

City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2020

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:06 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Steve Barnett presiding. Council members Kenneth Austin, Daniel Blankenship, Bob Heuchan, Anne McGuinness, & Chris Rynerson answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades, and City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present. Council members Lisa Jones & Shawn Taylor were absent.

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

Announcements, Presentations & Public Comments

Acknowledgement of Art Schlangen's Retirement from City of Franklin Fire Department - Fire Chief Matt Culp & Mayor Barnett thanked Lt. Art Schlangen for his years of service with the Franklin Fire Department, & wished him good luck in his retirement.

Mayor Barnett announced that the “Strawberries on the Square” event would be a drive through event held in the Farmers Market parking lot due to the fact the state has not moved forward into Phase 5 of the re-opening. This event will be July 31st from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the July 06, 2020 Common Council Minutes

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

Old Business

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

Request Approval of Ordinance No.: 20-07 Annexation to be known as Tresslar/GR2 Land/Davis Annexation - 433.01 ac. (Adoption) - Senior Planner Joanna Myers stated a public hearing was held at the last meeting, & this ordinance is now ready for adoption. Ms. Myers gave an overview of the ordinance. A discussion was held. Council President Austin

made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor McGuinness. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Public Hearing

Request Approval of Ordinance No.: 20-08 Rezoning to be known as GR2 Land/Davis Rezoning (Public Hearing) - Senior Planner Joanna Myers stated this was introduced at the previous meeting, & is ready for public hearing. Ms. Myers gave an overview of this ordinance. Mayor Barnett opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked to speak. Councilor McGuinness made a motion to approve, seconded by Council President Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

New Business

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

Discuss/Challenge Current Ordinance Regarding Application/Vetting for Food Trucks - Jason Tapp, Greek's Pizzeria & Tapp Room. Mayor Barnett stated that Mr. Tapp had requested to have this item removed from the agenda at this time.

Common Council Budgetary Resolution No.: 20-08 Authorizing a Transfer from Police 200 Supplies & Police 300 Services to Police 400 Capital in the amount of \$7,038,00 - Police Chief Kirby Cochran stated he is asking permission to transfer \$7,038.00 from Police 200 Supplies & Police 300 Services to Police 400 Capital. Police Chief Cochran stated this money would be used to fix gutters on the garage area of the Police Department. A discussion was held. Councilor Heuchan made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Rynerson. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Discussion of Body Cameras for Franklin Police Department - Mayor Barnett & Police Chief Kirby Cochran gave a presentation regarding purchasing body cameras for the Police Department. Jason Dombkowski former Police Chief of West Lafayette, & currently working for the company Body Worn was present to answer any questions the council might have regarding these body cameras. City Attorney Gray stated that if this is approved this would be sent out for bids. Mr. Dombkowski gave a presentations & spoke about all of the options these body cameras would give the Police Department, & the cost to the city would be \$600,000.00 for a five-year term. Mr. Dombkowski also stated this is a cloud based system. Mayor Barnett stated that he had sent out a video to all council members regarding the use & need of these body cameras. A lengthy discussion was held. Mayor Barnett stated that this would be introduced on

the budget which will be introduced on August 17th, there will be a special budget meeting Tuesday, September 8th due to Labor Day for public hearing, and adoption hopefully will be October 5th.

Discussion on New Position for Franklin Police Department - Public Safety & Crisis

Intervention Officer - Mayor Barnett & Police Chief Kirby Cochran spoke about the need for a Franklin Police Department Public Safety & Crisis Intervention Officer, & gave an overview of what this position would entail. Mayor Barnett stated that this was sent from the Board of Works with a favorable recommendation. A discussion was held.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.:20-09 An Additional Appropriation Local Road & Bridge Matching Grant Fund Capital \$661,595.33 - Clerk Treasurer Jayne Rhoades stated this is an additional appropriation for the Local Road & Bridge Matching Grant Fund Capital in the amount of \$661,595.33, & is for introduction only tonight.

2020 Economic Development Fees - Community Development Specialist Dana Monson stated each year the Johnson County Auditor's office collects economic development fees from companies that have been granted tax abatements. Ms. Monson stated these fees are typically 2% of taxes abated on real property, & 5% on taxes abated on personal property. Ms. Monson stated that taxes for 2019 paid in 2020 that were collected were \$12,465.41. Several non-profit organizations turned in proposals for this money. Ms. Monson stated that Discover Downtown Franklin submitted one proposal for \$12,000.00 for one project. Their proposal was to work toward advertising local businesses through two billboards. The EDC voted unanimously to recommend the City Council disburse \$12,000.00 to Discover Downtown Franklin for this project. A discussion was held. Council President Austin made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor McGuinness. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Annual Presentation of the Redevelopment Commission's 2020 Sources of Revenue & Uses of Revenue, Long Term Plans for Each of the Allocation Areas, & the Impact on each Taxing Unit - Jeff Peters, Peters Municipal & Community Development Director Krista Linke gave a presentation of the Redevelopment Commission's 2020 sources of revenue & uses of revenue, long term plans for each of the allocation areas & the impact on each taxing unit. A discussion was held.

Other Business

There was no other business presented.

Council Comments

Councilor McGuinness stated that she would not be present at the August 3rd meeting.

Councilor Rynerson congratulated the Franklin High School class of 2020, & thanked the Mayor for his speech presented at the graduation.

Council President Austin stated there would be an RDC meeting tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m.

Public Relations Director Payne asked that all council members make sure & check their email for information regarding budget meetings.

City Attorney Gray told the Council that the Board of Works accepted a settlement agreement earlier tonight with CenturyLink regarding money we were reimbursed for the work we did while working on the Upper Shelbyville Rd. roundabout moving utilities that they were responsible for. Ms. Gray stated that we were reimbursed \$50,000.00. Ms. Gray also stated that we had a second event which involved a trucker who did damage to a light pole & knocked down a street sign. The Police Department issued a citation to the truck driver. We collected for the citation & \$8,674.54 for the damage to the light pole & sign.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 7/28/2020

Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer