

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE
CITY HALL BOARDROOM
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 – 5:00 P.M.**

Board Members

Mayor Ken Moore	P		
Vice Mayor Margaret Martin	P	Alderman Beverly Burger	P
Alderman Clyde Barnhill	P	Alderman Dana McLendon	P
Alderman Brandy Blanton	P	Alderman Ann Petersen	P
Alderman Pearl Bransford	P	Alderman Scott Speedy	P

Department Directors/Staff

Eric Stuckey, City Administrator	P	Jack Tucker, SES Director	
Vernon Gerth, ACA Community/Economic Dev	P	Lisa Clayton, Parks Director	P
Mark Hilty, ACA Public Works	P	Michelle Hatcher, Water Management Director	P
Kristine Tallent, ACA/CFO	P	Paul Holzen, Engineering Director	P
Shauna Billingsley, City Attorney	P	Emily Hunter, Planning & Sustainability Director	
Deb Faulkner, Police Chief		Kevin Townsel, HR Director	
Rocky Garzarek, Fire Chief	P	Joe York, Streets Director	P
Jordon Shaw, IT Director	P	Lanaii Benne, Assistant City Recorder	P
Chris Bridgewater, BNS Director		Linda Fulwider, Board Recording Secretary	P

Call to Order

Mayor Ken Moore called the Work Session to order at 5:00 p.m.

Citizen Comments

- Brad Davis, 233 Natchez Street, Franklin: Grew up in Franklin talking about the Civil War; but, had no idea about *The Fuller Story*. Having served in the armed forces he supports those who serve. The Colored Troops need to be honored and the full history of Franklin should be told. Allow the project to continue for a more united community.
- Dr. Charlie Weir (Gateway Church), 356 Whitewater Way, Franklin: Supports *The Fuller Story*. Markers can influence people. Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it

WORK SESSION DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **18-0939 Consideration of Event Permit for Boots for Troops 5K Sponsored by Medals of Honor, Inc. on November 10, 2018 at the Park at Harlinsdale Farm.**

Lisa Clayton, Parks Director

Alderman McLendon disclosed he has a professional relationship with organizer. That has nothing to do with the event or group; therefore, he will vote on this item when it is on a voting agenda.
2. **18-0940 Consideration of Event Permit for Jingle Bell Run 5K sponsored by the Arthritis Foundation on December 1, 2018 in Downtown Franklin.**

Deb Faulkner, Police Chief

No questions or comments.

3. 18-0965 Consideration of Amendment A to an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Franklin and Williamson County, Tennessee for Redistribution of Local Sales Taxes (COF Contract No. 2017-0145).

**Eric Stuckey, City Administrator
Shauna Billingsley, City Attorney**

Kristine Tallent, Assistant City Administrator/CFO

Dr. David Snowden, Franklin Special School District Superintendent, joined the discussion. Eric Stuckey explained that in February Williamson County voters approved a referendum to increase the local option sales tax by 0.5% to help fund growth in schools. The half of local option sales tax dedicated to public education is distributed between Williamson County Schools and FSSD based on average daily attendance calculated by the state. Under current calculation FSSD receives approximately 8% of countywide local option sales tax collections dedicated to public education. There was not a clear understanding developed regarding how the portion of the “City’s share” of the new 0.5% sales tax would be shared among the two public school districts and it was not addressed in the interlocal agreement.

The City met with FSSD and WCS to resolve the issue. The City Administrator proposed to extend the interlocal agreement dedicating the City’s portion of the additional 0.5% sales tax by six months to October 31, 2021 and provide that FSSD receive its ADA (currently 8%) share of sales tax generated in Franklin from July 1, 2018 through the end of the agreement.

The addition of six months onto the sales tax sharing agreement would result in an additional \$3.5-\$4 million of local sales tax funds being dedicated to the funding for capital investments/debt service by WCS and FSSD.

All involved were surprised by the oversight. Since it benefits the schools and citizens, it needed to be addressed.

