

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 21, 2017**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 21, 2017, 9:00 a.m. at the Franklin Fire & EMS Station, Mayor Denny Centers presiding.

Roll call showed:

Brent Centers	present
Paul Ruppert	present
Carl Bray	present
Denny Centers	present
Michael Aldridge	present
Debbie Fouts	present
Todd Hall	present

There was two members of the press (Franklin Chronicle & Middletown Journal arrived later in the meeting) and one visitor, Peggy Darragh-Jeromos, Executive Director, Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce. Also present: Ms. Karen Ervin, Finance Director; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Mr. Barry Conway, City Engineer; Mr. Steve Inman, Public Works Director; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Mrs. Myra Haney, Administrative Assistant; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

RESOLUTION 2017-01 APPOINTING A MEMBER OF COUNCIL AS MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2017

Mayor Centers asked for nominations for Mayor.

Mr. Bray nominated Mr. Denny Centers for Mayor for 2017. Mr. Hall seconded the nomination.

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

The vote on Resolution 2017-01, appointing Denny Centers as Mayor:

Mr. Ruppert	yes
Mr. Bray	yes
Mr. D. Centers	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mrs. Fouts	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. B. Centers	yes

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2017-02 APPOINTING A MEMBER OF COUNCIL AS VICE-MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2017

Mayor Centers asked for nominations for Vice Mayor.

Mr. B. Centers nominated Mr. Bray for Vice Mayor. Mrs. Fouts seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, Mayor Centers closed the nominations.

The vote on Resolution 2017-02, appointing Carl Bray as Vice Mayor:

Mr. Bray	abstain
Mayor Centers	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes

Mrs. Fouts yes
Mr. Hall yes
Mr. B. Centers yes
Mr. Ruppert yes

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2017-03 APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS TO
THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2017

Mayor Centers asked if anyone wanted to change the committee that they were on in 2016. All agreed that the Council Committees will remain the same for 2017.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Carl Bray, Chair
Michael Aldridge
Paul Ruppert

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Paul Ruppert, Chair
Brent Centers
Todd Hall

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Todd Hall, Chair
Denny Centers
Carl Bray

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Debbie Fouts, Chair
Brent Centers
Carl Bray

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Brent Centers, Chair
Denny Centers
Paul Ruppert

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Michael Aldridge, Chair
Todd Hall
Debbie Fouts

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Denny Centers, Chair
Debbie Fouts
Michael Aldridge

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-03; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

Mayor Centers yes
Mr. Aldridge yes
Mrs. Fouts yes
Mr. Hall yes
Mr. B. Centers yes

Mr. Ruppert yes

Mr. Bray yes

Motion passed.

Mayor Centers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE THE CLERK’S JOURNAL AND ACCEPT THE TAPES AS THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2016 REGULAR MEETING

Mr. B. Centers stated on page 9, under his Council comments, the wording is incorrect. This will be checked. Mr. Bray made the motion to approve the Clerk’s Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the December 5, 2016 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

Mr. Aldridge yes

Mrs. Fouts yes

Mr. Hall yes

Mr. B. Centers yes

Mr. Ruppert abstain

Mr. Bray yes

Mayor Centers yes

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

Mayor Centers welcomed the visitors to the meeting – Mr. Ben Mersh, Franklin Chronicle and Peggy Darragh-Jeromos, Executive Director of the Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce, to the meeting.

Mayor Centers stated he gets a chance to talk with Mr. Lewis and department heads - you make our job easier and handle situations we don’t even know about. We appreciate that and he thanked staff for keeping Council updated by texts, emails, etc. Just a reminder, when we receive texts (recent police situation) we have to be careful not to relay the information to outside people while it’s ongoing for the Police, so we don’t interfere. We appreciate you letting us know what’s going on. Also, Deana, Miami University student who did her fellowship at the City, he did an exit interview with her and she’s been to several cities, and she said it was nice to work with the staff, so personable and everyone got along. Mayor Center thanked staff for doing a great job – is appreciated.

RESOLUTION 2017-04 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 are appointed to Boards and Commissions:

Franklin Regional Wastewater Treatment Corporation Board - Council Member - three (3) year term, January 1, 2017, to December 31, 2019:

Denny Centers

Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) - one (1) year terms, January 1, 2017, to December 31, 2017:

Brent Centers, Council Member

Sonny Lewis, Alternate

Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission Technical Advisory Committee (MVRPC-TAC) - one (1) year terms, January 1, 2017, to December 31, 2017:

Sonny Lewis, City Manager

Barry Conway, Alternate

Warren County Regional Planning Commission - one (1) year terms, April 1, 2017, to March 31, 2018:

Sonny Lewis, City Manager	Barry Conway, Alternate
Barry Conway, City Engineer	Debbie Fouts, Alternate
Denny Centers, Councilmember	Brent Centers, Alternate

City of Franklin Planning Commission - remainder of the four-year term, ending on December 31, 2019:

Brian Graves

City of Franklin Historic District Review Board - three (3) year terms, January 1, 2017, to December 31, 2019:

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

City of Franklin Historic District Review Board - remainder of the four (4) year terms, ending December 31, 2018:

David Hopper, Planning Commission Representative
Julie Wiebusch, Property Owner

City of Franklin Parks and Recreation Commission - four (4) year terms, January 1, 2017, to December 31, 2020:

Betsy Westendorf, Franklin Township Representative
David Hopper, Franklin City School District Representative

City of Franklin Special Events Committee Executive Board - six (6) year terms, January 1, 2017, to December 31, 2022:

Betsy Westendorf	Amanda Coomer
Stephen DiNardo	Michael Johnson
Tabitha Roberts	

Franklin Homeowners, Inc. Board of Trustees for the terms indicated:

Bob Knipper, four (4) year term, January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2020
Robert Ward, four (4) year term, January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2020
Paul Scheuermann, four (4) year term, January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2020
Paul Ruppert, four (4) year term, January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2020
Tom Wiggerhaus, two (2) year term, January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018
Jane McGee, two (2) year term, January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018
Wilburn DePew, two (2) year term, January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018

Warren County Board of Health - one (1) year term, January 1, 2017, to December 31, 2017:

Adam McClanahan

Mayor Centers stated that Mr. Graves will serve the remaining term of Lee Dunlap who recently passed away. Mayor Centers also stated that he has talked to Mrs. McGee and Ms. Fisher about the Franklin Homeowners Board and has asked for information about the board. Mrs. McGee briefly explained the

program. Mr. B. Centers asked if this could be used in the downtown area for a residence attached to a business (business downstairs/residence upstairs). Mrs. McGee stated she didn't know and would have to check with Mr. Runge, Attorney for FHO. Mr. Bray asked how much money is in their account. Mrs. McGee stated she thinks around \$200,000.00, not sure and will have to check. Ms. Fisher stated she didn't think it could be used downtown. There was discussion. Mayor Centers asked since there is no activity (no one taking advantage) of the Franklin Owners Board, is there any way to use this money for another program. Mrs. McGee stated she didn't know and would have to check with Mr. Runge. Miss Fisher stated that it was brought up with Franklin Homeowners to dissolve the Board (maybe 2008); they didn't want to do that and there is a provision in the by-laws if the Board ceases, the money would go back to the City. Discussion continued and information will be forwarded to Council.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-04; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

Mrs. Fouts	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. B. Centers	yes
Mr. Ruppert	yes
Mr. Bray	yes
Mayor Centers	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2017-05 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO WARREN COUNTY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR THE 2017 CDBG STORM SEWER LINING PROJECT ON STADIA DRIVE, ARLINGTON AVENUE AND JUDY DRIVE

Mr. Conway stated that we have applied for CDBG funds for fiscal year 2017 for lining storm sewers on Stadia Drive, Arlington Avenue and Judy Drive. Estimated project cost is \$100,000.00; estimated CDBG funds is \$75,000.00; and estimated City's portion is \$25,000.00. Last year, we did a curb project with CDBG monies. The work is to be done this summer, if approved.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-05; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. B. Centers	yes
Mr. Ruppert	yes
Mr. Bray	yes
Mayor Centers	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mrs. Fouts	yes

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2017-06 PRELIMINARY PARTICIPATORY LEGISLATION FOR THE ODOT DOWNTOWN SIGNAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PROJECT - PHASE 2

Mr. Conway stated that this project is being done in three phases and this is phase 2. This project will replace and upgrade the traffic signals at the intersections of Fourth/Riley, Sixth/Riley and Sixth/Anderson. Estimated project cost is \$1,420,279.00 and estimated City share is \$508,933.00.

Mr. Aldridge asked what the Signal Management cameras and Mr. Conway explained. Mr. Conway added that this will include new mast arm poles, traffic lights and pedestrian crossing signals and traffic management cameras. It will be incorporated into a traffic control system with optic cable and radio connections at Second/Miami.

Mr. B. Centers questioned the cost. Mr. Conway explained ODOT makes sure money is available for the project by estimating project costs high.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-06; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

Mr. B. Centers yes
Mr. Ruppert yes
Mr. Bray yes
Mayor Centers yes
Mr. Aldridge yes
Mrs. Fouts yes
Mr. Hall yes

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2017-07 PRELIMINARY PARTICIPATORY LEGISLATION FOR THE ODOT GREAT MIAMI RIVER TRAIL EXTENSION PROJECT

Mr. Conway stated this is preliminary legislation that is required by ODOT. We applied for this funding two years ago. This will connect our bike trail with Middletown's bike trail. Estimated project cost is \$1,184,350.00 and estimated City share is \$242,870.00.

Mr. Lewis added that we are also looking at ODNR grants to help with our share of the cost. Mrs. Fouts asked how much money is put aside for this project. Mr. Lewis stated approximately one million dollars.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-07; seconded by Mr. Ruppert. The vote:

Mr. Ruppert yes
Mr. Bray yes
Mayor Centers yes
Mr. Aldridge yes
Mrs. Fouts yes
Mr. Hall yes
Mr. B. Centers yes

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2017-08 JOINT RESOLUTION BETWEEN THE CITY OF FRANKLIN AND THE JEMS AMBULANCE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGARDING THE DIVISION OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES REQUIRED UPON WITHDRAWAL UNDER ORC SECTION 505.71

Chief Westendorf stated we are nearing completion of the division of assets and liabilities as required when the City withdrew from the Joint Emergency Medical Services District. JEMS Chief Riddough and he have work on the division of assets; received real property and money payments from JEMS over the past several years. JEMS has paid \$225,000 of the total \$325,709.61 owed to the City. The City will receive \$75,000 in 2017 and the final payment will be made in 2018. The JEMS Board of Trustees also has to pass this Resolution and then it goes to Warren County. JEMS Chief Riddough has done a great job and we have worked well together during this transition.

Mayor Centers stated we appreciate the work that you have done.

Mr. Bray asked who received the emergency medical semi-trailer. Chief Westendorf explained that JEMS didn't own it, gave it back and is not part of the division of assets.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-08; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

Mr. Bray yes
Mayor Centers yes
Mr. Aldridge yes

Mrs. Fouts yes
Mr. Hall yes
Mr. B. Centers yes
Mr. Ruppert yes

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2017-09 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A MINI EXCAVATOR FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FROM SOUTHEASTERN EQUIPMENT THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

Mr. Inman stated that this mini excavator will help with putting in water & sewer lines and will save time and money. The cost is \$46,363.90 and money is budgeted in the Water Fund for the purchase.

There was some discussion.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

Mayor Centers yes
Mr. Aldridge yes
Mrs. Fouts yes
Mr. Hall yes
Mr. B. Centers yes
Mr. Ruppert yes
Mr. Bray yes

Motion passed.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

Mayor Centers introduced the following legislation:

Ordinance 2017-01 Amending Chapter 1103. and Sections 1107.05 and 1113.01 of the City of Franklin Unified Development Ordinance

Public Hearing will be held February 6, 2017.

WORK SESSION

Mayor Centers stated that each department head will give a brief summary of what happened in 2016.

Mr. Lewis stated he's proud of the staff, finished with balanced budget, we have been frugal and got things done. He explained how economic development contacts are handled; put in for 30+ projects & didn't get any. Locally, NC Works is looking at a possible expansion; PH Crane building has a new tenant; Sunex on Watkins Glen, purchased 15 acres and will build a building on the lot; and we're working on a few other things – it's important to keep our businesses. Also, Council has the department's 2016 reports to review. (attached)

Chief Russ Whitman thanked Mr. Lewis and Council for their leadership – all work together – are family. Chief Whitman continued with a past, present and future update. A couple of officers are working on 3 unsolved homicides from 1976, 1982 & 1998. The police reserves, combined, have over 170 years of experience. Chief Whitman explained operation shield, heroin is a concern and also seeing an increase use of meth. In the future, 15 officers & dispatchers can retire in the next 10 years. Also, looking at new technology to help us do our job more safely; applying for grants and training for our officers. Also, he just confirmed, we are partnering with the Franklin Library to make an 'internet sales safe zone' on Anderson Street. Chief Whitman added that the year-end report is in the information handed out.

Discussion followed.

Mayor Centers stated he'd like to send out a letter on behalf of Council - "positive" letter to residents. Mr. B. Centers stated he'd rather do it on social media (recently had a video on his Facebook page). Mr. Hall stated we can do both. Mrs. Fouts stated we need to do this. Discussion followed. Mayor Centers stated let's do a letter twice a year (at least) and also use social media. All of Council agreed. Also, it can be put on the Special Events Facebook page. Chief Westendorf stated we will work on this and we are also working on putting videos on our web page.

Mr. Steve Inman, Public Works Director, gave an update on the Water & Sewer Department and the Park Department. In 2016, we did street paving; sidewalk replacement program phase 1; 400' of new 6" water main, new hydrant on Forest Avenue, 20' of water main on Tibbals Lane, replaced curb on streets paved, replaced media filter at the water treatment plant; and installed 200' of sewer main on Moore Drive. We try and do a lot of infrastructure in-house. Projects for 2017 are: street paving in Laynecrest area; sidewalk replacement program phase II; Riley Blvd., pave & storm water retention; Hemlock, pave & storm water, curb, gutter, install 8" water main; Stadia & Skokiaan intersection improvements and future projects are listed in the info handed out.

Chief Westendorf noted the following: we have maintained an average 4 minute response time; the transfer process from the Police Department to the Fire Department has reduced (getting out at least 3 minutes quicker); 50% reduction of transfers to Atrium Hospital with the opening of the Kettering Health Center (Franklin), enabling us to get back in service sooner; with the opening of the Children's ER Springboro, expect those runs to increase and the runs to the Children's Dayton & Liberty decrease; approximately 2500 runs a year; in 2016 \$1.4 million in charges, revenues \$400,000 (collection runs in arrears). Discussion continued on billing, revenues, staffing, the 'drop' program, retirements and staffing grants. Chief Westendorf handed out the drawing of the proposed renovations for the Fire & EMS station and explained what is going to be done, approximate cost \$360,000.00 and is budgeted (temporary budget) for this year (drawing attached). There was some discussion on the remodel project.

Mr. Lewis added there are financials in the back of the information from Mrs. Ervin.

Mayor Centers questioned the minimum fund balance, how to tell what's included and how much money is available for projects. Mrs. Ervin explained the numbers.

Discussion continued on fund balances.

Mrs. Ervin briefly stated needed to remember within the next 5 years we will have several retirements & payouts and we don't know the effects of HB 5 yet. Mr. Bray stated we talked about the retirements at Finance Committee meeting and are going to put money aside for the retirements. Mrs. Ervin added we need to plan for replacement of equipment, etc. for the next 5 years.

Mayor Centers asked for Council comments.

Mr. Ruppert stated we need to look at requirements for nuisance properties, etc. Also, need to look at the Park & pool – is a possible major project. Mr. Hall gave a brief pool update. We are working on the pool, taking care of aesthetics items first, then the big projects. We are getting costs, have painted the bottom of the pool at both ends, and the diving well and wading pool is an issue along with the concrete deck. Mrs. Haney stated they have been getting quotes for repairs to have for the next meeting. Mr. Hall continued we need a meeting scheduled. Mr. B. Centers stated the Township is okay with the costs & Carlisle will contribute per Mr. B. Centers. Mr. B. Centers stated there eight streets in Carlisle that are not in the Township and he thinks they should be included in the resident rate. The eight streets are in Montgomery County. Mr. Lewis asked if the streets were in Chautauqua – that's Montgomery County but we have an agreement with them for water. There was no objections to include the eight streets in the resident rate. It was noted if they are in Warren County or receive a water bill from the City, they are

included in the resident rate. Mr. Ruppert stated that Sherwin Williams may help with the paint and we need to contact their corporate office. Mr. Lewis stated to get him the streets in Carlisle that aren't in the Township to be included in the resident rate. Mr. Ruppert asked about hardship passes for the pool – some discussion on.

Mr. Aldridge stated he knows we have long term plans for downtown, but we need to move forward aesthetic improvements for downtown, like to see the downtown trees lighted. Mr. Inman stated the solar lights didn't work. Mr. Aldridge asked about having them hard wired, on a timer. Mr. Lewis stated we don't have the electric run between the poles. He explained, when years ago, the trees were lighted and the electric was hooked up to the individual businesses, and the problem was sometimes the business had their electric off, so we had some blocks lighted, some not. Mr. Aldridge asked about putting in the electric that's needed to light the trees. Mr. Inman stated it would be a lot of money to do – have to be run underground. Discussion continued.

Mr. B. Centers stated we are working with Mallory Graham on getting the Main Street Designation from the State. He has been to Finley, Tiffin and Lebanon (they have status) and saw what they have done. On March 14th, we will have our DART Inspection from the State and they will give us a plan with their recommendations. Also, he has received feedback from a recent article that Mr. Richter did, from people who want to help. So far, we've come up with: every Saturday at Farmer's Market, having a walking tour of the murals and will end at the Tavern or Pisannello's (will rotate) and they will have a lunch special. Also, received a call from an individual (former Franklin resident) who does historical restoration in New Orleans; is coming in February to offer suggestions on what can be done with some of the buildings; possibility of façade grants with the city matching the money; maybe Franklin Homeowners can help; and maybe making downtown a SID, Special Improvement District, for downtown projects.

Mr. Inman added we are in the process of trying to light the lions and we're working on this in-house.

Mr. Aldridge continued at SR 73, south bound exit needs cleaned up; the island on SR 73, in front of McDonalds, needs to be a more attractive entrance to the City; and the island is more of a priority than the exit ramps. It was noted that ODOT controls the ramps. Mr. Ruppert mentioned trees along the exit ramp. Mr. Lewis stated he will get costs and what can be done at the exit ramp. Mayor Centers added maybe Kettering will help with their side of the exit. Mr. Aldridge continued we talk about property maintenance – it would be nice if we could stimulate neighborhoods by having Homeowners Associations, residents need to take accountability. Mr. Lewis stated that the residents of the neighborhoods have to do a Homeowners Association, if they want it, and to see that it is enforced. Discussion continued on the exit ramps and Mr. Bray added we need to look at Middletown's exits – they have lighted posts. Mr. Lewis stated he will have information put together with costs – walls will be expensive and no grant money is available.

Mrs. Fouts asked if both sides of the interstate are in Franklin. Mr. Lewis stated no, the property line is in the middle of the interstate. Mrs. Fouts added maybe that's a project we could work together on. Mr. Lewis stated he doesn't know what their plans are. Mayor Centers stated he has talked with the Mayor of Springboro about that, no plans at this time. Mrs. Fouts added that she heard Meijer's will be building in Springboro.

Discussion continued. Mr. Lewis will present to the Public Works Council Committee first, then to Council, on both the island improvements (at SR 73) and the ramps. Mayor Centers added to also contact Kettering Hospital.

Mr. Hall stated that the power lines on Second Street look bad and are ready to fall down; in Springboro, on SR 73, they have street signs that light up, looks good (Mr. Conway stated that is part of the downtown signals), something needs done with the gas station (Swiftly); status of the property behind the City building. Mr. Lewis stated we're working with HUD, they have the purchase papers and don't know

when we will get them back. Mr. Hall continued we have lots of projects & staff works very hard and does great job; we've worked on downtown since he's been on Council, and we need to get something downtown for it to go. Mr. Lewis stated all of us are doing what we can.

Mr. B. Centers stated the Main Street Project's first step is to bring in investors. Mr. Hall stated that will help as we need investors to come in; talked about since he's been on Council; hard for staff to do – have to take care of everyday things first. Discussion continued on the Main Street Project, on possible investors and possible locations for businesses.

Mrs. Fouts stated she agrees with a lot of what has been said. Mrs. Fouts asked about making Main Street 2-way, think that will help businesses, and need destination stops in town.

Mr. Hall left the meeting at noon.

Mr. B. Centers stated that downtown is his focus; need a copy of the sign regulations (Ms. Fisher stated they are being amended by the State, we will amend ours when we see what they do). Mr. Lewis stated a copy will be forwarded to him. Mr. B. Centers continued: NIC contract, heard it's a continuous contract, that they are lenient, need to enforce and maybe we need to get someone else. Discussion continued on how they operate and we get what we pay for. Mrs. Fouts stated she's heard that people don't like it when they call the City Building, and are given NIC's phone number and they have to call them. She thinks the City should take the information and pass it on to them. Mr. Lewis stated we tell NIC what to do, can change what we tell them to do and he explained the process. Mayor Centers stated we are getting what we pay for and need to work with the people. Discussion continued. Mr. B. Centers asked about the Police Captain position, will we need the position when the Captain retires. Mr. Lewis stated he's working on it. Mr. B. Centers stated, the Charter says the CAFR and budget are under the City Manager, think the CAFR should be under the Finance Director and will recommend to the Charter Review Commission that this is changed. Also, he has some homeless information, an item on our work session list, and will forward it.

Mr. Bray stated he thinks we need to build a building downtown, rent it out to start the process; had a downtown program several years ago and can't tell it today. Also, need to talk with the canoe business at the bridge, think they will bring people downtown; need start cleaning-up downtown, not many vacancies; place next to the old George's Restaurant is being torn down; we are putting money aside for the Park and we are going in the right direction.

Mayor Centers stated we have lots of ideas and projects – money is the issue – know we're working on items. He'd like to have another workession this summer – June or July –to continue talking. Mayor Centers continued: heard mentioned on the radio – they were telling people to drive thru Franklin, we've got something very nice here; thanked Mr. B. Centers for the work he's done on economic development; asked what the timetable is for cleaning up the new Park area. Mr. Lewis stated we're going to put money aside, and don't want to take the trees down right now, that's the area we shoot the fireworks from and he's afraid the area will be taken over with bikes/4-wheelers and worried about the security of it. Mayor Centers added he thinks it would look nicer with the trees removed. Mr. Bray stated he has the same vision as Mayor Centers but understands why not to do it. Mr. Ruppert stated don't think it should be opened up, on the corner of Tama (Township), they removed brush and now it is torn up. Mayor Centers asked when it will be completed. Mr. Lewis stated we hope to start work in five years and be completed in 10 years. Some discussion followed.

Mayor Centers stated we need new City signs. Discussion followed how much to spend and where to put them. Mr. Lewis stated we will work on it. Mayor Centers asked what the status of the Senior Citizen Housing project on Deardoff Road is. Ms. Fisher explained, said we might be re-bidding it and will meet with the Council Economic Development Committee. Mr. Lewis added he's talked to Otterbein and St. Mary's and they have different ideas for the project and the Economic Development Committee will meet

and review it. Discussion followed on the Senior Citizen Housing project. Mr. Lewis explained how it works, have struggled with and looking at different options.

Mr. B. Centers asked that a Council Economic Development Committee meeting be scheduled. Ms. Fisher will do this.

Mayor Centers thanked everyone for coming. Mr. Lewis stated from staff, thanks to you - Council.

Mrs. Fouts made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Centers adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk of Council