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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](http://Frankfort.ky.gov), after the official minutes have been reviewed and approved by the City Commission.

**Monday, April 11, 2016 –**

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

**City Hall Conference Room**

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 John Sower

Commissioner Robert Roach

Commissioner Lynn Bowers

### Citizens' Comments

- Clayton Farmer spoke in favor of Frankfort EMS transporting patients to Lexington hospitals for service.
- Chris Clair, representing Envision Franklin County addressed the Commission regarding the Comprehensive Plan. Envision Franklin County had some suggestions for the Plan regarding infill development and other issues.
- Harry Carver, Downtown Frankfort, Inc. President, Bill Rodgers, downtown property owner, and Taylor Marshall, downtown property owner, all spoke in favor of restoring West Main Street to Two-Way Traffic.

### Infill Economic Development

KCDC Executive Director Terri Bradshaw gave a presentation on Infill and Economic Development. Bradshaw said using underutilized properties has advantages and disadvantages. Using these properties can improve the looks of an area and utilize already existing infrastructure, however, fitting into an existing space is usually more expensive for developers. Bradshaw pointed out that in responding to community needs to fill spaces there needs to be some incentive to give these underutilized properties a level playing field.

### W. Main 2-Way Street Report

In a previous meeting, the Commission directed Public Works to work with a group of concerned citizens to research two-way traffic on West Main Street. Public Works Director Tom Bradley and David Moses of Integrated Engineering gave a presentation regarding their findings on the feasibility of restoring West Main Street to Two-Way traffic. The presentation discussed the turn radius of various intersections, loading zones

and the possible loss of parking spaces. Natalie Wilkerson, representing an “enlightened and engaged group of citizens” also addressed the Commission and gave a presentation on the advantages of two-way traffic on West Main Street. (Bill Cull, representing the Grand Theater, indicated that his Board was not supportive of the restoration of two-way traffic on West Main Street.) The Commission asked both Bradley and Wilkerson to put their rebuttals in writing. The Commission will then review the information presented.

#### CTAA Study

Public Works Director Tom Bradley asked the Commission if they had any further questions regarding the CTAA Transit study and recommendations presented at the March Work Session. The Commission had no further questions.

#### TNR Program – 1 Year Report

Sam Marcus from the Franklin County Humane Society gave a report on the Trap, Neuter and Return Program for feral cats. According to Marcus to date 395 alterations have been completed.

#### Old Y Building Update

City Attorney Rob Moore gave an update on the Old YMCA Building located on Bridge Street. The deposition of a Planning and Zoning employee is scheduled for April 21. Once the deposition is completed a motion for trial will be filed.

#### Farmdale Package Plant

Ken Hogsten of the Frankfort Sewer Department gave a brief update on the Farmdale Package Plants that are scheduled for abandonment. Two additional plants plan to sell in the future. Hogsten is working on a request from the Farmdale District to oversee plant operations that would be brought to the Commission for consideration.

#### Solid Waste Ordinance Review

Public Works Director Tom Bradley addressed the Commission with a change to the current Solid Waste Ordinance. Currently citizens can change the size of the carts two times annually at no charge. The proposed change will allow citizens to exchange their carts throughout the year for a \$20 fee paid in City Hall. The citizen will then make an appointment to switch carts. The Commission requested the ordinance be placed on the April voting agenda.

#### Tax Moratorium Ordinance Amendment

Planning and Zoning Director Gary Muller asked for an amendment of the current Tax Moratorium Ordinance. The amendment would include a text change 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.

#### Old Business

Commissioner Sower requested the City Manager set up a meeting with community leaders to discuss the Capital Plaza Tower. The Commission did not object.