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Frankfort City Commission Meeting Notes

The information provided below is a preliminary, unofficial summary of the most recent meeting of the Frankfort City Commission. This information is not the official minutes of the meeting, which are required to be reviewed and approved by the City Commission. The official minutes of the meetings can be found on the City of Frankfort website at Frankfort.ky.gov, after the official minutes have been reviewed and approved by the City Commission.

Monday, December , 2015 – Frankfort City Commission Work Session – 5 p.m. City Hall Commission Chambers

Note – Typically at Work Sessions the Commission discusses items brought before them, Tentative Agenda items for the upcoming voting meeting, Old Business and New Business. Action is not typically taken during Work Sessions.

Mayor/Commissioners in Attendance

Mayor William May
Commissioner Tommy Haynes
Commissioner John Sower
Commissioner Robert Roach
Commissioner Lynn Bowers

Citizens Comments

Doug Howard of Downtown Frankfort, Inc. gave a report on the status of a Market Study for downtown Frankfort. He indicated DFI was working with the Chamber's Branding Committee and their consultants to see if that report would give some marketing information.

Several citizens came forward to support the issue of Two-way Traffic on West Main Street.

Needle Exchange Program Proposal

Judy Mattingly of the Franklin County Health Department gave an update on the possible needle exchange program in Frankfort and Franklin County. After her update the Commission indicated they would like a resolution supporting the program to be placed on the December Agenda.

Two-Way Traffic on West Main Street

David Moses of Integrated Engineering gave a presentation regarding a study his firm had completed on the feasibility of making traffic on West Main Street Two-Way. The report indicated there may be issues with parking, traffic flow and turn radius if the street were to be returned to two-way traffic. As there were several citizens present who were in support of two-way traffic on West Main, the Commission directed staff to work with these citizens to determine if these issues could be overcome.

Café' Permit Ordinance

Planning Director Gary Muller presented the Commission with changes to the current Café' Permit Ordinance. After much discussion and citizen input the Commission directed staff to draft an ordinance amendment that would reflect lowering the food receipts percentage to 10% and extend Café hours to Monday – Wednesday: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Thursday – Saturday: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday: 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. The ordinance amendment will have its first reading on Monday, December 21, 2015.

Historic Preservation Grant

The City received 33 eligible applications for the 2016 Historic Preservation Grant Program. The drawing to select recipients of the available grants will take place at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, December 21 at City Hall.

Sewer Adjustment Policy

Sewer Department Director Bill Scalf gave a report regarding his department's Sewer Adjustment Policy. The department currently offers an adjustment for citizens who have a leak or other issue and the Commission directed Mr. Scalf and City Manager Tim Zisoff to review the policy. The Commission asked staff to conduct further research and present it at a future meeting.

Foreclosure Cost Benefits

City Attorney Rob Moore gave the Commission a report regarding foreclosures. Foreclosure proceedings have been moving forward on properties that are delinquent on taxes and/or fees owed to the City. The Commission directed Mr. Moore to move forward with the foreclosures.

Capital Plaza Tower Resolution

Commissioner Sower asked the Commission to consider passing a Resolution to the State regarding the Capital Plaza Tower's possible redevelopment. City Attorney was directed to draft a resolution for the Commission to review.

Fiscal Court Joint Meetings

The Commission indicated they would like to schedule regular joint meetings with the Franklin County Fiscal Court and include local Legislators. City Manager Tim Zisoff was directed to schedule a meeting for the first quarter of 2016 and to schedule regular meetings for the future.

Economic Development Incentives

The Commission and Fiscal Court conducted a joint meeting earlier this month where a committee presented several options for Economic Incentives. Both entities directed the committee to move forward with the incentives. The County has drafted a resolution to move forward with the incentives. The City Manager was directed to obtain a copy of the resolution and forward it to the Commission for consideration.

Wayfinding Match Funding

The Commission discussed options for funding the \$60,000.00+ needed to match a Transportation Alternatives Grant for Wayfinding Signage. It was decided that City Manager Tim Zisoff would draft a letter to the County and Tourism requesting a portion of the funding.