

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
FEBRUARY 6, 2012**

Members of the Franklin City Council met for a work session prior to the regular scheduled Council meeting on Monday, February 6, 2012, 5:00 p.m. at the Franklin Municipal Building, Mayor Scott Lipps presiding.

Roll call showed:

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

There was one member of the press and 9 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council. Mr. Andy Riddiough, JEMS Chief, was also present.

Mr. Lewis stated he is presenting options for EMS as was discussed in December. He went over each of the three options (attached).

Option 1. JEMS Levy 3.04 Mil

Mr. Lewis stated that renewal of the current levy is not feasible as JEMS would remain status quo. After several meetings with Mr. Riddiough, the following figures were obtained.

• Aims & Funding Mechanism

0.80 Mil Levy-1988	\$ 180,000
1.0 Mil Levy-1995	310,000
EMS User Fees	<u>1,025,000</u>
Total	1,515,000
3.04 Mil Levy-2012	1,502,700
Anticipated Funding Level	\$ 3,017,700

This will provide money to operate JEMS per Chief's Riddiough recommendations.

• Operations

	<u>10 Year Total</u>
Building Improvement Fund	\$ 1,650,000
Vehicle Fund	1,845,000
Heart Monitors	360,000
New Station Equipment & Furniture	200,000
Station 20 Remodel	150,000

Station 19 Update	50,000
Computer Fund	<u>150,000</u>
	\$ 4,405,000

3 fulltime positions will be added; establish a capital improvement plan of \$440,500; eventually staff a 4<sup>th</sup> life squad and projected life of levy is 10 years.

- Implications

JEMS has served the City well since 1982 – volunteers at that time and now have part-time staff. We need EMS service. The 3.04 mil tax levy is an additional tax to the residents.

### Option 2. Contractual Privatization of EMS

Mr. Lewis stated that he met with 2 providers to obtain information. A request for qualifications and proposals would be done. We would contract with a company to manage EMS – be stand-alone.

- Aims & Funding Mechanism

The City would have to withdraw from JEMS; we would have to do a levy; private company is in business to make money and 10-20% would be added to the cost; based on one of the providers estimate, a 3.45 mil levy would be needed - \$1,205,492 to provide service, minus billing revenue (estimated at \$550,000), leaves \$655,492 shortfall.

- Operations

They will provide personnel per our specifications and work closely with the Firefighters. Both of the providers questioned why the Fire/EMS wasn't already together. Their model would resemble JEMS.

### Option 3. Fire Based EMS

Mr. Lewis stated that this option brings EMS in-house; current Fire employees are prohibited from providing EMS; and the City would have to withdraw from JEMS.

- Aims & Funding Mechanism

The City has no money to provide EMS – a property tax levy would be needed.

2.9 Mil Levy -2002	\$ 540,000
CAT Tax	160,000
General Fund	<u>800,000</u>
Total	1,500,000
2.9 Mil Levy – 2012	540,000
EMS User Fee	<u>550,000</u>
Anticipated funding level	\$2,590,000

- Operations

City would increase daily staffing by 4 FF/EMT-B/P and an Assistant Chief; 2 squads will be staffed; and maintain Volunteer Firefighters.

	<u>10 Year Total</u>
Building Improvement Fund	\$ 1,000,000
Vehicle Fund	500,000
Heart Monitors	100,000
New Station Equipment & Furniture	50,000
Computer Fund	<u>50,000</u>
	\$ 1,700,000

The projected life of the levy is 10 years.

Mr. Bray questioned the additional funds needed for Option 3 & if we will keep the current 2.9 mil levy. Mr. Lewis stated he feels confident that it will work and yes, will keep the current 2.9 mil Fire levy. Mr. Lewis added he has looked at this objectively, the numbers are the numbers, may have forgot something, looked at this to provide the service adequately – not done to persuade you one way or another.

Mayor Lipps asked Mr. Lewis what is the most surprising thing he has found out. Mr. Lewis stated what he found out about the private sector – how well informed they were and they both had backgrounds in Fire and EMS; both stated they want to work with our Fire Department and were surprised that we did not have a Fire/EMS Department.

Mr. Hall questioned the cost for the Fire based EMS for 10 years. Mr. Lewis referred to the sheet which has costs out to the year 2015. Mr. Hall added that it is most cost effective for all residents to do in-house – we will have to do a levy. Mr. Lewis added that JEMS can't continue to operate without more money.

Mr. Bray questioned the proposed levy amounts – why the City's levy is less than the JEMS levy. Mr. Lewis stated because JEMS covers two more entities – more money is needed; we have staff and JEMS needs to hire additional staff; both will have to buy ambulances; our building is okay & the JEMS building needs repairs; his model needs more money for employees and capital improvements where we don't need those items. The numbers aren't meant to sway you – they are what they are.

Mr. Lewis stated that a 3.4 mill levy is needed for privatization of EMS- the current 1.8 mil levy (JEMS) will go away.

Mr. Faulkner asked which is the least expensive. Mr. Lewis stated the Fire based EMS.

Mr. Faulkner thanked Mr. Lewis, Chief Westendorf and Chief Riddiough for their work on this. We needed to see this; have concerns with JEMS; on paper it is more expensive to continue with JEMS; like to utilize the residents of our area; favor the Fire based EMS and appreciate Chief Riddiough for attending tonight.

Mayor Lipps stated that he has spoken with Mr. Faulkner about his problems with JEMS; Todd and I have been there (each has served on the JEMS Board); been asked to solve the issue in 2012; we have been part of JEMS and when the new Fire Department was built – felt that it would eventually be Fire/EMS Department; and Chief Riddiough has been challenged to do his job with a funding model to address needs of the residents.

A member of the audience asked if we went with Option 3 – would the City withdraw from JEMS. Mr. Lewis stated that Chief Riddiough would still be with JEMS – be 2 separate organizations – and a levy has to be done regardless of which option is selected.

Mr. Wilcher stated that he has heard a lot of concerns about JEMS and a property levy. Option 3 is the better solution for our residents; haven't heard of any departments considering other options. Mr. Lewis stated that's not exactly correct as Sycamore Township is going to privatization and losing money. We have a full-time staff and Chief Riddiough doesn't, but we will have to hire additional part-time people.

Mr. Aldridge stated we have talked about this for a longtime; imagined the best service would be Fire/EMS; never had the money before to proceed. I want to go in the Fire/EMS direction – will work for our residents. Mr. Aldridge added that a Joint District would be the best way to go – won't happen right away; Chief Riddiough has done a great job with what he has; talked about long enough, time to do; and thanks for getting this information together.

Mayor Lipps stated that Council needs to review the information and we will look at this again at our February 11, 2012 retreat meeting.

Mr. Bray stated that Option 1 or 3 – JEMS or Fire/Ems –the costs are the same. Mr. Lewis stated JEMS is more.

Mr. Hall stated we are at a time where that model doesn't work for us; in 10 years JEMS will need more funding; time for us to do what's best for our residents.

Mr. Aldridge asked about the time line. Mr. Lewis referred to the last sheet where the timeframe is outlined – hope to have a decision by the end of March (2<sup>nd</sup> meeting).

Ms. Fisher noted the 75 day filing deadline to place an issue on the ballot.

Mr. Faulkner stated the best option is Fire based EMS.

Mr. Bray stated he would like an additional breakdown of Option 3 – how the money is spent. Mr. Lewis stated he will forward information to him.

Mayor Lipps stated that this is a win win for our residents.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adjourn the work session; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Lipps adjourned the work session at 5:55 p.m.

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Clerk of Council

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Mayor

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 6, 2012**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 6, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., Mayor Scott Lipps presiding.

Roll call showed:

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

There was one member of the press and 13 visitors present at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council. Mr. Andy Riddiough, JEMS Chief, was also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Skip Weaver.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the official minutes of the January 23, 2012 regular meeting ; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

**RECEPTION OF VISITORS**

None tonight.

**PRESENTATION: MARTY HEIDI - STATE REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL TURNER'S OFFICE**

Ms. Heidi updated Council on two events coming up asking for their endorsement. One is the Congressional Art Competition April 8th and Service Academy Day being held at Centerville High School on April 21<sup>st</sup>. She added that she can be contacted at the Dayton District Office.

**PRESENTATION: MVRPC - GOING PLACES - PREFERRED FUTURE LAND USE SCENARIO**

Julie Black, AICP, Regional Planner II, Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission, presented a presentation on 'What's Happening with Going Places – An Integrated Land Use Vision for the Miami Valley Region'. We are asking for Council's support of "The Concentrated Development Vision" –

anticipate MVRPC Board endorsement in March. (attached)

Mr. Bray asked if Planning Commission has seen this. Ms. Black stated not this, but has received reports. Mr. Hall stated he'd like to see the map blown up - Ms. Black noted it is online.

Mayor Lipps stated that we have worked well with MVRPC in the past.

LIQUOR PERMIT APPLICATION NEW D51 PERMIT - FRANKLIN BP, LLC, AT 1111 WILLIAM GOOD BLVD. (RESTAURANTS SELLING SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION ONLY, BEER, WINE AND MIXED BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISES/OFF-PREMISES IN ORIGINAL SEALED CONTAINERS, UNTIL 2:30 A.M.)

Chief Whitman stated there are no objections.

Mr. Wilcher asked if this is the appropriate permit for this location. Mr. Lewis stated that this wasn't his business plan, but is the only way to get a permit as the others are filled. There is a D-1 permit at the Wendy's across the street. Ms. Fisher added there are no C-s available and D's are on premises or carry-out.

Mr. Hall added that he knows the gentleman, he has good intentions and his future plans are to build a banquet center. Mr. Lewis added that an ice cream parlor is to be open around April.

There being no motion requesting a hearing, this will be returned that the City does not request a hearing.

RESOLUTION 2012-10 ENDORSING THE PREFERRED FUTURE LAND USE SCENARIO OF "GOING PLACES - AN INTEGRATED LAND USE VISION FOR THE MIAMI VALLEY REGION"

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2012-10; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2012-11 APPOINTING BRIAN SLEETH TO THE BOARD OF ZONING, BUILDING AND HOUSING APPEALS

Ms. Fisher stated that this appoints Brian Sleeth to the vacancy on the BZA Board.

Mayor Lipps stated that Mr. Sleeth lives on Elm Street and is active with the Historical Society and Harding Museum.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to adopt Resolution 2012-11; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

Scott Lipps	yes
Carl Bray	yes
Michael Aldridge	yes
Todd Hall	yes

Denny Centers	absent
Matt Wilcher	yes
Jason Faulkner	yes

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2012-12 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2011-50, AUTHORIZING POSITION TITLES AND THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS FOR EACH TITLE FOR THE CITY OF FRANKLIN PERSONNEL FOR 2012

Mr. Lewis stated that this changes the staffing levels in the Police Department. It reduces the number of Lieutenants from 3 to 2 and increases the number of Sergeants from 3 to 4. These changes are needed to establish a new command system. The Captain will be retiring in June and the position will be eliminated.

Mr. Faulkner questioned if the Lieutenant will still be part of the 3-man staffing. Mr. Lewis stated yes.

Mayor Lipps thanked Chief Whitman on overtime issues which have gone down. Mr. Lewis added that overtime for January 2012 is also down and that monthly updates on overtime will be provided.

Mr. Faulkner asked if another patrol officer will be asked for to replace the Captain's position. Mr. Lewis stated he is still researching – don't know yet.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2012-12; seconded by Mr. Faulkner. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2012-13 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2012-07, ESTABLISHING ORGANIZATIONAL LISTINGS AND PAY RATES FOR THE CITY OF FRANKLIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES FOR 2012

Mr. Bray stated the review for Ms. Fisher, Mr. Lewis and Ms. Morgan has been completed. This allows for a ½% salary increase for Ms. Fisher plus a lump sum bonus of \$1500.00. Mr. Lewis's salary remains the same as does Ms. Morgan's. It also includes a lump sum bonus for Steve Inman for his work as Assistant Public Works Director.

Mr. Faulkner stated that all do a great job.

Mr. Aldridge asked if both bonuses will be split quarterly. Ms. Fisher stated no, only the bonus for Mr. Inman.

Mr. Lewis stated that the bonus for Mr. Inman is for his filling in for him as Public Works Director.

Mr. Hall stated we have the best staff; this is the first time we have got clear cut EMS numbers; everyone works together and I appreciate what you do and all of staff.

Mayor Lipps stated that Ms. Morgan has also done a good job.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2012-13; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 2012-14 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN ADDENDUM TO THE CONTRACT FOR SERVICES OF THE LAW DIRECTOR**

Mr. Bray stated that this amends Ms. Fisher's contract to include the ½% salary increase – there are no salary increases for Mr. Lewis or Ms. Morgan.

Mr. Faulkner thanked Mr. Bray for doing the reviews.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to adopt Resolution 2012-14; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 2012-15 FINAL LEGISLATION FOR THE ODOT URBAN PAVING PROJECT ON STATE ROUTE 73 AND STATE ROUTE 123**

Mr. Lewis stated that this is the final legislation for this project. The project is to be bid in March with June/July construction. The Issue II project will also be done then. Our share of the cost is reduced to \$96,772 due to reduction in the curb repair/ replacement work. The SR 123 work will also be done at no cost to the City – State taking care of the cost. The State is in control of the timeframe.

Mayor Lipps stated the original match was \$220,500 – now is \$96,772.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Resolution 2012-15; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

Denny Centers	absent
Matt Wilcher	yes
Jason Faulkner	yes
Scott Lipps	yes
Carl Bray	yes

Michael Aldridge     yes  
Todd Hall             yes

Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 2012-16    APPROVING THE AMENDED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN AGREEMENT WITH VALUED RELATIONSHIPS, INC.**

Mr. Lewis introduced Mr. Chris Hendriksen, VRI President of Operations & Business Development.

Mr. Lewis stated in August 2010, Council approved the original loan agreement of \$250,000, to be paid back in 3 years. VRI is at 145 employees now; adding new parking facility; expanding in current building to the other side. This restructures their loan: \$250,000 to \$400,000; \$75,000 of guaranteed combined income tax withholdings for the first year and \$125,000 for the remaining three years.

Mr. Hendriksen stated it has been a great experience so far, the City has been great; expanding 100-125 more employees' next year; very good year for us and was voted best place to work by DDN recently.

Mr. Bray asked if they have the other side yet. Mr. Hendriksen stated they have obtained it and doing renovations.

Mayor Lipps stated we have lost some businesses – employees like working in Franklin. Mr. Hendriksen stated the employees love working in Franklin & like the area.

Mr. Wilcher congratulated him on the growth and staying in Franklin.

Mr. Aldridge stated that this was brought to the Economic Development Committee and was approved.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to adopt Resolution 2012-16; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Lewis reported on the following:

- The annual Warren County Prosecutor's report is in your packet
- Sheriff Simms will be at the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting

**LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

None tonight.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Wilcher thanked Marty Heide and Julie Black for attending tonight; thanked the staff on the EMS presentation; and thanks to VRI.

Mr. Faulkner thanked everyone for coming; he may not be at Saturday's meeting; and thanks to Mr. Lewis, Chief Westendorf and staff on the presentation.

Mr. Aldridge stated ditto on Mr. Wilcher's and Mr. Faulkner's comments; thanks for coming; and Doug Long was honored last Friday and was a neat event (recently inducted into the Ohio Baseball Hall of Fame).

Mr. Bray thanked everyone for coming; thanks to VRI; and thanks for the EMS report.

Mr. Hall stated Franklin is a great place to be in; staff great; great VRI is expanding during these economic times; City has great potential – keep momentum going.

Mayor Lipps thanked Chief Riddiough for his work on JEMS – much appreciated; annual retreat is Saturday – 8:00 a.m. breakfast, 9:00 a.m. meeting and at noon, have other community leaders coming. The public is welcome. Mayor Lipps thanked everyone for coming.

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

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Lipps adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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Mayor

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Clerk of Council