

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

**May 8, 2023**

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

The Franklin, Kentucky City Commission met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon, Monday, May 8, 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; Officer Travis Frank; Officer John Thompson; Officer Ethan Cook; F-S Renaissance Director Kim Roberts; Tourism Director Amy Ellis; Darrell Mallory; media representatives from WBKO; Max Orlet; and Carter Munday.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the minutes as presented of the Franklin City Commission April 24, 2023, Regular Meeting.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

**RECOGNITION**

Franklin Police Chief Roger Solomon asked the Commission to recognize Detective Travis Frank. Detective Frank was recently awarded the Excellent Award for Diligence by the Barren River Child Advocacy Center at their second annual Honor Awards.

Chief Solomon asked the Commission to recognize Captain John Thompson. Captain Thompson was recently nominated and attended The Department of Homeland Security's Leadership Training Course in Glynco, Georgia. Captain Thompson was one of only two selected from Kentucky to attend this course and is the first from the Franklin Police Department to attend.

Congratulations to Detective Frank and Captain Thompson for their outstanding achievements and their service to our community.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

City Manager Kenton Powell asked Kim Roberts, Executive Director of Franklin-Simpson Renaissance, to address the Commission regarding the 2023 Summer Vibes Music Festival and the Summer Nights Concerts this summer.

Roberts asked the Commission to consider sponsorship of the 2023 Summer Vibes Music Festival that will take place on Saturday, August 26, 2023. City Manager Kenton Powell indicated the new fiscal year budget includes an allocation for this sponsorship in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCreary and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve sponsorship of the 2023 Summer Vibes Music Festival in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

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Franklin-Simpson Renaissance have also requested approval to close downtown streets for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Summer Vibes Music Festival to be held on Saturday, August 26, 2023. They would like to close West Kentucky Street from the College Street intersection to the Main Street intersection beginning at midnight on Thursday, August 24, 2023. In addition, they would like to close College Street from West Cedar Street intersection to West Washington Street intersection beginning Friday, August 25, 2023.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve the request submitted by F-S Renaissance to close West Kentucky Street from College Street intersection to the Main Street intersection beginning at midnight on Thursday, August 24, 2023, and to close College Street from West Cedar Street intersection to West Washington Street intersection beginning Friday, August 25, 2023, contingent on submission of the street closing form signed by all affected businesses.

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F-S Renaissance has requested the City to submit a letter of support for the Temporary Event ABC License for the retail sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages that will take place in the approved street closing area of College Street and Kentucky Street on Saturday, August 25, 2023, from 12:00 noon until 10:00 pm.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner McCreary to authorize the Mayor, or his designee, to sign a letter of support for F-S Renaissance Temporary Event ABC License Application for the Summer Vibes Event taking place on August 26, 2023.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

Franklin-Simpson Renaissance Summer Nights Concert Series will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary beginning Friday, June 16, 2023, and they have requested to close South College Street from West Kentucky Avenue to West Cedar Street between the hours of 4:00 pm until 10:00 pm for the following dates:

1. Friday, June 16, 2023
2. Friday, June 23, 2023
3. Friday, June 30, 2023
4. Friday, July 14, 2023
5. Friday, July 21, 2023
6. Friday, July 28, 2023
7. Friday, August 11, 2023
8. Friday, August 18, 2023

Motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve the request submitted by F-S Renaissance to close South College Street from West Kentucky Avenue to West Cedar Street from 4:00 PM until 10:00 PM for the Summer Nights Concert Series for the concert dates listed above.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

City Manager Kenton Powell asked the Commission to consider approval of the Silicon Ranch Corporation Solar Farm decommissioning plan. The decommissioning plan is the company's commitment to return the land back to its natural state once the solar farm has reached its life expectancy. Company representative Max Orlit estimated the life expectancy of a solar farm is approximately 45 years.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Powell to accept and approve the Silicon Ranch Decommissioning Plant as presented and further authorized the Mayor to sign any and all documents necessary to implement the plan.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Scott Crabtree asked the Commission for two sponsors of a proposed ordinance amending the Franklin-Simpson Planning & Zoning Regulations. The F-S Planning & Zoning Commission requires a public hearing on these revisions.

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

City Attorney Scott Crabtree asked the Commission for two sponsors of a proposed ordinance approving rezoning approximately 17 acres located on the south side of North Street from R-2 to R-4 by North Mayeur Properties, LLC. The rezone request was approved by F-S Planning & Zoning on March 21, 2023.

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

Public Works Superintendent Darrell Mallory asked the Commission to award the bid for sidewalk/concrete repairs. A bid opening was held on Friday, April 28, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at City Hall, 117 West Cedar Street, Franklin, Kentucky for the purpose of receiving bids for Bid #2023-07 Sidewalk/Concrete Repair. The bid notice was advertised pursuant to KRS 424.260. One bid was received from All Things Construction, LLC in the amount of \$29,700.00.

Motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Powell to award the bid for sidewalk/concrete repairs to All Things Construction, LLC in the amount of \$29,700.00, and further authorized the Mayor to sign any and all documents necessary for this project.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCES**

City Clerk Cathy Dillard provided second summary reading of the following ordinance:

Ordinance No. 2023-017 titled: *An Ordinance Rezoning Approximately 26 Acres Located on the West Side of Blackjack Road (KY Hwy 1171) from I-2 (Heavy Industrial) to R-4 (Multi-Family High Density Residential) by BD&J Properties, LLC*

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner McCreary to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-017 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>		

City Clerk Cathy Dillard provided first summary reading of the following ordinance:

Ordinance No. 2023-018 titled: *An Ordinance Adopting New and/or Amended Zoning Regulations of the City of Franklin as Recommended by the Franklin-Simpson Planning and Zoning Commission*

Ordinance No. 2023-019 titled: *An Ordinance Rezoning Approximately 16.38 Acres Located on the South Side of North Street from R-2 (Single Family and Two-Family Residential District) to R-4 (Multi-Family High Density Residential) by North Mayeur Properties, LLC*

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 12:35 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)}.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Chief Solomon exited Executive Session at 1:05 PM.

At 1:14 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart 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 Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Williams to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of commitment to purchase a vac truck for the Wastewater Department. The vendor for the vac truck indicated the letter of intent would commit the purchase price for the equipment.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

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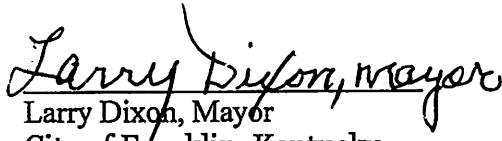
Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner McCreary to hire Brandon Johnson for the Franklin Police Department. Officer Johnson will begin his employment on May 22, 2023.

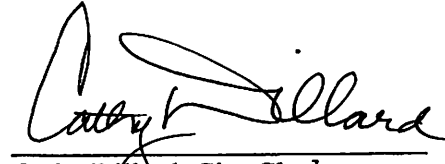
Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:19 PM, 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