

**City of Franklin
COMMON COUNCIL**

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

Monday, June 21, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m.

Presiding Officer: Mayor Fred Paris

Members Present: Dr. William T. Murphy, President
Mr. Joseph Abban
Mr. Joseph Ault
Mr. Stephen D. Barnett
Mrs. Ann Gordon (Came in at 6:33 p.m.)
Mr. Stephen D. Houglan

Members Absent: Mr. Kenneth W. Austin

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

Mayor Paris 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Paris presented the consent agenda for approval.

- o Approval of the May 13, 2010 and June 7, 2010 Common Council Minutes

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

Mayor Paris apologized to council members for his comments made at the last Council meeting during a discussion concerning the sale of the former city hall building.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Resident Gary Moody came forward to ask that RDC meetings be recorded.

Resident Ron Collins came forward and told the Council that he was unable to find the 2010 budget and the agenda on the City website.

Mr. Abban stated that he feels that we need more security in City Hall

Mr. Abban suggested that a cross walk should be installed at the intersection of U.S. 31 and Westview Drive. Dr. Murphy concurred with this suggestion.

OLD BUSINESS

None

CHRP Grant Update – Police Department

The Clerk Treasurer notified the Mayor that Chief Lynn requested that this matter be tabled until the next meeting.

Ordinance 2010-09: An Ordinance Approving Resolution Number 2010-11 of the City of Franklin, Indiana Plan Commission, Rezoning Certain Property to Planned Unit Development (PUD) (To be known as the Franklin College of Indiana Rezoning)

A motion was made to read the ordinance aloud by title only. Mayor Paris read the ordinance aloud by title only. Attorney's Stephen Huddleston and Dustin Huddleston came forward representing Franklin College. The college requested that the property located at 301 S. Elm St. which includes three parcels of property .5 acres be modified from residential zoning to a PUD. The college intends to create a residential learning center in this home. The initial project will be a Spanish language immersion. No more than 10 students will live there at one time, along with a residential advisor. A discussion was held. Mayor Paris asked for public comment. No one asked to speak. Mr. Houglund made a motion seconded by Dr. Murphy to approve. Five members voted aye. Mr. Ault voted nay. The motion carried.

Mayor Paris invited Gary Moody to come forward to present additional information concerning his proposal that old city hall be converted to the city court building.

NEW BUSINESS

2011 Budget Discussions

The Mayor asked the Clerk Treasurer to report on the 2011 budget. The Clerk Treasurer stated that she has spoken with her financial advisor Mike Reuter and he recommends that the City hold the budget at current levels.

The Mayor restated his intention that all the departments hold expenses at current levels and that he intends to follow the advice of the financial advisor, which translates into zero increases in salaries and department budgets for 2011. The Mayor stated that it is his goal to avoid lay-offs. He is also considering a hiring freeze.

Mr. Barnett suggested eliminating the position of the MS4 Department Head position and put the responsibility under the Sewer Superintendent. Mr. Ault asked when the Street Department will move to the new facility. The Mayor stated they should be moved in by the July 28, 2010.

Mr. Abban suggested that the Redevelopment Commission should be asked to fund repairs to the Main Street Fire Department building using TIF funds.

The Clerk Treasurer stated that department budgets are due in her office on July 1st.

Resolution 10-11 – A Resolution Waiving Non-Compliance With Respect To Woodsage's Tax Abatement Compliance Requirements

The City Attorney explained that the company failed to correctly file compliance documentation with Johnson County and asked the Council to waive the non-compliance. Mr. James Cannaley from Woodsage came forward to answer any questions. A discussion was held. Dr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to read the resolution aloud by title only. Mayor Paris read title aloud and stated that this is a public hearing and asked for public comments. No one asked to speak. Dr. Murphy seconded by Mrs. Gordon made a motion to approve. The motion carried and the resolution was approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Franklin Development Corporation (FDC) Update

Executive Director Craig Wells came forward to update the council on the activities of the FDC. He provided a written report to the Council. Mr. Wells also described current activities being undertaken by the FDC. He reported that a facade project from 100 to 128 E. Jefferson Street will begin this week. He invited the members to attend the FDC board meetings Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. at the library administration building on Monroe Street.

City resident Larry Cheek was invited up by Mayor Paris to comment on the FDC report. He apologized for his conduct toward Council Member Steve Hougland following the last meeting. He also talked about rumors that have been spread concerning the FDC and said that when he initially inquired about detailed numbers, he was told that he was the first person from the public to ask these questions.

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 7:50 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, July 5, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer

Enrolled: 7-16-10

Approved by Common Council: 7/19/10