

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2012**

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 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. Mr. Wertz offered an invocation, which was followed by a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the January 17, 2012 Common Council Minutes

Councilor Abban stated that there was an error in the January 17th minutes indicating that he had voted opposed to retaining Trent McWilliams on the RDC. President Barnett made a motion to approve the minutes of the prior meeting with that change. He also moved that Budgetary Resolution No.: 12-01 be removed from the consent agenda to New Business. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The minutes were approved.

Old Business

Public Hearings

Public Hearing of Ordinance No.: 12-01 - An Ordinance Authorizing The Clerk-Treasurer of The City of Franklin, Indiana, to Deposit, Invest, and Reinvest Funds in Local Financial Institutions Designated as Depositories – Councilor Barnett made a motion to read the proposed ordinance by title only, seconded by Councilor Abban. The motion carried, and Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud. Mayor McGuinness opened the floor for the Public Hearing. No one asked to speak. Councilor Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

Public Hearing of Ordinance No.: 12-02 - An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Ordinance No.: 08-01 Adopting a Policy for Paid Holidays - Councilor Barnett made a motion to read the proposed ordinance by title only, seconded by Councilor Abban. Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud, and opened the floor for the Public Hearing. No one asked to speak. Councilor Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

New Business

Budgetary Resolution No.: 12-01 - A Common Council Budgetary Resolution Authorizing a Transfer Between the Rainy Day Fund 2012 Appropriation to the Unsafe Building Fund –

Councilor Wertz made a motion to read by title only, seconded by Councilor Austin. Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud, and asked for discussion on the proposed resolution. No one asked to speak. City Attorney Lynn Gray explained that the goal is to fund the demolition of the Red Carpet Inn and at the same time, to ensure that the City can recover the expenses for the demolition. Code Enforcement Officer Rhoni Oliver told the Council that they had asked the RDC to pay for the demolition, but learned that recovering the cost of demolition is easier if the City appropriates the money to the Unsafe Building Fund. A discussion was held. Attorney Gray told the members that this method is the only one that will enable the City to get their money back. Councilor Barnett made a motion to approve this transfer, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried. City Attorney Gray asked if this money was recovered if it could be put back in the Rainy Day Fund. Clerk-Treasurer Alexander stated that she believed it could.

Introductions

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 12-01 - An Additional Appropriation Ordinance

Appropriating Monies From the Unsafe Building Fund – There was a motion and a second to read the proposed ordinance by title only. Mayor McGuinness read the proposed ordinance by title only. This ordinance will be scheduled for first reading and a public hearing at the February 20th meeting.

Common Council Ordinance No.: 12-03 - An Ordinance Approving Vacating a Portion of Bartram Parkway Right-of-Way Within the City of Franklin, Indiana (To be known as Bartram Parkway Right-of-Way Vacation)

– Councilor Barnett made a motion to consolidate the three items of business concerning Tippmann Realty Group, and to read each by title only, seconded by Councilor Austin. The following three titles were read aloud by Mayor McGuinness.

1. **Common Council Ordinance No.: 12-03 - An Ordinance Approving Vacating a Portion of Bartram Parkway Right-of-Way Within the City of Franklin, Indiana (To be known as Bartram Parkway Right-of-Way Vacation)**
2. **Common Council Ordinance No.: 12-04 - An Ordinance Approving Vacating a Sewer Easement Within the City of Franklin, Indiana (To be known as Bartram Partway Sewer Easement Vacation)**
3. **Common Council Ordinance No.: 12-05 - An Ordinance Approving Vacating Drainage & Utility Easements within the City of Franklin, Indiana (To be known as Bartram parkway D&UE Vacation)**

Senior Planner Joanna Myers came forward and explained the objectives of each of the proposed ordinances concerning property owned by the Tippmann Realty Group. She explained that the Board of Works had forwarded these matters to the Council with a favorable recommendation. Ms. Myers asked the Council to determine and set a date for a public hearing. Councilor Barnett stated that these three items should be set for public hearing on February 20, 2012.

Common Council Ordinance No.: 12-06 - An Ordinance Approving The Board Of Public Works And Safety's Delegation Of Authority Relative To Greenlawn Cemetery To The Franklin Parks Board And Repealing Common Council Ordinance Number 06-07 An Ordinance Repealing

Ordinance No. 03-13 Relative To The Supervision, Management, And Control Of Greenlawn Cemetery

– Councilor Barnett made a motion to read by title only, seconded by Councilor Austin. Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud. City Attorney Gray reviewed the proposed ordinance and the chronology of events precipitating this action. A discussion was held. Ms. Gray stated that this transfer of authority has been discussed and approved by the Parks Board and by the Board of Public Works. She stated that this ordinance is presented for introduction this evening and will be scheduled for public hearing February 20, 2012.

Other Business

Request to authorize the creation of a Full Time (position titled) Marketing Coordinator for Parks and Recreation - Parks Superintendent Chip Orner came forward and stated that they employ a person part time to do marketing now and would like to make this a full-time position. Mr. Orner stated that the funding for the salary would come from the Athletic and Recreation Fund. He stated that this proposal was approved and forwarded by the Parks Board. A discussion was held. Councilor Barnett made a motion to authorize the creation of this position, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

Council Comments

Councilor Barnett stated that he would like to take the Council Meetings on the road, possibly to Ivy Tech College and to the Franklin School System. City Attorney Gray cautioned that there might be issues to consider including; public notice, recording equipment etc. Mayor McGuinness stated that he has talked to Ivy Tech, Franklin College, and the Franklin School Board, and that there is a joint meeting planned for this March with the Franklin Community School Board which will be held in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

Councilor Barnett would like to add an item onto future agendas under Other Business, for reports from Council members who serve on other Franklin City Boards and Commissions

Mayor McGuinness recognized Boy Scouts, Jacob McKinney and Austin Hicks who were in the audience and thanked them for attending this meeting. The scouts stated that they were from Pack #227, and were working on their community service badge.

Announcements & Presentations

Resident Gary Moody spoke on various topics.

Resident Joe Class complimented the Council on their decision to demolish the Red Carpet Inn.

Councilor Rob Henderson commented on the Redevelopment Commissions decisions as they related to the proposed library project. Councilor Henderson objects to using TIF dollars to support other governmental entities.

Clerk-Treasurer Alexander explained that she has provided the Council Members with two bound reports for their records. One is a collection of year end reports for 2011 including, a fund report, a revenue report by fund and an appropriations report for January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011. The

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second report contained the 2012 Appropriations Report which includes a summary of open 2011 Encumbrances. She stated that the members will receive via their email a monthly fund report and current appropriation report.

Adjournment

A motion and a second were made to adjourn. As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, February 20, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer

Enrolled 2/15/2011
Approved by Common Council: _____