

**NOTICE
SPECIAL MEETING VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE**

As a result of the state of emergency declared by the President of the United States, Governor of Kentucky, and Mayor of the City of Frankfort due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, and in accordance with recommended and mandated precautions related thereto and Kentucky Opinion of the Attorney General 20-05, the following Meeting Notice is issued:

I, Layne Wilkerson, hereby call a Special Meeting of the Frankfort Board of Commissioners for Monday, March 8, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., in the Frankfort/Franklin County Emergency Operations Center, 300 West Second Street. This meeting will be in lieu of the Work Session scheduled for Monday, March 8, 2021. All items on the agenda will be considered and action will be taken.

Per KRS 61.826, this meeting is a video teleconference meeting. One or more members of the Board of Commissioners will participate via Skype or a similar video conferencing system. The primary location will be in the Frankfort/Franklin County Emergency Operations Center, 300 West Second Street.

Per KY Attorney General Opinion 20-05, **public attendance will not be permitted** at this meeting because, due to the highly contagious nature of COVID-19, it is not feasible for the City to provide a central physical location for public viewing. Public comments on **agenda items only** will still be accepted for the meeting, by emailing comments to bhecker@frankfort.ky.gov by Monday, March 8 at 4:00 PM.

The meeting will be broadcast via Frankfort Plant Board Cable 10 Live and Facebook Live: Frankfort, Kentucky - City Hall www.facebook.com/CityofFrankfortKY/.

Please see www.frankfortema.org for additional information.

S/Layne Wilkerson
T/Mayor

SPECIAL WORK SESSION
FRANKFORT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 8, 2021
5:00 P.M. (EST)

PRESENT: Commissioner Katrisha Waldrige
Commissioner Kyle Thompson
Commissioner Kelly May
Commissioner Leesa Unger
Mayor Layne Wilkerson (5)

ABSENT: None (0)

Following roll call, Mayor Wilkerson called the Work Session to order.

City Clerk, Chermie Maxwell, read the following citizen's comment:

I think I speak for many city residents, that we are very excited for our new leadership and look forward to a vibrant, pro-active environment that will finally get our city to an acceptable level of economic growth.... but we have to make sure we make sound decisions and done without unnecessary emotion that really does not make a lot of sense at this moment.

The Mayor recently spoke to the potential of Taylor Avenue, Buttimer Hill and Benson Valley becoming an area that could be developed if the access to downtown via the Broadway bridge was available. That may be true; but what have we done to prepare those areas for this multi-million-dollar proposal?

Have we built sidewalks on Taylor Avenue from Second Street to Bellepoint? Have we created a safe effective way for Buttimer Hill residents to exit down the hill, on their way to the downtown area? Have we made the intersection of West Plaza Connector and 421/Taylor Avenue; to include Benson Avenue, an area where individuals can walk safely and ride safely? Have we slowed down the traffic on Taylor Avenue to make it safe for residents and pedestrians? Have we built bike lanes on Taylor Avenue from Second Street to Bellepoint? Have we built bike lanes and or Bike trails on Benson Valley?

I truly do not have the expertise or knowledge to understand the cost of disassembling a bridge but I hope we consider spending the 600,000 dollars from the state available for destruction, on carefully deconstructing the historic bridge and storing it away until we are ready to take on this venture; and that day will come if we put the infrastructure in place and allow private, non-government entrepreneurs to take over. Once they see that the city is serious about developing these areas, they will come; and when they do, we will know it is time to reassemble that bridge that all of us want to save.

Please consider this and consider putting together some passionate, resourceful, non-governmental citizens on a steering committee to get this long-term project completed.

~Mike Fitzpatrick

Discussion Items

Presentation regarding Invasive Species

Chris Schimmoeller gave a presentation regarding Invasive Species and proposed that the City/County establish a task force to work in more of an effective manner to deal with the issues. The Board of Commissioners requested this item be placed on the March Regular Meeting agenda.

Presentation of Arts Master Plan (moved to Item No. 2 from Item No. 3)

Amanda Golden presented an executive summary of the Arts Master Plan. Following questions from the Board of Commissioners, staff was directed to place this item on a future voting meeting agenda.

Presentation regarding Race Relations

Mr. Ed Powe spoke regarding race relations. This is the number one problem in the nation and there is a lot of work that needs to be done. A brief discussion followed the presentation.

Broadway Bridge

Interim City Manager Tommy Russell reviewed an updated spreadsheet on costs relating to the bridge and that no insurance can be found if we accept the bridge from the state. Mr. Russell recommended that we discuss our intent at the April Work Session and staff will continue to work on options for the Board of Commissioners to consider.

Frankfort Fire Department Station 1 Concept Letter from Brandstetter Carroll

Fire Chief Wayne Briscoe spoke about the next step for Fire Station 1 design from the 2018 report. This is the next phase for a concept design and does not tie to a specific site. Following a brief discussion, the Board of Commissioners directed staff to place this item on a future voting meeting agenda.

Action Items

Memorandum of Agreements (MOA's) with Frankfort Christian Academy (TFCA) and Kentucky State University (KSU)

The purpose of this agenda item is to seek Board of Commissioners approval for the Parks Department to enter into Memorandum of Agreements (MOA) with the Frankfort Christian Academy (TFCA) and Kentucky State University (KSU), for field and facility usage for baseball and soccer (TFCA) and softball (KSU), and approval for the Mayor to sign any related documents.

It was moved by Commissioner Waldrige, seconded by Commissioner May, to approve both MOA's. The question was put upon the motion and the roll called. Those voting in favor of the motion were Commissioners Waldrige, Thompson, May, Unger and Mayor Wilkerson (5). Those voting against the motion were none (0). The motion was thereupon adopted.

Emergency Sirens Payoff

The purpose of this agenda item is to seek Board of Commissioners approval for the payoff of 15 emergency sirens that were purchased jointly by the County and City of Frankfort in 2015. The City of Frankfort has received payment from the Franklin County Fiscal Court in the amount of \$131,655.00. The remaining amount for the City of Frankfort is \$65,827.85. The total payoff is \$197,482.85.

It was moved by Commissioner Waldrige, seconded by Commissioner Unger, to approve payoff of the sirens. The question was put upon the motion and the roll called. Those voting in favor of the motion were Commissioners Waldrige, Thompson, May, Unger and Mayor Wilkerson (5). Those voting against the motion were none (0). The motion was thereupon adopted.

Discussion of Tentative Agenda

Commissioner Waldrige requested an update on the flooding issues and wants the community to know how they can submit an issue.

City Solicitor, Laura Ross, stated there may be an item added for the Development Agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Waldrige, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to go into Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(b) deliberations on future potential acquisition of real property adjacent to Fort Hill, where publicity would likely affect the value of the property. The motion was adopted by voice vote. The meeting went into closed session at 6:25 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Waldrige, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, that the meeting return to open session. The motion was adopted by voice vote. The meeting returned to open session at 6:29 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Waldrige, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, that the meeting adjourn. The question was put upon the motion and was adopted by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk