

FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 2, 2019

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 2, 2019, 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Building, Mayor Todd Hall presiding.

Roll call showed:

Denny Centers	absent
Paul Ruppert	present
Brent Centers	present
Todd Hall	present
Michael Aldridge	present
Debbie Fouts	present
Matt Wilcher	present

There were no visitors and one member of the press, Ed Richter, at tonight's meeting. Also, present: Steve Inman, Public Works Director; Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Cindy Ryan, Finance Director; Karisa Steed, Assistant to the City Manager; Barry Conway, City Engineer; Jonathan Westendorf, Fire & EMS Chief; Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance of led by Chief Westendorf.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the November 18, 2019 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

There were no visitor remarks at tonight's meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2019-25 LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR SIDEWALKS, CURBS AND GUTTERS FOR THE ANNUAL SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM, PHASE 4

Mr. Conway stated that this is the final step of Phase 4 of the sidewalk program. This ordinance levies the assessments for the sidewalk repair program (Phase 4). Property owners have until March 31, 2020 to pay the assessment. Any assessments not paid will be certified to the County Auditor for collection.

Mayor Hall opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2019-25. There being no comments, he closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Aldridge made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-25; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2019-26 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT OF PURCHASE AND SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FOR THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 335 SOUTH MAIN STREET, OHIO: PARCEL ID: 04-32-386-015-0

Mrs. Dinkler stated that this is the property that Council voted to proceed with the sale of 335 South Main Street. If this Ordinance passes, we can close on the sale.

Mayor Hall opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2019-26. There being no comments, he closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. B. Centers made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-26; seconded by Mrs. Fouts. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2019-27 PROVIDING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO, THROUGH MARCH 31, 2020

Mr. Lewis stated that this is a temporary budget for the first three months of 2020. We do this every year and it has been to the Finance Council Committee. The Ordinance mirrors the tax budget that was passed in June. It allows the City to operate for the first of the year and the final budget has to be done by March 31.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-27; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2019-28 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING IN WHOLE SECTIONS 505.11, 549.12, 549.13, AND REPEALING IN PART 935.01 OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AMENDING SECTIONS 549.01, 549.03, AND 549.09 OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND ENACTING SECTIONS 501.15, AND 549.03(c)(3)(D) OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN CODIFIED ORDINANCES, TO COMPLY WITH HOUSE BILL 228

Mrs. Dinkler stated that HB 228 forces compliance in regard to various gun regulations and in regard to defining the self-defense standard in Ohio. If the City doesn't comply with the mandates, the City could be subject to civil actions by anyone who perceived to be damaged by it. The City has to comply, and the intent of this Ordinance is to bring the City in compliance with HB 228. With the passage of this Ordinance, the City will be in compliance. HB 228 is being challenged by Columbus on grounds of violation of home rule and we'll follow the Courts to see what happens. Also, she believes, as other issues that have challenged home rule authority, will ultimately be heard by the Supreme Court to provide guidance on how we move forward.

Mr. Wilcher made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-28; seconded by Mrs. Fouts. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2019-58 AUTHORIZING POSITION TITLES AND THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS FOR EACH TITLE FOR CITY OF FRANKLIN PERSONNEL FOR THE YEAR 2020

Mr. Lewis stated that this is done every year or when new positions are added. Positions in all departments are staying the same as last year.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-58; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2019-60 ADOPTING THE CITY OF FRANKLIN INVESTMENT POLICY

Mrs. Ryan stated that this updates the Investment Policy which was done in 2016. There are three major changes: 1) updates the credentials for the investment advisor; 2) removed investments that aren't used; and 3) diversification of the table of varying percentages of the investment portfolio that each investment can be. This makes it more generalized or simplified to a maximum of 50% per each one other than government securities

Mayor Hall asked if this has been to the Finance Council Committee. Mrs. Ryan stated, yes, it has. Mr. Aldridge added there were no objections.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-60; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

Mr. D. Centers absent
Mr. Rupert yes
Mr. B. Centers yes
Mayor Hall yes
Mr. Aldridge yes
Mrs. Fouts yes
Mr. Wilcher yes

Motion passed.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

Mayor Hall introduced the following legislation. The Public Hearing will be held at the December 16, 2019 meeting.

Ordinance 2019-29 An Ordinance Repealing in Whole Sections 505.11, 549.12, 549.13, and Repealing in Part 935.01 of the City of Franklin Codified Ordinances, Amending Sections 549.01, 549.03, and 549.09 of the City of Franklin Codified Ordinances, and Enacting Sections 501.15, and 549.03(c)(3)(D) of the City of Franklin Codified Ordinances, to Comply with House Bill 228

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis had no report tonight.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Wilcher congratulated Master Sgt. Brent Centers and thanked him for his service.

Mrs. Fouts also congratulated Mr. Centers. The downtown looks pretty and she's excited for the tree lighting ceremony.

Mr. Ruppert stated the downtown looks nice and also, the bridge looks good. He's heard lots of good comments. Also, the crews have done a good job on the leaf pickup.

Mr. Aldridge congratulated Mr. B. Centers.

Mr. B. Centers had no comments tonight – everything looks great.

Mayor Hall stated he looks forward to the tree lighting and also, congrats to Mr. B. Centers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL

Mr. B. Centers made the motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel, with no action afterwards; seconded by Mr. Ruppert. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Hall and members of Council entered into executive session at 6:17 p.m. to discuss personnel, with no action afterwards. He later reconvened and adjourned the meeting.

Todd Hall
Mayor

Jane McGee
Clerk of Council