

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)

Mayor May called the Work Session to order.

Mayor May called for citizen comments.

Citizens Comments

Clayton Farmer, a Frankfort resident, offered his concerns regarding ambulance services. He suggested that Frankfort EMS be able to transport patients to Lexington Hospitals for medical treatment.

Chris Clair, representing Envision Franklin County, spoke about the Comp Plan. Mr. Clair stated that Envision would like to play a role in infill development and other items.

Brent Sweger, representing Envision Franklin County, said that if the Commission allows Envision to be involved they could have suggestions regarding the economy, taxes, infill and many important issues.

The following citizens spoke in favor of two-way West Main Street:

- Harry Carver
- Bill Rodgers, Jr
- Taylor Marshall

Discussion Items

Teri Bradshaw, Director of KCDC, gave a power point presentation on Infill and Economic Development. Ms. Bradshaw stated there are many benefits that respond to the needs of the community, we just have to recognize the needs and fill them. Since Frankfort is business friendly, this process should be somewhat easier.

Dave Moses of Integrated Engineering reviewed the study of converting one way West Main Street to two way. Mr. Moses and Tom Bradley, Director of Public Works, previously met with a group of citizens at the request of the Commission. The report covered many issues such as the loss of parking spaces, turn radius and loading zones. Natalie Wilkerson, who represented an "engaged and enlightened group of citizens", also addressed the Commission and gave a presentation on their findings of restoring West Main Street to two way. Mr. Bill Cull, representing the Grand Theater, stated his board has discussed the conversion and does not support the change. After much discussion, the Commission asked Ms. Wilkerson and Mr. Bradley to put their rebuttals in writing for their review.

There were no additional questions from the Commission on the CTAA Study.

Sam Marcus with the Frankfort Human Society gave a one year update on the Trap, Neuter, Release Program (TNR) for feral cats. Mr. Marcus is very proud of his dedicated volunteers with 395 surgeries completed during the course of the year.

Rob Moore, City Solicitor, offered an update on the "Old Y" building. There will be a deposition taken on April 21, 2016. After that a motion will be made for trial.

Ken Hogsten, representing the Sewer Department, spoke about the Farmdale Package Plants that have filed for abandonment. The Sewer Department is currently working with the Farmdale District and will bring a plan back to the Commission at a later date for consideration.

Commissioner Sower requested an amendment to the Solid Waste Ordinance which currently allows trash carts to be switched only during the months of January and July. The amendment would allow citizens to change their trash carts anytime of the year for a \$20.00 fee. Rob Moore, City Solicitor, will draft the amended Ordinance for a first reading at the April voting meeting.

Gary Muller, Director of Planning and Zoning has requested an amendment of the current Tax Moratorium Ordinance. This amendment would change the text to allow existing residential structures at least 25 years old opposed to the current 50 years old to qualify for the property tax assessment or reassessment moratorium. This Ordinance will have its first reading at the April voting meeting.

Staff Reports

Rebecca Hall, Grants/Public Relations Manager, requested permission to move forward with Phase One of the Brownfield Grant. The Commission agreed to move forward.

Gary Muller, Director of Planning and Zoning, requested the addition of a zone change at 104 Cove Springs to the voting meeting. Item added without objection.

Bob Peterson, Deputy Director of Collections for the Sewer Department, requested two additional items be added to the voting meeting. Both items added without objection.

Rob Moore, City Solicitor, requested permission to add an agreement to resolve property tax at a property in Bellepoint. Item added without objection.

Old Business

Commissioner Bowers requested an update on the water in the road at Lyons Drive and McKenzie Avenue. Tom Bradley, Director of Public Works, is working with the Street Department to find a solution.

Commissioner Sower asked for the status of the property at 106 Broadway. Rob Moore, City Solicitor, is still working on the property and taking samples of topsoil.

Commissioner Haynes requested the status on the Sewer Claims for Mr. Holder and Mr. Ballard. Rob Moore, City Solicitor, is still investigating the claims with the insurance company.

Commissioner Roach requested another inspection of City property to ensure they are up to code.

Commissioner Roach suggested a program for new hires that would give points to the employee for living in the city limits. Tim Zisoff, City Manager, stated discussions are in the works with Human Resources.

Commissioner Roach asked for clarification of the Mobile Command Unit being utilized by the Franklin County Health Department. Tommy Russell, Director of Emergency Management, stated we take the unit to the Health Department, they use for a brief amount of time during the Needle Exchange and the unit comes back.

New Business

Commissioner Sower requested the City Manager set up another meeting with local officials to discuss the Capital Plaza Tower. The Commission agreed to this request.

Commissioner Roach asked for an update on Frankfort Plant Board property and transfers. Rob Moore, City Solicitor, stated there is nothing new to report.

It was moved by Commissioner Roach, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, that the meeting adjourn. The question was put upon the motion and was adopted by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk