

**CITY OF FRANKLIN
TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MAY 13, 2020**

- I. The May 13, 2020 Technology Commission Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers of Franklin City Hall by Chair Meade.

IT Director Jim Matelski took roll call; a quorum was present. Members present were Meade, Alderman Mayer, Strowig, Webler, Galusha, Farney, and Kaur (all members attended remotely via a Zoom Meeting link). Member Surana was absent. (Members Meier and Brandt resigned.) Also in attendance was IT Director Jim Matelski, Economic Development Director Calli Berg, and Administrative Project Assistant Lisa Huening.

- II. Citizen Comment Period – No citizens were present.

- III. Review and approval of the April 29, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Member Strowig and seconded by Member Farney to approve the April 29, 2020 meeting minutes as submitted. Upon vote, Ayes-All, motion carried.

- IV. City of Franklin Website Phase 2 Updates

IT Director Jim Matelski presented this item to the Commission members. Much discussion was held. It was the consensus of the members to see if the \$20,000 capital funding in the 2020 budget for the purpose of Phase 2 Website Updates could be put towards a web master.

- V. Marketing & Tourism Commission Website Integrations

Economic Development Director Calli Berg presented this item to the Commission Members. Discussion was held.

Motion made by Member Webler and seconded by Member Strowig to recommend that the City take ownership of and take the steps necessary to begin the hosting process of the new Tourism Commission’s “Celebrate Franklin” website. Upon vote, Ayes-All, motion carried.

- VI. Technical Issues Review

IT Director Jim Matelski informed the Commission members on the following:

- **AMD Platform** - The new AMD Ryzen 4000 series of laptop processors was just released that now offers up to 8 cores on a 7nm die. Lenovo was first to market with a \$860 Idea pad laptop (now sold out) that had 8 cores (no hyperthreading), 6 graphic cores, 16GB RAM, 512 SSD hard drive and on-chip AMD Vega graphics. Online reviews and benchmarks put this firmly against the 10nm Intel Gen 10 core i7 processors, with the AMD significantly out-performing the Intel processors. This is especially true in multi-core graphics rendering performance. The City has recently

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purchased two HP Ryzen 3000 series laptops in a 14" chassis as an alternative to the HP x360 830 Intel core i5, which is the standard laptop. The switch was based on very positive business unit response to the Lenovo Flex 14 COVID-19 laptops. Positive comments were received about performance, screen graphics, good quality webcam, easy to use keyboard, long battery life, and light weight. The new AMD Ryzen 4000 line looks to be very popular, especially in a light, budget-friendly business notebook. 2020 may be the year of the budget notebook.

- **Symetrix SIP Card** - Metro Sound and SKC have been contracted to setup an audio bridging card that directly integrates with the microphone/speaker system. Per the Mayor's request, the new Symetrix card will allow all audio bridging calls to be made without the use of the Polycom, which should give better audio quality than putting a portable microphone over the phone. Audio bridging has become more and more popular; hence the existing system is being extended to incorporate this new meeting tool.

VII. Director's Report on IT Operations

IT Director Jim Matelski informed the Commission members on the following:

- **Centrex Contracts** - AT&T Centrex accounts expired at the beginning of the month. The City is at risk of AT&T ballooning the monthly fees, where they charge several thousand dollars for service instead of the \$150-\$200 contracted rates. The last time the contracts expired, massive fees were charged that still have not been recouped. IT is working with Terminal Andrea in getting cabling quickly installed out at the DPW that would allow the installation of VoIP phones. The goal is to do a quick VoIP roll out and then cancel AT&T service for this site. The DPW has been plagued with outages and very poor service.

VIII. Future Agenda Items.

-Strategic Technology Plan

IX. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 – 6 p.m.

X. Adjournment

Motion made by Member Strowig and seconded by Member Webler to adjourn the May 13, 2020 Technology Commission Meeting at approximately 7:29 p.m. Upon vote, Ayes-All, motion carried.