

WORK SESSION
FRANKFORT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 14, 2016
5:00 P.M. (EST)

PRESENT: Commissioner Tommy Z. Haynes
Commissioner John R. Sower
Commissioner Robert E. Roach
Commissioner Lynn Bowers
Mayor William I. May, Jr. (5)

ABSENT: None (0)

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

Mayor May called for citizen comments and reminded everyone there is a sign in sheet for Citizens Comments.

Citizen Comments

Ann Gibbs asked questions about the Downtown Revitalization Task Force, which is item 6.1 on the Regular Meeting Agenda. Tim Zisoff, Interim City Manager, explained the nature of the proposed Resolution.

Sam Marcus, representing the Franklin County Humane Society, updated the Commission on the building project for the new Humane Society and requested the Commission consider that the City offer \$750,000.00 in funding for the project.

Courtney Rogers requested an update on the Pinsley Trail. Rebecca Hall, Grants/Community Relations Manager, indicated that the State is currently reviewing the request for additional funding and the preliminary engineering plans. Ms. Rogers informed the Commission that she felt unsafe in some areas of the City and recommended training and education for citizens to respect the rights of others.

Staff Reports

Rebecca Hall, Grants/Community Relations Manager, told the Commission that 31 applications were received for the Historical Preservation Grant Program as the deadline was today.

Eddie Slone, Fire Chief, asked the Commission for permission to place the AFG Grant application back on the agenda for November 28. Commission approved without objection.

Discussion Items

Judy Mattingly, Director of the Franklin County Health Department, gave a power point program 6 month update regarding the Needle Exchange Program. The program officially kicked off in May 2016 and has been positive since the beginning. Ms. Mattingly expects the program to grow continually on a weekly basis.

Rob Moore, City Attorney, updated the Commission on the MOA regarding the Economic Development Project between the City, KCDC & FIS. Commissioner Bowers brought to the board's attention that FIS did not provide the assessment component they were directed to provide to the Commission. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Moore will forward the revised MOA to the Commission for review and place on the November 28 voting agenda.

Tom Musgrave, Communications Director for the Kentucky Arts Council, invited the Commission to attend the Kentucky Arts Council Creative Industry Summit that will be held in Lexington on November 30. The Summit will promote community arts projects. The all day long summit cost is \$15.00 per person.

Kathy Fields, Human Resources Director, presented suggestions to the Commission regarding using excess revenue to fund an Employee Retirement Benefit Program. The first option included only employees hired after January 1, 2014 who do not receive the same benefits for those hired prior to that date. The second option included all employees. The Commission directed Ms. Fields to do more research on the first option and bring back in December.

Tim Zisoff, Interim City Manager, spoke to the Commission regarding his recommendation to continue with the current commercial sewer tap fee due to financial reasons. More information was requested from the Commission at the next Work Session.

Gary Muller, Director of Planning & Building Codes, presented Landscape Regulations and issues such as trees removal, steep slopes and ridgelines. The regulations will be considered by the Zoning Update Committee and the Planning Commission. Following a brief discussion, the Commission asked for Mr. Muller to report back after the regulations have been considered by the Planning Commission.

Gary Muller, Director of Planning & Building Codes, and Tom Bradley, Director of Public Works, gave a presentation of possibilities of the Frankfort Plant Board Building once it is vacant. After a lengthy discussion, the Commission asked staff to focus on Option A (removal of the FPB building and Fire Station One, realigning Conway St. with Bridge St. and rebuilding the Fire Station on the current parking lot on Conway St. and Second St.) and put out an RFP to design a Fire Station on the property. The Commission stressed public meetings should be planned as soon as possible to allow for citizens' input.

Commissioner Roach spoke about construction projects and the sales tax policy. Mr. Roach suggested that the City purchase its own materials in construction contracts to save on sales tax. The Commission agreed without objection.

Chermie Maxwell, City Clerk, reviewed the December meeting schedule with the Commission. It was decided that the Work Session will be Monday, December 5 and the Regular Meeting will be Monday, December 19. Both of these meetings will be Special Meetings.

Old Business

Commissioner Roach asked that the Commission authorize the payoff of an ambulance the Fire Department is currently leasing. The Commission agreed and will do a budget amendment along with the \$85,000.00 for the tree program.

Commissioner Roach asked that staff bring pros and cons of Comp Time for exempt employees to the December Work Session.

New Business

Commissioner Roach requested staff to bring ideas to the December Work Session on restructuring Downtown Frankfort, Inc.

It was moved by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Haynes, that the meeting go into closed session per KRS 61.810 (1)(b) Property, KRS 61.810 (1)(f) Personnel and KRS 61.810 (1)(c) Litigation. The question was put upon the motion and thereupon adopted by voice vote. The meeting went into closed session at 7:39 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Haynes, that the meeting return to open session at 8:55 p.m.. The question was put upon the motion and thereupon adopted by voice vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Bowers, 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 8:55 p.m.

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk