

PRESENT: Commissioner Katrisha Waldrige
Commissioner Scott Tippet
Commissioner Eric E. Whisman
Commissioner John R. Sower
Mayor William I. May, Jr. (5)

ABSENT: None (0)

Following roll call, Mayor May called the Work Session to order.

Mayor May called for citizen comments and reminded everyone to use the sign in sheet.

Citizen Comments

Natalie Wilkerson, spoke in support of converting West Main into a Two-Way street and gave the Board of Commissioners the previous recommendations from a group to ~~Restore~~ Two-Way West Main.

Ed Powe reminded the Board of Commissioners about the February 27th Race Lunch Forum that will be held at the Paul Sawyer Library.

Discussion Items

Jim Jackson, representing The Frankfort Interfaith Council, read the Charter of Compassion during this Interfaith Harmony Week. Mr. Jackson explained how the City of Frankfort could become a City of Compassion - Lexington and Louisville have already adopted the charter. Also, Mr. Bill Miller thanked the Board of Commissioners and offered an invite to a meeting on March 25th at the Paul Sawyer Library from 6-7 p.m. that will be a strategic work session on becoming a City of Compassion.

Mayor May requested that staff check into Frankfort becoming a City of Compassion.

Staff Reports

Jennifer Hall, Transit Superintendent, spoke about the grant for capital purchases and how the credits will run out in 2020; however, currently they are 100%. The credits will reduce to 20%. Ms. Hall is looking into additional resources; bus advertisements that would help meet the yearly match.

Eric Cockley, Director of Planning & Community Development, discussed the fiscal year 2018 funding for CLG and the grant was awarded. There may be additional outreach in May in the form of historical workshops, etc.

Rebecca Hall, Community Relations/Grants Manager, stated the additional CLG Grant funds will be used for historic property training and workshops, hoping to bring back Bob Yapp. The Commission agreed without objection.

Kathy Fields, Human Resources Director, distributed a City Manager candidate schedule for review. Ms. Fields requested that the Board of Commissioners recommend a citizen member of the community that can attend interview sessions with the partner agencies.

Kenny Hogsten, Sewer Department Director, requested to add a contract to the Regular Meeting Agenda with Arcadis Engineering. The Commission agreed without objection.

Keith Parker, Co-Interim City Manager, requested that the Board of Commissioners allow Human Resources to post the Finance Director positions for at least 5 . 6 weeks to allow for more candidates to apply. The Commission agreed without objection.

Discussion Items

Andy Seth, President of Sustainable Strategies, spoke to the Board of Commissioners about identifying funds and working with communities to build teams and partnerships.

Wendy Kobler & Dr. Kirk Pomper, representing Kentucky State University, presented a PowerPoint of the Bourbon on the Banks event in August of 2019 and requested a sponsorship of \$5,000.00 from the City. The Board of Commissioners requested to place this item on the February Regular Meeting Agenda for consideration.

Keith Parker, Co-Interim City Manager, spoke about converting West Main Street to two-way which is recommended in the Downtown Master Plan. Mr. Parker stated a minimalist approach would be favorable. The City will bid out and come back to the Board of Commissioners for approval. The Commission agreed without objection.

Laura Ross, Co-Interim City Manager, discussed the current meeting and agenda procedures. Various items were discussed such as naming certain items and placement of citizens comments. Following a brief discussion, Ms. Ross will draft recommendations for discussion at the March Work Session.

Keith Parker, Co-Interim City Manager, spoke about the implementation of the Downtown Master Plan and specifically the role of the Community Engagement Advisory Committee. Mr. Parker proposed that the Commission give a certain amount of funding they would like to dedicate to the implementation of the Master Plan for the FY2020 Budget. Staff and the Development Advisory Committee would then move forward with implementation based on the amount of funding available. Additional staff recommendations will be presented at the March Work Session.

Laura Ross, Co-Interim City Manager, discussed the Energy Project Assessment District (EPAD) Ordinance that was adopted in 2015. This Ordinance assists property owners with energy savings and assessments on tax bills. The County has requested that we replace with a City/County program which the County would administer. After a brief discussion, the Board of Commissioners agreed the City will repeal the Ordinance and the County will proceed.

Old Business/New Business

Commissioner Whisman spoke about the payment of accrued leave to employees that leave employment with the City and requested a report from Human Resources each month regarding payout to employees.

Commissioner Sower requested that staff look into the City/County Fire and Police Departments ordering uniforms as a bundle to obtain cheaper pricing.

It was moved by Commissioner Tippet, seconded by Commissioner Whisman to go into closed session per KRS 61.810 (1)(b) property - discussion on potential future sale or acquisition of real property related to the Downtown Master Plan, 204 Landings Drive, lot 188 Reilly Road and 231 E. Main Street when publicity would be likely to affect the value of the property and KRS 61.810 (1)(c) pending litigation regarding an update on the Old Y . The motion was adopted by voice vote. The meeting went into closed session at 7:21 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Tippet, seconded by Commissioner Waldrige, that the meeting return to open session. The motion was adopted by voice vote. The meeting returned to open session at 7:36 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Whisman, seconded by Commissioner Tippett, to go into closed session per KRS 61.810 (1)(f) personnel - discussion that could lead to the appointment of City Manager. The motion was adopted by voice vote. The meeting went into closed session at 7:37 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Tippett, seconded by Commissioner Sower, that the meeting return to open session. The motion was adopted by voice vote. The meeting returned to open session at 8:21 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Tippett, seconded by Commissioner Whisman, that the meeting adjourn. The question was put upon the motion and was adopted by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk