

FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL  
AUGUST 20, 2018

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 20, 2018, 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Building, Mayor Todd Hall presiding.

Roll call showed:

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

There were 6 visitors and one member of the press at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mrs. Amy Miller, Acting Finance Director; Mrs. Lynnette Dinkler, Law Director; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire & EMS Chief; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Mrs. Karisa Steed, Assistant to City Manager; Mr. Barry Conway, City Engineer; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Amy Miller.

Mr. Aldridge made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the August 6, 2018 regular meeting; seconded by Mrs. Fouts. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

#### RECEPTION OF VISITORS

Gene Baker, Beal Road, stated he was at a Council meeting about one month ago, addressing Council about the traffic on Beal Road. Mr. Baker noted that signs were put up; there has been additional police patrol; hidden driveway signs are needed and it's not any better. There is still semi-truck traffic speeding and jake breaking. Also, the hill is still a problem and he's here for all the residents and kids. He added that the truck traffic is getting worse, doesn't want to see anyone get hurt. Mr. Baker stated he appreciates Council listening to him and that he's here for all of those that live on Beal Road.

Mr. Wilcher asked him if the trucks are his biggest concern. Mr. Baker stated, yes, and that the business is growing.

Mr. Aldridge asked when we talked about this before, he thought we were going to put out the digital sign to get data for evidence to justify a stop sign at Beal/Gorsuch Road. Mr. Lewis stated the reason for the sign is to gather info on the speeders as we can't have a patrol officer sit there all day long.

Discussion continued on a stop sign at Beal/Gorsuch Road, speeders still a problem; and if cutting down the hill will work or not and people may go faster. Mr. Baker added there will be more truck traffic as the business grows (Henderson's Turf); they need to slow down and doesn't know why the semis can't go to one of his other business locations. An officer told him that they weren't going to stop them and give them a ticket because they're just trying to make a living. Chief Whitman asked what officer was that and when. Mr. Baker responded he didn't know. He talked to him as he was parked on Beal Road.

Mr. Ruppert asked if we can't put a stop sign there for speeding, can we do it for public safety. Mr. Lewis stated he doesn't know and will have to research it. Mr. Aldridge asked do we need to contact ODOT. There's an issue here and we need to find out what we can do. Mr. D. Centers asked who we need to contact to approach this from a safety issue. Mr. Lewis stated he's not sure but will find out.

Mr. B. Centers asked if a 'no thru trucks' sign can be put up. Mr. Baker stated there is a sign there that says "no thru trucks" and there also use to be a '10 ton limit' sign at the bridge. He's been told that it is no longer there but he remembers seeing it when we started this discussion with Council – then it disappeared. Mr. Lewis stated he's not aware of any signs being removed by Public Works Department. There's no conspiracy between the City and anyone to take down the signs. Also, he wants to clarify that we will do what we can to keep the public safe. Also, don't want him to go away thinking that anyone of Council doesn't care. We will do what we can to keep the public safe. Mr. Baker stated that he knows that and that he's here to keep the kids safe.

Mr. Baker stated he appreciates Council listening to him, that this is also for those that live on Beal Road, that the City needs to solve the problem and not play politics.

Mayor Hall stated, on behalf of Council, there's nothing political going on here – we have to find out what the City can do legally.

Mr. Allen Wenglikowski, 200 Scholl Road, stated there's been speeders ever since he moved in. He's scared for his granddaughter to be in the front yard. There are lots of people going over the speed limit and riding lawn mowers, gators, golf carts, etc. in the street. Mr. Wenglikowski added that the City can put a Police car, with radar, in his driveway. Something needs done before someone gets hurt.

Mr. B. Centers stated he agrees, he lives there, and doesn't know how to fix it.

Mayor Hall added that it sounds like the entire area is a problem.

Chief Whitman noted that he just checked with the dispatcher and there's been no complaints of speeders on Scholl Road this past year and 4 complaints on Beal Road. You need to call us and let us know.

John Schearer, 4155 Beal Road, asked about a 3-way stop sign at Gorsuch/Beal Road. Mr. Lewis stated that could be a problem in the winter.

Melissa Harris, 4100 Beal Road, stated she has kids getting off the school bus and it's a concern; questioned Henderson's, as there is no farming going on there; has chunks of asphalt in her collapsed culvert in front of her property; lot of truck traffic and asked why they don't take the Springboro Road. Also, our roads are being destroyed and her fear is for her kids getting off the school bus, they have to cross the road and it's hard to see around the bus. Her fear is of her family get hurt.

