



# CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Monday, October 03, 2022 at 6:00 PM

1 Benjamin Franklin Way Franklin, Ohio 45005

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## CLERK'S JOURNAL

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

### 2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

D. Denny Centers

Paul Ruppert

Vice Mayor Todd Hall

Mayor Brent Centers

Michael Aldridge

Debbie Fouts

Matt Wilcher

Mr. Westendorf, Mr. Yoder, Ms. Dunn, Ms. Chibis, Ms. Steed, Lt. Pacifico, Chief Riddiough, and Mr. Conway were also present.

There were two guests and one member of the press.

### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Centers led the pledge of allegiance.

### 4. APPROVE THE CLERK'S JOURNAL AND ACCEPT THE TAPES AS THE OFFICIAL MINUTES

A. September 9, 2022

Motion made by Vice Mayor Hall, Seconded by Aldridge.

Voting Yea: D. Centers, Ruppert, Vice Mayor Hall, Mayor Centers, Aldridge, Fouts, Wilcher

Motion passed.

B. September 19, 2022

Motion made by D. Centers, Seconded by Ruppert.

Voting Yea: D. Centers, Ruppert, Vice Mayor Hall, Mayor Centers, Aldridge, Fouts, Wilcher

Motion passed.

## 5. PRESENTATIONS

### A. Public Works Committee Report

Mr. Wilcher gave an update from the September 20, 2022, Public Works & Utilities Committee Meeting. During the meeting, Mr. Westendorf gave an update on the Gorsuch Road Stormwater issue. The bulk of the problem was solved by repairs made by the Public Works Department to piping under the road. There was a topographical survey done which will allow staff to design an engineered solution for any remaining issues. Mr. Conway will work on this. Once a cost is determined, there will be a follow-up meeting with the residents. Mr. Yoder would be a part of the meeting to explain the assessment process.

Mr. Inman has been working with the County on other Stormwater retention issues. They are working to make sure all resolutions are up to current EPA standards.

Staff gave a high-level overview of some upcoming projects so that grant funding can be sought. Mr. Conway explained these during the New Business section of the meeting.

Following the completion of grading at Dial Park last fall, the weather did not cooperate. The grass planting didn't take, and the fields fell victim to erosion. Additionally, we have been battling 4-wheelers and dirt bikes damaging the final grade, so there are lots of exposed rocks and roots that need to be addressed. Steve and his team are going to de-rock a large portion of the fields, place 1" of fresh topsoil on the fields and hydroseed the work area this week. We will overseed in the Spring in hopes the fields will be ready for play next fall.

## 6. RECEPTION OF VISITORS

The Mayor opened and closed the reception of visitors at 6:06 PM as none asked to be heard.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### A. RESOLUTION 2022-67 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2020-15 AND APPOINTING CINDI CHIBIS AS ACTING CITY CLERK

Resolution 2020-15 appointed Amber Copenhaver and Lynnette Dinkler as Acting City Clerk. As Ms. Dinkler is no longer contracted with the City, Ms. Chibis is a recommend replacement as she recently became a notary public. Ms. Copenhaver would remain an option to fill in as Acting Clerk.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Hall, Seconded by Aldridge.

Voting Yea: D. Centers, Ruppert, Vice Mayor Hall, Mayor Centers, Aldridge, Fouts, Wilcher  
Motion passed.

### B. RESOLUTION 2022-68 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL IJA FUNDS THROUGH THE MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

This application is to mill and repave River Street from West Second Street to Vanhorne Avenue.

This Resolution is the first step in the application for funding process, with funds to be distributed in 2025. If funding is received, the City's local share would be approximately 30% of the overall project cost for the River Street Improvement Project.

The Engineer's estimated cost for this Project is \$1,320,000 (estimated Local Share \$405,000).

This Project is scheduled for the first quarter of the State's 2026 fiscal year.

Motion made by Ruppert, Seconded by Wilcher.

Voting Yea: D. Centers, Ruppert, Vice Mayor Hall, Mayor Centers, Aldridge, Fouts, Wilcher

Motion passed.

**C. RESOLUTION 2022-69** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR  
FEDERAL IJA FUNDS THROUGH THE MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

This application is to mill and repave South Main Street from Sixth Street to Eighth Street. Replace curb and gutter, driveways, sidewalk, remove and replace some storm sewer.

This Resolution is the first step in the application for funding process, with funds to be distributed in 2026. If funding is received, the City's local share would be approximately 30% of the overall project cost for the South Main Street Phase 1 Improvement Project.

The Engineer's estimated cost for this Project is \$1,015,000 (estimated Local Share \$311,000).

This Project is scheduled for the first quarter of the State's 2027 fiscal year.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Hall, Seconded by Fouts.

Voting Yea: D. Centers, Ruppert, Vice Mayor Hall, Mayor Centers, Aldridge, Fouts, Wilcher

Motion passed.

**D. RESOLUTION 2022-70** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR  
FEDERAL IJA FUNDS THROUGH THE MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

This application is to install an interconnect with the Second Street Signal System and connect to the master at City Hall.

This Resolution is the first step in the application for funding process, with funds to be distributed in 2026. If funding is received, the City's local share would be approximately 32% of the overall project cost for the Second Street Interconnect Improvement Project.

The Engineer's estimated cost for this Project is \$981,000 (estimated Local Share \$312,200).

This Project is scheduled for the first quarter of the State's 2027 fiscal year.

Mr. D. Centers asked about increasing cost. Mr. Conway replied that the state has escalators built into their estimates.

Motion made by Aldridge, Seconded by Vice Mayor Hall.

Voting Yea: D. Centers, Ruppert, Vice Mayor Hall, Mayor Centers, Aldridge, Fouts, Wilcher

Motion passed.

**E. RESOLUTION 2022-71** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR  
FEDERAL IJA FUNDS THROUGH THE MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

This application is to construct a Roundabout on the west side of the Lions Bridge at Miami Avenue.

This Resolution is the first step in the application for funding process, with funds to be distributed in 2027. If funding is received, the City's local share would be approximately 41% of the overall project cost for the construction of the Lions Bridge Roundabout Project.

The Engineer's estimated cost for this Project is \$2,192,000 (estimated Local Share \$908,000).

This Project is scheduled for the first quarter of the State's 2028 fiscal year.

Mrs. Fouts asked if residents had been notified that this was on an agenda. Staff responded that this was only a grant application and the deadline for grant funding was the upcoming Thursday. There were many more steps that needed to be taken and resident input would be one of them.

Mr. Aldridge mentioned using historic design and some residents may like it. Mr. Wilcher suggested reaching out to affected homes for their input. The Mayor asked if grant was awarded, could Council still deny the project. Mr. Conway said yes and would lose points on a future project.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Hall, Seconded by Aldridge.

Voting Yea: D. Centers, Ruppert, Vice Mayor Hall, Mayor Centers, Aldridge, Wilcher

Voting Nay: Fouts

Motion passed.

**F. RESOLUTION 2022-72 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL IJA FUNDS THROUGH THE MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

This application is to upgrade the existing signals on East Second Street at Charles Avenue, Millard Drive and Deardoff Road with new mast arm poles, new signal heads and updated equipment.

This Resolution is the first step in the application for funding process, with funds to be distributed in 2028. If funding is received, the City's local share would be approximately 30% of the overall project cost for the East Second Street Traffic Signal Upgrade Project.

The Engineer's estimated cost for this Project is \$1,620,000 (estimated Local Share \$492,900).

This Project is scheduled for the first quarter of the State's 2029 fiscal year.

Motion made by Ruppert, Seconded by Wilcher.

Voting Yea: D. Centers, Ruppert, Vice Mayor Hall, Mayor Centers, Aldridge, Fouts, Wilcher

Motion passed.

**G. RESOLUTION 2022-73 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE BRIDGE INSPECTION SERVICES TO THE CITY OF FRANKLIN.**

The purpose of the proposed legislation is to authorize the City Manager to execute all appropriate ODOT documents necessary for the completion of Bridge Inspection Program Services to the City of Franklin at no cost to the City for 2023.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Hall, Seconded by D. Centers.

Voting Yea: D. Centers, Ruppert, Vice Mayor Hall, Mayor Centers, Aldridge, Fouts, Wilcher

Motion passed.

**H. RESOLUTION 2022-74 PRELIMINARY PARTICIPATORY LEGISLATION FOR THE RESURFACING OF NORTH DIXIE HIGHWAY FROM NORTH OF VANHORNE AVENUE TO KENNETH KOONS BOULEVARD**

This Resolution is the preliminary legislation required by ODOT for the Resurfacing of North Dixie Highway from Vanhorne Avenue to Kenneth Koons Boulevard. This project will include the milling of existing pavement, repair of deteriorated subbase, repaving and installation of thermoplastic pavement markings.

This Project is scheduled to be awarded in the fourth quarter of the State's 2023 fiscal year.

Motion made by Ruppert, Seconded by Aldridge.

Voting Yea: D. Centers, Ruppert, Vice Mayor Hall, Mayor Centers, Aldridge, Fouts, Wilcher

Motion passed.

## **8. INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION**

- A. ORDINANCE 2022-25** AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE NAME OF HIGHLAND AVENUE (ALSO KNOWN AS CHARLES AVENUE) CHANGED TO CHARLES STREET PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE, SECTION 723.04

## **9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

GracePoint Church will be doing a community cleanup on October 7th & 8th.

The Great Pumpkin Roll Festival is on October 15th.

There will be a press release from the Warren County Regional Planning Commission for the City's overall comprehensive plan. The Community workshop will be held on Tuesday, November 1.

There will be executive session with action to follow.

## **10. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mr. Wilcher complimented staff on the booking of food trucks at the Food Truck Paark. He supports the park often and enjoyed the recent events.

Mrs. Fouts said the food truck event was great. She loves seeing the construction around town.

Mr. Aldridge had no comments.

Mr. D. Centers had no comments.

Mr. Ruppert also attended the recent food truck event and was very pleased with the event.

Vice Mayor Hall had no comments

The Mayor informed the audience that that night's agenda went well due to Council committee meetings and good communication with the City Manager. It was a long agenda and Council was well prepared by staff. He thanked the Franklin Athletic Boosters for the fundraiser that was done for the Warren County Veterans Association.

## **11. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A.** To consider the employment and compensation of a public employee or official pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(1).

Motion made by Aldridge, Seconded by Fouts.

Voting Yea: D. Centers, Ruppert, Vice Mayor Hall, Mayor Centers, Aldridge, Fouts, Wilcher

Motion passed. Council entered executive session at 6:29PM

Motion made by Ruppert, Seconded by Aldridge.

Voting Yea: D. Centers, Ruppert, Vice Mayor Hall, Mayor Centers, Aldridge, Fouts, Wilcher

Motion passed. Council exited executive session at 8:08PM.

## 12. NEW BUSINESS

A. The Mayor called for a motion to appoint Kevin Hughes as the Franklin Municipal Court prosecutor at the rate of \$3,333 per month with such terms to be further memorialized in a professional service agreement negotiated by the City Law Director.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Hall, Seconded by D. Centers.

Voting Yea: D. Centers, Ruppert, Vice Mayor Hall, Mayor Centers, Aldridge, Fouts, Wilcher

Motion passed.

B. The Mayor called for a motion to enter into contract with Shared Resource Center in a form substantially similar to it's October 1, 2022 agreement to provide services and to appoint the same as the City's Interim Finance Director.

Motion made by Aldridge, Seconded by Fouts.

Voting Yea: D. Centers, Ruppert, Vice Mayor Hall, Mayor Centers, Aldridge, Fouts, Wilcher

Motion passed.

C. The Mayor called for a motion to accept the written resignation of Mr. Runge as City of Franklin's prosecutor.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Hall, Seconded by Wilcher.

Voting Yea: D. Centers, Ruppert, Vice Mayor Hall, Mayor Centers, Aldridge, Fouts, Wilcher

Motion passed.

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Vice Mayor Hall, Seconded by Aldridge.

Voting Yea: D. Centers, Ruppert, Vice Mayor Hall, Mayor Centers, Aldridge, Fouts, Wilcher

Motion passed. Council adjourned at 8:10PM.

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Brent Centers, Mayor

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Khristi Dunn, Clerk of Council