

PRESENT: Commissioner Katrisha Waldrige
Commissioner Kelly May
Commissioner Leesa Unger
Commissioner Anna Marie Rosen – Via GoToMeeting
Mayor Layne Wilkerson (5)

ABSENT: None (0)

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

Commissioner Waldrige requested a moment of silence for Ryker Charles Smith and the flood victims in Eastern Kentucky.

It was moved by Commissioner Unger, seconded by Commissioner May, to go into Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(g) “discussions between a public agency and representative of a business entity and discussions concerning a specific proposal, if open discussion would jeopardize the siting, retention, expansion, or upgrading of the business. this discussion pertains to a new business proposal related to implementation of the Downtown Master Plan”. Action may be taken in open session. The motion was adopted by voice vote. The meeting went into closed session at 5:05 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Unger, 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 5:58 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Waldrige, seconded by Commissioner Unger, to move action item No. 4 (NEA Our Town Grant) prior to discussion items. The motion was adopted by voice vote.

NEA Our Town Grant - Penny Peavler and Melanie VanHouten were in attendance and presented the NEA Our Town Grant.

Staff requests authorization to apply for 2022 National Endowment of the Arts (NEA) Our Town grant funds in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for the Artist in Residence: Race, Racism and Racial Equity featuring internationally known, multi-media artist Dread Scott. www.dreadscott.net. The Our Town Grant does require a 1/1 match, making the local contribution \$50,000.00. The Total Project Cost is expected to be between \$110,000.00 and \$125,000.00. \$10,000.00 has already been contributed by the Fund for the Arts. ***Due to time constraints this item needs to be approved at the Work Session.***

It was moved by Commissioner Waldrige, seconded by Commissioner Unger, to approve the application. The question was put upon the motion and the roll called. Those voting in favor of the motion were Commissioners Rosen, Unger, May, Waldrige and Mayor Wilkerson (5). Those voting against the motion were none (0). The motion was thereupon adopted.

Staff Reports

Katie Beard, Director of Public Works, gave a paving update for 2022 and we have already spent approximately \$300,000.00. Prices are going up and we will be re-bidding in the next few weeks. Resurfacing goals run on a 20–25-year cycle.

Eric Cockley, Director of Planning & Community Development, spoke about the Parking Advisory Committee which has met once and will have a second meeting next week. LAZ has taken over since mid-July and the transition is ongoing.

Vicki Birenberg, Historic Preservation Officer, stated that the African American Context Report has been completed. There is a link online to look at the report which is 350 pages and shows the history and heritage of African Americans in Frankfort.

Tommy Russell, Director of Emergency Management, spoke about the old houseboat hull on the river that needs to be removed. Mr. Russell has spoken with Franklin County, and we will split the cost of removal which will be approximately \$3,000.00 each. The Board of Commissioners agreed to move forward with the removal.

Mr. Russell also gave an update on the Eastern Kentucky flood and advised people to donate money rather than going down to take supplies.

Laura Hagg, City Manager, thanked several city employees that have gone down to assist and take items to Eastern Kentucky. Ray Richardson, Kim Wainscott, Cody Rich, Casey Watts, Michael Martin just to name a few. Thank you to all that have made a difference.

Shawn Pickens, Director of Parks & Recreation, stated he will have a memo with pictures showing the proposed restrooms for Dolly Graham Park for the August voting meeting. Currently Parks is looking for potential no mow areas and will pick a few trial spots for the rest of the year. Extended hours at Juniper Hill Aquatic Center will be past Labor Day and possibly the Dolly Graham Splash Pad will stay open until October 1st.

Discussion Items

Greenhouse 17 – Darlene Thomas, Executive Director

This is one of the organizations that received an annual subsidy from the City of Frankfort. Ms. Thomas spoke about the program which provides domestic violence assistance to over 17 counties in Kentucky. The services are on a 40-acre farm and encourage women to raise their own flowers, food, etc. and at some point, get back out in the work force once they are on their feet again.

Blighted Properties – Laura Hagg & Eric Cockley

A PowerPoint was shown regarding the program which is an initiative for blighted and abandoned properties. The program would identify properties with rehab potential and transfers them to qualified developers or adjacent property owners. Once a property has been identified, existing liens, all enforcement options exhausted, a vacant lot/dangerous structure or premises or even donated property without any code tax liens would be a good candidate for the program. A draft ordinance was presented for future consideration and any public input would be welcomed.

Excess Fund Balance – Laura Hagg

Laura Hagg, City Manager, presented ideas with buckets of money for each category. A total of one million will be committed, look at the listing of categories and send back with rankings by each Commissioner. Once the rankings are complete further discussion will be required.

Action Items

Broadway Banner Agreement with RJ Corman

Staff requests for the Mayor to sign an agreement with RJ Corman Railroad for the installation of a banner on the railroad trestle on Broadway. The beautification of the Broadway Trestle was listed as a priority item on the Downtown Master Plan. As directed staff researched the possibility of painting the trestle and determined the cost of such a project would be prohibitive. After discussions with Deborah Hawley at RJ Corman Railroad, staff determined banners similar to those used in Shelbyville would be appropriate. Staff has worked with Corman to get approved design and installation plans complete. Once the City obtained approvals, Corman sent the attached agreement for signatures. The agreement includes a \$1,000.00 fee as well as obtaining insurance for the banner and installation. The agreement fee from RJ Corman will be \$1,000.00 and insurance will not exceed an additional ~~\$400.00~~ on the city's insurance policy.

Cost for the fabrication and installation of the banner will be \$5,000.00. Total budget impact will be \$ 6,400.00. Total cost with insurance will be \$8739.24. (Note: The cost presented was incorrect and changed verbally during the meeting)

It was moved by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Waldrige, to approve the project. The question was put upon the motion and the roll called. Those voting in favor of the motion were Commissioners Rosen, Unger, May, Waldrige and Mayor Wilkerson (5). Those voting against the motion were none (0). The motion was thereupon adopted.

Discussion of Tentative Agenda

The Board of Commissioners would like to see Dolly Graham Bathrooms and discussion of the Franklin County Humane Society Road on the voting agenda for August.

New/Unfinished Business

Commissioner Waldrige requested that Shawn Pickens communicate with the company that handles the porta potties at the Farmers Market. Mr. Pickens has tried to reach out with no response and will be switching companies.

Commissioner Waldrige requested that staff investigate a sign located at Belvoir and Leawood which was brought to her attention by a citizen.

It was moved by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Rosen, to go into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 83a.150(4)(d) "for the purposes of conducting a performance evaluation of the City Manager". Action may be taken in open session. The motion was adopted by voice vote. The meeting went into closed session at 8:25 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Unger, 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 9:20 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Unger, seconded by Commissioner May, to adopt the final evaluation of the City Manager as written. The question was put upon the motion and the roll called. Those voting in favor of the motion were Commissioners Rosen, Unger, May and Mayor Wilkerson (4). Voting against the motion was Commissioner Waldrige (1). 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 9:21 p.m.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk