The Franklin, KY City Commission convened in special called session on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at 9:00 am, 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

Others present included City Manager, Kenton Powell; City Chief of Police, Roger Solomon; City Clerk, Kathy Stradtner; City Finance Director, Shaunna Cornwell; and Franklin Favorite / WFKN media representative, Keith Pyles.

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and offered an opening prayer. The meeting was called specifically to hold a Budget/Municipal Aid Public Hearing, to discuss and take possible action regarding a Highway Safety Mini-Grant awarded the Police Department, approve previous meeting minutes, hold a FY 15-16 Budget Work Session, and to conduct an executive session for the purpose of litigation per KRS 61.810(c).

PUBLIC HEARING

The City advertised a public hearing to be held this date and time for the purpose of obtaining comments from citizens regarding the proposed annual fiscal year 2015-2016 budget and the use of Municipal Road Aid Program funds and Local Government Economic Assistance funds as contained in that budget. Mayor Ronnie Clark called the public hearing to order at 9:01 am and called for public comment. There being no members of the public present, City Manager Kenton Powell briefly explained the plan for use of the funds within the City budget. Mayor Clark closed the public hearing at 9:04 am.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION — FRANKLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT HIGHWAY SAFETY MINI-GRAINT

The Police Department has been awarded another mini-grant from the KY Highway Safety Office. Chief Roger Solomon discussed the extra funding in the amount of $4,000, which is specifically for overtime incurred during impaired driver overtime enforcement. This grant will allow the department to participate in safety checkpoints as well as the usual traffic enforcement, including observing for seatbelt and child safety restraint violations. The grant extends from July 1 to September 30 and is named the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over program. Motion was made by Stewart and second by Barnes to accept the award from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Office for Highway Safety to the Franklin Police Department for an initial $4,000 in funding to participate in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over mini grant with the knowledge that the Office of Highway Safety will reimburse the City the full $4,000, and further authorize the mayor to sign on behalf of the City any documents necessary per this motion. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Dixon to approve the minutes as presented for the May 11, 2015 regular meeting, and the May 11, 2015 special called meeting of the City Commission. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously.
At this time (9:08am), City Clerk Kathy Stradtner exited the session.

BUDGET WORK SESSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BUDGET

City Finance Officer Shaunna Cornwell discussed with the Board of Commissioners the continued development of the fiscal year 2015-2016 budget.

At 9:30am Citizen Bobby Vaugh, 518 Woodland Drive, entered the meeting. Mr. Vaugh wished to make comments regarding his neighborhood and the need for street lights. Although the public hearing had been closed, the Commission heard Mr. Vaughn’s comments, and he exited the meeting at 9:45am.

At 9:40am Mayor Clark exited the meeting, and returned at 10:00 am.

At 10:10am a short break was taken, and the session resumed at 10:15am.

At 11:18am lunch was brought in, and the members continued the work session, taking a working lunch.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Dixon and second by Commissioner Powell to enter in to executive session for the purpose of litigation for discussion of proposed or pending litigation {KRS 61.810(c)}. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously at 12:05pm. Entering executive session was the Mayor and four Commissioners, and City Manager.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Barnes to close executive session and return to open session. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously at 12:25 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Dixon to adjourn the City Commission meeting. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously at 12:28 pm.

Ronnie Clark, Mayor
Kathy Stradtner, City Clerk

Portions recorded by Finance Director Cornwell and City Manager Powell

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