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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, June 13, 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

None

Our Town Grant

Melanie Van Houten of Josephine's Sculpture Park and representing a local artists' group, addressed the Commission regarding a 2016 Our Town Grant for the creation of a Strategic Plan for Arts in Frankfort and Franklin County. The grant requires that the lead applicant be a local government and Ms. Van Houten requested the City take on that role and allow City Grant's Manager Rebecca Hall work with the group. She also indicated there would be a local match for the grant, however, it could be fulfilled with in-kind contributions. The Commission agreed to the request.

Plant Board Update

Rick Pogrotsky of the Frankfort Plant Board gave an update to the Commission. According to Pogrotsky the Plant Board is currently working on the Pedestrian Crossing at Kentucky State University. Although they have had to have several scheduled outages of service due to the project, the Plant Board has attempted to make those outages cause as little disruption to residents and businesses as possible. He also informed the Commission that the Plant Board has selected Inside Out Design as the landscaper for the Head End (Reservoir) Project and they are working with residents of the affected neighborhood as well as the Tanglewood Neighborhood Association. Mr. Pogrotsky concluded by reporting that the Plant Board's Administrative Building construction is moving forward and includes a Community Room which will accommodate 100, as well as a Commercial Kitchen.

CTAA Suggestions

The Commission revisited bus fares for the Frankfort Transit System. In May the Commission voted to make all fares for the system's Deviated Fixed Routes .25 cents while charging \$1.00 for deviations and \$2.00 for Demand Response (curb to curb) Service. After much discussion, it was decided to place an item on the June Voting Meeting (June 20) that would make the Deviated Fixed Routes free for everyone.

Sewer Discussion

Sewer Director Bill Scalf gave a presentation regarding current plant flows and capacity. According to data from 2001 to present the Sewer Plant is currently at approximately 86.5% capacity. According to Mr. Scalf, the Division of Water issues a letter of concern to Sewer Plants who reach 90% capacity. Mr. Scalf indicated the City would be prudent to have a plan in place to address capacity in the near future. Mr. Scalf also addressed Capacity Fees in Frankfort/Franklin County compared to surrounding areas and gave the Commission options of how those fees could be altered to promote residential development. The Commission requested that KCDC Executive Director Terri Bradshaw give a presentation at a future meeting regarding how Frankfort/Franklin County could be more competitive.

Evaluations

The Commission discussed conducting evaluations for the City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney. It was decided that Human Resources Director Kathy Fields would send the City Manager and City Clerk job descriptions to the Commission. As the City Attorney does not have a job description, one will be created for that position and also forwarded to the Commission. The Commission will then meet to discuss the evaluations.

Old Business

- Commissioner Roach inquired when Garbage Fees would be discussed at an upcoming Commission Meeting and was informed the discussion item would be either on the August or September Agenda.
- Commission Haynes thanked everyone involved in having Devils Hollow Road open last week.