

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2013**

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 P. Alexander, Clerk Assistant Kristi Bruther, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present.

Mayor McGuinness opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Councilor Wertz offered an invocation, which was followed by a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

City Engineer Underhill appeared before the Council to announce that the Planning and Engineering Department will host open business hours from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday of every month, starting August 6, 2013. He explained that the purpose is to hear ideas and business plans from community members, businesses, contractors, etc.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the July 15, 2013 Common Council Minutes

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

Public Hearings

Old Business

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 13-10 An Additional Appropriation from Blake Dickus Memorial Tipline Fund 450 to Tipline Services 450 001 300

Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Abban, made a motion to read by title only. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. Mayor McGuinness read the title.

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

New Business

Public Hearings

Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Austin, made a motion to read all resolutions under New Business by title only. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Resolution No.: 13-19 A Resolution Setting Forth Final Action in Determining an Economic Revitalization Area and Confirming Resolution 2013-18 of July 15th, 2013 (EDC 2013-07: NSK Precision American, Inc.)

Community Development Director Linke presented Resolution 13-19: A Resolution Setting Forth Final Action in Determining an Economic Revitalization Area and Confirming Resolution 2013-18 of July 15th, 2013 (EDC 2013-07: NSK Precision American, Inc.). Ms. Linke explained that the abatement would be on \$10.2M, with 28 new jobs created, totaling 154 jobs. The 10 year abatement is on personal property with a 5% economic development fee. Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Austin, made a motion to approve. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Resolution No.: 13-21 A Resolution Setting Forth Final action in Determining an Economic Revitalization Area and Confirming Resolution 2013-20 of July 15th, 2013 (EDC 2013-07: NSK Corporation)

Community Development Director Linke presented Resolution 13-21: A Resolution Setting Forth Final action in Determining an Economic Revitalization Area and Confirming Resolution 2013-20 of July 15th, 2013 (EDC 2013-07: NSK Corporation). Ms Linke explained that this abatement is on \$20M personal property for 10 years with a 5% economic development fee. Eighteen temporary positions would be made full-time, with 258 total jobs. Councilor Austin, seconded by Council President Barnett, made a motion to approve. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Introduction

Common Council Ordinance No.: 13-10 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 01-30 (The City's Taxicab Ordinance) And Establishing New Regulations for Same

Mayor McGuinness read Ordinance 13-10 by title only. City Attorney Gray presented Ordinance 13-10 for introduction only. The public hearing and adoption will be held on August 19, 2013. A discussion was held.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 13-12 An Additional Appropriation for \$2,925.00 Grants/Police Fund 230-001-200

Police Chief O'Sullivan appeared before the Council to request permission to appropriate \$2,925.00 to 230-001-200 from a grant received from Drug Free Johnson County to purchase equipment. The public hearing and adoption will be held on August 19, 2013. A discussion was held.

Common Council Budgetary Resolution No.: 13-04 Transferring \$25,000.00 from Fire Department 200 Supplies to Fire Department 300 Services

Fire Chief Henderson appeared before the Council requesting to transfer monies in the amount of \$25,000 from 200 Supplies to 300 Services for repairs. Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Abban, made a motion to approve. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Other Business

City Council Appointment to the Franklin Development Corporation Board

Community Development Director Linke appeared before the Council. She explained that the Franklin Development Corporation (FDC) revised the by-laws on June 25, 2013. This revision restructured the members of the FDC Board of Directors. The new by-laws indicate the following appointments:

- 2 by Mayor's Office – 3 year terms
- 1 from RDC – 2 year term
- 1 from EDC – 2 year term
- 1 from Council – 2 year term
- 2 at-large members from community partners to be selected by City Officials – 1 year terms

FDC Attorney Robert H. Schafstall indicated that there is currently no set play book for the filling of the vacant seats. A discussion was held. Mayor McGuinness explained that he has recently filled one vacancy and that there are other members that are expected to resign. Councilor Hougland explained that it is his intention to resign from the FDC Board of Directors, but he has not done this yet. Council President Barnett made a motion to table this matter until the next meeting. This motion was not seconded. Mayor McGuinness indicated that this matter will be removed from the agenda until there is a Council opening to appoint.

Redevelopment Commission Report to City Council Regarding TIF Received August 1, 2013

RDC Attorney Robert H. Schafstall appeared before the Council to answer questions regarding a new report that was submitted to the City of Franklin in regard to a new reporting requirement. A discussion was held. Mr. Schafstall explained that this report is due annually in August and the annual report is due in January following the previous calendar year. Clerk-Treasurer Alexander explained that the report is to be submitted on the Gateway system by October 1, 2013. Mr. Schafstall authorized the Clerk-Treasurer to submit this report on the RDC's behalf.

North Main Street Project Phase II Planning Update

Community Development Director Linke announced that a Planning Update will be held on August 21, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss Phase II of the North Main Street Project. Phase II includes North Main from Graham Street to where North Main Street intersects with US 31. Crossroad Engineers will provide a brief presentation as well as a question and answer session followed by time to review documents, drawings, etc.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor McGuinness stated that the Clerk-Treasurer has developed a budget adoption calendar. This calendar is being distributed to Council members. Mayor McGuinness proposed the date of August 26, 2013 to host an informal budget workshop with Council members, Mayor, Department Heads, etc. A discussion was held regarding the time of this workshop. The target date of adoption is October 21, 2013. It was determined that this workshop will be held on August 26, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Council Member Comments

Councilor Wertz indicated that the next RDC meeting will be August 15, 2013.

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 7:18 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, August 19, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 8/15/2013

Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer