

**City of Franklin Common Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 13, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Joseph E. McGuinness presiding. Council members Joseph Abban, Joseph Ault, Kenneth Austin, Stephen Barnett, Robert Henderson, Stephen Hougland, and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present.

Council President Barnett offered an invocation. Mayor McGuinness opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Mayor McGuinness led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Announcements & Presentations**

City Engineer Underhill announced that the City had been awarded \$1.4 million dollars from the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to build new walking trails. A discussion was held.

**Consent Agenda**

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the December 16, 2013 Common Council Minutes

Council President Barnett made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Old Business**

Council President Barnett made a motion to read all old business by title only, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Public Hearing**

Mayor McGuinness read the ordinance aloud by title, **Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 14-01 An Additional Appropriation Ordinance for the Blake Dickus Memorial Tip-line Fund in the amount of \$25,000.00**, then opened the floor for public hearing. Clerk-Treasurer Alexander stated that the Council passed an ordinance last year creating this fund and each year the funding must be re-appropriated. No one else offered to speak. The public hearing was then closed. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

## New Business

Council President Barnett made a motion to read all new business by title only, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

### **Introductions**

**Common Council Ordinance No.: 14-01 An Ordinance Approving a Resolution of the City of Franklin, Indiana Plan Commission, and Annexing Certain Property Contiguous to the Franklin Corporate Limits (to be known as Creekside Annexation 2)** – Attorney Roger Young came forward and stated that he is the attorney for Franklin Community School system, and explained that this ordinance will bring another contiguous section of the Creekside school property into the City limits. A discussion was held. This ordinance will come back for a public hearing at the next meeting which will be held February 3, 2014.

**Common Council Ordinance No.: 14-02 An Ordinance Authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Franklin, Indiana, to Deposit, Invest, and Reinvest Funds in Local Financial Institutions Designated as Depositories** - Clerk Treasurer Alexander stated this ordinance is needed to keep the City in compliance with PDIF or the Indiana Public Deposit Insurance Fund (PDIF) which was created by the Acts of 1937 to protect the public funds of the state and its political subdivisions deposited in approved financial institutions. The PDIF insures those public funds deposited in approved financial institutions which exceed the limits of coverage provided by any federal deposit insurance. PDIF rules stipulate that units adopt an ordinance of this kind annually. A discussion was held. Council President Barnett made a motion to suspend the rules and consider the proposed ordinance on the same day of introduction. This motion was seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of all members present. Councilor Barnett made a motion to approve Ordinance 14-02, seconded by Councilor Abban. Councilor Henderson recused himself from the vote since he works for a designated depository. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 14-02 A Budgetary Ordinance for an Additional Appropriation to CDBG Flood Buy-Out Fund 243 in the amount of \$62,500.00** - Clerk-Treasurer Alexander explained that this ordinance continues 25% advance funding for the CDBG match in the buy-out program. A discussion was held. The Mayor stated that the proposed ordinance is presented for introduction only, and will be brought back for consideration at the next regular meeting on February 3, 2014.

**Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 14-03 An Additional Appropriation Disaster Relief FEMA Buy-Out Fund 260-Services 260-060-300 in the amount of \$187,500.00** - Clerk-Treasurer Alexander explained that this ordinance continues funding for the buy-out program allowing the City to front the 75% reimbursement from FEMA when purchasing homes. A discussion was held. Ms. Alexander stated this was for introduction only tonight, and will be brought back February 3, 2014.

**Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 14-04 An Additional Appropriation for Donation-Kuji Relief-Fund 217-Supplies-217-012-200 in the amount of \$3286.00** - Clerk-Treasurer Alexander stated this is money donated to the Community Foundation intended for the City of Kuji following the

tsunami a few years ago. This money will be forwarded to the people of Kuji upon appropriation by the Council. This ordinance is presented for introduction only and will be brought back February 3, 2014.

**Common Council Resolution No.: 14-01 A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana, Authorizing Loans from the Rainy Day Fund to the Flooded-Properties Acquisition Project** - Clerk-Treasurer Alexander stated this is a resolution authorizes a temporary loan for purchasing properties in the flood buy-out areas. A discussion was held. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Common Council Budgetary Resolution No.: 14-01 A Resolution Authorizing a Transfer from Local Law 200 Supplies to Local Law 400 Capital in the amount of \$27,296.74** - Police Chief O'Sullivan came forward and asked for permission to transfer money within the Local Law Fund in the amount of \$27,296.74 from the 200 Supplies line item to the 400 Capital line item to purchase a police car and equipment. A discussion was held. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

### Other Business

**City Council Election of Council President & Vice-President** – Councilor Abban made a motion to re-elect Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Henderson. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. Councilor Abban made a motion to elect Councilor Austin as Vice-President, seconded by Council President Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**City Council's Annual Appointment of a Member to the Plan Commission** – Mayor McGuinness stated the current Council Member appointee is Mr. Abban. Council President Barnett made a motion to re-appoint Councilor Abban, seconded by Councilor Henderson. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**City Council Appointment of two Representatives to the Redevelopment Commission** – Councilor Abban made a motion to re-appoint Councilor Wertz, seconded by Council President Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. Council President Barnett made a motion to re-appoint Councilor Henderson, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**City Council Appointment of one Representative to the Telecommunications Commission** – The current appointee is Phil Rainey. Council President Barnett made a motion to re-appoint Phil Rainey, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Franklin Development Corporation Funding Request in the amount of \$50,000** – Mr. John Ditmars, FDC President and Ms. Angela Coy FDC Secretary came forward, and requested \$50,000.00 for operating expenses. A discussion was held. It was proposed that the question be presented in the form

of an additional appropriation from the Rainy Day Fund. The Clerk Treasurer and the City Attorney will prepare documents for consideration at the February 3, 2014 meeting.

**Request for Additional Appropriations for Personal Protective Equipment** - Fire Chief Henderson requested \$75,280.00 from the Fire Medic Fund to purchase personal protective equipment for the department. A discussion was held. Councilor Wertz made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. Clerk-Treasurer Alexander stated that there will need to be an additional appropriation for this expense which will be prepared for introduction at the next meeting in February.

**Council Comments**

Council President Barnett summarized items discussed earlier at the Board of Works meeting.

**Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, February 3, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer  
Enrolled: 1-29-14

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Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

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Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer