

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 6, 2014**

Judge Rupert E. Ruppert administered the Oath of Office to the newly re-elected Council Members Denny Centers, Carl Bray and Michael Aldridge.

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 6, 2014, 6:04 p.m. at the Franklin City Building, Mayor Scott Lipps presiding.

Roll call showed:

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

There were two members of the press and 5 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

RESOLUTION 2014-01 APPOINTING A MEMBER OF COUNCIL AS MAYOR FOR 2014

Mayor Lipps asked why the Mayor's term is only for one year as he thought it was to be for two years. Ms. Fisher stated that there was some discussion on making it a two year term, but legislation has not been done to change it. There was some discussion on making the Mayor's term for two years.

Mayor Lipps asked for nominations for Mayor for 2014.

Mr. Aldridge nominated Denny Centers. Mr. Bray seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Mayor Lipps closed the nominations.

The vote on the nomination of Denny Centers as Mayor:

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

Motion passed. Mr. Centers is appointed Mayor for 2014 and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2014-02 APPOINTING A MEMBER OF COUNCIL AS VICE-MAYOR FOR 2014

Mayor Centers asked for nominations for Vice Mayor for 2014.

Mr. Bray nominated Todd Hall. Mr. Faulkner seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Mayor Centers closed the nominations.

The vote on the nomination of Todd Hall as Vice Mayor:

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

Motion passed. Mr. Hall is appointed Vice Mayor for 2014.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Westendorf.

Mr. Hall made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the official minutes of the December 16, 2013 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

There were no visitor remarks at tonight's meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2013-23 AMENDING SECTION 1109.07 OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE, TITLED HIGHWAY SIGN OVERLAY DISTRICT

Mr. Lewis referred to the map in the packet showing the area to be included – the southeast corner of the I-75/SR 123 Intersection. The area includes Adesa, the Waffle House, Pilot Truck Stop, Motel 6, McDonalds and area businesses. This has been to Planning Commission and they recommend approval.

Mr. Bray asked if there was any negative discussion at Planning Commission about this. Mr. Lewis stated no, the discussion was if we want to increase the area to the east. Mr. Centers and Ms. Fisher were also at that meeting.

Mr. Centers asked if the land behind Wendy's is included. Mr. Lewis stated it is already in the district.

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

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-23; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2014-03 APPOINTING COUNCIL MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEES OF
COUNCIL FOR 2014

The following Committees of Council for 2014 are appointed:

FINANCE

Carl Bray, Chairman
Michael Aldridge
Todd Hall

SAFETY

Scott Lipps, Chairman
Matt Wilcher
Michael Aldridge

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

Jason Faulkner, Chairman
Todd Hall
Carl Bray

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS/FACILITY NEEDS

Todd Hall, Chairman
Carl Bray
Jason Faulkner

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Michael Aldridge, Chairman
Denny Centers
Scott Lipps

PARKS & RECREATION

Matt Wilcher, Chairman
Jason Faulkner
Michael Aldridge

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

Denny Centers, Chairman
Scott Lipps
Matt Wilcher

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2014-03; seconded by Mr. Faulkner. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2014-04 APPOINTING COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MEMBERS-AT-LARGE TO CERTAIN DULY-AUTHORIZED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO AND TO OTHER REGIONAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The following member of Council is hereby appointed to the City of Franklin Planning Commission for a one (1) year term, January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014:

Jason Faulkner

The following members of Council are hereby appointed as members of the Volunteer Firefighters' Dependents Fund for one (1) year terms, January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014:

Matt Wilcher
Carl Bray

The following member of Council and his alternate are hereby appointed to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) for one (1) year terms, January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014:

Michael Aldridge
Sonny Lewis, Alternate

The following persons, and their alternates, are hereby appointed to the Warren County Regional Planning Commission for one (1) year terms, April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015:

Sonny Lewis, City Manager Carl Bray, Alternate
Barry Conway, City Engineer Michael Aldridge, Alternate
Denny Centers Ellis Ball, Alternate

The following person is hereby appointed to the Warren County Board of Health for a one (1) year term, January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014:

Adam McClanahan

The following person and his alternate are hereby appointed to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission Technical Advisory Committee (MVRPC-TAC) for one (1) year terms, January 1, 2014, to December 31, 2014:

Sonny Lewis, City Manager
Barry Conway, Alternate

The following persons are hereby appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission for four (4) year terms, January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2017:

Jeff Johnson
Steve Gorsuch

The following person is hereby appointed to the Franklin Regional Wastewater Treatment Corporation Board for a three (3) year term, January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016:

Denny Centers, Councilman

The following persons are hereby appointed to the City of Franklin Planning Commission for four (4) year terms, January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2017:

Jim Mears
Melissa DeHart

The following person is hereby appointed to the City of Franklin Board of Zoning, Building and Housing Appeals for a four (4) year term, January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2017:

Michael Earach

The following persons are hereby appointed to the City of Franklin Historic District Review Board for three (3) year terms, January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016:

Kleingers & Associates, Architect
Mark Nenninger, Member-at-Large

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to adopt Resolution 2014-04; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reported on the following:

- Received an email from the Realtor for the properties along 6th & Main Streets that we want to purchase - everything is proceeding & we are close to finalizing
- Presented the December canine report – the handler and the dog are doing a good job

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report tonight.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Hall thanked Council for appointing him Vice Mayor; congrats to Mr. Centers on being appointed Mayor and hope that 2014 is a great year.

Mr. Aldridge thanked everyone for coming and thanks to the voters of Franklin for their support.

Mr. Bray thanked everyone for their support and there is a wire hanging loose in front of the vacant laundromat building on 6th Street.

Mr. Faulkner thanked everyone for coming tonight; asked Mr. Lewis to tell Public Work employees ‘awesome’ job done on the roads; and Captain Dixon’s last day was last Friday – congrats to him.

Mr. Wilcher thanked everyone for coming tonight and congratulations to Mr. Centers and Mr. Hall on their appointments tonight.

Mr. Lipps congratulated Mr. Centers on his appointment and stated thanks for letting him serve as Mayor – it’s been an honor to serve and see you next month.

Mr. Centers thanked Mr. Lipps for serving as Mayor and good luck to him in his new endeavors; hearing good comments about the snow removal and how Franklin has changed for the better; thanks for the Mayor appointment - he will try and do his best to be more involved and thanks to Mr. Hall on being appointed Vice Mayor.

Mr. Lewis stated he will be contacting Mayor Centers about setting up a goal setting session in February. There was some discussion on the date, consensus February 1 at 8 a.m.; for Mr. Lewis to preside over the session & not to hire an outside person; possibility of combining the goal setting session with the February meeting. Mr. Lewis will schedule and notify Council.

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

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Centers adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk of Council