

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
OF THE
CITY OF FRANKLIN
CITY COMMISSION**

March 13, 2023

**City Hall
117 West Cedar Street
Franklin, Kentucky**

The Franklin, Kentucky City Commission met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon, Monday, **March 13, 2023**, in the City Hall meeting room located at 117 West Cedar Street, Franklin, Kentucky.

Members attending were as follows:

Mayor Larry Dixon	Present
Commissioner Jamie Powell	Present
Commissioner Herbert Williams	Present
Commissioner Dale McCreary	Present
Commissioner Wendell Stewart	Present

Others present included City Manager Kenton Powell; City Attorney Scott Crabtree; City Personnel Director Rita Vaughn; City Finance Director Carol Riegenbach; Franklin Police Chief Roger Solomon; City Clerk Cathy Dillard; Kim Kirby, Kirby & Moore CPAs; Carter Munday, F-S Planning & Zoning Commission; Officer Kelci Keen and Officer Jason Richerson; Matt Fuqua; and, Donzella Lee, F-S Human Rights Commission entered the meeting at 12:45 pm.

Mayor Dixon called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon, and Commissioner Jamie Powell offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the minutes as presented of the Franklin City Commission February 27, 2023, Regular Meeting.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION

Franklin Police Chief Roger Solomon asked the Commission to recognize Officer Kelci Keen, the City’s newest graduate of the Department of Criminal Justice Training. Officer Keen graduated from the 20-week program on March 2, 2023, and was recognized at graduation as

the Class 535's Adjutant. Officer Keen will continue training in the Franklin Police Department 12-week field training program. Congratulations to Officer Keen on the career achievement.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Mayor Dixon welcomed Kim Kirby of Kirby & Moore CPAs to the meeting to discuss the fiscal year 2021-2022 audit report. Mr. Kirby provided a compilation of the audit report and confirmed that the City of Franklin was in compliance with municipal general accounting practices and continued to maintain a balanced budget. This audit report was consistent with prior years' reports with an overall clean opinion. Mr. Kirby commended the City Manager Kenton Powell and Finance Director Carol Riggenschach for their continued cooperative efforts during the audit process.

No action was required by the Commission regarding this matter.

City Finance Director Carol Riggenschach asked the Commission to consider approval to purchase a builder's risk policy during the new police station construction phase. This insurance will protect the city against fire, theft, vandalism, and other perils while the building is under construction. In addition, the policy will cover any loss of materials, supplies and equipment. Three quotes were provided and our broker, Higgins Insurance recommended Cincinnati Insurance in the amount of \$7,000.00.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner McCreary to approve the purchase of a builder's risk policy from Cincinnati Insurance in the amount of \$7,000.00, and further authorized the Mayor to sign any and all necessary documents related to this policy.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

City Finance Director Carol Riggenschach asked the Commission for two sponsors of the proposed ordinance amending to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 annual budget. In addition, Riggenschach provided a brief overview of the proposed amendments.

Commissioner Stewart and Commissioner Powell asked to sponsor the proposed budget amendment ordinance with first reading taking place during the ordinance portion of the meeting.

ORDINANCES

City Clerk Cathy Dillard provided first summary reading of Ordinance No. 2023-012 titled: *An Ordinance Amending the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2022, and Ending June 30, 2023, by Estimating Revenues and Appropriations*

No Commission action is required on first reading of an ordinance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:58 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Williams to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of:

- 1) LAND ACQUISITION – Deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property by a public agency where publicity would be likely to affect the value of a specific piece of property to be acquired for public use or sold by a public agency {KRS 61.810(1)(b)};
- 2) LITIGATION – Discussion of proposed or pending litigation {KRS 61.810(1)(c)};
- 3) PERSONNEL – Discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee or member {KRS 61.810(1)(f)}; and,
- 4) BUSINESS – Discussions between a public agency and a representative of a business entity concerning a specific proposal, where open discussions would jeopardize the siting, retention, expansion, or upgrading of the business {KRS 61.810(1)(g)}

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

Entering Executive Session were Mayor Dixon; Commissioners Powell, Bennett, Williams and Stewart; City Manager Kenton Powell; City Attorney Scott Crabtree; City Finance Director Carol Riggenschach; and, Chief Roger Solomon.

Chief Solomon exited Executive Session at 1:11 PM.

Matt Fuqua and Carter Munday entered Executive Session at 1:12 PM and exited at 1:24 PM.

At 2:09 PM, a motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner McCreary to exit Executive Session and return to open session.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to promote Officer John Thompson from Lieutenant to Captain and Officers Craig Hansen and Canaan Scott to Lieutenant.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Scott Crabtree asked the Commission to consider a proposed ordinance annexing approximately 15 acres of land into the corporate city limits of Franklin. Commissioner McCreary and Commissioner Williams asked to sponsor the proposed ordinance and Crabtree provided first emergency reading of the following ordinance:

Ordinance No. 2023-013: *Ordinance Annexing to the City of Franklin, Kentucky Certain Territory of Land Contiguous to the Existing City Limits of Franklin, Kentucky in Accordance with the Comprehensive Plan of Annexation and Declaring an Emergency to Exist*

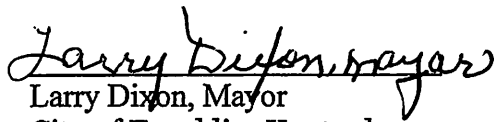
Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner McCreary to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-013 and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote:

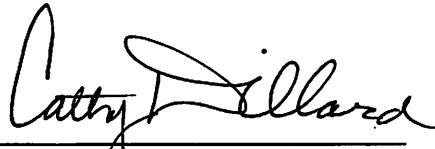
Mayor Dixon	<u>Yes</u>	Commissioner McCreary	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Powell	<u>Yes</u>	Commissioner Stewart	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Williams	<u>Yes</u>		

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:17 PM, a motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to adjourn the regular meeting of the Franklin City Commission.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.


 Larry Dixon, Mayor
 City of Franklin, Kentucky


 Cathy Dillard, City Clerk
 City of Franklin, Kentucky