading: 06/18/19

Passed and Approved: 06/18/19

John Vaughan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nancy Perito, City Clerk

Votes in Favor:

5

Votes Oppose:

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CITY OF GRAYMOOR-DEVONDALE
ORDINANCE NO. 2, SERIES 2019-2020
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE
CITY OF GRAYMOOR-DEVONDALE, KENTUCKY ANNUAL BUDGET
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020

Section 1:

The annual budget for the City of Graymoor-Devondale is hereby to read as follows:

ITEM	<u>RESOURCES AVAILABLE</u>		TOTAL
	GENERAL FUND	ROAD MAINTENANCE	
Resources Available:			
Fund Balances Carried Fwd.	546,123.00	102,335.00	648,458.00
Revenues	1,179,673.00	50,200.00	1,229,873.00
Total Resources Available For App.	1,725,796.00	152,535.00	1,878,331.00
Appropriations:			
General Government	240,177.00	0.00	240,177.00
Public Works	221,896.00	83,500.00	305,396.00
Police Department	836,692.00	0.00	836,692.00
Total Appropriation	1,298,765.00	83,500.00	1,382,265.00
Excess of Resources Over App.	427,031.00	69,035.00	496,066.00
Est. Fund Balance	427,031.00	69,035.00	496,066.00

Section 2: This ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

First Reading: 05/21/19 Second Reading: 06/18/19 Passed and approved: 06/18/19

John Vaughan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nancy Perito, Clerk

In Favor : 5

Opposed : 0

