

**CITY OF PIKEVILLE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 23, 2005**

The Board of Commissioners for the City of Pikeville was called to meet in Special Meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2005, at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the following matters:

1. Discuss the safety of Highway US 23 with Department of Transportation Officials, and take any necessary action.
2. Discuss proposed roadway projects with Department of Transportation Officials, and take any necessary action
3. Discuss synchronizing traffic lights to provide improved traffic flow, and take any necessary action.
4. Consider approval of payment of city bills.
5. Consider second reading of an ordinance amending the zoning map for property located at the junction of Elm Street/Hambley Boulevard from C-1 to C-3.
6. Consider approval of agreement with Wallen & Cornett for auditing of the 2004/2005 financial statements
7. Consider closed session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter and take any necessary action upon returning to open session.
8. Consider cancellation of City Commission Meeting scheduled for February 28, 2005.
9. Adjournment

Mayor Franklin D. Justice, II, presided and called the meeting to order. Commission Members present at roll call were as follows:

COMMISSIONER:	EUGENE W. DAVIS JAMES A. CARTER M. SHANE HALL
MAYOR:	FRANKLIN D. JUSTICE, II

Commissioner Dallas Layne was absent.

The meeting was conducted in the City Hall Public Meeting Room located at 118 College Street in Pikeville, Kentucky.

The City Commission and officials from the Department of Transportation discussed the number of fatal and near fatal traffic collisions along US Highway 23 and possible solutions to improve vehicular safety. Chief District Engineer, Danl Hall, reported the crash data records for years 2002 through 2004 show 9 traffic collisions for the intersection of US 23/1460 at Community Trust Bank; 12 traffic collisions for the intersection of US 23/3495 at Fox Pools; and 14 traffic collisions for the intersection of US 23 and Ratliff's Creek. Ideas to improve vehicular safety along US 23 include elimination of the left turn from 1460 onto US 23 at Community Trust Bank, diverting traffic to the 3495 intersection or to the US 23 northbound ramp (along with extending said ramp), and/or installation of a traffic light at the Ratliff's Creek intersection. Engineer Hall reported that cost estimates have not been prepared for either option.

Other matters discussed with Department of Transportation officials included proposed roadway projects and synchronizing of traffic lights for improved traffic flow. A turning lane for the Summit Engineering intersection was discussed. Mr. Hall reported this improvement was a part of the Department of Transportation's unscheduled needs list but was not included in their 6 Year Plan. Traffic engineer, Charles Neeley, reported that the traffic lights located at Chloe Road, the Summit Engineering Intersection, Island Creek Bridge Intersection, and Harold's Branch Intersection are a part of an "interconnected system" and should now be synchronized properly, however, he advised he would review the system to ensure it was working as designed.

In conclusion, Mr. Hall advised the Commission he would discuss the City Commission's concerns with the Commissioner of Highways and with the State Highway Engineer. He opined that a traffic study may be warranted. A work session to review options, cost estimates and availability of funds was scheduled for March 28th at 5:00.

A list of City Bills totaling \$442,685.61 was presented to the Commission for approval of payment. Commissioner Davis made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Carter to approve payment of the bills as presented. The motion carried 4 – 0.

City Attorney Davis presented and gave second reading to an Ordinance entitled as follows:

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF PIKEVILLE'S ZONING MAP FOR AN AREA LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF ELM STREET AND HAMBLEY BOULEVARD, ON THE SOUTHEAST SIDE, OWNED BY FRANK BAILEY, FROM C-1 TO C-3 (Ordinance # O-2005-003)

Commissioner Carter made the motion to adopt the Ordinance as presented and read. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following votes:

COMMISSIONER:	DALLAS LAYNE	ABSENT
	EUGENE W. DAVIS	YES
	JAMES A. CARTER	YES
	M. SHANE HALL	YES
MAYOR:	FRANKLIN D. JUSTICE, II	YES

Presented for consideration was a proposal from Wallen & Cornett, CPAs, to conduct the audit of the city's financial statements for year ending June 30, 2005. Cost of the auditing services is not to exceed \$19,895.00. Commissioner Carter made the motion to award the audit for the 2004/2005 financial statements to Wallen & Cornett, CPAs, for a cost not to exceed \$19,895.00. Mayor Justice seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 – 0.

Commissioner Hall made the motion to cancel the City Commission's regular meeting scheduled for February 28, 2005. Commissioner Carter seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 – 0.

City Manager Blackburn requested a closed session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. Commissioner Davis made the motion, seconded by Mayor Justice to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. The motion carried 4 – 0.

Mayor Justice made the motion to reconvene to regular session. Commissioner Carter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Blackburn reported that Emergency Shelter Manager, Jeraldine Meade, has announced she is retiring effective March 31, 2005. The City Manager requested approval to post the position of Emergency Shelter Manager as well as an additional part-time position for a relief assistant. Commissioner Carter made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hall to authorize the City Manager to post two positions, as discussed, for the Emergency Shelter. The motion carried 4 – 0.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Davis made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Justice seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 – 0.

APPROVED: _____
FRANKLIN D. JUSTICE, II

ATTEST:

KAREN W. HARRIS, CITY CLERK