

**City of Franklin Common Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
November 6, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Steve Barnett presiding. Council members Joseph Abban, Kenneth Austin, Andrew Eggers, Keith Fox, Bob Heuchan and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present. Council member Joseph Ault was absent.

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

**Announcements, Presentations & Public Comments**

Mayor Barnett welcomed the members of the Mayor's Youth Council to the meeting.

**Consent Agenda**

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the October 16, 2017 Common Council Minutes

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

**Old Business**

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

**Common Council Ordinance No.: 17-07 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 KYKA Annexation)** – Mayor Barnett stated there was a public hearing at the previous meeting, and this is now ready for approval. Senior Planner Joanna Myers came forward to answer any questions. Council President Fox made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Common Council Ordinance No.: 17-08 An Ordinance Approving Resolution No.: 2017-32 of the City of Franklin, Indiana Plan Commission, Rezoning Certain Property to IG (Industrial: General) (To be known as KYKA Rezoning)** – Mayor Barnett stated a public hearing was held at the previous meeting, and this is now ready for approval. Senior Planner Joanna Myers came forward to answer any questions. Council President Fox made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Eggers. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

### **Public Hearing**

**Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 17-25 An Additional Appropriation Grants/Police & Fire to Supplies 200 in the amount of \$8,259.18** – Fire Chief McElyea stated this is money received from a grant and will be used for “Project Lifesaver”. Mayor Barnett opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked to speak. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Common Council Resolution No.: 2017-14 Resolution Setting Forth Final Action In Determining An Economic Revitalization Area and Confirming Resolution 2017-13 of October 16th, 2017** - Community Development Director Krista Linke came forward and presented this request which is to determine an Economic Revitalization Area and confirming Resolution 17-13 that was approved at the October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mayor Barnett opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked to speak. A discussion was held. Council President Fox made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Eggers. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Common Council Resolution No.: 2017-15 A Resolution Granting Tax Abatement for Sunbeam Development** - Community Development Director Krista Linke explained this resolution is to approve a ten year tax abatement for Sunbeam Development. A discussion was held. Mayor Barnett opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked to speak. Council President Fox made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

### **New Business**

Council President Fox 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.

**Request to Introduce Franklin Education Connection and Their Mission** – Dustin Huddleston introduced Toni Breeden, Executive Director of Franklin Education Connection.

Ms. Breeden explained what Franklin Education Connection does and how volunteers work with students from kindergarten to eighth grade. Ms. Breeden stated on the foundation side they offer scholarships to Franklin High School graduates, and partner with Sylvan Learning Center also. Ms. Breeden stated they are funded 100% by donations, and that they are having an event this Wednesday where local businesses are staying open late, and a percentage of their sales will be donated to Franklin Education Connection. A discussion was held.

**Requesting Ordinance Banning Tobacco Products from Children's Designated Play Areas in Franklin's Parks** - Anita Sickels Ward came forward to request an ordinance banning tobacco products from children's designated play areas in the Franklin Parks. Ms. Ward gave a presentation regarding the hazards of cigarette and e-cigarettes to small children, she would like to have these items banned within 30 ft. of children play areas. Parks Superintendent Chip Orner stated they have recently put up signage in the parks, but have no way of enforcing it. Mayor Barnett stated he understands the issue, but does not know what else can be done. A discussion was held, and it was decided that Mr. Orner will try to erect more signage.

**Common Council Budgetary Resolution No.: 17-07 A Budgetary Resolution Authorizing a Transfer from MVH Fund 201 & LRS Fund 202 to Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant Fund 258 in the amount of \$602,894.90** – Clerk-Treasurer Rhoades stated we received a matching grant from INDOT, and we now need to move this money from MVH & LRS to the Local Rd. & Bridge Matching Grant Fund. Councilor Eggers 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 Ordinance No.: 17-26 An Additional Appropriation Ordinance Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant Fund Capital 2017 -258 in the amount of \$602,894.90** - Mayor Barnett stated this is for introduction only this evening. Clerk-Treasurer Rhoades stated this is the City's match that was moved from MVH & LRS (Resolution 17-07) and now needs to be appropriated.

**Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 17-27 An Appropriation Reduction MVH Capital in the amount of \$484,487.31, and LRS Capital in the amount of \$118,407.59** - Mayor Barnett stated this is for introduction only tonight. Clerk-Treasurer Rhoades stated these are the amounts moved from MVH & LRS to the Road & Bridge Matching Grant fund in (Resolution 17-07), and the existing appropriations now need to be reduced.

**Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 17-28 An Additional Appropriation from Parks & Rec Fund in the amount of \$30,000.00, and from Parks Infrastructure**

**Improvements Fund in the amount of \$45,000.00 for the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council Inclusive Playground Project** – Mayor Barnett stated this is for introduction only this evening. Parks Superintendent Chip Orner came forward and presented a slide presentation explaining this project. Mr. Orner asked the Mayor's Youth Council members to introduce themselves, and stated they were the ones to come up with the idea to have an Inclusive Playground. Mr. Orner stated that this playground would be located at the front of Blue Heron Park for people of all abilities to be able to play. Mr. Orner also stated that the Youth Council will be doing fundraising in the future to help come up with the additional money that will be needed for this project. A discussion was held.

**Common Council Resolution No.: 17-16 Adoption of an Amendment to the City of Franklin Comprehensive Plan 2013 to Include a Thoroughfare Plan & Confirming Resolution No.: PC 2017-36 of the City of Franklin Plan Commission** - Kyle Lueken of HWC Engineering came forward to explain this resolution. Mr. Lueken stated this resolution is to adopt and amend the City of Franklin Comprehensive Plan to Include a Thoroughfare Plan and to confirm the Plan Commission resolution 2017-36 which was approved October 27<sup>th</sup> and forwarded to the Council tonight. A discussion was held. Councilor Eggers made a motion to table this item to the next meeting to give the Council time to look over the plan, seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The matter was tabled.

### **Other Business**

#### **2018 Council & Board of Works Meeting Dates - For Informational Purposes Only**

Police Chief O'Sullivan told the council there had been three officers that retired in 2016, at this time one officer has been replaced, and there will be another officer retiring early next year. Chief O'Sullivan would like to ask the Council's approval to move forward with the new recruiting list at the Police Merit meeting tomorrow night, and would like to bring five officers on at the same time next year. Councilor Abban made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

### **Council Comments**

Councilor Abban thanked the Street Department for their work during rains last night.

Mayor Barnett introduced Street Department Operations Director John Gatton to the council.

Councilor Wertz thanked the Mayor's Youth Council for all of their work on the Inclusive Park Project. Councilor Wertz also mentioned there had been a fatality in Edinburgh today with a car being hit by a train, and warned everyone to be aware of the speed and frequency of trains in our area.

**Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer

Enrolled: 11/8/2017



Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:



Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer