March 19, 2018

The Common Council of the City of Glasgow, KY met in a Special Called Meeting on Monday, March 19, 2018 at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 126 East Public Square, Glasgow, Kentucky with the following Waiver of Notice being filed:

WE THE UNDERSIGNED, being the Mayor and members of the Common Council of the City of Glasgow, Kentucky do hereby acknowledge that notice has been given us of the fact that there will be a Special Called Meeting of the Common Council to be held in the Council Chambers in Glasgow, Kentucky on Monday, the 19th day of March, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Said meeting is called by the Mayor and formal written notice of said meeting is called for the purpose of:

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE INVOLVEMENT/COMMITMENT TO THE PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERAPT PROGRAM.

/s/ Dick Doty, Mayor /s/ Rich Alexander, City Attorney
/s/ Jamie McFarlin, City Clerk /s/ Jake Dickinson
/s/ Patrick Gaunce /s/ Brad Groce
/s/ Stacy Hammer /s/ Greg Harris
/s/ Wendell Honeycutt /s/ Marna Kirkpatrick
/s/ Chasity Lowery /s/ James Neal
/s/ Freddie Norris /s/ Gary Oliver
/s/ Marlin Witcher

Mayor Doty said before the meeting beings, he asked a Moment of Silence be observed in honor of Deputy Rusty Anderson, who passed away on Sunday, March 18 unexpectedly. Mr. Anderson had a lifelong career in law enforcement in our community.

Mayor Doty opened the floor for discussion.

Council Member Honeycutt said economic development is the criteria this needs to be used to judge this program and what this economic development is worth. Council Member Honeycutt asked if there is a guaranteed number of jobs to be provided. Council Member Honeycutt asked if there was a guarantee those jobs will stay here ten years. Council Member Honeycutt asked if they are willing to repay if they fail to meet the guarantee. Council Member Honeycutt asked what the guaranteed minimum salary of these individuals is. Council Member Honeycutt said he believes they need to stick to the established criteria and find those answers, whatever they are, and find them before proceeding down this path.
Council Member Norris stated he feels a little pushed. Council Member Norris stated he has more questions now that he did at the last meeting. Council Member Norris stated he wants to get some more information.

Council Member Groce stated after reading the contact, he would like to ask the City Attorney’s opinion because it looks very open ended, like the City gets no guarantees and Mr. Gopal does not lose, not matter what.

City Attorney Rich Alexander said he agrees with comments made thus far. Alexander stated he believes there are a lot of moving parts and it is a worthy concept, be he believes there are a handful of things that need to be nailed down. Alexander asked if there was going to be full participation be the other parties and he believes that needs to be determined before the Council acts on this. Alexander said even the other partners that contribute in-kind, what are the particulars of that in-kind participation and how would that impact the overall contribution of the City and County. Alexander said if the Council were to move forward, an expression of willingness to discuss and participate subject to different things being nailed down.

Council Member Gaunce said he agrees with everything that has been said and he does not want to misrepresent. Council Member Gaunce stated he does believe it is their job to make this community better. Council Member Gaunce stated he is just trying to help this community move forward and it does not have anything to do with him.

Council Member Norris said he knows things are changing and he knows we have two excellent school systems. Council Member Norris after talking to some people, maybe some of the classes are being presented. Council Member Norris said he enjoyed Mr. Browning’s presentation and would like to talk to Glasgow’s computer specialist. Council Member Norris said one thing he keeps hearing from people is work ethic. Council Member Norris said going to work, hanging in there, doing your job; that is some things that we really need. Council Member Norris said his opinion is relax a little bit and get some more information. Council Member Norris said he agrees with what has been said. Council Member Norris said for a least a month, he wants to get more information from key people. Council Member Norris said it is not a simple situation.

Council Member Gaunce said he would agree and you don’t just graduate high school and get a job. Council Member Gaunce said you would have to spend $60,000 to get a computer science degree. Council Member Gaunce said the welfare line is $13.51, so you have to make $13.52 to stay ahead of the welfare line. Council Member Gaunce said there is more jobs below that number than there is above that number.

Council Member Harris stated at meeting last week, the number was 10 adults and 25 students, he believed and the proposal showed 50. Council Member Harris asked how that divided among students and adults. Council Member Gaunce said he believes it is 40 students and 10 adults. Council Member Harris verified it was 40 students and not 500.

Council Member Dickinson asked what the Industrial Economic Development Authority (IDEA) has agreed to. Council Member Gaunce said he was not at that meeting. Amy Irwin, representative of the IDEA Board, spoke saying the finance committee would like to get more
facts. Ms. Irwin said they did vote unanimously to support the concept and it is good for our community to explore. Council Member Gaunce said it is a different venue than how the IDEA Board has granted money to different businesses. Council Member Dickinson verified they have not committed any money. Council Member Gaunce stated they have not wrote a check and he is not asking them to do that tonight. Council Member Dickinson said he agrees with the concept of this. Council Member Dickinson said he disagrees with using city tax dollars to educate someone from out of the county, which the agreement says they will do.

MOTION was made by Council Member Oliver to Table this indefinitely to find out more information
SECOND was by Council Member Dickinson
VOTE Yes – 9 No – 3 AB – 0

Dickinson – yes Kirkpatrick – yes
Gaunce – no Lowery – yes
Groce – no Neal – yes
Hammer – no Norris – yes
Harris – yes Oliver – yes
Honeycutt – yes Witcher – yes

There being no further business to come before Council, Council Member Kirkpatrick made a motion for adjournment, Council Member Neal seconded. Motion carried.

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DICK DOTY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JAMIE MCFARLIN
CITY CLERK