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## SPECIAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 18, 1992

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pikeville were called to meet in Special Session on February 18, 1992 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the City Hall Public Meeting Room at 260 Hambley Boulevard.

The Special Meeting was called for the following purposes:

1. To consider a request from the Chamber of Commerce for use of various city properties during Hillbilly Days
2. To consider discussion and/or action with regard to proposals for improvements requested by Housing Authority Executive Director, John Pinson.
3. To consider first reading of an ordinance amending prior ordinances relating to sanitation service.
4. To consider adoption of the City Street Plan.
5. To consider discussion relative to potential water projects
6. To consider further discussion of proposals from bidders for the sale or lease of the old YMCA Tract.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Walter E. May called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Commission Members present upon call of the roll were as follows:

MAYOR:	WALTER E. MAY
COMMISSIONER:	WALTER BLANKENSHIP
	EUGENE DAVIS
	JOHNNY MOUNTS

Commissioner Frank Morris arrived at 4:25 p.m.

1. Leon Huffman and Jenny Powell, representing the Pike County Chamber of Commerce, requested the City Commission grant approval for the use of different city property during Hillbilly Days and to bring a carnival into town during the Festival. Requested was use of the paved parking lot located on Huffman Avenue, the lots formerly leased by Coal Operators & Associates and John Reynolds, and the unpaved riverfill area behind First National Bank for location of the carnival. Mayor May advised the portion of the river fill area that the Chamber has requested to use for the carnival is now occupied by mobile homes owned by Larry Keene. Mayor May reported he has in the past requested Mr. Keene to remove the mobile homes as they have been parked in the river fill without permission. The City Attorney was directed to address the matter with Mr. Keene and to direct the property be restored to the condition prior to the parking of the mobile homes. Discussion was also had concerning lowering the parking lot at the Pikeville College Gym. Mayor May questioned Mr. Huffman if the college has proceeded with the plan or if the City can assist in any way. Mr. Huffman reported he is negotiating with college officials. The City Manager reported city trucks could be used to haul the fill material to place on the little league fields. Commissioner Blankenship made the motion to grant the request as presented by the Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Mounts seconded the motion. Upon call of the roll, the vote carried 4 - 0 (Commissioner Morris not present at the time of the vote).

2. John Pinson, Executive Director of the Pikeville Housing Authority, read a letter he had prepared and sent to the City Manager with regard to improvements involving properties associated with housing. Mr. Pinson asked the Commission to consider approving the construction of a sidewalk approximately 300 feet in length which would allow a more safe access for the residents of Myers Tower to the crosswalk at the intersection of Hambley Boulevard and Division Street. City Manager, John Johnson, reported he and PSG Manager, Bill Harless, have looked at the site. It is estimated the materials to cost between \$1,200 to \$1,500 and city crews could construct the sidewalk. Mr. Pinson reported a ramp and steps would be necessary, however the Pikeville Housing Authority will be responsible for the installation of those items. Commissioner Mounts made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve the construction of the sidewalk. The City Manager reported monies are available in the maintenance budget for this project. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried 4-0 (Commissioner Morris not present at the time of the vote).

Mr. Pinson advised the Commission that the Housing Authority is in a full scale effort to clean up High Street. He has met with landlords and tenants in an effort to convince them to make necessary repairs and maintain the surrounding area. Mr. Pinson requested the cooperation of the public works department to pick up trash and other debris as the landlords make improvements, and to run the vac-all truck periodically for street cleaning. Will Linder, grantsman, advised those present of the potential of obtaining funds for the purchase of properties where the housing is determined irreparable or providing assistance to property owners for necessary improvements. Mr. Linder suggested the Commission approve for the development of an overall program which will deal not only with improving existing properties, but also to provide for the demolition of those dwellings which are beyond repair and to establish parking. Mayor May requested that Mr.



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Linder also look at the possibility of obtaining the properties adjacent to the cemetery with the potential of turning those tracts into cemetery plots. Commissioner Davis made the motion to authorize Will Linder, Sue Smallwood, and John Pinson to work on developing a plan for the renovation of High Street and to authorize Mr. Linder to submit a grant application for funding. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Linder advised the deadline for applying for the grant is May 4th. Two public hearings must be held in that length of time to obtain comments from citizens. Mr. Linder continued he would try to have a report to the Commission by the March meeting.

With regard to Mr. Pinson's plea for assistance with reference to the trash pickup, Bill Harless of PSG, advised that the landlord needs to contact the public works office to schedule a special trash pick up. He explained every effort would be made to ensure that all the trash was removed. Mayor May requested that PSG make a special effort, on High Street in particular, to pick up trash and debris more often than the scheduled Wednesday round, in order to facilitate the program Mr. Pinson has introduced. Mr. Pinson was advised to contact Mr. Harless directly to schedule the trash pick up.

Mayor May requested Mr. Pinson's assistance in conducting a survey for the purpose of obtaining grant funds for the establishment of an emergency ambulance service. Mr. Pinson stated he would be glad to give any assistance he could.

3. City Attorney, Russell Davis, Jr. presented and gave first reading to an ordinance which would amend all previous ordinances relating to solid waste service. A major amendment provides for the increase of rates of \$8.50 per month for residential to \$10.00 per month, as well as increases in the commercial rates and the transfer station rates. The City Manager reported the rate increase is necessary, in part, due to the increase in dumping charges-ie- instead of paying a flat fee, the city now pays per cubic yard. Mr. Johnson advised the rates are based on the actual expense of trash pick up. The summary ordinance was read entitled:

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF THE STORAGE, COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION, PROCESSING AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE WITHIN THE CITY OF PIKEVILLE

The Ordinance will be on file in the office of the City Clerk for public inspection.

