

**Work Session  
Frankfort Board of Commissioners**

**April 13, 2015  
5:00 p.m. (EDT)**

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 and without objection, the meeting was moved to the Council Chamber to accommodate the large crowd.

Mayor May called for citizen comments.

Bonnie Arndt spoke in favor of the TNR (Trap-Neuter-Release) program. She presented a handout to the Commissioners and the Mayor. Discussion followed.

Sam Marcus, Chairman of the Franklin Co. Humane Society, also spoke in favor of the TNR program. He is requesting a (5) year pilot program, and supports adoption of the ordinance.

Brent McCarthy spoke in opposition of the TNR program, claiming it would be devastating to the ecosystem.

Scott Hankla spoke in opposition of the TNR program and passed out information to the Commissioners and Mayor supporting his position. .

Tony Brusata, President of the Lexington Audubon Society, spoke in opposition to the TNR program.

Hannah Helm, who is a member of the Audubon Society, spoke in opposition of the TNR program.

Barbara Murray, who is a volunteer with the TNR program, spoke in favor of the TNR program.

Susan Preston, who is a volunteer with the TNR program, spoke in favor of the TNR program.

Kerry Lowery is a new resident of Franklin County. She helped start the TNR program in Woodford Co. and is in favor of a program here in Frankfort & Franklin County.

At the request of City Solicitor Rob Moore, Sam Marcus was asked if they have made available any flyers, handouts or brochures for citizen's educational purposes. Mr. Marcus said they would be happy to make those available and take care of distributing.

Virgie See spoke in favor of the TNR program and thanked the commission for their efforts.

Megan Fischer spoke in favor of the TNR program.

Kris Schilloer spoke in favor of the TNR program and thanked the commission for working on the issue.

Robin Antenucci is a member of the Frankfort Audubon Society. She spoke in opposition to the TNR program.

It was moved by Commissioner Roach and seconded by Commissioner Haynes that the comments continue for 5 more minutes and close at 6:30 p.m.. The question was put upon the motion and the roll called. Voting in favor of the motion were Commissioner Haynes, Sower, Roach, Bowers and Mayor May (5). Voting against the motion were none (0). The motion was thereupon adopted.

Frankfort resident James Smoot commented stating there was a noticeable difference in his neighborhood after the volunteers worked with the TNR program.

Mayor May stressed to the attendees they are welcome to call or email him or any commissioners regarding TNR comments.

Rick Paul, owner of the White Light Diner, requested the (2) hour parking on Bridge St. be changed to (1) hour parking due to a growing parking problem. Discussion followed.

City Solicitor Rob Moore advised the commission that KRS 258 states nothing to prohibit TNR. Discussion followed.

Sallye Hill Stumbo and Deborah White, representing the Woods & Waters Land Trust, spoke concerning conservation of the *Braun's Rockcress* on the City owned Carpenter Farm, and requested direction from the commission. Discussion followed.

Melanie VanHouten, representing the Josephine Sculpture Park, spoke about the agreement of purchasing and moving of sculptures onto city property. Following discussion, City Solicitor Rob Moore will draft an amendment to the existing contract for the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Emergency Management Director Tommy Russell presented a plan to replace (15) sirens. The board generally supported the project.

There was a discussion of an Emergency Management Interlocal Agreement. Mayor May reported that a letter from the Franklin Co. Judge/Executive will be sent to the City this week.

Finance Director Steve Dawson presented information regarding Stormwater Program Finance Options. Discussion followed.

**Staff Reports**

At the request of Community Relations & Grant Manager Rebecca Hall and without objection, the Kentucky Pride Recycle Grant will be added to the regular meeting agenda.

Human Resources Director Kathy Fields spoke to the commission regarding a possible date for a hearing with a former employee's attorney. Discussion followed.

Human Resources Director Kathy Fields stated there will be a change to the Workers Compensation Third Party Administrator. Also, there was a small error in the contract for administrative services with Health Smart regarding fees. Without objection, the item to be added to the Consent Agenda.

Emergency Management Director Tommy Russell updated the commission on FEMA qualifications for the February & March Storms. Currently the focus is the last flooding event. Discussion followed.

At the request of City Solicitor Rob Moore and without objection, item will be added to the regular meeting agenda concerning the naming of the street that wraps around the old Paul Sawyier Library.

At the request of Commissioner Haynes, Chief Abrams reported on the utilization of volunteers for events such as parades, races, etc. Chief Abrams stated the season is getting ready to fire up and they are currently stepping up their efforts to use volunteers in certain areas.

Commissioner Sower asked Public Works Director Tom Bradley the status of the Louisville Road project. Mr. Bradley stated the rock removal is on schedule; however, the roadway itself is behind due to weather conditions. Staff was directed to address the potholes and manhole covers.

**Old Business**

Commissioner Roach asked City Solicitor Rob Moore for the status of the Old Y Building. Mr. Moore stated that no decision has been made.

Commissioner Bowers stated that a concerned citizen was asking about the City spraying for mosquitoes. Public Works Director Tom Bradley indicated the City does not have any type of mosquito spraying program.

**New Business**

Commissioner Roach requested that the commission move forward with the evaluation of the City Manager. City Solicitor Rob Moore stated he will put together an evaluation specific to the City Manager. The commission agreed this should be done on a yearly basis.

It was moved by Commissioner Bowers and seconded by Commissioner Haynes to go into closed session per KRS 61.810 (1)(b), Property and KRS 61.810 (1)(c), Litigation. The question was put upon the motion and adopted by voice vote. The meeting went into closed session at 8:00 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Roach and seconded by Commissioner Haynes that the meeting return to open session. The question was put upon the motion and adopted by voice vote. The meeting returned to open session at 8:46pm.

It was moved by Commissioner Haynes and seconded by Commissioner Roach that the meeting adjourn. The question was put upon the motion and adopted by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 8:46pm.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk