

PRESENT: Commissioner Katrisha Waldrige
Commissioner Scott Tippet – Via Skype
Commissioner Eric E. Whisman
Commissioner John R. Sower
Mayor William I. May, Jr. (5)

ABSENT: None (0)

Following roll call, Mayor May called the Work Session to order.

Citizen Comments

Katy Doyle spoke about urban chickens and requested the City review the ordinance to allow urban chickens within the city limits.

James Hale offered support on an ordinance change to allow urban chickens within city limits.

Staff will move forward with research and bring data back to the Board of Commissioners for review; this will include areas close to our size.

Brent Sweger spoke about saving the Broadway Bridge.

Gerry James spoke about the process to apply for a Special Events permit and gave suggestions to the Board of Commissioners.

Staff Reports

Katie Beard, Director of Public Works, requested the addition of a recycling contract to the March regular meeting agenda. The two-way Main St. project has a preconstruction meeting this week with a project time frame of 60-90 days. The Commission agreed without objection.

Shawn Pickens, Director of Parks & Recreation, presented the Board of Commissioners with golf course military rates. Following a brief discussion, the Board of Commissioners requested to add this item to the March 23rd regular meeting agenda. Mr. Pickens stated that the Parks Master Plan RFQ is drafted and the City Solicitor has it for review.

Tommy Russell, Director of Emergency Management, spoke about the Coronavirus along with Judy Mattingly, Director of the Franklin County Health Department. There are posters being distributed to inform the public of the dangers and risks.

Chuck Adams, Police Chief, spoke about staffing at dispatch and shortages in that department.

Discussion Items

Amy Snow, representing the Wanda Joyce Robinson Foundation, spoke about the program and the children and youth impacted by incarceration.

Kenny Hogsten, Sewer Director, spoke about the draft agreement for Farmdale. Mr. Hogsten has learned that a resolution will suffice for EPA; this resolution will be on the March 23rd regular meeting agenda for adoption.

Huston Wells, County Judge Executive, spoke about the Farmdale project and how it will benefit the community and allow for new growth and development.

Tommy Russell, Director of Emergency Management, spoke about funding for the emergency shelter and gave an update. Janet Gates, Director of the Women's Shelter, thanked the Board of Commissioners for their support and reviewed the funds. Ms. Gates requested to move towards creating an emergency shelter for women and families that is similar to the men's shelter.

Commissioner Whisman introduced Natalie Wilkerson. Ms. Wilkerson stated that there is an opportunity to move forward with saving the Broadway Bridge with the company, Working Bridges. Ms. Wilkerson introduced Julie Bowers, a consultant for Working Bridges. Ms. Bowers has spent time looking at the bridge, knows the repairs that are needed and would like to partner with the city. Following a lengthy discussion, Mayor May will send a letter to the Governor to request additional time to make a decision on the Broadway Bridge or the need to remove as soon as possible.

It was moved by Commissioner Sower, seconded by Commissioner Whisman, to take a 5 minute recess. The motion was adopted by voice vote.

Mayor May called the meeting back to order at 7:33 p.m. with all members present.

Mayor May explained to the Board of Commissioners that the original stages specs 24 x 24 should have been 24 x 32. The stage will be bid out with a set of specifications then will show the price which will be more than anticipated in the recent budget amendment.

Shawn Pickens, Director of Parks and Recreation, gave a presentation on the Dolly Graham Park project. Mr. Pickens reviewed several items and the pricing of each option. After the presentation, the Board of Commissioners agreed to move forward with Option #2, which is the most expensive option.

Keith Parker, City Manager, spoke about the process to hire the new Finance Director and has 3 interviews scheduled for 3/10/20. Mr. Parker stated that the Board of Commissioners can vote down the recommendation during the regular meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Sower, seconded by Commissioner Tippet, to accept the City Managers recommendation that comes before the Board of Commissioners and can reject the appointment. The question was put upon the motion and the roll called. Those voting in favor of the motion were Commissioners Waldrige, Tippet, Sower and Mayor May (4). Those voting against the motion were Commissioner Whisman (1). The motion was thereupon adopted.

Keith Parker, City Manager, spoke about a Transit Grant application for a new Transit facility as we have a need for a new one and it should be located downtown. It was moved by Commissioner Waldrige, seconded by Commissioner Sower, to move forward with the Transit grant application. All members being present, the motion to approve was adopted by voice vote without objection.

Following a discussion on the Special Events Ordinance, it was moved by Commissioner Sower, seconded by Commissioner Waldrige, to amend the \$150.00 Special Events permit fee to \$100.00. All members being present, the motion to approve was adopted by voice vote without objection.

First Reading

“AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING THE CITY OF FRANKFORT CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTIONS 71.50, 71.51, 71.52, 71.53, 71.56, 71.57, 71.58, 71.59, 71.60, 71.61, AND 71.62 RELATED TO PARADES AND SPECIAL EVENTS” was presented and read. Summary: Sections 71.50 to 71.62 replace “special event/parade” and “special event/parade permit” with “Special Event” and “Special Event Permit” throughout. Section 71.50 is amended to add sub definitions of special events. Section 71.52 is amended to change the filing deadline from 45 days to 30; to add a \$500 late filing fee excluding first time events; to allow applications to be filed beginning January 1 for the calendar year; to remove the “Special Events Committee” and replace with community partners and regulatory entities, and to change permit fees to \$100 for all Special Events Permits and \$50 for Barricaded Side Street Closures. Section 71.53 is amended to designate one Capital Avenue Parade Route, and one Downtown Race Route with 3K and 5K options. Section 71.56 is amended to designate the Office of Emergency Management as the contact for security plans and to add ranks of police officers who may provide event security. Sections 71.57 and 71.58 are amended to allow social media as an acceptable means of public notification of the event. Section 71.59 is amended to require a refundable damage deposit of \$250.00 for all Special Events and to clarify that one deposit may be retained for multiple events. Section 71.61 is amended to require the City Manager or designee to respond to a permit within 30 days.

Chuck Knowles, TIGER Project Manager, presented a Consent & Release Agreement regarding the Second Street TIGER Grant Project at 415-419 West Second St. and requested authorization for the Mayor to sign. It was moved by Commissioner Sower, seconded by Commissioner Waldrige, to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. The question was put upon the motion and the roll called. Those voting in favor of the motion were Commissioners Waldrige, Tippet, Whisman, Sower and Mayor May (5). Those voting against the motion were none (0). The motion was thereupon adopted.

Unfinished Business/New Business

Commissioner Whisman stated that the City does have a rep on the Franklin County Humane Society board – ex officio Linda Thompson.

Commissioner Sower thanked staff, especially Laura Ross for the Fort Hill RFQ and Parks Master Plan. Commissioner Sower requested this item be on the March 23rd regular meeting agenda.

Commissioner Sower stated he is unhappy not getting the attachments to agenda items for the voting meeting ahead of time and requested that staff pay more attention to the deadlines.

It was moved by Commissioner Whisman, seconded by Commissioner Waldrige, to go into Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(b) discussion on the future acquisition of real property when publicity would be likely to affect the value of the property. The motion was adopted by voice vote. The meeting went into closed session at 9:10 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Whisman, seconded by Commissioner Waldrige, that the meeting return to open session. The motion was adopted by voice vote. The meeting returned to open session at 9:20 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Waldrige, seconded by Commissioner Sower, that the meeting adjourn. The question was put upon the motion and was adopted by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk