

**NOTICE
SPECIAL MEETING VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE**

As a result of the state of emergency declared by the President of the United States, Governor of Kentucky, and Mayor of the City of Frankfort due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, and in accordance with recommended and mandated precautions related thereto and Kentucky Opinion of the Attorney General 20-05, the following Meeting Notice is issued:

I, Layne Wilkerson, hereby call a Special Meeting of the Frankfort Board of Commissioners for Monday, April 12, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., in the Frankfort/Franklin County Emergency Operations Center, 300 West Second Street. This meeting will be in lieu of the Work Session scheduled for Monday, April 12, 2021. All items on the agenda will be considered and action will be taken.

Per KRS 61.826, this meeting is a video teleconference meeting. One or more members of the Board of Commissioners will participate via Skype or a similar video teleconferencing system. The primary location will be in the Frankfort/Franklin County Emergency Operations Center, 300 West Second Street.

Per KY Attorney General Opinion 20-05, **public attendance will not be permitted** at this meeting because, due to the highly contagious nature of COVID-19, it is not feasible for the City to provide a central physical location for public viewing. Public comments on **agenda items only** will still be accepted for the meeting, by emailing comments to bhecker@frankfort.ky.gov by Monday, April 12 at 4:00 PM.

The meeting will be broadcast via Frankfort Plant Board Cable 10 Live and Facebook Live: Frankfort, Kentucky - City Hall www.facebook.com/CityofFrankfortKY/.

Please see www.frankfortema.org for additional information.

S/Layne Wilkerson
T/Mayor

SPECIAL WORK SESSION
FRANKFORT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 12, 2021
5:00 P.M. (EDT)

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.

City Clerk Chermie Maxwell read the following citizen's comment:

Comments that opposed the proposed ordinance regarding Chickens in the City Limits:

- Earl Burton

Comments that support the proposed ordinance regarding Chickens in the City Limits:

- Amy Mitchell
- Kerri Shiffler
- Susan Harkins
- James Hale
- Lynn Cruz
- Marianna Colten
- Kari Williams
- David Stumbo
- Leah Ritter
- Katy Doyle
- RoseMarie Dutton
- Delvin Azofeifa
- Steve Mitchell

Note: The citizen comments are on file in the City Clerk's office.

Discussion Items

Proposed Ordinance regarding Chickens in the City limits

The Board of Commissioners discussed a possible amendment to the current city ordinance related to chickens in the city limits. There are numerous items to consider as this will affect multiple departments within the city. Following a lengthy discussion, the Board of Commissioners directed staff to review and return with recommendations at a future meeting.

Funding Request from the Salvation Army

Tommy Russell, City Manager, received a letter from The Salvation Army requesting funding of \$25,000.00 to \$35,000.00 to help their pantries. Franklin County Fiscal Court has given \$15,000.00 and the City would like to match that donation to replenish the supplies.

It was moved by Commissioner Waldrige, seconded by Commissioner May, to approve funding of \$15,000.00. 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.

Tree Plan

This item was tabled to a future meeting.

Remote Frankfort Initiative

After a brief discussion, the Board of Commissioners directed Penny Peavler, Strategic Initiatives Consultant, to research and report back at a future meeting.

Frankfort CARES Coalition/ Homelessness

Several of the Board of Commissioners would like a committee or task force in regards to this problem which is increasing and causing issues for the community. Tommy Russell, City Manager, stated that a task force was created several years ago and he will distribute that plan to all the Board of Commissioners for review. Blair Hecker, Project Manager, Community Engagement, spoke about Emergency Management taking over Frankfort CARES in 2017, establishing a 24/7 hotline and agency housing units. Ms. Hecker is now handling the CARES Coalition and currently beginning to work with area agencies, communicating and getting everyone to come to the table. During the first meeting which is April 13th, measurables will be set and a review of what we currently have in place. Additional information will be provided to the Board of Commissioners as the meetings continue.

Action Items

TIF Development Agreement & Resolution

Laura Ross, City Solicitor, spoke about the high points of the TIF Development Agreement and noted that additional TIF details will come with the Local Participation Agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Unger, to approve the Development Agreement and adopt the resolution. 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 Resolution was thereupon adopted (Resolution No. 5, 2021 Series).

City Manager Contract & Order

Laura Ross, City Solicitor, reviewed the City Manager contract and order.

It was moved by Commissioner Unger, seconded by Commissioner May, to approve the contract and adopt the order. The question was put upon the motion and the roll called. Those voting in favor of the motion were Commissioners May, Unger and Mayor Wilkerson (3). Voting against the motion were Commissioners Waldrige and Thompson (2). The Order was thereupon adopted (Order No. 12, 2021 Series).

2020 Phase II MS4 Annual Report – Public Works

The Public Works Department is seeking approval for authorization for the Mayor to sign the 2020 Phase II MS4 Annual Report for the City of Frankfort and Franklin County on behalf of the City. Every year the City of Frankfort is required to submit a report to the Kentucky Division of Water summarizing the City's Phase II program and its activities. Some of the activities reported include public education and outreach, public participation and involvement, illicit discharge detection and elimination, construction site runoff, post construction runoff, and pollution prevention and good housekeeping. This report is due annually by April 15th. Since Frankfort and Franklin County are co-permittees, a shared consultant assists in preparing the Annual Report each year and the report is required, by state and federal law, to be signed by the highest elected official in the governing body. The Mayor's is the required signature for the City and the Judge Executive will sign on behalf of Franklin County.

It was moved by Commissioner Waldrige, seconded by Commissioner Unger, to approve. 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.

Earmark Requests for Representative Barr

The following projects were requested to Representative Barr's office: Blanton's Landing, Broadway Bridge and a Gun Technology Shot Spotter.

It was moved by Commissioner Waldrige, seconded by Commissioner May, to approve. 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 & Resumption of In Person Meetings

A discussion was held regarding the status of resuming in person meetings. Tommy Russell, City Manager, is looking at options (possibly June 1st) and once the vaccination rates increase things will loosen up. We will follow the Governors recommendations.

It was moved by Commissioner Waldrige, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to go into Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(f), personnel discussion of an employee's request for a hearing and per KRS 61.810(1)(c), discussion of proposed litigation against the city related to past personnel and KRS 61.878 10(1)(m), discussion of public infrastructure records related to information technology exempted from disclosure under KRS 61.878 10(1)(m), public records which, if disclosed, have a reasonable likelihood of threatening the public safety by exposing a vulnerability in preventing, protecting against, mitigating, or responding to a terrorist act. The motion was adopted by voice vote. The meeting went into closed session at 8:13 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Waldrige, seconded by Commissioner May, that the meeting return to open session. The motion was adopted by voice vote. The meeting returned to open session at 9:50 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Thompson, seconded by Commissioner Waldrige, to uphold the City Manager decision that was in the employee grievance brought and discussed in closed session. Once a review of pay in surrounding counties is complete the Board of Commissioners will address the issue. 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 9:53 p.m.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk