
**MINUTES OF THE *SPECIAL* WORK SESSION
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE
CITY HALL BOARDROOM
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2009 – 5:00 P.M.**

Board Members

Mayor John Schroer	P	Alderman Dana McLendon	P
Alderman Clyde Barnhill	P	Alderman Ken Moore	A
Alderman Pearl Bransford	P	Alderman Ann Petersen	P
Alderman Beverly Burger	P	Alderman Michael Skinner	P
Alderman Dan Klatt	p		

Department Directors/Staff

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

1. Call to Order

The *Special* Work Session of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Franklin, Tennessee, called to order by Mayor John Schroer Tuesday, February 3, 2009, 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall Boardroom.

2. Consideration and Continued Discussion Regarding Water Reclamation Plant/Goose Creek Area Water Reclamation Plant Presentations (Special WS 01/20/09)

Mayor Schroer thanked all candidates and acknowledged the three who made two presentations for the purpose of educating the Board. It was an interesting and enlightening educational experience. He is convinced of one thing; the City is getting the cart before the horse. All water issues are intertwined (water, wastewater, reclaimed, stormwater). He believes an integrated regional water management plan is needed as there are so many unanswered questions. The City is doing things without a direction. He is convinced there is ample time and the City may not need a water reclamation facility on that particular site. He sees the City as more a regional sewer provider than a City provider. The Board approved providing sewer to an area outside the UGB and may decide to provide to other areas outside the UGB as well. An integrated plan would bring everything together for prioritization in a systematic way.

The RFQ provided an engineering study for a water reclamation facility revealing that is not what the City needs, and that the City has no plan. Stop the process and get an RFQ on an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

Alderman Barnhill thought a new proposal would be mostly like the first one. The Mayor agreed that work would be included but that the new scope would be significantly larger. He does not want to spend \$30 million on a water treatment plant in the wrong place.

Alderman Barnhill mentioned nothing being done about the leaking reservoir. He said there is no reason not to make a decision on the water treatment plant and reservoir.

Alderman Petersen remarked there is not as much time to decide on water. There could be problems in distribution. Mayor Schroer indicated work continues on fixes to the system. The reservoir does need to be patched, but summertime is the best time to do that. The Capital Investment Committee should address the reservoir. He believes the reservoir can be used long term in some fashion.

Alderman Klatt noted a lot of planning was done with Water Management during his seven years of involvement. A plan was adopted but not implemented. He appreciates David Parker and the Engineering staff for all they have done toward building a plant at that site. Integrated Regional Water Management is complicated. Franklin is adjacent to two municipalities, the county is in the septic business, and there are other utility districts. Should Franklin be telling them what to do? The City is in the sewer business, but does not have to be in the water treatment business. There are other options. If the City legally needs to request another RFQ for the new scope of services, it needs to be done quickly. The Board needs a policy. If planning for an area, jurisdiction is needed in that area.

Alderman Skinner said a decision is needed on a water treatment plant. Alderman Klatt commented that perhaps the current plant could be expanded. Mayor Schroer noted the Board has been moving toward long-range plan decisions. He is willing to move forward on the water decision.

Eric Stuckey explained the new RFQ would require a team with expertise in the four areas of water integration.

Mayor Schroer recommended the Board vote to begin the RFQ process for the development of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan at the next BOMA meeting. The Board should move forward with decisions on the water treatment plant and reservoir as well.

ADJOURN

Work Session adjourned 5:51 p.m.

Mayor John C. Schroer

Minutes prepared by: Linda Fulwider, Board Recording Secretary, City Administrator's Office - 2/25/2009 9:14 AM