

**City of Franklin
COMMON COUNCIL**

**City Council Chambers
70 E. Monroe St.
Franklin, Indiana 46131**

Monday, January 3, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m.

Presiding Officer: Mayor Fred Paris

Members Present: Dr. William T. Murphy, President
Mr. Joseph Abban
Mr. Joseph Ault
Mr. Kenneth W. Austin
Mr. Stephen D. Barnett
Mrs. Ann Gordon
Mr. Stephen D. Hougland

Members Absent:

Also Present: City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall, Clerk Treasurer Janet Alexander
and Clerk Treasurer's Assistant Kathy Cragen

Dr. Murphy opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Dr. Murphy offered the invocation, which was followed by a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Election of Council President

Mr. Austin made a motion to re-appoint Dr. Murphy as Council President, seconded by Mr. Ault. The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Paris presented the consent agenda for approval.

- o Approval of the December 6, 2010 Common Council Minutes
- o Approval of Joint Meeting Minutes from December 2, 2010

Dr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Austin, made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried and the consent agenda was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Public Hearings

Ordinance No.:10-16 – An Ordinance to Regulate Work in the Street Right-Of-Ways (ROW) within the City of Franklin, Indiana

Project Supervisor Todd Wilkerson came forward to present the proposed ordinance. Mayor Paris asked for public comment; however no one asked to speak. Mr. Ault made a motion to read the ordinance aloud by title only, seconded by Mr. Barnett. Mayor Paris read the title aloud. Mr. Ault made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Barnett. The motion carried.

Ordinance 10-20 – An Ordinance to Establish An Equitable Impact Fee for the Purpose of Planning and Financing Park and Recreational Infrastructure to Serve New Development in the City of Franklin, Indiana

Parks Superintendent Chip Orner came forward and offered to answer questions. Dr. Murphy made a motion to read the proposed ordinance aloud by title only, seconded by Mr. Barnett. The motion carried. Mayor Paris read the title aloud and stated that this is the public hearing and asked for public comments. No one asked to speak. Dr. Murphy made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Austin. The motion carried.

Budgetary Ordinance No.:11-01 A Common Council Budgetary Ordinance Authorizing An Additional Appropriation of \$1,000,000 in the Rainy Day Fund

Mr. Ault made a motion to read the proposed ordinance aloud by title only, seconded by Dr. Murphy. The motion carried. Mayor Paris read the title aloud. Clerk Treasurer advertised for public hearing to fund the buy-out process to continue the project started in 2010. A discussion was held. Mayor Paris stated that this is a public hearing and asked for public comment. No one asked to speak. Mr. Austin made a motion to approve, seconded by Dr. Murphy. The motion carried.

Second Reading

Resolution No. 11-01 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

The Clerk Treasurer stated that this resolution authorizes the loan from the Rainy Day Fund and states that the loan will be repaid by December 31, 2011. Dr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Ault to read aloud by title only. Mr. Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Ault. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was brought before the Council.

OTHER BUSINESS

Legislative Appointments to City Boards and Commissions – Nominations

Board of Zoning Appeals

Dr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Ault, made a motion to re-appoint Phil Barrow. The motion carried.

Plan Commission

Dr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Austin, made a motion to appoint Joe Abban. The motion carried.

Redevelopment Commission

Mr. Barnett, seconded by Mr. Abban, made a motion to re-appoint B.J. Deppe and Trent McWilliams. The motion carried.

Telecommunications Commission

Mr. Barnett, seconded by Mr. Austin, made a motion to re-appoint Abbey Kirby and Phil Rainy. The motion carried.

Economic Development Commission

Mr. Barnett, seconded by Mr. Austin, made a motion to re-appoint Sam Yount to the EDC. The motion carried.

Franklin Development Commission

Mr. Barnett, seconded by Dr. Murphy, made a motion to re-appoint Steve Hougland to the FDC. The motion carried.

Bulk Purchase Agreements – Council Member Joe Abban

Mr. Abban stated he had been looking into bulk purchases for City supplies. He would like to try to consolidate purchases throughout the City to save money. Mr. Abban said that last year we spent around 1.7 million dollars on supplies. A discussion was held. Mr. Abban stated that he plans to have a report for the Council by the first meeting in March. Mayor Paris stated that he had asked Mr. Abban to help him with identifying copier needs for two departments that want to replace their current copiers.

Franklin Development Corporation – Monthly Report

Chief Executive Officer Craig Wells presented an update of FDC projects. He invited Council members to attend the FDC Board meetings held on the fourth Thursday of every month. He stated that the minutes are posted on their website. He reported that the façade restoration on Jefferson Street is coming to a conclusion. He stated that in their first 9 months they have made 15 loans and 8 façade matching grants. Mr. Wells said that he hopes to make at least twenty loans in 2011. He also stated that the FDC received a grant from OCRA to be used to for additional façade design. He also stated that he is partnering with Franklin College, JMH, the City of Franklin and JDC to put together a marketing campaign. The purpose of this marketing campaign is to induce businesses and homeowners to move to the area. He also stated that he is developing a strategic plan for next four years. He expects to have a working document ready by next month. A discussion was held.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Barnett made a statement explaining that he is not in support of the plan to sell Old City Hall. He thinks that the former City building may need to be used for City Court when the Court is required to vacate their current offices. Mr. Barnett stated that he does not think that the space in this building will be large enough, security would be a problem, and that there is not enough parking. He said that he met with architect Dan Mack about Old City Hall and asked him to come forward to answer questions. A discussion was held. Mr. Barnett said he wants to keep the building for future use.

Mr. Austin stated that he agrees with Mr. Barnett and thinks that we should keep the building. Mr. Ault stated that he also has reservations about selling the building but he would like to know how much tax revenue it might generate if put back on the tax rolls. He also stated that it will

take a lot of money to bring the building up to code. He suggested we delay the sale of the building until more research can be done.

Mayor Paris stated that Pete Grimmer has spent a lot of time and some money on plans to revamp the Old City Hall building. He estimates that it will take as much as \$500,000 to \$700,000.00 to bring this building up to code. He also said that the public was told that the old building would be sold when the new city hall was purchased. A discussion was held.

Resident Gary Moody came forward and commented on the proposed sale of the Old City Hall building. Mr. Moody asked if there were any studies done concerning turning this building into City Court. Mayor Paris replied that there had been none.

Resident Rob Henderson came forward to speak about proposals for development of the southwest quadrant. He said that he would like to see numbers attached to projects that are proposed such as the downtown library, gateway project and other large dollar items.

The Clerk Treasurer stated that Records Clerk Kathy Cragen is assigned to the Committee formed by Councilman Abban to assist with advertising and scheduling meetings as needed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion and a second were made to adjourn. As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, February 7, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer

Enrolled: 2/3/11 Approved by Common Council: 02/7/11