

**City of Franklin Common Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
November 18, 2019**

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, Daniel Blankenship, Andrew Eggers, Bob Heuchan, Danny Richards and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, and City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present. Council member Kenneth Austin 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**

Police Chief Cochran thanked the Wilcox family for donating a canine vest for one of the K9 officers at the Police Department.

**Consent Agenda**

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the November 4, 2019 Common Council Minutes

Council Eggers asked to table the minutes until the next meeting, as they were not able to read them before the meeting, seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The minutes were tabled.

**Old Business**

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

**Public Hearings**

**Common Council Ordinance No.: 19-06 An Ordinance Approving Resolution 2019-15 of the City of Franklin, Indiana Plan Commission, Rezoning Certain Property to MXR (Mixed Use: Regional Center) (To be known as Thompson Rezoning)** – City Attorney Gray stated this was presented at the previous meeting, and is ready for public hearing, and approval tonight. Ms. Gray gave an overview of the ordinance. A discussion was held. Mayor Barnett opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked to speak. Councilor Wertz made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye.

The motion carried.

**Amended Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 19-14 Fixing the Annual Salaries & Providing Compensation for all Elected Officials of the City of Franklin, Indiana for Year 2020** - Clerk Treasurer Jayne Rhoades stated this was presented at the previous meeting, and it is just to amend the salary ordinance to reflect that elected officials also receive non-monetary benefits from the City. A discussion was held. Mayor Barnett opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked to speak. Councilor Abban made a motion to approve, and having the Vice-President to sign the amended ordinance, seconded by Councilor Richards. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

### **New Business**

Councilor Eggers made a motion to read all new business by title only, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Request to Share about 2020 Merger to Become Aspire Economic Development & Chamber Alliance** – Mayor Barnett stated he had been asked to table this item, and it will be brought back at a future meeting.

**Common Council Resolution No.: 19-07 Real Property Tax Abatement for Sunbeam Development & Common Council Resolution No.: 19-08 Personal Property Tax Abatement for Energizer-** Community Development Director Krista Linke stated Resolution 19-07 is to ask for approval for a tax abatement for Sunbeam Development for Real Property in the amount of \$4.1 million, which received a favorable recommendation by the EDC. Ms. Linke stated this is the new 933,000 square foot shell building that was recently completed. Ms. Linke stated that Resolution 19-08 is requesting a tax abatement for Personal Property in the amount of \$58.5 million for Energizer for equipment. Ms. Linke stated that both of these abatements are for 10 years and with a 2% economic development fee, this resolution also received a favorable recommendation from the EDC. Ms. Linke stated that representatives from Energizer & Cushman & Wakefield are here tonight, and will answer questions if asked. Ms. Linke stated there will be a total of 440 jobs with an average wage of \$18.30, of those jobs around 413 would be classified as operators or laborers, jobs which would pay \$16.84 per hour. Mr. Brad Migdal with Cushman & Wakefield & Rebecca Jaspering & Marcus Boolish from Energizer came forward to talk about this project. Mr. Migdal gave an overview of the number of jobs, amount of salary, and the overall industry. Samples of the product were passed around to the Council members. Mr. Migdal stated that three different locations were looked at before settling on the Franklin sight, and they are committing to at least a 15-year lease which will be for packaging & distribution at this site. Mr. Boolish gave an overview of all of their products that are being produced. Mayor Barnett stated that he wanted the community to know that Energizer received help from the state for some of the tax abatements that helped with the gap of what was received

from the landlord, & the city to get them to commit to moving to Franklin. Ms. Linke gave an overview of what the economic development fees received from tax abatements are used for. A discussion was held. Mayor Barnett opened the floor for public hearing. Resident Amanda Ott asked about the average hourly wage & what it would be. Ms. Jaspering stated that there are several different types of job some low level jobs some higher wage workers, and they do not have that exact information with them at this time. Mr. McMurray a Franklin resident asked if people would be hired locally, or if they were bringing their own people from other locations. They stated that the majority of people will be hired locally. No other questions were asked so Mayor Barnett closed the public hearing. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve Resolution 19-07 as presented, seconded by Mr. Richards. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve Resolution 19-08 as presented, seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Common Council Budgetary Resolution No.: 19-11 Authorizing a Transfer from City Hall Services to City Hall Supplies in the amount of \$5,000** - Mayor Barnett stated this resolution is to request to transfer money from City Hall Services to City Hall Supplies to cover supplies for the remainder of the year. Councilor Abban made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Heuchan. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Common Council Budgetary Resolution No.: 19-12 Authorizing a Transfer from Parks Capital Fund 400 to Parks Services 300 in the amount of \$4,867.00** – Mayor Barnett stated this is the same type of request as above. The Parks Department is requesting to transfer money from the Parks Capital Fund to the Parks Services to cover expenses for the remainder of the year. Councilor Abban made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Eggers. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Common Council Budgetary Resolution No.: 19-13 Authorizing a Transfer from MVH Part-Time; MVH Services; & MVH Capital to MVH Supplies in the total amount of \$30,851.20** - Street Commissioner Brett Jones is requesting to transfer money from MVH Part Time; MVH Services; & MVH Capital to MVH Supplies to cover expenses for the remainder of the year. Councilor Abban made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Richards. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

### **Other Business**

Mayor Barnett stated that during the Board of Works meeting earlier this evening the Contracts of Provision of Services were presented & approved for 2020. The Mayor read the dollar amounts that are given to these entities per year: Leadership Johnson County \$2,000; Helpline of Johnson County \$3,000; Girl's Inc. \$22,000; Discover Downtown Franklin \$15,000; Access

Johnson County \$18,500; Johnson County Senior Services \$15,000; Franklin Education Connection \$3,000; & Boy's & Girl's Club \$13,000. Mayor Barnett stated he would like to ask each of these entities to come to different meetings in 2020 to explain how they are using the money to help their groups.

### **Council Comments**

Councilor Abban stated that he is very proud of the Mayor's Youth Council for their work on the flooring at the Active Adult Center. He also stated there will be a Plan Commission meeting tomorrow evening.

Mayor Barnett stated that the Youth Council took on the project of replacing the flooring at the Active Adult Center. The city paid for the material but the youth did all of the work moving the furniture, and helping remove the old flooring. Mayor Barnett stated that last year they raised about a \$100,000 for the Inclusive Park at Blue Heron Park, and he is very proud of all of their work.

Councilor Heuchan stated that on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> there would be the Jim Rhoades Annual Hog Roast to raise money for the Good Cheer Fund & Food Pantry. Councilor Heuchan stated that last year 700 food baskets were delivered in the county, and all of this comes from contributions from the community.

Councilor Eggers wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilor Wertz stated there would be an RDC meeting at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow.

Councilor Blankenship welcomed the Energizer Company to Franklin.

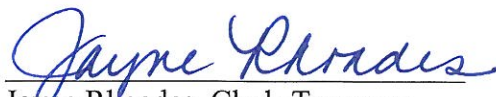
Councilor Richards also welcomed the Energizer Company to Franklin, & wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Clerk Treasurer Rhoades stated that our 2020 budget has been approved by the DLGF.

### **Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer  
Enrolled: 11/21/19



Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:



Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer