

VILLAGE OF
FRANKFORT
EST. 1855

LAND USE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
MAY 9, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bob Kennedy called the meeting of the Land Use and Policy Committee to order at 6:45 P.M. on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, at the Village Administration Building, 432 W. Nebraska Street, Frankfort, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Land Use and Policy Committee members present included Mayor Jim Holland, Village Clerk Adam Borrelli, Chairman Bob Kennedy, Trustees John Clavio, Cindy Heath, Keith Ogle, Mike Stevens and Dick Trevarthan; Stacy Bond, Michael DiMaggio, Paul Slade, and Ilene LeRose. Staff in attendance included Village Administrator Rob Piscia, Asst. Village Administrator Jeff Cook, Police Chief John Burica, Deputy Chief Kevin Keegan, Utilities Director Tony Minette, Utility Supervisor John Craven, Finance Director Jenni Booth, Supt. of Public Works Terry Kestel, Asst. Director of Development Services Zach Brown, Building and Economic Development Manager Adam Nielsen, and Administrative Assistant Theresa Cork. Others in attendance included Plan Commission Chair Don Schwarz, Margaret Farina, Sue Wolf, Pete Bolsoni, Lisa Slattery and Ramiro Pedraza. Members Brian Samuels and Marc Steinman were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (April 11, 2018)

Trustee Trevarthan made a motion (#1), seconded by Trustee Heath, to approve the Land Use and Policy Committee minutes of April 11, 2018, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

TOBACCO ORDINANCE AMENDMENT - APPROVAL

Police Chief John Burica provided an overview of his memo regarding updates to the Tobacco Ordinance. He reported the "Tobacco 21" movement in Illinois is spreading with several communities recently enacting laws which raise the minimum age for the purchase of all tobacco and/or alternative nicotine products from 18 to 21 years of age. He further reported the proposal would only include age to purchase so that it would not affect someone who may have legally purchased a tobacco or alternative nicotine product legally in another jurisdiction. Chief Burica noted if passed the Police Department would work with all licensed tobacco retailers to educate them on the ordinance and continue to perform regular tobacco enforcement checks.

Committee members shared differing views on the proposed tobacco ordinance amendment and discussed its potential impact to local businesses and the Village, noting technology concerns and

loss of revenue. Those arguing against the amendment preferred for the policy change to happen at the state level. Members in support of the amendment felt it would better protect our youth and reduce addiction at an early age.

Following discussion, Trustee Heath made a motion (#2), seconded by Mayor Holland, to amend Sections 119.08 and 119.10 of the Village of Frankfort Code of Ordinances, restricting the sale and purchase of tobacco products to minors from 18 to 21 years of age. A show of hands was taken resulting in 6 ayes and 5 nays. The motion was approved by a majority vote.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT - APPROVAL

Police Chief Burica presented an amendment pertaining to the parking and storage of recreational vehicles (RV). He reported several concerns have been brought up regarding the parking of RV's on roadways, noting the amendment will more clearly define parking regulations for RV's and allow enforcement of any violations. The proposed amendment restricts parking of any recreational vehicle on any street, alley, public parking lot or public way.

Committee members discussed the provisions of the parking and storage of recreational vehicles ordinance and what qualifies a vehicle as a recreational vehicle. Chief Burica noted the parking and storage of commercial vehicles is regulated under a separate section of the municipal code.

Following discussion, Trustee Heath made a motion (#3), seconded by Trustee Trevarthan, to amend Section 72.05 of the Village of Frankfort Traffic Code regulating parking and storage of recreational vehicles. The motion was approved by a majority vote.

SALE OF TOWER AGREEMENTS - DISCUSSION

Discussion of the sale of tower agreements was tabled to a future meeting.

LONG RANGE PLANNING DISCUSSION

Mayor Holland made reference to his most recent Villager article which focused on the sustainability of the Village's revenues in order to meet future obligations. He reported that while the Village's fund balances are currently healthy, they are declining each year and the Village cannot sustain long-term capital needs without additional revenue sources. He further reported the Village currently has the same number of police officers we had in 2001 with more area to patrol and a larger population. He noted Chief Burica has proposed expanding patrol and crime prevention programs, but these programs cannot be implemented without additional officers.

Mayor Holland stated in order to address these issues, staff was directed to explore placing a measure on the November ballot that authorizes the Frankfort Village Board to implement a Non-Home Rule sales tax of one percent. If approved by the voters and the board, the sales tax in Frankfort would increase from 7% to 8% on currently taxable items, except it would remain at 7% on titled goods, and would remain the same as it is now on qualifying food and drugs. Revenue from the increase in sales tax is estimated at \$2.8 million per year.

Mayor Holland opened the floor for discussion regarding the ballot measure. Committee members discussed the summary pamphlet and frequently asked questions provided. Members expressed their views on the proposed Non-Home Rule Sales Tax referendum and provided both favorably and opposed comments on the initiative.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were addressed to the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Trustee Clavio made a motion (#4), seconded by Trustee Ogle, to adjourn the Land Use and Policy Committee meeting of May 9, 2018, at 7:27 P.M. The motion was unanimously approved.