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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, July 10, 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

- Several citizens spoke regarding the proposed repeal of the mandatory Rental Inspection Permit. Some supported the repeal and other spoke against the repeal.
- Ann Wright thanked the Commission for repairing sidewalks adjacent to property she previously owned. She was happy to announce that she has sold the property.

Frankfort Plant Board Retail Water Rate Increase Notice

Frankfort Plan Board representatives David Billings and Herbbie Bannister provided notice of a water rate increase that is to take place. Mr. Billings said the increase would be approximately \$1.90 per month for typical customers. The monthly average water usage for these customers is approximately 4,000 gallons.

Sister City Update

Bill Marshall gave an update on the Sister City Program. In March the partnership between Frankfort and Shimamoto, Japan was completed in March and Mr. Marshall is currently working with both local schools systems to move forward with a student exchange program.

Sewer Rate Billing History

City Manager Cindy Steinhauser and Bill Scalf of the Sewer Department addressed the Commission regarding the Sewer Rate Billing History. This information was provided in response to a citizen question raised at the June 2017 work session. Although information was presented on the billing history, it was decided that there are many variables when considering a revision to billing practices and the issue would be discussed during Strategic Planning Meetings.

Board and Commission Structure Update

City Attorney Laura Ross gave the Commission an update on the structure of current Boards associated with the City. According to Ms. Ross she reviewed 18 Boards of different types. The Boards were created in various orders and ordinances of the City and some were not actually created by the City. She will continue to review the Boards and report to the Commission on recommendations.

Mowing Contract

City Manager Cindy Steinhauser and Planning Director Gary Muller address the Commission regarding the mowing contract for Code Enforcement. According to the City Manager staff sent out a Request for Proposals to mowing firms based on a Google search of local firms. Unfortunately all eligible local firms were not included in the search and did not have the opportunity to submit a proposal. Previous bids will be rejected and the RFP will be re-issued.

Code Enforcement

City Manager Cindy Steinhauser and Planning Director Gary Muller address the Commission regarding the mowing contract for Code Enforcement. (Commissioner Robert Roach recused himself from the discussion about the repeal of Rental Inspections.) After much discussion it was decided to separate the Code Enforcement Ordinance from the repeal of Rental Inspections. A first reading on Code Enforcement is planned for the July Voting Meeting Agenda.

Regular Meeting Agenda and Format

City Manager Cindy Steinhauser and City Attorney Laura Ross gave a brief update on changes to the Regular Agenda format. Agenda software is currently being considered to compliment other electronic updates within the City.

Strategic Planning Date & Format

City Manager Cindy Steinhauser led a brief discussion about strategic planning to identify the City's goals and priorities for 2017-2018 calendar years. No date was set, however, further discussions will take place at the July 24 Voting Meeting.

Old Business

Commissioner Roach, with concurrence from the rest of the Commission, asked the City Manager Cindy Steinhauser to research the possibility of a Riverwalk from the Capital Avenue Bridge to the Singing Bridge.

New Business

Commissioner Lynn Bowers presented a petition from citizens asking for Virginia Avenue to be converted to a one-way street.