Kenny Scarce, 4120 Beal Road, asked how they are going to square the bridge repair with Shotwell Drive, if anyone from the City is involved and if there are any plans. Mr. Lewis stated for Mr. Scarce to see him and he will explain the proposed improvements. Mr. Scarce added that he has lots of stuff coming of the semi-trucks in his yard and questioned the response times when the bridge is repaired. Mr. Lewis stated there will be an affect and we hope to have Wm. C. Good open.

**RESOLUTION 2018-47 APPROVING A TAX EXEMPTION IN COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA #3 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 301 SHOTWELL DRIVE - GREENPOINT METALS**

Mr. Lewis stated that this approves a CRA for Greenpoint Metals at 301 Shotwell Drive. No approval is needed from the Schools as this CRA is pre 1994. The CRA is for the expansion to their existing manufacturing facility. The expansion is 57,605 square foot for manufacturing and 3,200 square foot of office space. The total cost of the improvements was \$4,400,000. They are requesting a CRA exemption in Community Reinvestment Area #3 for 15 years on the 57,605 square foot manufacturing addition and the 3,200 square foot office addition. The number of employees created will be 54 full-time jobs. They hope to hire 30 employees within the next month.

Mr. Wilcher asked what the average salary is. Mr. Lewis stated he estimates \$80,000 but doesn't know exact amount.

Mr. B. Centers stated that this went to the Economic Development Council Committee and we voted to approve the CRA.

Mr. B. Centers made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-47; 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 yes
- Mr. Ruppert yes

Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 2018-48 APPROVING A TAX EXEMPTION IN COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA #3 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 265 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE - UNIFIRST CORPORATION**

Mr. Lewis stated that Unifirst is one of the oldest companies in the City. The CRA is for the 11,000 square foot addition on their existing building to accommodate a new shipping system and expand the washing area. The total cost of the improvements was \$2,996,485.00. They are requesting a CRA exemption in Community Reinvestment Area #3 for 15 years on the 11,000 square foot addition. The number of jobs created will be 4 full-time and 1 part-time.

Mr. Lewis added that this has been to the Economic and Development Council Committee and they approved the CRA request.

Mr. B. Centers made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-47; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

- Mayor Hall yes
- Mr. Aldridge yes
- Mrs. Fouts yes
- Mr. Wilcher yes

Mr. D. Centers yes  
Mr. Ruppert yes  
Mr. B. Centers yes

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2018-49 DESIGNATING HALLOWEEN BEGGARS' NIGHT IN THE CITY OF FRANKLIN FOR THE YEARS 2018 THROUGH 2022

Mr. Lewis stated that this designates 'trick or treat' date & times for the next five years. Trick or treat is on a Wednesday this year. From our discussion at the last meeting, the only concern voiced was if 'trick or treat' is on a Friday. This establishes 'trick or treat' as follows:

2018	Wednesday	October 31 <sup>st</sup>	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
2019	Thursday	October 31 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
2020	Saturday	October 31 <sup>st</sup>	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
2021	Sunday	October 31 <sup>st</sup>	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
2022	Monday	October 31 <sup>st</sup>	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Wilcher made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-49; seconded by Mr. Ruppert. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2018-50 PRELIMINARY PARTICIPATORY LEGISLATION FOR THE ODOT DOWNTOWN SIGNAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PROJECT – PHASE III

Mr. Conway stated that this is preliminary legislation that is required by ODOT for the Downtown Signal Management System Project, Phase III. This project replaces and upgrades the traffic signals at the intersections of Fourth and Main, Sixth and Main and Sixth and River Streets. Mr. Conway noted that the Sixth and Main upgrades may not be included. The traffic signals will have new mast arm poles, traffic lights and pedestrian crossing signals and traffic management cameras. The project is scheduled for the first quarter of 2023. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$1,276,236; City share at \$457,318. We are already putting money aside for this Project in the ODOT Program fund. Also, we will apply for OPWC monies.

There was some discussion on the cameras – they are not for speed, just for traffic management.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-50; seconded by Mr. D. Centers. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2018-51      PRELIMINARY PARTICIPATORY LEGISLATION FOR THE ODOT  
STATE ROUTE 123 AT SHOTWELL/BEAL INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Conway stated that this is preliminary legislation for the reconstruction of the intersection of State Route 123 with Beal Road and Shotwell Drive. The project is scheduled for the first quarter of the State's 2023 fiscal year. The total cost is \$2,231,250 and the City share is \$613,333. We are putting money aside for the project in the ODOT Project Fund. Mr. Conway noted we are also applying for Issue II funds to help with our share of the cost.

