

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 23, 2016**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in special session on Saturday, April 23, 2016, 9:00 a.m. at the Franklin Fire Department, Mayor Denny Centers presiding.

Roll called showed:

Brent Centers	absent
Carl Bray	present
Paul Ruppert	present
Denny Centers	present
Michael Aldridge	present
Debbie Fouts	present
Todd Hall	present

There was one member of the press (Franklin Chronicle) and Mrs. Peggy Darragh-Jeromos, Director of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, at today's meeting.

Also present: Mrs. Karen Ervin, Finance Director; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Mr. Steve Inman, Public Works Director; Mr. Barry Conway, City Engineer; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

Mr. Lewis stated that the presentation will provide a brief summary of each department's activities for the last couple of years. (presentation attached)

Mrs. Ervin, Finance Director, presented Goals & Objectives; Financial Information, Accuracy & Availability; Policy Review; Evaluating City's Financial Performance and Pool Costs.

Mr. Steve Inman, Public Works Director, presented information for 2014 & 2015 on the Water Distribution System; Water Treatment; Sewer Collection System; Street Department; Storm Water; Miscellaneous Items; Park & Recreation Improvements; Facilities & Equipment and past projects.

Mr. Barry Conway, City Engineer, presented the major projects for 2016 and future projects for years 2018, 2019, 2020 & 2021.

Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director, presented statistics for 2014 & 2015 on Arrests; Offense Report; Traffic Enforcement; Telecommunications and Goals for 2016.

Chief Jonathan Westendorf presented statistics for 2013, 2014 & 2015 for Fire/EMS Incidents; Patient Disposition by Month; Financial Summary for 2014 & 2015; EMS Incidents by Time of Day and looking forward to 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 future projects.

Mayor Centers called for a recess at 10:39 a.m. He reconvened the meeting at 10:52 p.m.

Mr. Lewis, City Manager presented information on the Further Expansion of the Park; Funding the Proposal; and Debt Financing. He also presented information on Economic Development; the Impact of Jobs Ohio and Ohio has six Economic Regions. He explained the process includes a Phase I and Phase II and that businesses contact the State first. He noted several new businesses that have located in the City

and what land is available to develop. Mr. Lewis also referred to the Comprehensive Plan; Redevelopment of Downtown and the need of mixed use development. Also, need to utilize the Great Miami River, i.e. lighting the Bridge and a 4th Street River Overlook. We need to redefine the Great Miami River, i.e. open air Amphitheater along the River; Splash Pad & Picnic area and Streetscaping. We need to change the face of downtown; have an Implementation Strategy and Conceptual Downtown Redevelopment Plan. Goals to tying it together for 2019, 2020 and 2021 were presented. There was discussion on these items.

Mayor Centers thanked Mr. Lewis & staff on the presentation. He asked Council if they want to continue with their comments/discussion or to continue at a later time. Mrs. Fouts stated she would like to continue at a later time.

After some discussion, consensus is to continue discussion/planning/questions at a later time – tentatively scheduled for the 2nd Council meeting of the month.

After some discussion, consensus is to go forward with lighting the bridge.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

Mr. Bray	yes
Mr. Ruppert	yes
Mr. Denny Centers	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mrs. Fouts	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. Brent Centers	absent

Motion passed.

Mayor Centers adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk of Council