

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**

Nathan Van Sickel, President of the Tanglewood Neighborhood Association (TNAi), spoke about his opposition of the Special Meeting with the Frankfort Plant Board in closed session due to transparency issues.

Jim Jackson, representing the Frankfort Interfaith Council, reminded the Board of Commissioners about the upcoming meeting regarding the Charter of Compassion at the Paul Sawyer Library on March 24, 2019.

Bill Cull, a Frankfort attorney, spoke against the conversion of W. Main Street to two-way and offered a letter of opposition.

Mark Hedden spoke about landfill prevention. A letter was submitted regarding ideas on the landfill, trash and recycling programs.

Aaron Crombie spoke in support of placing turf on the fields at Capital View Park.

#### **Staff Reports**

Kenny Hogsten, Sewer Department Director, requested to add the East Main construction bid to the Regular Meeting Agenda. The Commission agreed without objection.

Wayne Briscoe, Fire Chief, requested to add a second Homeland Security Grant to the Regular Meeting Agenda. The Commission agreed without objection.

Eric Cockley, Director of Planning & Community Development, gave an update on the mural discussions with the next working group meeting scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Chuck Adams, Interim Police Chief, requested permission to apply for a Homeland Security Grant and add to the Regular Meeting Agenda. The Commission agreed without objection. Chief Adams also spoke about response and training levels for law enforcement. Commissioner Sower requested he check into the COPS grant.

Tammy Brown, Interim Finance Director, spoke about a large decline in occupational taxes; however, insurance tax and premium taxes are up. The City may go over budget this year and next year; budget will be very tight.

Rebecca Hall, Community Relations/Grants Manager, requested permission to add the Downtown Reinvestment Grant to the Regular Meeting Agenda. The Commission agreed without objection.

Kathy Fields, Human Resources Director, spoke about the City Manager contract and stated it will be listed on the Regular Meeting Agenda for approval.

#### **Discussion Items**

Rick Crombie gave a PowerPoint presentation of a project that would upgrade the playing fields at Capital View Park from natural grass to synthetic turf. After a discussion, it was determined that Mr. Crombie will meet with the Parks and Recreation Director to put together a solid estimate and bring back to the Board of Commissioners.

It was moved by Commissioner Tippet, seconded by Commissioner Whisman, to take a five minute recess at 5:57 pm. Motion was adopted by voice vote.

The meeting was called back to order at 6:09 pm with all members present.

#### **Staff Reports**

Keith Parker, City Manager, spoke about City Hall security, moving the offices of City Solicitor and City Clerk and the Conference Room. Mr. Parker would like the Board of Commissioners to consider holding all meetings in the Council Chamber, even the Work Sessions. Following a discussion, additional options will be brought back to the Board of Commissioners.

Keith Parker, City Manager, is addressing a list of concerns for developers such as reducing red tape, denials and development plans. Mr. Parker is also looking at complaints and would like Frankfort to be development friendly, prompt and responsive.

Keith Parker, City Manager, is looking at assistance to develop and RFP on Parcel B and may come back to the Board of Commissioners in the near future with a cost proposal.

Keith Parker, City Manager, stated he will administratively assign another title to Laura Ross, City Solicitor, of Assistant City Manager. This will be a title change only. The Board of Commissioners supported the assignment; however, the Mayor questioned whether this action was allowed administratively.

It was moved by Commissioner Waldrige, seconded by Commissioner Whisman to recess into closed session per KRS 61.810 (1)(f) personnel . to consider an employee's request for a hearing that might lead to termination. The motion was adopted by voice vote. The meeting recessed into closed session at 6:34 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Tippet, 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 6:56 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Tippet, seconded by Commissioner Whisman, that the meeting recess. The motion was adopted by voice vote. The meeting recessed at 6:56 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Tippet, 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 8:41 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Waldrige, seconded by Commissioner Tippet to go into closed session per KRS 61.810 (1)(f) personnel . to consider an employee's request for a hearing that might lead to termination. The motion was adopted by voice vote. The meeting went into closed session at 8:41 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Waldrige, seconded by Commissioner Tippet, that the meeting return to open session. The motion was adopted by voice vote. The meeting returned to open session at 8:43 p.m.

*Note: Mayor May left at 8:45 p.m.*

**Old Business/New Business**

Commissioner Tippet requested that the City Manager reach out to KSU, the Board Chair and the Board of Regents regarding the Bourbon on the Banks (BOB) event.

Commissioner Sower stated that the Board of Commissioners agreed to post department head positions for 5 . 6 weeks. Human Resources should post the Chief of Police position. The Commission agreed without objection

Commissioner Sower would like to offer Mike Chapman, Superintendent of the Garage a pat on the back for his excellent work.

Commissioner Sower requested an update on 206 Meagher Street which is a property that burned and would like to expedite the process.

Commissioner Whisman recommended a process for communications in the City, Meet & Confer. This would be direct communication, recognize staff to air grievances and promote a safe community. Following a lengthy discussion Laura Ross, City Solicitor, will send out a draft MOU and Ordinance for review by the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Tippet requested that staff continue to work on incentives for employees to live in Frankfort.

**Tentative Agenda**

Commissioner Whisman requested that staff look at Enterprise to purchase or lease vehicles, there could be a cost savings.

It was moved by Commissioner Tippet, seconded by Commissioner Sower, that the meeting adjourn. The question was put upon the motion and was adopted by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk