

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 21, 2013**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 21, 2013, 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Building, Mayor Scott Lipps presiding.

Roll call showed:

Matt Wilcher	present
Jason Faulkner	present
Scott Lipps	present
Carl Bray	absent
Michael Aldridge	present
Todd Hall	present

There was one member of the press and 12 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Elyce Aldridge.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the official minutes of the October 7, 2013 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

Mr. Faulkner	yes
Mr. Lipps	abstain
Mr. Bray	absent
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. Wilcher	yes

Motion passed.

#### RECEPTION OF VISITORS

Dr. Mike Sander, Superintendent of Franklin City Schools, spoke on behalf of the schools and the need for the levy on the November ballot. He noted that the district has lost over \$5.4 million in revenues since 2009; positions have been cut; and salaries have been frozen the last 4 years. A 7.92 mils levy is on the November ballot which will raise approximately \$3.1 million; all money stays in the district and will cost a homeowner of a \$100K house \$23.08/month or \$277 a year. Dr. Sander stated if the levy fails, there will be cuts and if the levy passes, they are looking at improving the educational services, offering college courses and providing all day kindergarten. Dr. Sander stated the district has improved the quality of education. The high school was just recognized as a "School of Promise". Dr. Sander stated we are asking the people to invest in our kids and he's also looking forward to working with Council.

Council thanked Dr. Sander for coming tonight. Mr. Hall noted that it's been a long time since a School Superintendent has been to a Council meeting and that he appreciates his coming tonight.

Mayor Lipps stated that Dr. Sander has been very visible in the community, attending Rotary & Chamber meetings, since coming to Franklin. The schools are an investment in our community and our kids and thanked Dr. Sander for coming tonight.

RESOLUTION 2013-47            APPOINTING \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE VACANT OFFICE OF  
COUNCILMEMBER FOR ITS UNEXPIRED TERM (ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013), PURSUANT  
TO SECTION 3.06 OF THE CITY'S CHARTER

Mayor Lipps stated that Mr. Centers retired from Council effective September 30, 2013 so he can receive PERS medical benefits, before the new PERS changes take effective. Mr. Centers is running for re-election and there is no other reason for his retiring.

Mr. Lewis stated that this is on the agenda per the Charter. Council has 60 days to fill the position. If you don't appoint someone tonight, you have to do it by the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. If an appointment is not made, the Judge will make the appointment.

Mr. Hall stated that to be fair, we need some kind of process. Mr. Centers wants re-appointed and there may be others who are also interested in being appointed. By the next meeting, we should know who wants to be appointed to the position. The State, with the changes they made to PERS, put Mr. Centers in the position to retire. Also, we should know by the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting the results of the election.

Mayor Lipps asked if we want to accept applications and do we have to advertise. Ms. Fisher stated that we don't have to advertise. Letters of interest can be taken thru October 30, 2013 and then this will be put back on the agenda.

Mr. Wilcher stated he feels this should be tabled until the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Aldridge stated he agrees, a process is needed; have no problem re-appointing Mr. Centers now as this is strictly a technicality.

Mr. Faulkner stated the timing is poor – needs to happen in November.

Mr. Hall made the motion to begin the process and table Resolution 2013-47 until the November 18, 2013 meeting; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. Letters of interest are to be submitted to Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council, by October 30, 2013 at 5 p.m. The vote:

Mr. Lipps	yes
Mr. Bray	absent
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. Wilcher	yes
Mr. Faulkner	yes

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2013-48            SUPPORTING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO  
SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
FOR CONGESTION MANAGEMENT-AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT THE  
DOWNTOWN SIGNAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, PHASE I

Mr. Lewis stated that MVRPC has a new process for submitting project applications. A Council Utility Committee meeting will be scheduled to review. The application has to be submitted now for 2019. We will start putting money aside for our share of the project cost. This is just for submitting the application. The project is to replace the traffic signals at Second & Riley, Second & Main and Second and River Streets.

Mr. Faulkner questioned the City's funding amount of \$414,095.00. Mr. Lewis stated that this is an estimated cost; won't know exact cost until the project is bid out; and not committed to the project at this time.

Mayor Lipps stated he understands why this is needed and we've been good not to commit future Council's to funding projects. Mr. Lewis stated this is the process, but there is a time that we could get penalized for future projects, if we wait until the last minute to cancel the project.

Mayor Lipps stated that if we continue to grow, we won't have a problem funding the project. Mr. Lewis stated we have been putting money aside to fund projects for that reason.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to adopt Resolution 2013-48; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

Mr. Bray	absent
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. Wilcher	yes
Mr. Faulkner	yes
Mr. Lipps	yes

Motion passed.

#### INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

Mayor Lipps introduced:

Ordinance 2013-18 Amending Chapter 1107 and Sections 1111.08(g)(12), 1113.01 and 1113.05(h) of the City of Franklin Unified Development Ordinance

Public Hearing on Ordinance 2013-18 will be held at the November 4, 2013 meeting.

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reported on the following:

- The new owners of the Swop Shop downtown, were told last week they had to go thru the application process, etc, as of today, they are closed. Don't know what the owners intent is
- Fall Fest this weekend, 75 booths and the business people have supported
- Painting the windows of empty buildings downtown – Peggy Darragh-Jeromos is working with the high school art class to do

#### LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Fisher stated it is nice to be home – was a good trip.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Wilcher stated to remember Fall Fest; thanks to Dr. Sander for coming tonight; he supports the levy and isn't upset if the Swop Shop is gone.

Mr. Faulkner thanked everyone for coming; thanks to Dr. Sander for coming tonight; welcome back Ms. Fisher; thanks to the Special Events Committee for all the work on Fall Fest – will be fantastic.

Mr. Aldridge thanked everyone for coming; echo other comments made tonight; Dr. Sander has been everywhere & he supports the levy; hearing positive comments on SR 123 beautification; and the Cleveland Plain Dealer has recognized Fall Fest and looking forward to it.

Mr. Hall thanked Dr. Sander for coming tonight; accident across the street tonight and our people were there – that was the best thing we did for community (EMS); go to Fall Fest; and Halloween is next Thursday, be careful of the kids out trick or treating.

Mayor Lipps recognized Mr. Skip Weaver for attending tonight and noted that he picked Valley View over Franklin in the football picks; congrats and welcome to Mr. Brent Centers, Civil Service Commission member; the Franklin Florist has moved from 2<sup>nd</sup> St. to Main Street and the move as been well received; and the empty building, by the Tavern, has been purchased and will be a paint store.

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

Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. Wilcher	yes
Mr. Faulkner	yes
Mr. Lipps	yes
Mr. Bray	absent

Motion passed.

Mayor Lipps adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

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Clerk of Council