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Frankfort City Commission Meeting Notes

The information provided below is a preliminary, unofficial summary of the most recent meeting of the Frankfort City Commission. This information is not the official minutes of the meeting, which are required to be reviewed and approved by the City Commission. The official minutes of the meetings can be found on the City of Frankfort website at Frankfort.ky.gov, after the official minutes have been reviewed and approved by the City Commission.

Monday, October 9, 2017 –

Frankfort City Commission Work Session – 5:00 p.m.

Note – Typically at Work Sessions the Commission discusses items brought before them, Tentative Agenda items for the upcoming voting meeting, Old Business and New Business. Action is not typically taken during Work Sessions.

Mayor/Commissioners in Attendance

Mayor William May

Commissioner Tommy Haynes

Commissioner Scott Tippet

Commissioner Robert Roach

Commissioner Lynn Bowers

Citizens' Comments

- None

KCDC Update – Economic Development

KCDC Executive Director Terri Bradshaw gave the Commission an update on economic development in Frankfort and Franklin County. Bradshaw pointed out a number of accomplishments made in Frankfort including being named the number one Micropolitan city in Kentucky during 2015 and number four in the nation. A micropolitan is described as a urban area with a population greater than 10,000, but less than 50,000. Bradshaw also pointed out that although new businesses are welcome, retaining and expanding companies already in Frankfort/Franklin County is even more important.

City Visions Presentation

As part of the city's 2014 Brownfield Assessment Grant, Barry Alberts of City Visions gave a presentation on a downtown strategy for Frankfort. The strategy gave an assessment of the current situation downtown, challenges, opportunities, niche markets, residential needs and next step suggestions. The Commission gave staff direction to move forward with plans to implement some of Alberts suggestions.

Code Enforcement Sweep Dates

City Manager Cindy Steinhauser and Planning Director Gary Muller gave an update on the Code Enforcement Sweep scheduled to take place this Fall. The Sweep, part of the City's Neighborhood Enhancement Program, has been designed to look at public areas the City can improve such as sidewalks, street trees, etc. Code Enforcement personnel will be included in the Sweep and give courtesy notices for possible problems.

Violations will only be given if a property has three or more issues or an issue may cause imminent danger. Staff will be conducting neighborhood meetings and information to the public will be distributed through Cable 10, radio, and in the quarterly community newsletter, Focus on Frankfort.

Consent Calendar

The Commission discussed the criteria for placing items on the Voting Meeting Consent Calendar. Commissioner Lynn Bower asked that the word "routine" be taken off the Consent Calendar description. The Commission agreed. There is also a \$20,000.00 limit for Consent Calendar items.

2018 TIGER Grant

City Manager Cindy Steinhauser discussed the submission of a TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) for the Second Street Corridor as envisioned by the Greening America's Capitals Project. The estimated cost of the project would be a little over \$10 million and would include improvements to the current infrastructure as well as safety and streetscape elements. Steinhauser also indicated the City would be working with Andy Seth of Sustainable Strategies DC. The City has previously applied for funding and although the previous application did receive a ranking of Highly Recommended, it was not funded. The Commission did not object to the request.

2018 KLC Liability Grant

Community Relations/Grants Manager Rebecca Hall informed the Commission that the City intended to apply for a Kentucky League of Cities Liability Grant. These grants are only open to cities who carry liability insurance from KLC and have specific guidelines. The City will be applying for funds to address repair and replacement of sidewalks in conjunction with the Neighborhood Enhancement Program.