Mr. D. Centers made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-51; seconded Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2018-52      PRELIMINARY PARTICIPATORY LEGISLATION FOR THE ODOT  
CLEAR CREEK BIKE PATH CONNECTOR PROJECT

Mr. Conway stated that this is preliminary legislation for the bike path from Hazelwood Park to Community Park. The project is scheduled for the first quarter of 2022. Also, we are going to apply for Clean Ohio Funds to help with our share of the cost. The total cost is \$2,716,415. The City's share is \$737,043. We are putting money aside for the project in the ODOT Program Fund and also will be applying for Clean Ohio Funds to help with our share.

Mr. Wilcher asked if we have an estimate of how many people will use the bike path and he also has concerns about the cost. Mr. Lewis stated he doesn't know or if anyone knows how many people use the bike path. Bike trails are in the increase in the State and this will connect with Springboro's.

Mr. D. Centers also voice concerned over the cost. Mr. Lewis explained the plans and there was some discussion.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-52; seconded by Mr. B. Centers. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

Mayor Hall introduced the following:

Ordinance 2018-17 Amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Franklin, Ohio, to Rezone Approximately 62.0 Acres, Located at the End of Heritage Drive, From O-RP, Research Park District, to I-1, Light Industrial District

The Public Hearing will be held September 17, 2018.

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis stated that he had no report tonight.

Mayor Hall welcomed back Mr. Lewis.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. D. Centers stated the map attached with Ordinance 2018-17 needs to be better so we can tell where it is. The Car Show was wonderful and do we know how many cars showed up (Capt. Coulton stated 653). Also, hope we can get Beal Road resolved and we all care. Mr. Lewis stated we do all care but it's a difficult situation and we are looking at it – it is a public road. Mr. D. Centers added we do need to look at it – maybe a stop sign is needed. Mr. Lewis stated we have problem areas in other parts of the City also – we can't be there 8 hours a day. We have increased patrols in that area and stepping up enforcement of speeders and if an “employee said they have to make a living” we will address that.

Mr. Lewis stated he wanted to let Council know that Mr. Inman isn't here tonight as he's in the hospital – had two stints and a balloon inserted.

Mr. Centers continued that a stop sign is needed. Mr. B. Centers stated we've been down this road before, the State wants to see statistics\*. Mr. Lewis added if we did something, could be consequences. Mrs. Dinkler stated need to come up with a plan and have ODOT review it or the appropriate agency. Mayor Hall added its only going to get worse in that area. Mr. Ruppert asked what the consequences are if we do something. Mr. Lewis stated if it's not warranted, and something happens, we could be liable. Discussion continued about the speeders and that the issue is coming over the hill – truck traffic. Mr. Lewis added concern is also with the kids getting on the buses. Mayor Hall stated we need to look at what we can do for safety reasons. Mr. Lewis stated we'll bring back a recommendation to Council.

Mrs. Fouts stated she attended Frisch's grand re-opening, City presented a Proclamation and the Police and Fire Departments were also a part of it. Recently, she called the police, had some issues and they did come, and that the drive thru also has problems. Mrs. Fouts continued that people do speed in the Beal Road area and on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, towards the School, there is a residence that has high grass ((NIC has posted).

Mr. Ruppert thanked Chief Whitman on the National Night Out – had tremendous crowd. He agrees speed is an issue but not just in that area, all over town. He missed the car show, but heard it was nice.

Mr. Aldridge welcomed back Sonny. The car show was nice and appreciate all of them putting it on; National Night Out was a great event and had lots of corporate sponsors. This Sunday is Wildcat Sunday - the Wolfenbarger Church does great things.

Mr. B. Centers stated we need to look at Beal Road and the Police did what we asked; National Night Out was awesome; and he did the mural tour this past Saturday for the Farmer's Market, and used the Senior Citizens van.

Mayor Hall stated we send our prayers to Mr. Inman. Also, Officer Pacifico did a fantastic job at the National Night Out and the Car Show was a great event for the City – had good attendance even with the weather looking like rain.

Mr. B. Centers added he heard comments about our National Night Out, in the Southern part of the County. Mr. Lewis added that he talked to Dr. Sanders and he said Amanda has already made a difference at the schools.

Mrs. Fouts thanked the Fire & Police Departments for taking care of her husband at the Car Show (he fell).

Mayor Hall stated we had several residents here tonight and had no phone calls about this. If they had called, maybe we could have helped sooner with this – not political, we’ll work on this and it has to be done legally.

Mr. Wilcher made the motion to adjourn; 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  yes

Motion passed.

Mayor Hall adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

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Todd Hall, Mayor

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Jane McGee, Clerk of Council

\*amended by Mr. B. Centers, replaced ‘deaths’ with ‘statistics’ on page 6.