

WORK SESSION
FRANKFORT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 8, 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)

Mayor May called the Work Session to order.

Following roll call, Commissioner Bowers offered a word of faith and encouragement to the Board and the citizens of Frankfort.

Mayor May called for citizen comments.

Citizens Comments

Marjorie Rigsby, a citizen that lives on Lincoln Drive, wanted to express her opposition to a zone change at the Swifty Gas Station on Versailles Rd. City Solicitor Rob Moore advised that the Commission could not hear her comments due to this item pending a decision with the Planning Commission. Planning Director Gary Muller stated the Planning Commission will decide at Thursday night's meeting.

Eric Burke, a citizen of Frankfort, spoke on the Holmes St. Corridor Plan. Mr. Burke stated that the citizens put together a plan that was different from the consultants plan that was approved and adopted by the Commission. The Holmes St. Neighborhood Association would like to be notified regarding any future meetings.

Ann Gibbs, a citizen of Frankfort, wanted to speak about an article in Sunday's State Journal regarding a possible investigation of the Police Department. The Commission stated that they would like to discuss this item under New Business.

Jen Williamson, representing Franklin Trust/Heritage Council, asked the Commission to support taking 306 Murray St. from the abandon property/ demolition listing in the Special Capital District. They have been in discussion with the owner and are exploring options. There were no objections from the Commission to remove from the listing.

Natalie Wilkerson, a citizen of Frankfort spoke in favor of the 2 way traffic plan on W. Main Street. She offered the Commission a petition that was done for the downtown business owners and stated retail businesses were 100% supportive of the change to 2 way traffic.

Discussion Items

Teri Bradshaw was introduced as the new KCDC Executive Director. She offered a brief history to the Commission and is very excited to establish a working relationship with the Commission and City Staff.

Tabatha Camacho, a Frankfort High School Spanish Club Teacher, was introduced. Ms. Camacho will be taking a group of 7 students to Ecuador this summer digging wells for clean water to bring to a community in the Amazon.

Bill Marshall, a Frankfort Citizen, approached the Commission to ask for support of becoming a Sister City to a town in Japan. Discussion followed and the Commission agreed to place on the Agenda for June 22, 2015.

John Gray spoke to the Commission in favor of changing W. Main Street from a one way street to a two way street. Brent Sweger joined Mr. Gray in support of the change and offered some explanation on some of the issues brought up by the Traffic Committee such as traffic flow, sight distance, turning radius and delivery lanes. A lengthy discussion followed and the Commission asked Public Works Director Tom Bradley to go forward with a study of the area using any remaining funds from the previous State allocation.

It was moved by Commissioner Bowers and seconded by Commissioner Haynes to adjourn into a Special Called meeting. The question was put upon the motion and adopted by voice vote. The meeting went into a Special Call meeting at 6:30 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Bowers and seconded by Commissioner Roach that the meeting return to a Work Session. The question was put upon the motion and adopted by voice vote. The meeting returned to a Work Session at 7:33 p.m.

Bill Scaff, Director of the Sewer Department, along with Jeff Proctor and Brandon Vatter from Hatch Mott McDonald, gave a presentation regarding a Private Source I & I Removal Program. The program focuses on the amount of storm water entering the sewer system for treatment due to property owners directing their storm water into the sewer system. Mr. Scaff indicated this program would include a lot of public education and would take several years to complete.

Tom Bradley, Director of Public Works, updated the Commission regarding the Memorandum of Agreement with the Franklin County Regional Jail. The City Solicitor has prepared the MOA, however, the jail has sent back with a few requested changes. Discussion followed and the Commission agreed to place on the Agenda for June 22, 2015.

Gary Muller, Director of Planning & Zoning, gave summary regarding future development opportunities on the west side of Frankfort. After a presentation and discussion, Mr. Muller asked the Commission for their direction on development.

Gary Muller, Director of Planning & Zoning, presented a summary of the Holmes St. Redevelopment Master Plan that was adopted by the Commission in 2008. This master plan includes many improvements to items such as housing, roads, streetscape, etc. Following a discussion, the Commission directed staff to compile a letter to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to request the plan be adopted into the state Holmes St. plan.

Mayor May agreed to suspend the rules and allow the following citizens to speak prior to staff reports.

Brent Sweger, a citizen of Frankfort, offered his support of the Holmes St. Master Plan. Mr. Sweger was involved in the public meetings and appreciates the Commission getting the ball rolling. The City is on the right track.

Ann Gibbs, a citizen of Frankfort, voiced her opposition to the proposed Ordinance regarding an increase of the E-911 Landline Surcharge from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per month. Ms. Gibbs suggested adding a surcharge to the property tax so it can be deducted on income taxes. Discussion followed.

Staff Reports

Major Rob Richardson of the Police Department stated that the Expo went well, no major issues. The Stuff the Cruiser event was very well received with a police cruiser being filled and food taken to the food pantry. Major Richardson mentioned an item has been placed on the June 22nd agenda for purchase of a robot and the Police Department will be recognizing the graduating class of the Citizen Police Academy at the June 22, 2015 meeting.

Fire Chief Eddie Slone made a request to add a Resolution to the June 22nd agenda regarding a Kentucky Homeland Security Grant regarding natural disasters.

Bill Scaff, Director of Sewer Department, requested to remove Item 7.5 for Smith Contractors from the June 22nd agenda and will be adding 2 more items under consent.

At the request of Tom Bradley, Director of Public Works, and without objection to add the Memorandum of Agreement for the Franklin County Regional Jail to the June 22nd agenda. Mr. Bradley also spoke about the drainage issues on Arbolado Drive and offered to show the Commissioners the site at their convenience.

Jim Parrish, Director of Parks and Recreation, said there will be an Art Camp at Riverfront Park in the Ward Oates Amphitheater. A mural will be painted on the flood wall. The boat dock has been installed at Riverview Park and will be ready for River Blast. The Class A Soccer tournament will be coming to Capital View Park in September. The Aquatic Center will have a soft opening on June 28th from 1 – 5pm with a Public Opening on July 1st. There will be a Grand Opening along with a ribbon cutting after the 4th of July weekend.

Gary Muller, Director of Planning & Zoning, requested to add a signage amendment to the June 22nd agenda along with a zone map amendment. Mr. Muller expects to have the Planner II position added under H/R. Also, per the Commissions previous request, he has received bids to demo 3 properties; 116 Allnut, 128 Allnut and 131 ½ Willis Avenue. Mr. Tabor has not secured his financing for the property at 131 ½ Willis Ave. The Commission directed Mr. Muller to add all three properties to the demolition list and place on the June 22nd meeting.

Rebecca Hall, Community Relations/ Grants Manager, stated FEMA is in town and will hold a meeting on June 9, 2015. Ms. Hall requested to add 2 time extension agreements regarding the Safe Routes to School Project to the June 22nd agenda.

Tommy Russell, Emergency Management Director, advised the Commission that FEMA will be here until the end of June to offer individual disaster assistance. Citizens have until the end of June to register.

Old Business

Commissioner Haynes asked for an update on the condition of Devils Hollow Road. Tom Bradley, Public Works Director, stated that staff will be meeting with a FEMA representative on June 9th to discuss the project. There is no expected open date at this time.

Commissioner Sower directed Rebecca Hall, Community Relations/ Grants Manager, to pursue setting up an educational workshop for the public regarding Historic Tax Credits and various Historical Preservation items through the Kentucky Heritage Council.

Commissioner Roach asked for an update regarding garbage billing and the possibility of service being cut off at the delinquent properties. Tom Bradley, Public Works Director, stated that most of the property owners were unable to be reached by phone and certified letters were sent on June 8th. Public Works has given a deadline of 30 days to submit payment before service will be discontinued.

Commissioner Roach inquired about possible development at Blanton Landing. Tom Bradley, Public Works Director, stated he would not recommend any development at this location due to drainage issues and sewer pipes.

Commissioner Roach requested an update on the new appointment to the KCDC Board. Mayor May stated he does have a citizen in mind and the resume has been requested. The Mayor will forward the information to the City Clerk for the Commissions consideration and will be added to the agenda.

New Business

Commissioner Sower requested that the City look at parking options at the St. Clair Parking Garage for downtown.

Commissioner Roach asked about a recent article in the State Journal regarding a possible investigation of the Frankfort Police Department along with the Franklin County Investigation. The Commission agreed to delay any type of investigation until the County's investigation has been completed.

It was moved by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Roach, that the meeting adjourn. The question was put upon the motion and the motion was adopted by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk