

**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, William I. May, Jr. hereby call a special meeting of the Frankfort Board of Commissioners for Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., in the Frankfort/Franklin County Emergency Operations Center, 300 West Second Street. The purpose of this meeting is to approve an MOU with the University of Kentucky for internship with the Police Department; the payment of \$130,481.25 from the Capital Projects Fund (530) to cover the remaining balance not budgeted in FY21 for the Caliber CAD Software purchase originally approved by the Commission on 4/13/20 and to consider the appointment of an interim City Manager. The meeting may be closed per KRS 61.810 (1)(f), Personnel. Action may be taken in open session.

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 teleconferencing 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.

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/William I. May, Jr.
T/Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
FRANKFORT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 12, 2020
5:00 P.M. (EDT)

PRESENT: Commissioner Katrisha Waldrige
Commissioner Scott Tippet
Commissioner Eric E. Whisman
Commissioner John R. Sower
Mayor William I. May, Jr. (5)

ABSENT: None (0)

Following roll call, Mayor May called the Special Meeting to order.

Chermie Maxwell, City Clerk, read the following citizens comments:

Other than the final vote, no information has been provided to the public surrounding the dismissal of the City Manager. At a time when the ability of citizen involvement in the government process is severely limited, it is very disheartening the way Monday's meeting unfolded. The magnitude of the situation is heightened given we are in the middle of a pandemic, plans for parcels B & C are still being developed and the upcoming election in November, which will greatly change the makeup of the Board of Commissioners. Public perception of this personnel action has created a huge problem for city government. This might be a good opportunity for a public relations strategy!

Thanks,
~David Hecker

I would like to ask the Board of Commissioners if the position of Interim City Manager will require the same qualifications as for previous City Managers. Specifically, will the individual have to have: 'a combination of education and experience equivalent to a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration (Master's preferred) and at least 7 years of increasingly responsible local government management experience gained in a community with similar complexity to Frankfort' ? Will he or she be required to have, 'expertise in budget and finance, intergovernmental and community relation, redevelopment and economic development?

Thank you
~Mike Fitzpatrick

Mayor May responded to the action taken regarding the City Manager on Monday. The City Manager's contract included "without cause". The Board of Commissioners has access to information that the public does not have.

Laura Ross, City Solicitor, explained the legal terms and contract options. Without cause is not for a certain cause and allows the process to move forward administratively.

Commissioner Waldrige spoke about Keith Parker and commented on the appointment of an interim City Manager.

It was moved by Commissioner Waldrige to make Eric Cockley the new interim City Manager. The motion died for lack of a second.

CAD Software:

Approval was requested to pay \$130,481.25 from the Capital Projects fund (530) to cover the remaining balance not budgeted in FY21 for the Caliber Cad software purchase originally approved by the Commission on 4/13/20. The total balance for year one is \$277,055.

UK Internship MOU:

To authorize the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Kentucky (UK) and the City of Frankfort, whereby the City of Frankfort's Police Department will provide education experience opportunities for UK students and for the Mayor to sign all related documents. The Police Department is focused on implementing an internship program at all levels and in various disciplines that will help students understand how the Police Department functions in our society. We hope that through the internship programs, we can build relationships with the different schools and use this relationship for future recruitment opportunities. The MOU is continuous and will be reviewed by UK and the Police Chief, along with the City Solicitor, annually. The fiscal impact will be minimal, mostly limited to work hours for members of the department.

It was moved by Commissioner Tippet, seconded by Commissioner Whisman, to adopt both items. The question was put upon the motion and the roll called. Those voting in favor of the motion were Commissioners Tippet, Whisman, Sower and Mayor May (4). Voting against the motion was Commissioner Waldrige (1). The motion was thereupon adopted.

Note: The Frankfort Plant Board experienced technical difficulties and several minutes of the meeting were not on video or audio. It did not show the Board of Commissioners going into Executive Session.

It was moved by Commissioner Whisman, seconded by Commissioner Sower, to go into Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(f), personnel discussion which might lead to the appointment of an employee. The question was put upon the motion and the roll called. Those voting in favor of the motion were Commissioners Tippett, Whisman, Sower and Mayor May (4). Voting against the motion was Commissioner Waldrige (1). The motion was thereupon adopted. The meeting went into closed session at 5:14 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Whisman, seconded by Commissioner Sower, that the meeting return to open session. The motion was adopted by voice vote. The meeting returned to open session at 6:08 p.m.

Mayor May stated that there will be a Special Meeting on August 13th at 7:00 pm to consider adoption of an Order to officially appoint Tommy Russell to fill the vacant City Manager position as interim City Manager.

Commissioner Waldrige asked several questions to Tommy Russell and Commissioner Tippett.

It was moved by Commissioner Waldrige, seconded by Commissioner Tippett, that the meeting adjourn. The question was put upon the motion and the roll called. The motion was adopted by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk