



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Monday, November 07, 2022 at 6:00 PM

1 Benjamin Franklin Way Franklin, Ohio 45005

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CLERK'S JOURNAL

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:03 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, Ms. Steed, Mr. Yoder, Lt. Pacifico, Mr. Conway, Mr. Inman, Chief Riddiough, Ms. Chibis, Ms. Dunn and 2 guests were also in attendance.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Centers.

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

A. October 17, 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.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Committee Reports

Mr. Wilcher gave an update from the Public Works & Utilities Committee meeting from earlier that evening. The Committee discussed Solar Energy options at the water treatment plant, adding a Construction Inspector position, and received updates on several ongoing projects. The Committee was

asked to support a grant application for the Mackinaw Paving project. The Committee was in favor of moving forward with all items discussed.

6. RECEPTION OF VISITORS

The Mayor opened and closed the Reception of Visitors at 6:10 PM as none asked to be heard.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. **ORDINANCE 2022-27** AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A PORTION OF THE FIRST ALLEY NORTH OF PARK AVENUE FROM PINE STREET TO 250 FEET WEST PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE, SECTION 723.05

The City has been made aware that the alley north of Park Avenue running from Pine Avenue to 250 feet west has not been vacated. This portion of the alley is under the old Laura Farrell School and parking lot located at 513 Park Avenue. The City has no utilities in the old alley. According to County records the school was built in 1962.

The Mayor opened and closed the Public Hearing at 6:11 PM.

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

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

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **RESOLUTION 2022-75** APPOINTING MEMBERS OF COUNCIL TO THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS DEPENDENTS FUND BOARD AND VOLUNTEER PEACE OFFICERS' DEPENDENTS FUND BOARD FOR THE YEAR 2023.

Mr. Aldridge and Mr. Wilcher have agreed to continue their service on these boards. Motion made by Vice Mayor Hall, Seconded by Fouts.

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

- B. **RESOLUTION 2022-76** APPOINTING JENNA TRICE AS FINANCE DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO

Ms. Amy Miller has been serving as Interim Finance Director since May of this year. Ms. Jenna Trice has accepted the offer of employment for the position of Finance Director.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Hall, Seconded by Wilcher.

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

- C. **RESOLUTION 2022-77** AMENDING RESOLUTION 2022-56 AND ESTABLISHING THE ORGANIZATIONAL LISTINGS AND PAY RATES FOR CITY OF FRANKLIN AND FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL COURT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2022

Resolution 2022-56 is being amended to increase the pay for the Finance Director. Ms. Trice will be paid at Step 1, \$90,000 per year.

Motion made by Ruppert, Seconded by Vice Mayor Hall.

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

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Westendorf reported that Liz from McBride Dale Clarion would be introducing the downtown development district map and amended zoning code to Planning Commission on November 9. Planning Commission will vote on the proposal in December.

On Monday, November 14, there will be a Council work session at 4:00pm. The focus will be on Economic Development tools and strategies for the City.

The bike path connection with Hazel Wood park has been delayed due to FEMA issues. June 2023 is the target completion date.

The Beal Rd Bridge replacement project is on schedule. Residents have been notified. The work will take place from April 2023 through June 2024. The work at William C Goode should be completed by end of year.

The beatification project at I-75 is on hold and will be re-bid. It may be on hold until the upcoming spring. The safety improvement project is still on track to begin June 2023. Residents have been notified. This project is over budget. Springboro has asked Warren County for more funds for the project.

The new Dominos is nearing completion. A ribbon cutting will be scheduled soon.

There will be several Council Committees that need to meet prior to end of year. Due to holidays, there will not be a regular meeting in January. Staff will be reaching out to schedule a special meeting sometime in January.

The following day was Election Day and there were Charter amendments on the ballot.

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Wilcher encouraged everyone to vote and support the schools. It was a pleasure to welcome Jenna to the team.

Mrs. Fouts was really excited to have Jenna on board and thanked to Amy for her service. She has received complaints about the Millard Drive project as well as positive comments. The Chamber of Commerce offers a benefit that is an energy saving program, she encourages members to explore this option. She also encouraged everyone to vote.

Mr. Aldridge welcomed Jenna and said Council is happy to have her. He thanked Amy for her service to the City.

Mr. D. Centers was excited to work with Jenna. He will be returning his city-issued tablet to Khristi as he does not have a use for it. He passed along a property maintenance request from a business owner, and reported that the property owner repeatedly parks in the designated handicap spot without a sticker. He asked when the new car wash would be complete. Staff responded that it was scheduled for October. There are supply chain issues.

Mr. Ruppert received 2 complaints about a residence on Gribble Drive regarding property maintenance. Mr. Westendorf took note and said it would be addressed. He thanked Jenna for taking the Finance Director position.

Vice Mayor Hall welcomed Jenna and encouraged everyone to go vote.

Mayor Centers welcomed Jenna and said he was excited to have her join the team. He asked staff if there were any concerns with William C Good project. The project is on target with no concerns. He complimented Fire, EMS & Police on their community engagement during Trick or Treat. The Mayor thanked Mr. Inman for his initiative on green energy.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. To consider the employment and compensation of a public employee or official pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(1).
- B. To consider the purchase of property for public purposes pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(2).

Motion made by Ruppert, Seconded by Fouts.

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

Voting Nay: Vice Mayor Hall

Motion passed. Council entered executive session at 6:31PM.

Motion made by Wilcher, Seconded by Aldridge.

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

Vice Mayor Hall had to excuse himself prior the end of the executive session.

Motion passed. Council exited executive session at 7:26 PM.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Aldridge, Seconded by Fouts

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

Motion passed. Council adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Brent Centers, Mayor

Khristi Dunn, Clerk of Council