

The Franklin, KY City Commission convened in **special called session** on **Tuesday, July 21, 2015**, at 11:30AM, in the City Hall meeting room, 117 W. Cedar Street, Franklin, Kentucky. Member attendance as follows:

Mayor Ronnie Clark	Present and in the chair presiding
Commissioner Mason Barnes	Present
Commissioner Larry Dixon	Present
Commissioner Jamie Powell	Present
Commissioner Wendell Stewart	Present (entered late)

Others present included City Manager, Kenton Powell; City Attorney, Scott Crabtree, City Chief of Police, Roger Solomon; City Clerk, Kathy Stradtner; City Finance Director, Shaunna Cornwell; City Personnel Director/Deputy Clerk, Rita Vaughn; Franklin Simpson Human Rights Commission Representative, Donzella Lee and Franklin Favorite / WFKN media representative, Keith Pyles.

Mayor Ronnie Clark called the meeting to order at 11:30am and Commissioner Dixon offered an opening prayer. The special meeting was called for the purposes named on the advance agenda and included approval of minutes, discussion and possible action regarding the Police Department Hiring and Promotions and Executive Session.

APPROVAL OF June 22, 2015 MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve as presented the minutes of the June 22, 2015 regular City Commission meeting. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION – POLICE PROMOTIONS AND HIRINGS

Police Chief Roger Solomon discussed the need to fill vacancies in the sergeant positions within his department. After an extensive promotional selection process, the following two candidates were the top two on the promotion list and the Chief is recommending they be promoted to fill the Sergeant vacancies: Charlie Drummond, an officer with sixteen years' experience and Debbie Steele, an officer with six years. **Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to accept the Police Chief's recommendation and promote Charlie Drummond and Debbie Steele to the positions of Franklin Police Department Sergeant effective immediately. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously.**

The current City budget included the hiring of two police officers and the openings were advertised. On Monday, July 20th the final oral interviews were completed by the Franklin Police Hiring Board. As a result, Chief Solomon is recommending that conditional offers of employment be made to Khalis McCullon and Zachary Duke as Franklin Police officers. Several steps are left in the hiring process before the two can be scheduled for basic training, which will be the twenty-three week academy, meaning the successful candidates will not be on the streets working as independent Police officers for at least a year. **Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the recommendations to make conditional offers of employment to hire Khalis McCullon and Zachary Duke in the Franklin Police department, contingent upon their successful completion of all POPS and pre-employment testing, and authorize the Mayor to sign any documents necessary per this motion. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously.**

At this time, Mayor Clark recognized Chief Solomon for the fine job he is doing, especially his communication with the public and the public relation efforts he demonstrates.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Dixon to enter executive session for the purposes of Litigation, discussion of proposed or pending litigation {KRS 61.810(c)}; Personnel, discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee or member {KRS 61.810 (f)}; and Business, discussions between a public agency a representative of a business entity concerning a specific proposal, where open discussions would jeopardize the siting, retention, expansion, or upgrading of the business {KRS 61.810(g)}. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously at 11:40 AM. Entering executive session were the Mayor and Commissioners Barnes, Dixon & Powell; the City Attorneys; and City Manager Powell.

At 11:43AM Commissioner Wendell Stewart entered the meeting and executive session.


At 11:55 AM motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to close the executive session and return to open session. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Dixon to adjourn the meeting. Voting aye: all. Motion carried at 11:46 PM.



Ronnie Clark, Mayor



Kathy Stradtner, City Clerk
