

MINUTES FROM THE JULY 16, 2026 MEETING OF THE GREEN SPRING COMMISSION

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Mayor Pro Tem Stuart Ries. In attendance were City Commissioners Mike Faith & Trevor Cravens, along with City Attorney Chip Hayward and City Clerk Caryl Graf. City resident John Parker was also present.

The regular order of business was suspended to allow resident John Parker to address the Commission. Mr. Parker, who has been communicating with Mayor Morton, expressed concern about excessive fireworks activity that he stated has not been adequately addressed by Metro. He reported that fireworks began on July 3 along Wolf Spring Drive and extended toward Clipping Court. Mr. Parker noted that sparklers are legal, but airborne or explosive fireworks are prohibited by Metro. Because the City contracts with Lyndon for neighborhood monitoring, he asked whether additional patrols could be requested during peak fireworks activity. He also stated that he contacted Louisville Metro on July 3 but was unaware of any response. Mr. Parker requested that the City and its police department develop a plan to increase patrols and reduce fireworks disturbances, noting that other neighbors were also affected. Mr. Parker also raised concerns about overgrown or low-hanging vegetation obstructing sidewalks in areas of the City where sidewalks are present. Mayor Pro Tem Ries advised him to email specific addresses to Mayor Morton so the information could be forwarded to code enforcement.

The Security Report was emailed and contained no significant events.

Commissioner Ries made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the June 2026 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Faith and passed with a unanimous vote.

BEAUTIFICATION, Commissioner Chris von Allmen

No report.

CITY SERVICES, Commissioner Mike Faith

Dumpster permit issued for 7003 Quail Brace Ct.

Commissioner Faith requested that the second reading of the Right of Way (ROW) ordinance be tabled and provided a draft for review.

A draft waste services contract was distributed for review.

FINANCE, Commissioner Stuart Ries

Bank statements were passed around to commissioners for review.

Receipts for June were \$942.04. Expenses were \$27,124.94.

Major June expenses were trash collection (\$7,935.00) and legal (\$5,325.00).

2025-2026 Fiscal Year

The City ended the fiscal year with a \$35,839.58 surplus.

Property Value Re-assessment

The assessed value of all property within the City increased from \$99.7M to \$123.5M. This is an increase of \$23.9M or 23.9%.

New Business

The proposed 2026-2027 tax rate is \$0.131 per \$100 of assessed value. The reduction in tax rate is due to the re-assessment. This tax rate should yield a 4% revenue increase.

TRANSPORTATION, Commissioner Trevor Cravens

Representative Reed and Commissioner Cravens met onsite with MSD capital and maintenance staff regarding repairs on Deepwood Court. MSD capital improvement staff explained the planned work, while operations staff provided limited information. Following the meeting, MSD repaired a collapsed sewer or water line that had been eroding the surrounding area. The repair location was approximately six to eight feet from the depressed area of concern.

Commissioner Cravens reported that he has attempted to contact MSD operations for at least a week but has not received a response. MSD crews were onsite last week, removed a portion of the road, replaced the collapsed pipe, and repaired the roadway. A metal plate remains over the original problem area, and it is unclear whether the two issues are related.

Utility location work was observed today in the spillway area, where the underground hole has continued to increase in size. A flagman near Deepwood Court confirmed that a collapsed pipe had been identified and that additional work remains to be completed.

No further information has been received directly from MSD.

OLD BUSINESS

The Commission discussed revisions to the ROW ordinance.

Additional language was added to address current and future wireless infrastructure.

The revised draft also includes an option for flat-rate fees in addition to fees for single drops.

The Commission discussed whether an online application process should be developed.

NEW BUSINESS

The Commission discussed the draft waste services RFP.

- RFP should include rear-door pickup rates if those rates are not otherwise provided.
- The RFP should also include a requirement for a 24-hour response to complaints and missed pickups.
- Holiday service schedules should be clearly communicated to residents.

The Commission noted that Rumpke has provided excellent service and expressed satisfaction with its performance.

2026-2027 Tax Ordinance: First reading by Commissioner Ries. Proposed tax rate will be set at \$0.131 per \$100 of assessed property value and is expected to generate a 4% revenue increase.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Faith, seconded by Commissioner Cravens. The next Commissioners' meeting will be held on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Old National Bank.