Discussion:

- Alderman Barnhill expressed reluctance to approve this proposal. The vote for 0.5% sales tax was for new growth in Williamson County, and he didn’t think FSSD would get a portion. He was quick to say he has nothing against FSSD; family members taught in those schools. He opined it will not be resolved in 3.5 years, they will come back and want a new agreement. He sees this as taking the money away from Franklin that the City could use for its many projects.
- Eric Stuckey said we do need to plan for when the agreement will end and that money will again be City revenue for capital projects to be done. Need to have a firm time on when this agreement ends.
- Vice Mayor Martin: Our children attend FSSD schools K-8, then go on to the WCS Franklin High School. The citizens are winning because these are our children.
- Alderman Blanton: FSSD is a unique situation.
- Alderman McLendon: When he voted for this, it was to sunset after three years. We are trying to solve a problem between the FSSD and WCS. He is not convinced the City should forego \$3-4 million in revenue. They should solve this between them.

- Alderman Bransford: Not opposed to foregoing a few million because we all benefit.

4. 18-0976 Discussion of Transfer of Operating Agreement for the Cool Springs Conference Center.

Eric Stuckey, City Administrator

Jonathan Benowitz and Michael Sanders of Chartwell Hospitality, LLC provided information about Chartwell, the company to which the operating agreement is being transferred. Chartwell is a Franklin-based company. Mr. Sanders was previously the general manager at the Marriott, and will be again. The transfer should be final November 1.

5. 18-0859 Consideration of a Resolution to Authorize the City to Pay One-Half of an Employee's Portion of the City's Health Insurance Premium When the Employee is on Disability Leave with the City Due to an On the Job Injury.

Kevin Townsel, HR Director

Alderman Blanton had asked Mr. Stuckey about what happens when an employee is on extended disability due to a job-related injury.

Eric Stuckey explained that when a City employee is injured on the job and unable to work for an extended period, the employee is first provided with full base pay for seven days paid by the City. After that the employee will receive disability pay through the City's insurance provider at a rate of 66.67% of their average wages (including overtime). This is not subject to tax withholding.

While on disability pay, he/she remains on City health insurance, but insurance premium contributions by the employee are not being withheld since they are not receiving a City paycheck. The city does provide notice that this obligation exists and offers to make payment arrangements. The employee health insurance premiums are still an obligation of the employee. Given the reduced pay received due to the on-the-job injury, it is proposed that the City contribute half of the employee health insurance premium for the employee during the time they are on disability pay and unable to work due to their injury.

Alderman Speedy asked about a car accident on a weekend or a major debilitating disease. Mr. Stuckey explained there are ways. Employees can buy additional disability insurance. There is donated sick time as well.

- Craig Owens, 405 Founders Pointe, Franklin: Mr. Owens is with Law Enforcement Assistance Partnership (LEAP), an organization to help police officers in these situations. They are not structured to help anyone but the Police. The organization will pay some of these obligations for the officers. They are a 501(c)3 organizations relying on donations from citizens, businesses and fund raisers. He asked that the City please find a solution to help all City employees off on disability.

6. 18-0920 Consideration of Procurement Award to Polydyne, Inc. of Riceboro, Georgia in the Total Amount of \$1.090 per U.S. Pound for Supply and Delivery of Bid Sludge Polymer for Wastewater Sludge Dewatering, and \$10.90 per U.S. Ton of Finished Sludge, for a Term of Award for the Water Reclamation Division of the Water

Management Department (Purchasing Office Procurement Solicitation No.2019-003; Contract No. 2018-0198).

Michelle Hatcher, Water Management Director

Deferred to October 9th.

7. **18-0883 Consideration of Initiating the Annexation Process and Draft Plan of Services, Resolution 2018-63, for the Annexation of 4356 South Carothers Road; Establishing a Public Hearing Date of October 23, 2018.**

Emily Hunter, Planning/Sustainability Director

Amy Diaz-Barriga, Current Planning Supervisor

This property to be annexed is adjacent to the City limits along the east side of the property line, and is adjacent to the Colletta Park subdivision. A road within Colletta Park will be extended to South Carothers Road. Twenty (20) residential units are planned.

8. **18-0980 Discussion of the Franklin Road Corridor Improvements Project.**

Paul Holzen, Director of Engineering

Jonathan Marston, Assistant Director of Engineering

William Banks, Staff Engineer II

This project is funded in the 10-Year Capital Plan. Residents have asked questions about the impact on the trees and how invasive it will be to their properties.

Paul Holzen: Of 13 rights-of-way offers made, the City has agreements for 7 properties. The Streetscape Steering Committee helped with the design of a 3-lane road from the Harpeth River Bridge to Harpeth Court.

- A wide outside line represents a lane to accommodate bikes; 7 ft. sidewalks to Liberty Pike switching to 5 ft. sidewalks to Harpeth Court.
- Stakes are in some yards marking right-of-way. Meetings will be set to review the impact to each property.
- A few vocal residents met to discuss the improvements without City representation.
- Met with 13 property owners to help them understand the project.
- Major concerns include:
 - ◆ look and feel of the street
 - ◆ tree removal - some that will die
 - ◆ the many utilities and the large pedestals with underground utilities
 - ◆ roadway grading-trying to maintain the level while some want the road lowered (problem with some sewer pipes being buried only 6 ft. deep & don't want 15-ft. deep sewer line buried under the road.
 - ◆ Center turn lane to get into driveways.
 - ◆ Accidents.
- How to lessen impact on footprint of the road.
- How to save the trees. Mr. Holzen noted the illustration with the trees is a bit outdated. Some trees could be saved, there is no guarantee if the root system is damaged.
- Mr. Stuckey: There will be more trees but more in line rather in clusters, sidewalks both sides, lighting, aging infrastructure replaced, Stormwater addressed.

- Request to put transformers underground: MTEMC does not do that and it requires a big vault. No underground on side streets.
- Vice Mayor Martin: A lot of money was spent on the frontend of this project and have been working on this design for years. \$500,000 from Jamison Station being held for sidewalks. She has met with neighbors. Most residents she talked to this week are horrified that there may be one more delay.
- Moving poles to behind the sidewalk may destroy more trees.
- Redesign to lower a section of the road would cause an 18-20-month delay. Eventually, the road will have to meet the bridge and that will be higher.
- When the bridge is raised, flooding will decrease.

Franklin Road Residents' Comments:

- Karen Adamson, 215 Franklin Road: Wants sidewalks. Doesn't want the road to turn into a suburban highway. With underground utilities, they will lose too many trees for residents and tourists. Why is extra easement needed? She said they are hearing some of these things for the first time. Minimize impact while getting improvement.
- Blair Adamson, 215 Franklin Road: Hosted 20 residents to discuss the improvements. Everyone wants sidewalks. Franklin Road goes into historic overlay. Changing simple things can save millions. It is a dangerous road now. There were 19 accidents in 2017. Residents provided input to direct Engineering to meet with residents with solutions in no later than six weeks.
- D. J. Davis, 219 Franklin Road: She criticized several things that were brought forth by the City since 2014 that didn't happen or were vague or confusing. Wants an explanation of how this works in a historic overlay district. She mentioned trees as well.

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- Ben Worley, City Right-of-Way Agent: Explained the trees in red are closer to the bridge on the east side. Most have been trimmed down. The City Arborist doesn't recommend saving some because they are in poor health or diseased and need to come down.
 - Talked about another neighborhood meeting or a special meeting to further discuss the project.
 - Vice Mayor Martin: All of this was discussed thoroughly at the public meeting for all the residents. She won't support anything that will prolong the decision to start. Everyone who has lived on Franklin Road for the last 10-15 years has known this.
 - A meeting will be scheduled.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

Work Session adjourned @ 6:43 p.m.

BOMA meeting will convene @ 7:00

Dr. Ken Moore, Mayor

Minutes prepared by: Linda Fulwider, Board Recording Secretary, City Administrator's Office - 10/3/2018