
MINUTES OF THE *WORK SESSION*
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE
CITY HALL BOARDROOM
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010 – 5:00 P.M.

Board Members

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| Mayor John Schroer | P | Alderman Dana McLendon | A |
| Alderman Clyde Barnhill | P | Alderman Ken Moore | P |
| Alderman Pearl Bransford | P | Alderman Ann Petersen | P |
| Alderman Beverly Burger | P | Alderman Michael Skinner | P |
| Alderman Margaret Martin | P | | |

Department Directors/Staff

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| Eric Stuckey, City Administrator | P | Eric Gardner, Engineering Director | P |
| Vernon Gerth, ACA Community & Economic Development | P | Shirley Harmon, HR Director | P |
| Russell Truell, ACA Finance & Administration | P | Mark Hilty, Water Management Director | P |
| David Parker, City Engineer/CIP Executive | P | Gary Luffman, BNS Director | P |
| Shauna Billingsley, City Attorney | P | Catherine Powers, Planning/Sustainability Dir | P |
| Rocky Garzarek, Fire Chief | | Joe York, Streets Director | P |
| Jackie Moore, Police Chief | P | Brad Wilson, Facilities Project Manager | P |
| Fred Banner, MIT Director | P | Lanaii Benne, Assistant City Recorder | |
| Becky Caldwell, Solid Waste Director | | Linda Fulwider, Board Recording Secretary | P |
| Lisa Clayton, Parks Director | P | | |

1. Call to Order

Mayor John Schroer called to order the Work Session of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Franklin, Tennessee, on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall Boardroom.

2. Citizen Comments

None

WORK SESSION DISCUSSION ITEMS

Although several items were taken out of order, these minutes are recorded in agenda order.

3. Presentation and Discussion on the Major Thoroughfare Plan 2010 Update Proposed Projects Lists

Item addressed @ 5:29 p.m. following item 8

David Parker, City Engineer/CIP Executive

David Parker, Eric Gardner, and Brad Thompson of Wilbur Smith Associates (WSA) addressed this item. Staff recommendation is for BOMA to approve the proposed projects as listed. This would allow WSA to proceed with completion of a draft Major Thoroughfare Plan (MTP). The completed draft would then come back to BOMA for a vote to recommend the Major Thoroughfare Plan to the Planning Commission.

Staff had requested BOMA provide comments and questions regarding the projects identified in the draft MTP. Alderman Petersen was the lone alderman submitting comments/questions; copies of the comments/questions and responses from staff and consultant were distributed and reviewed.

Discussion:

- Short Range Projects (2015 Horizon Year) total \$529,314,000. Most needed projects funded by state

and federal government, private development and not funded by the City of Franklin. Being on the list doesn't mean all will be done. This planning document will help put projects in a queue to receive funding. It will show the MPO the projects Franklin wants funded.

- Staff and consultant ranked the projects. Adjustments can be made.
- I-65 is an important part of the MTP. As development occurs, it is important to secure the proper amount of ROW, as it would cost more after development occurs. Dedicated ROW and recovery for arterial roadways and offsets mentioned.
- Horizon time questioned for some roads. Factors other than volume to capacity come into play.
- Consultant working on subset Goose Creek and the impact on roads surrounding I-65.
- Some roads, such as portions of Lewisburg Pike, will never be widened to the proposed four lanes.
- Alternate routes important; widening of some roads within Mack Hatcher would not be productive as would funnel into bottleneck.
- Reiterated this is a modeling tool. Just because it indicates the ideal would be to widen some roadways does not mean it will be done. The model shows what needs to be in the Long Range Plan. Staff is not trying to manipulate it to what they want.
- Reiteration of concerns of bottleneck downtown countered with the fact that not all traffic entering the City on widened roads would be going downtown.
- Consultant's charge was to take the model into what could potentially alleviate traffic problems. It depicts the ideal; not what may realistically be done. Manipulating the model is a false term. They run scenarios. Particular scenarios can be pulled. It is part of a plan for needed alternate routes. Look at the MTP as a whole. The Plan can make it easier to get from one destination to another, the reason for bypasses.
- Lewisburg and perhaps some other roads will never be widened so why have them in there?
- The Plan is an ideal situation from 30,000 feet, while zooming in lower points to things that should be changed.
- Consultant acknowledged the feedback would help in revising the model.
- Volume of traffic and safety paramount. Existing roads with no shoulders are unsafe.
- Feedback from Board should be submitted to David Parker no later than April 23 to provide time to incorporate amendments for further discussion at the April 27 Work Session. The model will not be ready at that time, but should have a consensus of ideas to give to WSA.

4.* Consideration of Pension Plan Amendments

Russ Truell, ACA Finance & Administration

Eric Stuckey advised there are three specific amendments:

- 1) Update membership of Pension Committee to change Board representation to two members appointed by the Mayor and converting Chief Finance Officer to an ex-officio (non-voting) member.
- 2) Clarification that "investments" as well as "investment managers" may be undertaken by the Trustee on behalf of the Plan as directed by the Pension Committee and BOMA.
- 3) Clarification of language describing expenses that can be paid by the Pension.

Russ Truell added that the City's pension attorney had said it was unclear what could be paid from the fund; for example, money managers are paid from investment earnings. Shauna Billingsley, Shirley Harmon, Mr. Truell, and the pension attorneys participated in making these changes. Additional changes are forthcoming. The deadline for one investment is at the end of this month; therefore, this item will be voted on at the 7:00 p.m. BOMA meeting.

- Alderman Petersen joined the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

5.* Consideration of Purchase of Three (3) Demonstrator-Model Mini-Packer Trucks for the Solid Waste Blue Bag Program, Said Trucks to be Financed by Means of Existing Bank Master Lease Agreement
Becky Caldwell, Solid Waste Director

Mr. Stuckey explained it would cost more to purchase new trucks outright. This is an opportunity for more affordable trucks with life spans of 8-10 years. The actual rollout date for the program is July 12. The City is working with retailers to inform citizens the bags are available at their businesses.

Information will be sent with water bills promoting blue bags for Mothers Day, Fathers Day, and Independence Day (Red, White & BLUE Bag Day). Brochures and blue bags will be distributed to schools for children to take home. Blue bags and brochures will be placed on containers prior to the rollout date. Funding comes from within the existing Solid Waste Budget plus grant dollars.

6.* Consideration of New Liquor License Retailer's Certificate for WestSide Wine & Spirits (Mr. Wesley Alexander), 188 Front Street, Suite 106, Franklin, Tennessee 37067
Lanaii Y. Benne, Assistant City Recorder

The store is located in Westhaven. No questions or comments.

7. Consideration of RESOLUTION 2010-23, A Resolution Approving the 2010-2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Five (5) Year Strategic Consolidated Plan, 2010-11 Annual Action Plan, and Authorizing a Request for Housing and Urban Development CDBG Program Funding
Clay Matthews, Housing Development Coordinator

Mr. Matthews and Vernon Gerth addressed this item. Alderman Petersen asked if shelters would be included. Residents asked the question during public meetings as well. Verbiage in the 5-Year Plan addresses homeless shelters should the Board choose to include them. Two local shelters, Bridges and My Father's House are not "homeless shelters" as such. The Committee will address the homeless shelter issue later as, at last count, there were few, if any, people living on the streets of Franklin. Their focus is on affordable/workforce housing and emergency repair for those who qualify. The City already allocates funds to the shelters mentioned.

Alderman Bransford said they are not talking homelessness but emergency shelter for victims of domestic abuse. Eric Stuckey related language will be provided in the 5-year plan to address this issue if BOMA so chooses. There are no funding dollars available at this time.

Linda Crockett Jackson, founder and executive director of Bridges of Williamson County explained they are not asking for money at this time. HUD has a strict definition of homeless. Domestic violence victims are considered homeless.

8. Consideration of Contract Number 2010-0034 between Community Housing Partnership of Williamson County (CHP) and the City of Franklin for Administering the City's 2009-10 Community Development Block Grant Emergency Home Rehabilitation Program in Accordance with the Department of Housing and Urban Development Approved Consolidated Plan in an Amount Not to Exceed \$97,000 (construction and administration fees are paid with CDBG funds)
Clay Matthews, Housing Development Coordinator

Mr. Matthews explained this is the third and final year of this contract for the delivery of emergency repair to the elderly and/or disabled.

9. Consideration of Bid Award for Fencing at Fieldstone Park Ball Fields
Item withdrawn
Lisa Clayton, Parks Director

10. Review and Discussion of Small Projects List

Item taken after item #3

David Parker, City Engineer/CIP Executive

Mayor Schroer related that in his opinion, the original concept of annually setting aside \$500,000 was to take care of small, but needed, projects or small projects that arise that need to be done. Because of fiscal constraints, it is important to have reserve dollars from which to draw. Ranking the projects does not approve the funding. Ranking provides direction to staff. Funding will be discussed later, not tonight.

Discussion:

- Eastern Flank Battlefield now has six options.
- Mayor Schroer suggested the Battlefield Task Force recommend to BOMA which plan would be the most likely to succeed.
- Alderman Skinner: Eastern Flank Battlefield is high priority with the Civil War sesquicentennial coming up.
- Alderman Burger: Mallory Station and General George Patton intersection signalization is a priority because of the safety issue. The developer provided \$140,000 for this project.
- Alderman Bransford: Century Court/Beasley Drive connector road is important.
- There were comments and questions on funding; however, the discussion was not to be about funding the projects but to rank projects for the \$500,000, and any money left over from projects.
- Alderman Martin: Use \$400,000 from SPUI to upgrade streets in Rolling Meadows. Mallory Station/Patton Drive signalization and Eastern Flank are her top two projects.
- Alderman Moore: Nichol Mill Lane project; It is a traffic and safety concern and the City promised to do it. Grant money lost because of delay in doing the project. All top 10 are worthy. Eastern Flank promised as well.
- Bicentennial Trails grant available until 2014. Incorporate with Third Avenue North project.
- Alderman Petersen mentioned Highway 96 at Southwinds intersection, the model for indebtedness, and the General Fund, Facilities Tax, and Road Impact fees.

Citizen Comments:

- Thomas Flagle, history instructor Columbia State, emphasized that over 5 million tourists have come to Tennessee for Civil War events and spent many dollars while here. The Eastern Flank Battlefield is an investment rather than a cost. The College, heritage groups, descendants, and others will do anything to make this feasible. Capitalize on it.
- Dr. Sam Gant, Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans, mentioned preservation groups are interested in the Eastern Flank. Timing is critical because of the upcoming Sesquicentennial event.

Consensus: Board supports completion of loop road at Eastern Flank. Mayor asked the aldermen to send re-rankings to David Parker by April 23 and to rank 10 projects.

ADJOURN

Work Session adjourned @ 6:49 p.m.

Mayor John C. Schroer

Minutes prepared by: Linda Fulwider, Board Recording Secretary, City Administrator's Office - 7/12/2010 11:17 AM