

**Joint Meeting City of Franklin Common Council  
& Franklin School Board Meeting Minutes  
April 24, 2017**

The joint meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana and the Franklin School Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Council President Keith Fox presiding. Council members Kenneth Austin, Andrew Eggers, Keith Fox, and Bob Heuchan answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades, and Records Clerk Kathy Cragen were also present.

Councilor Heuchan offered an invocation. Council President Fox opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Council President Fox led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Franklin City Council Discussion**

**Strategic Plan Update** – Mayor Barnett spoke about the city’s strategic plan, and gave a list of all the new businesses that will be coming to the city: Meijer; Great Clips (inside Meijer); Starbucks (inside Meijer); PetSmart; Ross Dress for Less; Marshall’s; Shoe Show; Ulta Beauty; Maurice’s; Big Woods Restaurant- Hillview Country Club; Metro PCS Cell Phone Co.; Sport Clips; TOMO (Japanese Restaurant); Buffalo Wild Wings; Freddy’s Frozen Custard and Steak Burgers; 1<sup>st</sup> Financial Bank relocating (US31 & Branigin Rd.); 1100 N. Morton St. (four tenant commercial building); Urban Air – Indoor Trampoline Park (Old Marsh Building).; Indiana Masonic Home/Compass Park (skilled nursing & rehab center); Homeview Health & Rehab Center (remodeling & expanding); Barnes Hall - Franklin College; Superior Systems & Supply, Inc.; Garment Factory Banquet Hall & Restaurant. There will also be a groundbreaking on June 1<sup>st</sup> for the new Shell Building, and plans for a new Hotel, and other development on the eastside of the city, west of Paris Drive.

**Construction Update - & Trail Project** – City Engineer Mark Richards stated that Jefferson Street reconstruction from US 31 to I-65 Phase 3 is on schedule, and Jefferson Street to Walnut Street should reopen around Monday of next week. Mr. Richards stated he believes the rest of Phase 3 will be completed by the end of June. Jefferson Street Phase 4 from E. Court Street to Home Avenue should be completed by the end of September, and Phase 5 to railroad tracks should be finished this year. Mr. Richards stated the King Street reconstruction should be substantially completed by May 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the next phase at Eastview Drive should be completed by November 2018. Wayne Street reconstruction is near completion, and the Alley Project contractor is now on site and believes this will be completed by mid-June. Mr. Richards stated that paving will begin next week with 22 alley segments scheduled. The 2017 Paving Project is estimated at 1.2 million dollars. Mr. Richards also stated there will be four (4) roundabouts along the truck route, with two completed in the next year or so. The first roundabout will be located at Upper Shelbyville Rd. and Eastview Drive with an estimated cost of 1.55 million. The second roundabout will be located at Hurricane Rd. and Eastview Drive/Arvin Rd. with an estimated

cost of 1.65 million, there will also be a new Pedestrian Trail along Eastview Drive, Arvin Drive, and Commerce Drive with an estimated cost of \$2,138,141.54, which should be completed by the end of May 2018. Mr. Richards stated there will be pedestrian enhancements along US 31/ and Mallory Parkway at the Franklin Middle School scheduled for January 2018 with a cost of \$750,000.00.

**Franklin Flag Presentation** – Mayor Barnett stated the Mayor’s Youth Council was started by former Mayor Joe McGuinness, and thanked him. Mayor Barnett stated the Youth Council had designed a new City flag which was sent with a favorable recommendation from the City Council to the Board of Works, and was approved for adoption. Mayor Barnett read the minutes from the council meeting of April 1979 stating how the original flag was designed by Alice Flanigan. Several members of the Mayor’s Youth Council came forward and displayed the flag and explained what the design represents. Council President Fox thanked all the members for their hard work on this project.

#### **Franklin Community Schools Discussion**

Members present: Danny Vaught, Darren Thompson, Kristi Ott, Andy Lamm

**Recognize past Mayor McGuinness** – Superintendent Dr. Clendening thanked former mayor Joe McGuinness for all of his work as mayor on behalf of the school board, administration and students. Former Mayor McGuinness came forward, and thanked the school board, and stated that it was very important for the city to work with the school system.

**Google Summit** – Mr. Matt Sprout director of technology came forward, and stated they had 575 people at the google summit this year, and it continues to grow each year. Mr. Sprout gave an overview of the summit, and thanked the city for their collaboration and help in signage, and the local businesses for showing their support for this event.

**10X Grant Presentations in 2017/2018 for students** – Mr. Deryck Ramey gave an overview of this grant and how it helps the students to learn to work with unique people with leadership skills and excellent experience.

**Sea Turtle Field Research Project:** Teacher Julie Tennell stated that she had traveled to Costa Rica to do a research study at a sea turtle conservancy. Ms. Tennell gave an overview of what she learned while on this trip such as turtle school training; tagging turtles for where they go and when they lay their eggs; marking nest of turtles to see how many eggs survive; the threats to the survival of the sea turtles such as plastic, water changes, hurricanes etc. Ms. Tennell stated this helped to expose students to real field research, and that a group of students had started a new

club at the school called “Eco Warriors” which is helping to increase recycling.

**MIBOR Presentation** – Superintendent Dr. Clendening stated he spoke last week to MIBOR about the school buildings and what’s going on within the school. He spoke about student growth; careers and college; graduation rates; the Ag Programs; hiring a non-traditional teacher who is an engineer for students to get a different perspective of their career options; AP Scores; involvement in extracurricular & fine arts; great teachers; high ability programs; cub academy; and study connection. He also stated they now have two school resource officers. School Resource Officer Sgt. Brian Oliver came forward and stated they are working with the high school girls, and helping them know how to stay safe when they go to college, and teaching them how to handle themselves in a bad situation.

**Road Improvements** – Mr. Bill Doty came forward and spoke about how the roundabout would impact the schools. Mr. Doty suggested a possible frontage road might eliminate car rider traffic from Eastview Drive to connect Needham and Webb Elementary Schools with an estimated cost of \$125,000.00 to \$500,000.00. Mr. Doty also spoke about the Mallory Parkway water connection and trees that would have to be moved for the roundabout in this area, there would be a shared cost of 90/10 of \$750,000.00.

Council President Fox opened the floor to the public.

Councilor Austin thanked the school system for all they are doing.

Council President Fox stated that as the city buildings continue to age there are several maintenance issues that need to be taken care of. Such as HVAC systems and lighting issues. Council President Fox stated we are looking at how to proceed with updates to these buildings, he also stated that a new Salary Review Committee had been formed, and was looking at job descriptions and salaries for city employees to see if we are in line with other government entities.

### **Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer  
Enrolled:4/27/2017

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Steve Barnett, Mayor

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