

PRESENT: Commissioner Katrisha Waldrige
Commissioner Kyle Thompson
Commissioner Kelly May
Commissioner Leesa Unger
Mayor Layne Wilkerson (5)

ABSENT: None (0)

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

Citizen Comments

Earl Burton offered additional comments and a handout to the Board of Commissioners regarding his opposition to the allowing chickens in the city limits.

Staff Reports/Comments

Katie Beard, Director of Public Works, gave an update on street resurfacing for the past year.

Bobby Ripy, IT Director, spoke about surplus of equipment to the Frankfort Independent Schools.

Rebecca Hall, Community Development/Grants Manager, spoke about an upcoming public hearing for the Transit Center on July 19th and the NEA Grant and downtown sculptures.

Shawn Pickens, Director of Parks and Recreation, stated that the Parks Master Plan is close to being finished with a few last minute changes and additions. The draft Parks Master Plan will be brought to the Board of Commissioners very soon.

Vicki Birenberg, Historic Preservation Officer, gave an update on two historic preservation related initiatives that are being financially assisted with federal funding through the Certified Local Government Program. A two day historic preservation educational event on August 20-21 led by Bob Yapp who is a nationally known historic preservation consultant. Also, the recent award of the African American Heritage Grant to hire a consultant to develop a historic context report to assist with the identification and evaluation of historic resources in Frankfort associated with its African American Heritage.

It was moved by Commissioner Waldrige, seconded by Commissioner May, to remove the Employee Retention Proposal (Discussion Item No. 3) and table to a future meeting. The question was put upon the motion and the roll called. Those voting in favor of the motion were Commissioners Waldrige, Thompson, May and Unger (4). Voting against the motion was Mayor Wilkerson (1). The motion was thereupon adopted.

Discussion Items

Update on Downtown String Lights

Tommy Russell, City Manager, stated that staff will be contacting and visiting other communities this month and we present additional feedback and recommendations to the Board of Commissioners at a later date.

Sanitary Sewer Extension with 2020 Center, LLC.

Kenny Hogsten, Sewer Department Director, stated that all parties have been involved in discussions related to this project and there will be another meeting later this week to finalize. Once it's final the item will be added to a future agenda for the Board of Commissioners to approve.

Action Items

ARPA/Cleaner Water Program

Staff requests Commission authorization to utilize the Sewer Department's portion of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Cleaner Water Program funds toward the construction of the Twilight Trail Pump Station and for the Mayor to sign all related documents. The state has allocated ARPA funds for the Cleaner Water Program through the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority for water and sewer projects. Franklin County's allocation is approximately \$1.9 million. With six water and sewer utilities within the county, the Frankfort Sewer Department's portion would be approximately \$316,000. Staff would like to utilize those funds in tandem with the County to go toward the Twilight Trail Pump Station which will ultimately be part of our sewer system. There is no match requirement for these funds.

It was moved by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Waldrige, to allocate the funds. The question was put upon the motion and the roll called. Those voting in favor of the motion were Commissioners Waldrige, Thompson, May, Unger and Mayor Wilkerson (5). Those voting against the motion were none (0). The motion was thereupon adopted.

Discussion of Tentative Agenda

The Board of Commissioners requested that the Recycle agenda item be moved to Action Items.

Unfinished Business

Commissioner Waldrige announced that the Diversity Ad-Hoc committee meeting will be on Thursday in the Council Chambers.

Commissioner Thompson gave thanks to Tommy Russell. Mr. Russell was always upfront and honest and he wishes him the best of luck.

Mayor Wilkerson offered his thanks to Tommy Russell; he really helped a new Mayor to navigate. Mr. Russell did an excellent job.

Commissioner Waldrige expressed her appreciation for Tommy Russell putting with up with her but it was never personal.

Commissioner May stated that the challenges this community and board have seen, coming into a humbling experience and thank you for the assistance with transition. Thank you to Mr. Russell and to everyone else on staff.

Commissioner Unger told Mr. Russell how much she appreciated everything that he has done.

Tommy Russell, City Manager, stated he could not have done the job without staff.

New Business

Commissioner Unger brought up the Crown Act which addresses racial hair discrimination at work and in the schools. This will be coming to the Board of Commissioners in the near future.

Commissioner Thompson spoke about the men's shelter and the homeless issues while working with the local police and an ongoing discussion of hiring additional personnel which would include a social worker. The plan will be on the agenda soon.

Commissioner Waldrige requested confirmation on several upcoming meetings; DFI 8/5, KCDC 8/3 and has the date for the joint meeting with Franklin County Fiscal Court been determined.

It was moved by Commissioner Waldrige, seconded by Commissioner Unger, to go into Executive Session per KRS 61.810 (1)(c) litigation - potential litigation regarding past personnel actions and claims of discrimination against the City of Frankfort. The motion was adopted by voice vote. The meeting went into closed session at 6:02 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Thompson, seconded by Commissioner Unger, that the meeting return to open session. The motion was adopted by voice vote. The meeting returned to open session at 7:36 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Waldrige, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, that the City Solicitor Laura Ross send the letter that was discussed in closed session to the CEO of KCDC. The question was put upon the motion and the roll called. Those voting in favor of the motion were Commissioners Waldrige, Thompson, May, Unger and Mayor Wilkerson (5). Those voting against the motion were none (0). The motion was thereupon adopted.

It was moved by Commissioner Thompson, seconded by Commissioner Waldrige, that the meeting adjourn. The question was put upon the motion and was adopted by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk