

City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2024

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Steve Barnett presiding. Council members Kenneth Austin, Todd Shuck, Anne McGuinness, Irene Nalley, Jennifer Price, Josh Prine, and Shawn Taylor answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Jan Jones, and City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present. In addition, the following Franklin Mayor's Youth Leadership Council members were in attendance: Madison Spock, Rose Mahin, Grace McCullough, and Lily Harvey.

Mayor Barnett opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll.

Bryan Ries offered an invocation, & led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements & Public Comments

Swearing in Firefighter Tyreese Schaffer - Fire Chief Josh Snyder called Firefighter Tyreese Schaffer forward for his swearing in.

Oath of Office for 1 Merit Officer: Jacob Gordon - Police Chief Kirby Cochran called 1 Merit Officer, Jacob Gordon, forward for his swearing in.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the October 21, 2024 Common Council Minutes

Council President Austin made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Old Business

Council President Austin made a motion to present Old Business by title only, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

ERA and Tax Abatement Request and Public Hearing for Modern Metal Roofing -

Community Development Specialist Dana Monson informed that on Oct. 8, Modern Metal Roofing (aka. Cornett Roofing) was approved by the EDC for an ERA designation for their property located at 1424 Amy Lane. Ms. Monson requested the Public Hearing, which has been published in the paper, and also requested the confirmatory resolution for this ERA. Mayor Barnett opened the Public Hearing; there were no comments, and the Public Hearing was closed. Councilor Taylor motioned to approve Resolution 2024-08, seconded by Councilor Price. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Mr. Cornett had a prior commitment and could not attend this evening; however, he sent an email to Ms. Monson, which was forwarded to Attorney Gray, requesting a continuance of the tax abatement request. Councilor McGuinness motioned to table the tax abatement requests Resolutions 2024-09 and 2024-10 until the Dec. 2nd meeting, seconded by Councilor Taylor. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

ERA and Tax Abatement Request and Public Hearing for Innovative 3D – Community Development Specialist Dana Monson informed that on Oct. 8, Innovative 3D, a Franklin company started in 2017 by Chris Beck, was approved by the EDC for an ERA designation for their property located at 91 Linville Way. Ms. Monson requested the Public Hearing, which has been published in the paper. Mayor Barnett opened the Public Hearing; there were no comments, and the Public Hearing was closed. Councilor Taylor motioned to approve Resolution 2024-14 for the ERA designation, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Ms. Monson stated Innovative 3D was approved by the EDC for a seven-year abatement on \$5 million real property with the approval of a 2% EDC fee and a five-year abatement on \$2 million personal property with a 5% EDC fee. Mr. Beck stated he started this aerospace defense company on the north side of Franklin in 2017 and employs 15 employees. Their projects have moved from rapid prototyping to production, which is why they are expanding. They use some of the most high-tech equipment that operates at maximum production output. They also welcome students from C9 and local schools with programs on entrepreneurship and manufacturing and believe in supporting and contributing to our local community. Mayor Barnett opened the Public Hearing; there were no comments, and the Public Hearing was closed. Councilor Taylor, the Council’s EDC representative, complimented Innovative 3D for their business model and their community commitment. Councilor Taylor motioned to approve Resolution 2024-11 Real Property abatement for seven years and Resolution 2024-12 Personal Property for 5 years, both with EDC fees presented, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried

Request approval of Ordinance No. 2024-08 - Community Development Director Krista Linke said this ordinance would approve the County Economic Income Tax Capital Improvement Plan. The prior resolution expires at the end of this year and must be updated to continue the use of these funds, which can total \$2.4 million per year. Ms. Linke outlined project categories and explained how these funds can be used. Mayor Barnett opened the Public Hearing; there were no comments, and the Public Hearing was closed. Councilor McGuinness motioned to approve Resolution 2024-08 for the ERA designation, seconded by Councilor Shuck. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried

Approval of Ordinance Number 24-09 An Ordinance Prohibiting Reckless Driving Exhibitions - City Attorney Lynn Gray reviewed information from the Oct. 21 meeting and the need to have this ordinance for our Police Department’s use to maintain the safety of our community. Mayor Barnett opened the Public Hearing; there were no comments, and the Public Hearing was closed. Councilor Prine motioned to approve Resolution 2024-09 Prohibiting

Reckless Driving Exhibitions, seconded by Councilor Price. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried

New Business

Councilor Taylor made a motion to present New Business by title only, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request approval of Budgetary Resolution 24-13 authorizing a transfer from Police 200 Supplies to Police 300 Services in the amount of \$5,000 - Police Chief Kirby Cochran explained this will help offset costs in the 300 Series. Councilor McGuinness motioned to approve Budgetary Resolution 24-13, seconded by Councilor Price. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried

Introduction of Ordinance 2024-10: Rezoning to be known as Wawa Rezoning – City Engineer Mark Richards (filling in for Senior Planner Joanna Tennell) stated this is approximately 10.4 acres north of Earlywood Drive, east of US 31, and south of Sloan Drive, asking for rezoning from Industrial General (IG) to Mixed Use Regional Center (MXR) with the Gateway Overlay remaining in place. Attorney Gray provided information regarding the process moving forward and Gateway Overlay importance. Patrick Moon and Paul Hansen from Wawa were present. Mr. Richards stated the Public Hearing is scheduled for Nov. 18th.

Other Business

There was no Other Business.

Council Comments

Franklin Mayor’s Youth Leadership Council member, Madison Spock, introduced the members in attendance and said FMYLC is waiting on a quote from the City [for pickleball lighting].

Councilor Prine gave kudos to the Parks Dept. for Halloweentown, stating it was a great event and people were lined up for 2 hours prior to the start.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 11/08/24

Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer