

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

October 24, 2022

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

The Franklin, Kentucky City Commission met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon, Monday, **October 24, 2022**, in the City Hall meeting room located at 117 West Cedar Street, Franklin, Kentucky.

Members attending were as follows:

Mayor Larry Dixon	Present
Commissioner Brownie Bennett	Present
Commissioner Jamie Powell	Present
Commissioner Wendell Stewart	Present
Commissioner Herbert Williams	Present

Others present included City Manager Kenton Powell; City Attorney Scott Crabtree; City Finance Director Carol Riggerbach; Personnel Director Rita Vaughn; Police Chief Roger Solomon; Community Development Director Tammie Carey; Public Works Director Chris Klotter; F-S Planning & Zoning Administrator Carter Munday; Human Rights Commission Executive Director Donzella Lee; Dr. John Whitaker; Silicon Ranch Representatives Emma Tillitske and Max Orlet.

Mayor Dixon called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon, and Dr. John Whitaker offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve the minutes as presented of the Franklin City Commission October 10, 2022, Regular Meeting.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- **Discussion and/or possible action regarding street closing request by Alpha Baptist Church**

Commissioner Powell reported that Alpha Baptist Church had decided not to close the

streets for their Halloween Block Party event on Monday, October 31, and had decided to move everything on to their church property.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- **Discussion and/or possible action regarding Silicon Ranch Solar Farm Decommissioning Plan**

Emma Tillitske, Senior Associate of Silicon Ranch, was present to discuss and get approval for their project's Decommission Plan. The Solar Farm Decommission Plan is Silicon Ranch's commitment to return the land back to its natural state once the Solar Farm has reached its life span. The project will be built to last for 40 years.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Williams to accept Silicon Ranch Decommission Plan and authorize the Mayor to sign any necessary documents.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Discussion regarding First Quarter FY 2023 Financial Reports**

City Finance Director Carol Riggerbach gave an update and review of the First Quarter FY 2023 financial reports. Revenue and expenditures are on track for the General Fund and Utility Fund to finish the year on budget.

- **Discussion regarding Award of Kentucky Homeland Security Grant**

In May, an application requesting funding assistance through the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security was submitted for security upgrades at the Water Treatment Plant and Intake Facility. Community Development Director Tammie Carey informed the Commission that the City of Franklin has been awarded this grant funding in the requested amount of \$175,000.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- **Discussion and/or possible action regarding Resolution N-2022 for the submission of a Law Enforcement Protection Grant Application**

Police Chief Roger Solomon presented information regarding a Law Enforcement Protection Grant that is available to purchase tasers through the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Law Enforcement Protection Program.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Bennett and the below Resolution N-2022 was unanimously adopted by roll call vote:

*Application for and administration of
Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Project*

RESOLUTION N-2022

City of Franklin, Kentucky

A RESOLUTION of the City of Franklin, Kentucky, authorizing the Mayor to make application for and, upon arrival, to enter into an agreement with the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security (KOHS), to execute any documents which are deemed necessary by KOHS to facilitate and administer the project and to act as the authorized correspondent for this project.

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin, Kentucky desires to make an application for Law Enforcement Protection Program funds for a project to be administered by Kentucky Office of Homeland Security.

WHEREAS, it is recognized that an application for and approval of Kentucky Office of Homeland Security funds impose certain obligations and responsibilities upon the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved this 24th day of October 2022, by the City of Franklin, Kentucky.

The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and furnish all required documentation, including a memorandum of agreement, as may be required by KOHS for the furtherance of the above-referenced project and to act as the authorized correspondent for said project.

Done this 24th day of October 2022, on a motion made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Bennett.

Members present voting in favor: Commissioner Stewart, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Williams, and Commissioner Powell

Members present voting against: None against

UTILITIES

- **Discussion and/or possible action regarding Hammons Farm Development Plan and Utility Capacity Review**

Public Works Director Chris Klotter presented a task order from Barge Design for a full plan review for the Hammons Farm Development located on North Street. This review includes a full review of water, sewer, storm water and drainage calculations. This development is large in scale and will include 350 new homes.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve contracting Barge Design to perform a full development review of the Hammons Farm Development located on North Street and to authorize the Mayor to sign any necessary documents.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES

City Attorney Scott Crabtree held second reading of Ordinance No. 2022-025 *An Ordinance Rezoning Approximately 21 Acres Located on Eddings Road Known as Tract 18 in the Henderson Industrial Park from I-2 (Heavy Industrial) to B-4 (Highway Business District) by FCP, LLC.*

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Williams to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-025 and was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Mayor Dixon Yes
Commissioner Powell Yes
Commissioner Williams Yes

Commissioner Bennett Yes
Commissioner Stewart Yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:30 p.m., motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Powell to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of: (1) Personnel – Discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee or member {KRS 61.810(f)}. Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

Entering Executive Session were Mayor Dixon; Commissioners Bennett, Powell, Stewart and Williams; City Manager Kenton Powell; City Attorney Scott Crabtree; Police chief Roger Solomon; and Personnel Director Rita Vaughn.

At 12:35 p.m., motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to exit Executive Session and return to open session. Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

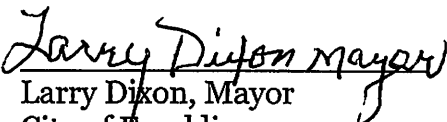
OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

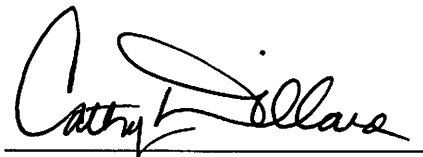
Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Powell to hire Ryan Brown and Ben Miciotto as Certified Police Officers, and to approve the buyout of the last portion of Ben Miciotto’s contract with Western Kentucky University in the amount of \$3,000. Both officers will be sworn in and start work on November 14, 2022. Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:40 p.m., 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


Cathy Dillard, City Clerk
City of Franklin

(Minutes prepared by Rita Vaughn)