

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 17, 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.

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 & Public Comments

There were no announcements or public comments.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the March 3, 2014 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 old business by title only, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Public Hearing

Common Council Ordinance No.: 14-03 An Ordinance Approving Resolution Number 2014-01 of The City of Franklin, Indiana Plan Commission, Rezoning Certain Property to PUD (Planned Unit Development) (To be known as Homesteads at Hillview PUD) – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud. Mr. William Hall with CrossRoad Engineers came forward and gave an overview of the project. Mr. Hall stated that the Plan Commission gave this project a favorable recommendation. 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. Mayor McGuinness stated he would like to change the order of agenda items listed under New Business. He stated that item numbers 3 and 4 would be heard first then items 1 and 2.

New Business

FCS Good to Great - A Google Presentation regarding Chromebooks – Franklin Community Schools Superintendent Dr. David Clendening, Chief Financial Officer Jeff Mercer, and Director of Technology Matt Sprout gave a presentation and answered questions regarding the Redevelopment Commission's Plan to underwrite the purchase of Chromebooks for the high school students. A discussion was held.

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

Common Council Resolution No.: 14-05 A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana in Opposition to the Franklin Redevelopment Commission Expenditure of Monies to the Franklin Community School Corporation for the Purchase of Chromebooks, iPads, Kindles or any Like Device – Mayor McGuinness read the title, then Councilor Abban read resolution 14-05 in its entirety. The Mayor invited the public to comment on the proposed resolution. The following people spoke in favor of purchasing the Chromebooks for the Franklin Community School system: Janet C. Kirby; Chet Aubin; John Wales; Darren Thompson; Bob Heuchan; Audrey Barnard; Spencer Tomlinson; Heather Kepner; Kurt Kurman; Larson Hicks; David Hiatt & Ed Rangle. No one spoke in opposition. A discussion was held.

Councilor Abban made a motion to approve Resolution 14-05, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with Councilors: Ault, Austin, Abban, Barnett and Hougland voting aye, and Councilors Henderson & Wertz voting nay. The motion carried by a 5-2 vote.

Councilor Austin made a motion to read the next item of business by title only, seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Tax Abatement Compliance Reports: Midstate Mfg. Corp.; Tippmann Realty Partners, LLP; Premium Composite Technology North America; Trussway Ltd.; KYB Mfg. North America; BCC Products, Inc. – Mayor McGuinness read the title. Community Development Director Linke came forward and presented the tax abatement compliance reports from: Midstate Mfg. Corp.; Tippmann Realty Partners, LLP; Premium Composite Technology North America; Trussway Ltd.; KYB Mfg. North America; BCC Products, Inc. Ms. Linke stated the EDC met and approved all the reports and forwarded them to the Council. A discussion was held. Council President Barnett made a motion to remove Trussway Ltd., from the list, and table, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried by a vote of 6-1 with Councilor Austin voting against.

A discussion was held regarding Trussway Ltd., Ms. Linke stated the information for this company was the same as last year, there are no employees, and the investment is shy of what was anticipated. Ms. Linke stated that she had received a letter from Trussway's tax consultant stating that they are marketing the building. A discussion was held. A motion was made by Councilor Austin to approve the Tax Abatement Compliance report for Trussway Ltd., seconded by Councilor Hougland. A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried by a vote of 6-1, with Council President Barnett voting against. Council President Barnett made a motion to read the next item by title only, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Resolution No.: 14-04 A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana, Authorizing the Funding of the Operating Expenses for the Franklin Development Corporation - 2014 – Mayor McGuinness read the title. City Attorney Gray stated that this item was approved at a previous meeting but did not get signed. Councilor Abban made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Other Business

There was no other business presented.

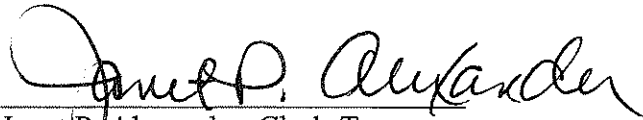
Council Comments

Councilor Abban thanked Dr. Clendening for the presentation. Mayor McGuinness stated he thought the Council needed to work together on items that come before them. The Mayor thanked the Council and the public for a great debate that was very respectful. Council President Barnett stated he was very disappointed that the Council members did not compromise. Councilor Ault commended Councilor Abban for presenting resolution 14-05.

Adjournment

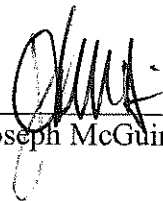
As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, April 7, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer

Enrolled: 04/01/14



Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:



Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer