

FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 19, 2017

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 19, 2017, 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Building, Vice Mayor Carl Bray presiding.

Roll call showed:

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ed Richter.

Mr. Hall made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the June 5, 2017 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

Mr. Ruppert	abstain
Mr. Bray	yes
Mayor Centers	absent
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mrs. Fouts	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. B. Centers	abstain

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

There were no visitor remarks.

PRESENTATIONS

Good Neighbor Award

Vice Mayor Bray and members of Council presented a "Good Neighbor Award" to Sandy Tussey. Mr. Hall stated this is being presented to her in recognition of the extra time/work she does in re-certifying the lifeguards at the pool. On behalf of Council, he thanked her for donating her time.

Proclamation

Vice Mayor Bray read a proclamation, recognizing the achievements of Luke Kennard, who declared for the 2017 NBA draft and proclaiming Thursday, June 22, 2017 as "Luke Kennard Day" in the City of Franklin.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ORDINANCE 2017-09 AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF 35.171 ACRES
LOCATED ALONG SHAKER ROAD (EICHHOLZ PARK) TO WARREN COUNTY

Mr. Lewis stated that this land was donated to the City in the 1980's, approximately 40 acres. Warren County previously bought 5 acres in 1994 and now wants to purchase the remaining 35.171 acres. Their intent is to put in a water treatment facility. This Ordinance authorizes the sale to Warren County.

Vice Mayor Bray opened the Public Hearing and asked for any comments. There being none, he closed the Public Hearing and asked for any Council comments. There were none.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-09; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

Mr. Bray	yes
Mayor Centers	absent
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mrs. Fouts	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. B. Centers	yes
Mr. Ruppert	no

Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2017-10 ENACTING CHAPTER 703 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, TITLED "DONATION BOXES"

Mr. Lewis stated that this pertains to the yellow/white donation boxes that are in parking lots at various businesses in the City. At times, they look bad as the boxes are full and the items are spread out around the boxes on the ground. This Ordinance establishes rules and regulations for the property owner for those who place the boxes on their property. A permit will be required and this will help clean-up the City.

Vice Mayor Bray opened the Public Hearing and asked for any comments. There being none, he closed the Public Hearing and asked for any Council comments.

Mrs. Fouts stated she was glad to see this.

Mr. Ruppert asked if there is a fee. Mr. Lewis stated, yes, there is a fee and this will help. Ms. Fisher stated the fee is \$120.00/\$10.00 per month. There was some discussion on the donation boxes that are currently in the City. It was explained that the non-profit who owns the donation boxes are responsible (not the property owner) and includes an administrative penalty of \$250 if the City has to clean-it up. The property owner is not responsible for maintaining the box but is responsible to make sure no unlicensed box is on their property.

Mrs. Fouts made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-10; seconded by Mr. B. Centers. The vote:

Mayor Centers	absent
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mrs. Fouts	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. B. Centers	yes
Mr. Ruppert	yes
Mr. Bray	yes

Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2017-11 DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF CITY STREETS AND PUBLIC WAYS BY THE LIGHTING THEREOF FOR THE YEAR 2018

Mr. Lewis stated that this is step 2 of 3 steps for street lighting.

Vice Mayor Bray opened the Public Hearing and asked for any comments. There being none, he closed the Public Hearing and asked for any Council comments.

There were no Council comments.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-11; seconded by Mrs. Fouts. The vote:

Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mrs. Fouts	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. B. Centers	yes
Mr. Ruppert	yes
Mr. Bray	yes
Mayor Centers	absent

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2017-35 ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018, AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT IT TO THE WARREN COUNTY AUDITOR

Mrs. Ervin stated that this is the tax budget which is done every year. This is the first step for next year's budget. This has to be submitted to the Warren County Auditor by July 20th and is used for the amount of property tax and local government funds that the City will receive for the next year. This has been to the Finance Council Committee. Mrs. Ervin continued that she discussed with the Finance Council Committee about trying to do a more accurate forecast of revenues – as we get more data it will be more accurate for revenues. Vice Mayor Bray stated that this was discussed at the Finance Council Committee – it's very detailed, will provide truer numbers and will do away with the large carry-over balances.

Vice Mayor Bray opened the Public Hearing and asked for any comments. There being none, he closed the Public Hearing and asked for any Council comments. There were none.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-35; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

Mrs. Fouts	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. B. Centers	yes
Mr. Ruppert	yes
Mr. Bray	yes
Mayor Centers	absent
Mr. Aldridge	yes

Motion passed.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2017-12 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2017-02 TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

Mrs. Ervin stated most of the changes are from the new auditors who didn't know what they were getting into and they under budgeted their cost. The following changes are included in the appropriation ordinance:

- General Fund - \$4,550 increase in audit costs
- Fire & EMS Levy Fund - \$500 increase in audit costs

- Joint Recreation Fund - \$30,000 increase, contingency funds for the pool, if needed
- Sewer Fund - \$700 increase in audit costs
- Building Standards Fund - \$500 increase in fees collected during the building permit process, fees are remitted back to the State

Mr. Bray added that the additional funds for the Joint Recreation Fund will only be used if needed.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-12; seconded by Mr. B. Centers. The vote:

Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. B. Centers	yes
Mr. Ruppert	yes
Mr. Bray	yes
Mayor Centers	absent
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mrs. Fouts	yes

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2017-36 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2016-62 TO ESTABLISH THE ORGANIZATIONAL LISTINGS AND PAY RATES FOR THE CITY OF FRANKLIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2017

Mr. Lewis stated that this establishes criteria for when a Department Head's position (Finance, Law, Safety and Public Works) is filled by an employee serving as the "Acting Director" of the Department for a period of 30 days or more, the employee will be paid at Step 1 of the Director's position for the time period that the employee serves as the Acting Director. Mr. Lewis stated that with Mrs. Ervin going on maternity leave, Amy will be stepping up as Acting Finance Director. Mr. Lewis added that this has been to the Finance Council Committee and they recommend to do this.

Mr. Hall stated that this is smart-good thing to do.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-36; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

Mr. B. Centers	yes
Mr. Ruppert	yes
Mr. Bray	yes
Mayor Centers	absent
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mrs. Fouts	yes
Mr. Hall	yes

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2017-37 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A POLICE VEHICLE FOR THE POLICE DIVISION FROM LEBANON FORD THROUGH THE STATE PURCHASING PROGRAM AND THE EQUIPPING OF THE SAME

Chief Whitman stated that this is the first of three cruisers to be purchased this year and is included in the budget. This is for a new 2017 Ford Utility Police Interceptor to be purchased from Lebanon Ford. The cost of the vehicle is \$26,129.00 and \$10,381 for equipping the vehicle.

Mr. Bray asked if it's the trend to change the vehicle's make. Chief Whitman stated his officers like the Chargers. We're going to try the Ford Utility Police Interceptor and other agencies are going to the Ford utility vehicle.

Mr. B. Centers made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-37; seconded by Mr. Ruppert. The vote:

Mr. Ruppert yes
Mr. Bray yes
Mayor Centers absent
Mr. Aldridge yes
Mrs. Fouts yes
Mr. Hall yes
Mr. B. Centers yes

Motion passed.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

Vice Mayor Bray introduced the following ordinances. Public Hearings will be held at the July 17, 2017 Council meeting.

Ordinance 2017-13 Providing for the Election on Amendment to Section 8.04(a) of the Charter of the City of Franklin, Ohio

Ordinance 2017-14 Providing for the Election on Amendment to Section 4.10 of the Charter of the City of Franklin, Ohio

Ordinance 2017-15 Providing for the Election on Amendment to Section 5.05(a) of the Charter of the City of Franklin, Ohio

Ordinance 2017-16 Providing for the Election on Amendment to Section 8.02 of the Charter of the City of Franklin, Ohio

Ordinance 2017-17 Providing for the Election on Amendment to Section 3.03(i) of the Charter of the City of Franklin, Ohio

Ordinance 2017-18 Enacting Section 165.05 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Franklin, Ohio, Titled “Stormwater Replacement Fund”

Ordinance 2017-19 Amending Sections 1111.08 and 1113.04(L) of the City of Franklin Unified Development Ordinance

Ordinance 2017-20 Amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Franklin, Ohio, to Rezone the Property located at 3789 Lower Springboro Road from R-1A, Estate Residential District, to PAR, Parks and Recreation District

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reported on the following:

- A pre-construction meeting on Riley Boulevard has been held. Proposed start date is 7/10/17 and will be done at night – estimated to be done in two weeks.
- We received the Safe Routes to School Grant - \$10,000; a reimbursable grant and is for the Safety Town.
- The bid opening for the Sidewalk Replacement Phase 2 is Wednesday, June 21, 2017.
- We received \$3,500 from the Duke Energy Foundation for revitalization of the park/pool.
- We will be scheduling an Economic Development Council Committee meeting & Safety Council Committee meeting.

At this time, Vice Mayor Bray stated with the introduction of legislation (Charter amendments) tonight, five votes are needed for passage. The next meeting is July 3rd and asked if we want to meet on July 3rd (4th of July weekend) or cancel that meeting and schedule the Public Hearings for the July 17th meeting.

There was some discussion.

Mr. Hall made the motion to cancel the July 3, 2017 Council meeting; seconded by Mr. B. Centers. The vote:

Mr. Bray	yes
Mayor Centers	absent
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mrs. Fouts	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. B. Centers	yes
Mr. Ruppert	yes

Motion passed. The July 3, 2017 Council meeting is cancelled. The next regular scheduled meeting is July 17, 2017.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Hall stated we have a lot of people who need to be recognized (as we did tonight with the Good Neighbor Award), it's a positive and nice to do for those who help our community. Mr. Hall asked what the status of our property on Deardoff Road is. Mr. Lewis stated we have put it back out to bid as we didn't receive any bids the last time. Ms. Fisher stated the bids are due July 20, 2017. Mr. Hall wished Mrs. Fouts 'Happy Birthday' and congrats on your Chamber Award.

Mrs. Fouts asked what the status of Camping World locating to the City is. Mr. Lewis stated they haven't purchased the land yet – still in the process with the developer. Mr. Lewis added he will check on it. Mrs. Fouts asked when the globes on the 2nd St. Bridge street lights are going to be replaced. Mrs. Fouts added that the 'lighted' lions look nice. (Mr. Inman stated the globes will be replaced by the end of the month.) The Chamber of Commerce luncheon was real nice and was well represented by Council & State politicians. Also, Mr. Lipps attended – good day to be from Franklin.

Mr. Aldridge stated he's glad to see the City recognize Luke Kennard – he never forgets where he's from.

Mr. B. Centers wished Mrs. Fouts 'Happy Birthday' and congratulations on receiving the Chamber award. Also, Martha Bush received the 'Citizen of the Year' award; Joe & Peggy Darragh-Jermos received the President's Award and Officer Steve Dunham received the Perry Maxwell Award for Community Goodwill. While he was overseas (on military duty), he saw a bridge that is identical to our Lion's bridge. Also, condolences to the family of the mother killed on SR 123.

Mr. Ruppert stated he just returned from vacation in Canada and he was amazed how easy it was to cross the border. Also, our City looks great.

Mr. Bray thanked Mr. Lewis and the Chamber of Commerce, was a good event today. He also wished Mrs. Fouts 'Happy Birthday' and congrats on receiving the 'Business of the Year' award. Congratulations to all the Chamber of Commerce winners; congrats on the Farmer's Market, good job & thanks to Peggy Darragh; and remember to watch the NBA draft on Thursday night.

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

Mayor Centers	absent
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Mr. Aldridge yes
Mrs. Fouts yes
Mr. Hall yes
Mr. B. Centers yes
Mr. Ruppert yes
Mr. Bray yes

Motion passed.

Vice Mayor Bray adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk of Council