4. City Engineer, Jack Sykes, announced the City Commission has been for approximately the past six months, studying the concept of approving a map which would identify all streets within the city of Pikeville. The map was completed by using ordinances and site inspections to identify city streets. The City Attorney presented and gave first reading to an Ordinance captioned as follows:

ORDINANCE ADOPTING OFFICIAL MAP FOR THE CITY OF PIKEVILLE DESIGNATING CITY STREETS, ALLEYS AND ROADWAYS

The Ordinance will be on file in the office of the City Clerk for public inspection.

The City Engineer was directed to prepare a list of unpaved streets and alleys within the city limits.

Upon Commissioner Morris' inquiry, the Commission agreed to allow the street extending behind the Hall of Justice to Huffman Avenue to carry the name of Pike Street. The City Engineer was directed to label the map as such.

5. City Engineer, Jack Sykes, presented the Commission with a list of potential water projects. Mr. Sykes advised the Commission that monies are available at a 2.7% interest rate for water projects within the city. After talking with PSG and reviewing the Capital Improvements plan, the following potential projects were identified:

a. KY Avenue/Elm Street Water Main Replacement: This project would replace a cast iron main with 10" ductile iron. It is expected the level in the Smith Hill reservoir would be improved and in addition the fire flow service would be improved. Estimated cost: \$114,200.00.

b. North 23 Transmission Line: The 8" existing PVC line would be replaced with 12" ductile iron. It was advised that problems have been encountered recently with this line, due mainly to a slope failure outside the guardrail on old U.S. 23. It was recommended that the master meter for Sandy Valley should be relocated on the 4 lane side of the river below the Buckleys Creek Intersection. Estimated cost: \$240,000.00.

c. Williamson Road (Bill King Hollow to Pump Station): Again, the 8" PVC main is recommended to be replaced with 10 inch ductile iron. It was reported that there have been two main line leaks during the past year on this section. The pressure at the medical centers have been reported low during long run cycles and it is expected the problem will increase as the demand increases in the



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future. Estimated cost: \$45,000.00.

d. Scott Avenue Main (4th to 8th Street): The 4" cast iron main is recommended to be replaced with 8" ductile iron. During extreme temperature excursions, the existing pipe is prone to breakage. It was reported a number of service connections are of a lead corporation type. The water quality and fire flow will be improved. Estimated cost: \$58,000.00.

e. Peach Orchard Drive: Breakages have been reported in the recent past. Replacement of the line would eliminate the potential lead problem in the future when monitoring for lead begins as the section of cast iron has lead corporations and leaded bell joints. Estimated cost: \$92,000.00

f. Inspection and Repair of filter beds and screens: Mr. Sykes reported that only one of the four blow out lines is working at this time. Estimated cost: 105,000.00.

Mayor May asked the progress of providing a new river crossing at the Island Creek Bridge. Mr. Sykes reported this is funded in the Yorktown project. It was explained there exists a 10 inch crossing and it is proposed to construct a 12 inch line from the water plant to tie into the crossing. The line on the other side of the river is a 16 inch line. Mr. Sykes was asked to determine if a larger line might be necessary.

Mr. Sykes requested authorization for Will Linder to file an application for funding for the project while the City Treasurer/Controller determines if sufficient monies are available to repay the loan. Mr. Sykes indicated a preliminary design would be brought before the Commission during the March meeting. Commissioner Morris made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Blankenship to authorize Will Linder to file an application for funding for the aforementioned projects. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sykes reminded the Commission that approximately two years ago, the City had been requested to provide water service to the residents on Coon Branch of Island Creek. The City's water main runs by the mouth of the hollow, and Leon Huffman has requested that Mountain Water District be given the authority to put a meter in on the city's line. Mountain Water District will extend the line to serve the residents. Commissioner Blankenship made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis to allow Mountain Water District to install a meter on the city's line. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Sykes stated he is concerned how the additional withdrawal will affect the pump station on Cedar Gap and advised it may be necessary to do an upgrade on the station.

6. At 5:21 p.m., Commissioner Blankenship made the motion to adjourn to an executive session for the purpose of opening bids for the sale and/or lease of the former YMCA tract on Lorraine Street. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

At 5:23 p.m., Commissioner Davis made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Mounts to reconvene to regular session. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor May reported that the City Attorney had informed them it would be more appropriate to open the bids during open session, and then to adjourn to executive session to discuss the merits of each proposal.

The city manager opened a bid from the Industrial Rubber Company. Industrial Rubber Company proposes to obtain an approximately 40,000 sq. ft. parcel on which to construct an 18,000 sq. ft. structure. Offered was \$2.00 per sq. ft. or \$80,000.00. T. T. Colley advised the Commission by written letter that he and his partner would not be able to submit a bid.

At 5:26 p.m., Commissioner Mounts made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Blankenship to adjourn to an executive session for the purpose of discussing the proposal. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

At 5:45 p.m., Commissioner Mounts made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Blankenship to reconvene to regular session. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried 4 - 0 (Commissioner Davis left before the meeting was over).

Mayor May announced that the Commission had discussion relative to the bid received and directed that an invitation be issued to Ralph Spencer of Industrial Rubber Company to meet with the Commission on Monday, February 24th, for further negotiations and clarify questions with regard to the bid.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Blankenship made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Mounts to adjourn. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried 4 - 0. (Adjournment Time: 5:50)

APPROVED

*Walter E. May*  
WALTER E. MAY, MAYOR



ATTEST:  
Karen Harris  
KAREN HARRIS, CITY CLERK

