

PRESENT: Commissioner Tommy Z. Haynes
Commissioner John R. Sower
Commissioner Robert E. Roach
Commissioner Lynn Bowers
Mayor William I. May, Jr. (5)

ABSENT: None (0)

Following roll call, Mayor May called for citizen comments. Rev. Howard Bowman requested that the Board designate the road from Spaghetti Junction to Silverlake II as Wallace Kent Blvd., and install appropriate signs. Mayor May responded, and staff will review the issue.

Commissioner Bowers presented an issue on behalf of a citizen.

Discussion Items

Donna Hecker representing Walk Bike Frankfort presented information regarding the "Mayor's Challenge for Safer People and Safer Streets." Citing various statistics, she requested the Board adopt a resolution at the March 23rd Regular Meeting. The resolution would call for creating a safe streets task force, and adopting a "complete streets" policy. Following discussion, the resolution will be considered at the March 23rd meeting.

Ed Council spoke, presenting information regarding Trail Town. This would provide a portage around Lock #4 and various amenities for boaters. He requested supporting resolution from the city. Discussion followed.

Rodney Simpson addressed the Board, requesting the street adjacent to the Old Post Office be named "Riverboat Landing." This recommendation was based on historical data. Discussion followed.

Deborah White spoke on behalf of the Woods and Waters Land Trust to request protection for *Braun's Rockcrest*, a rare plant which is found on the city's Carpenter Farm property. The Land Trust is requesting a preservation easement be granted to protect the plant population. There was discussion, including the possibility of a Board field trip to see the property. Following more discussion, staff will provide more information at a future meeting.

Franklin County Senior Activity Center Executive Director Marche Jenkins spoke requesting a \$3,000 donation to partially reimburse the Center for a new commercial grade hot water heater. Franklin County Fiscal Court had authorized a \$3,000 donation as well. The cost of the hot water heater was \$6,000. There was discussion, including the possibility of raising funds privately. Following discussion, City Manager will collect ideas for funding the donation, and the issue will be considered at the regular March meeting.

There was discussion and concern expressed regarding the possible closure of a downtown state office building.

Fire Chief Eddie Slone reported on inspections of city property. All city property, except for the sewer lab, is inspected annually.

Police Chief Jeff Abrams reported on Neighborhood Watch programs in Frankfort and an emphasis with the 12-hours shifts to unify neighborhoods. The FPD plans to undertake more public education.

At the request of Commissioner Roach and without objection, Chief Abrams will provide a demonstration of a new FPD smart phone app at the March regular meeting.

Staff Reports

Chief Abrams reported that a meeting with downtown merchants and other interested stakeholders will be held March 10, at 5:00 p.m. in the Public Safety Community Room.

At the request of Fire Chief Slone and without objection, an agreement with Frankfort Regional Medical Center will be added to the regular March agenda.

Planning and Building Codes Director Gary Muller reported that he and the city manager have met concerning possible Saturday hours, and would provide the Board with a written narrative of concerns/issues.

At Mr. Muller's request and without objection, JLUS will be added to the March regular meeting agenda.

Parks and Recreation Director Jim Parrish reported that he will provide an update on the Aquatic Center project at a meeting in April.

At the request of Mr. Parrish and without objection, a change order for the Aquatic Center contract will be added to the March 23 agenda.

Grants Manager Rebecca Hall informed the Board of corrections to a resolution on the March regular agenda.

City Solicitor Rob Moore reported that he had not heard from CSX Railroad about acquiring an easement from them.

Mr. Moore informed the Board that the parking agreement with KSU automatically renews for five more years.

At the request of Sewer Director Bill Scalf and without objection, a sewer item will be added to the consent agenda for March 23rd.

At the request of Human Resources Director Kathy Fields and without objection, an agreement with Healthsmart will be added to the consent agenda for March 23rd.

Public Works Director Tom Bradley reported the level of Kentucky River is going down. Mr. Bradley commented that the Emergency Declaration should not be rescinded until the flood event is over and the pumps checked.

It was noted that Consent Item 7.2 was included as a space holder for the Pinsley Trail project.

Old Business

Commissioner Bowers asked whether the city has an inclement weather policy for city employees. Mr. Zisoff explained that there is no policy. If employees remain home during a weather event, they must use personal leave time. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Haynes, to go into closed session per KRS 61.810 (1)(b), Property. The question was put upon the motion and the roll called. Those voting in favor of the motion were Commissioners Haynes, Sower, Roach, and Bowers, and Mayor May (5). Those voting against the motion were none (0). The motion was thereupon adopted, and the meeting went into closed session at 7:01 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Roach, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, to return to open session. The question was put upon the motion and the roll called. Those voting in favor of the motion were Commissioners Haynes, Sower, Roach, and Bowers, and Mayor May (5). Those voting against the motion were none (0). The motion was thereupon adopted, and the meeting returned to open session at 7:31 p.m.

There was additional discussion concerning the funds request from the Senior Citizens Center.

It was moved by Commissioner Roach, seconded by Commissioner Sower, that the meeting adjourn. The question was put upon the motion and the motion was adopted by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk