

VILLAGE OF FRANKFORT
LAND USE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
December 9, 2009

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Jim Holland called the meeting of the Land Use and Policy Committee to order on December 9 2009, at 6:00 p.m., at the Village Administration Building, 432 W. Nebraska Street.

Land Use and Policy Committee members in attendance were Mayor Jim Holland, Ron Kokal and Don Lorenz. Others in attendance included Trustees Cindy Heath, Todd Morgan, Mike Stevens and Dick Trevarthan; Village Administrator Jerry Ducay, Police Chief of Police Rob Piscia, Commander John Burica, Director of Community Development Jeff Cook; Manager of Community Relations Mary Canino, Supt. of Public Works Terry Kestel, Plan Commissioner Don Schwarz; Aaron Fundich from Robinson Engineering; Frankfort Park District representatives Jeff Boubelik, Tom Barz and Brian Feehery.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (November 10, 2009)

Trustee Trevarthan made a motion (#1), seconded by Trustee Stevens, to approve the minutes of the Land Use and Policy Committee for November 10, 2009, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE AND IN-CAR VIDEO SYSTEM PURCHASES: APPROVAL

Commander John Burica presented the Committee with a request to replace a high mileage supervisor vehicle with a new Ford Explorer from Currie Motors of Frankfort in an amount not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$23,000. He also asked the Committee for their approval to move forward with the purchase of two In-Car server based video systems by Mobile Vision L3 Communications. He noted the new cameras will replace an older VHS video system and are budgeted at a total cost not to exceed \$12,000.

Member Kokal made a motion (#2), seconded by Trustee Heath, to forward a recommendation to the Village Board to authorize an expenditure to Currie Motors of Frankfort in an amount of \$23,000 for the purchase of a new Ford Explorer and to authorize an expenditure to Mobile Vision L3 Communications in an amount not to exceed \$12,000 for two In-Car video camera systems for the Police Department. The motion was unanimously approved.

PROPERTY LIENS FOR PFEIFFER ROAD AND LARAWAY ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

Administrator Jerry Ducay briefed the Committee on Howard Sloan's memo regarding the Cost Share Agreement for Laraway Road and Pfeiffer Road intersection improvements. Mr. Ducay noted that Malecky Builders and Ruane Construction previously agreed to pay their local share

of the project in the amount of \$88,232.45 each, but to date have not been willing or able to do so. He further noted that it was staff's recommendation that the Village file liens against Malecky's Country Crossing property and Ruane's Bronson Square property to protect the Village financially in the event either party should default on the agreement.

Committee members expressed support for the adoption of a recapture ordinance in addition to the lien. They suggested that such ordinance include the accrual of interest.

Member Kokal made a motion (#3), seconded by Trustee Stevens, to forward a recommendation to the Village Board to adopt a Recapture Ordinance for Laraway and Pfeiffer Road intersection improvements and to file liens against the Malecky and Ruane properties noted above. The motion was unanimously approved.

IDOT ACQUISITION OF VILLAGE PROPERTY ON U.S. ROUTE 30

Administrator Ducay presented an additional memo from Howard Sloan to the Committee regarding IDOT's interest in the taking of 0.865 acres of Village property for U.S. Route 30 right-of-way improvements. Mr. Ducay stated that IDOT's compensation offer is \$75,500.00 for the Village property, which is comprised of fifty percent (50%) of floodplain. The 4.13-acre parcel, located on the south side of U.S. Route 30, west of 84th Avenue, was originally conveyed to the Village as open space by the developer of Windy Hill subdivision. Committee members expressed support for the IDOT project.

Trustee Trevarthan made a motion (#4), seconded by Trustee Morgan, to forward a recommendation to the Village Board to approve the sale of 0.865 acres of Village property to the Illinois Department of Transportation in an amount of \$75,500.00 for right-of-way improvements to U.S. Route 30. The motion was unanimously approved.

COST ESTIMATE FOR PRIVATE ROAD DEDICATIONS TO THE VILLAGE OF FRANKFORT

In response to the request of the LUP Committee at its November 10th meeting, Supt. Terry Kestel provided the members with the costs associated with snow plowing private streets in the Village. Additionally, a letter was presented from the Plank Trail Townhome Association attorney outlining the costs paid annually, by the association, for snow removal.

Committee members discussed the need to take full dedication for any roads maintained by the Village. The need to collect a maintenance fee as part of any dedication was also mentioned. Members expressed trepidation about providing snow plowing at this time. It was the consensus of the Committee that the Village not provide these services at this time. It was further stated that the Village was not interested in seeking dedication of the private roads at this time.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee to take no further action on the item at this time.

DOWNTOWN SIGNAGE DISCUSSION

Trustee Todd Morgan initiated discussion of signage in the downtown Historic District. He expressed support for the development of a "sign theme regulation" in the District. Staff was asked to prepare an amendment to the current sign regulations that provide increased opportunities for businesses within the District. Directional signs, size of signs, illumination types, and consistency of sign design were topics to be reviewed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Resident's Request to Open Bar in Frankfort Crossings

Mayor Holland asked for the Committee's input on a request he received to allow for a liquor license for a tavern in one of our retail centers. The Committee expressed opposition to this request.

Emergency Repair Program Commendation

Administrator Ducay offered congratulations to the Mayor, Board, staff and Aaron Fundich for the award of \$777,500 in road funds as part of the IDOT managed "emergency repair program." Special thanks were offered to Representative. Kosel and Senator Radogno, whose support made this funding possible.

Frankfort Park District Referendum

Frankfort Park District representatives Jeff Boubelik, Tom Barz and Brian Feehery addressed the Committee regarding the Park District Board's placement of a Limited Tax Rate Referendum on the February 2, 2010 ballot for voter approval. They stated that the 1995 Referendum Bond that was approved by the voters for the purchase and renovation of the Founders Center and the purchase and Phase I development of Commissioners Park is being paid off. With the retirement of the Bond, the tax rate will drop three cents from .202 to .170. They noted that it is critical to retain the three cents tax rate for capital development. Placing the referendum issue on the ballot is the Park District's opportunity to request a three cent increase in the District's Limiting Rate, thereby preserving \$250,000 annually for capital expenditures and park improvements without raising the tax rate and with no new taxes.

The Park District representatives requested Village support for passage of the referendum issue.

It was the consensus of the Committee to forward a recommendation to the Village Board to adopt a Resolution at the January 5, 2010 board meeting in support of the Frankfort Park District's Limited Tax Rate Referendum. The motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Morgan made a motion (#5), seconded by Trustee Stevens, to adjourn the December 9, 2009 meeting of the Land Use and Policy Committee at 7:45 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

Recorded (via tape): Jerry Ducay

Transcribed by: Debbie Cox