

**NOTICE
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, the following Meeting Notice is issued:

I, Layne Wilkerson hereby call a Special Meeting of the Frankfort Board of Commissioners for Monday, October 18, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., via GoToMeeting. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss ARPA funding, Infrastructure funding and authorization to submit a joint grant application with Franklin County Fiscal Court. Action will be taken.

Per KRS 61.826, this meeting is a video teleconference meeting. The Board of Commissioners will participate via GoToMeeting. The City will provide a central primary physical location for public viewing of the virtual meeting in the City Hall Commission Chamber, 315 West Second Street. The Board of Commissioners will not be there in person, but the televisions in the Commission Chamber will be broadcasting the virtual meeting.

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

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S/Layne Wilkerson
T/Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
FRANKFORT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 18, 2021
5:00 P.M. (EDT)

PRESENT: Commissioner Katrisha Waldrige
Commissioner Kyle Thompson
Commissioner Leesa Unger
Mayor Layne Wilkerson (4)

ABSENT: Commissioner Kelly May (1)

Following roll call, Mayor Wilkerson called the meeting to order.

Laura Hagg, City Manager opened the meeting.

Discussion Items

Rebecca Hall, Community Relations/Grants Manager, spoke about upcoming opportunities with the ARPA Funding and Infrastructure Funding. Andy Seth representing Sustainable Strategies, DC is in attendance to help navigate any grant opportunities coming out of Washington, DC.

Andy Seth gave a presentation which focused on ARPA Funding and Infrastructure Funding. Mr. Seth also reviewed the pending Bi-Partisan Bill and Reconciliation Bill.

Action Items

Joint Economic Development Grant for Sports Tourism & Resolution

Staff requests permission to submit a joint application with the Franklin County Fiscal Court to the United States Economic Development Administration's grant program for American Rescue Plan Act, Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation for sports fields' improvements at Capitol View and Lakeview Parks and to authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents. The City of Frankfort and Franklin County Parks Departments have had a working relationship for many years hosting sports tournaments in our community. The recently approved master plan by the City of Frankfort and preliminary information from the master plan underway by Franklin County have both identified the opportunity for enhanced sports tourism through a collaborative effort. Both studies identify needed improvements at Lakeview Park and Capitol View Park to sports fields to attract more tournaments. The U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) has an opportunity for funding for projects which demonstrate a benefit to local economies through creating a regional destination tourism experience. This opportunity has been discussed by grant administrators for the City and County, local agencies involved in tourism and economic development, as well as national consultants and the director of our eight-state region of the EDA. All feel this would be a worthy project and EDA recommends we pursue a project, not to exceed, \$3,000,000. The project would work toward diamond ball field improvements in lighting and other needed components to begin attracting more and larger tournaments which would benefit our local economy. A project valued at \$3,000,000.00 would bring \$1,200,000.00 in federal funds each for improvements to Lakeview Park and Capitol View Park. The local match requirement is 20%, or \$300,000.00 each through cash and/or in-kind contributions although a higher match benefits the application and the amount of improvements which can be accomplished.

It was moved by Commissioner Thompson, seconded by Commissioner Unger to table this item to the voting meeting. The question was put upon the motion and the roll called. Those voting in favor of the motion were Commissioners Waldrige, Thompson, Unger and Mayor Wilkerson (4). Those voting against the motion were none (0). The motion was thereupon adopted.

It was moved by Commissioner Waldrige, seconded by Commissioner Unger, that the meeting adjourn. The question was put upon the motion and was adopted by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk