



# CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 20, 2024 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

Vice Mayor Hall called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

### 2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

D. Denny Centers

Paul Ruppert

Vice Mayor Todd Hall

Michael Aldridge

Debbie Fouts

Matt Wilcher

ABSENT

Mayor Brent Centers

Staff: Karisa Steed, Jenna Trice, Steve Inman, Brian Pacifico, Nick Miller, Barry Conway, Dan Stitzel, Cindi Chibis

There were four guests in attendance.

### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Inman.

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

A. May 6, 2024

Motion made by Aldridge, Seconded by Ruppert.

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

Motion passed. The Clerk's Journal was approved and the tapes were accepted as the official minutes for the May 6, 2024 City Council meeting.

### 5. RECEPTION OF VISITORS

Vice Mayor Hall opened and closed the Reception of Visitors at 6:02 pm as none asked to be heard.

### 6. INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

A. **ORDINANCE 2024-10** LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF CITY STREETS AND PUBLIC WAYS BY THE LIGHTING THEREOF FOR THE YEAR 2025

- B. ORDINANCE 2024-11** AUTHORIZING THE ANNEXATION OF 19.665 ACRES OF LAND OWNED BY THE CITY OF FRANKLIN TO THE CITY AND AUTHORIZING THE LAW DIRECTOR TO PROSECUTE SUCH ACTION.
- C. ORDINANCE 2024-12** APPROVING THE FRANKLIN DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PHASE 1 RECORD PLAN FOR THE COMBINATION OF CITY OWNED LOTS AND DEDICATION OF RIGHT OF WAY FOR EAST SIXTH STREET AND RILEY BOULEVARD

Vice Mayor Hall briefly reviewed the plan to combine City owned lots and the Right of Way Dedication of East Sixth Street and Riley Boulevard.

He reminded Council members that after holding a public hearing on the request Planning Commission voted at its May 8, 2024 meeting, unanimously (6-0) to make a recommendation to City Council to approve this Record Plan.

He confirmed staff support for the plan. Hearing no questions, he requested to move to the City Managers report.

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

Acting City Manager Karisa Steed explained to Council members that although the agenda was light, the meeting was needed in order to keep the development projects on track. She provided an update on the streetscape project and reminded Council that Main Street between 4th to 6th will open to two-way traffic the first week of June 2024. Striping projects are underway to support the change and scheduled paving projects are advancing. Steed confirmed that door hangers were placed on residences in the surrounding area to remind them of the pending change in traffic flow. Steed confirmed that the Memorial Day parade route has been solidified. She announced that the City is working to create two left turn lanes from Second to South Riley to alleviate traffic back-ups. Title work for Slipcast should be completed this week with a closing date to follow soon. Slipcast is expected to submit a site plan application this week to advance the project.

## **8. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mr. Wilcher asked when the traffic signal at Beal and Route 123 would be activated. Mr. Conway replied that it would be finalized in June.

Mrs. Fouts called the police last night to address a concern at her place of business. Mrs. Fouts complimented the Dispatcher on her professional demeanor during the call and appreciated that the Dispatcher followed up with her to ensure that the issue had been fully resolved.

Mr. Aldridge congratulated the graduating class of 2024 and said he was proud to call Franklin his home.

Mr. D. Centers requested confirmation on the timing of the traffic flow changes on Main Street. Ms. Steed said it was planned for the first week of June.

Mr. Ruppert had no comments.

Vice Mayor Hall had no comments.

## **9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. To consider the purchase of property for public purposes pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(2). Motion to enter executive session made by Aldridge, Seconded by Wilcher. Voting Yea: D. Centers, Ruppert, Aldridge, Fouts, Wilcher

Voting Nay: Vice Mayor Hall

Motion passed. Council entered into executive session at 6:11 pm to consider property acquisition pursuant to RC 121.22 (G)(2).

Motion to exit executive session made by D. Centers, Seconded by P. Ruppert.

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

Motion passed. Council exited executive session at 6:48 pm.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Ruppert, Seconded by Wilcher.

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

Motion passed. Council adjourned at 6:48 pm.

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Brent Centers, Mayor

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Khristi Dunn, Clerk of Council