
**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE
CITY HALL BOARDROOM
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017 – 5:00 P.M.**

Board Members

Mayor Ken Moore	P		
Vice Mayor Pearl Bransford	P	Alderman Dana McLendon	P
Alderman Clyde Barnhill	P	Alderman Margaret Martin	P
Alderman Brandy Blanton	P	Alderman Ann Petersen	P
Alderman Beverly Burger	P	Alderman Michael Skinner	P

Department Directors/Staff

Eric Stuckey, City Administrator	P	Becky Caldwell, SES Director	P
Vernon Gerth, ACA Community/Economic Dev.	P	Lisa Clayton, Parks Director	P
Kristine Tallent, ACA Finance & Administration/CFO	P	Kevin Townsel, HR Director	P
Mark Hilty, ACA Public Works	P	, Water Management Director	
Shauna Billingsley, City Attorney	P	Paul Holzen, Engineering Director	P
Rocky Garzarek, Fire Chief		Emily Hunter, Planning & Sustainability Dir.	
Deb Faulkner, Police Chief		Joe York, Streets Director	P
Fred Banner, IT Director	P	Lanaii Benne, Assistant City Recorder	
Chris Bridgewater, BNS Director	P	Linda Fulwider, Board Recording Secretary	P

Call to Order

Mayor Ken Moore called the Work Session to order at 5:00 p.m.

Citizen Comments

- Ken Ashe, 5007 Captain Freeman Parkway, Franklin: Spoke about the speed limit issue on Captain Freeman Parkway in Berry Farms, and submitted a picture of the street for the record. The current speed of 30 MPH is too fast. The front doors on the residences along one section of the road are only 24 ft. from the street. Cars parallel park along the street as well. Children play on the sidewalks. His understanding is that 25 MPH is the norm for Franklin City streets. He called their situation unique. Trucks travel that street as it is the main road in the subdivision. School buses stop at the edge of the roundabout to pick-up and drop-off children while traffic continues on the roundabout. Visibility isn't good and will be worse when the trees grow.
- Alderman Skinner related there is a curve on Captain Freeman as one leaves the grocery store. The neighborhood promotes walkability; however, the retail portion of the street goes into the residential section. People, not cars, should be the priority.
- Alderman Burger: The Capital Investment Committee discussed traffic studies that were done and decided to recommend the speed limit be reduced to 25 MPH. The neighborhood had asked for 20 MPH. These situations exist in denser neighborhoods in Franklin as well. Fifteen MPH would be a snail's pace, but she is not opposed to 20 MPH.
- Alderman Martin commented that Westhaven wanted 20 MPH on their main street, but she was told they must be 25 MPH.
- Alderman Burger requested a report on speed limits in the City.

WORK SESSION DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **17-0212 Consideration of Event Permit for the Franklin Hot Air Balloon Festival in Westhaven on May 6, 2017**

Deb Falkner, Police Chief

Alderman Burger asked what was being done about traffic control this year.

Matt Lowney, the hot air balloon organizer, said they have changed parking firms this year. The volume of people will be less, and they will push parking toward the back and move it forward. This will get the cars off Highway 96. There are 350-400 parking spaces at the school, and most people park there.

2. **17-0193 Annual Progress Report – Franklin Forward**

Eric Stuckey, City Administrator

Michael Walters Young, Budget & Analytics Manager

Michael Walters Young presented a 2016 Progress Update. *FranklinForward* is on the City website <https://performance.franklinton.gov/>

Progress has been achieved on finishing out missing data points and baselines for the strategic plan. Two scorecards were reviewed which show progress from 2016 to 2017. We are closer to our overall goal of 100% establishment of baselines and measures for all of the 64 goals of the strategic plan.

Progress towards achieving the goals of the plan itself has also been made. Most indicators improved in the last year:

First Response Time	Increased Property Values
Fire Loss	Increased Tourists Visits
Water/Wastewater System Sanitary Score	Increased Investment in Historic Areas of Franklin
Unaccounted-For Water	Increased Jobs
Number of LEED Certified Buildings (18)	Increased # Businesses
Residential Recycling Participation	Decreased Unemployment
Number of Social Media Interactions	Decreased Vacancy Rates
Walkability Score	

Not all indicators improved year over year:

Diversification of Revenues
Diversity of City Employees
Percentage of citizens rating Transportation as the most important issue
Poverty Rate

Eric Stuckey noted they have learned what can effectively be measured and what is most meaningful.

3. **17-0206 ★Consideration of ORDINANCE 2017-06, To Be Entitled: “An Ordinance to Rezone 4.66 Acres From Specific Development Variety (33.4/35000/115) District To Specific Development Variety (33.4/35000/119) District for the Property Located Within the Block of 1st Avenue, Bridge Street, 2nd Avenue North and East Main Street (Harpeth Square Subdivision)”;**
Establishing a Public Hearing for May 9, 2017.
[FIRST OF THREE READINGS]

Franklin Municipal Planning Commission
Emily Hunter, Planning & Sustainability Director
Amy Diaz-Barriga, Current Planning Supervisor
Josh King, Principal Planner

4. **17-0205** **Consideration of RESOLUTION 2017-14, To Be Entitled: “A Resolution Approving a Revised Development Plan for Harpeth Square PUD Subdivision, with 5 Existing Modifications of Development Standards for the Property Located within the Block of 1st Avenue, Bridge Street, 2nd Avenue North and East Main Street”; Establishing a Public Hearing for May 9, 2017.**

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Brad Baumgartner related items 3 and 4 are to increase the number of hotel rooms by four.

5. **17-0136** **Consideration of RESOLUTION 2017-09, To Be Entitled: “A Resolution Approving a Revised Development Plan for Simmons Ridge PUD Subdivision, with One (1) Modification of Standards (Backing onto City Streets) for the Property Located East of Carothers Parkway and North of South Carothers Road”: Establishing a Public Hearing for May 9, 2017.**

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Brad Baumgartner: On the northeast side, TDEC identified wetlands. This revision keeps the same number of units but adjusts the layout of the development to better preserve wetlands and a stream located on site. An external access point along the northern property limits has been relocated. A new housing type, an alley loaded single-family product has been added, as well as a three-story option for the townhomes.

6. **17-0249** **Discussion Concerning Parking on Turning Wheel Lane (referred from 3/30/17 CIC).**

Paul Holzen, Engineering Director
Jonathan Marston, Engineering Assistant Director

Paul Holzen reviewed the three options to allow street parking on Turning Wheel Lane:

1. Add 8 ft. for parallel parking Liberty Pike to Park Run Drive, Park Run Drive to E McEwen Drive. (18 spaces) Estimated construction cost \$180,000.
2. Remove pavement markings and restripe. Do away with bike lanes Liberty Pike to Park Run Drive, Park Run Drive to E. McEwen Drive. Cut into curb for ADA. (38 spaces) Estimated construction cost \$140,000.
3. Amend the Municipal Code to allow parking within the bicycle lanes on Turning Wheel Lane. With Parking restricted at the intersection to ensure adequate sight distance. Liberty Pike to E. McEwen Drive. Estimate construction cost \$2,100.

Discussion:

- Alderman Burger introduced Diana Amos, President of the Park Run HOA.
- Alderman Burger explained the parking in back of these homes is limited and entry is through the garage. It is inconvenient to walk around the buildings to the front entrances. Putting bike lanes on residential streets such as this affects the quality of life of the residents.
- Ms. Amos said in addition to inconvenience, it is becoming a hazard since people are parking bumper to bumper up to the intersection. There is more and more traffic on the street. Her HOA and the Montgomery Park HOA respectfully request option 2.
- Option 3 could be accommodated cost-wise. Money would need to be found for options 1 and 2.

- Alderman Barnhill supports option 3. Alderman Martin supports option 2 as recommended by the CIC.
- The request will be forwarded to BOMA.

7. 17-0265 Discussion Concerning Truck Traffic on East McEwen Drive from Cool Springs Boulevard to Wilson Pike.

Paul Holzen, Engineering Director

Eric Stuckey: As a result of a meeting with Engineering, Police and others, and research, there are options to restrict truck traffic on East McEwen Drive.

Paul Holzen related a flaw was exposed in two competing ordinances. Draft Ordinance 2017-14 must be reviewed by the Law Department. He read the pertinent passages from each of the two sections in the Code. A vehicle classification system will be put into the ordinance. The current truck route will be maintained. Wording regarding truck weight will be removed from the Code. The changes should be easier to enforce from a law standpoint. Signs will be posted on East McEwen stating no trucks allowed.

Eric Stuckey noted the City is moving forward aggressively on the environmental study and will keep things moving to cut off significant time to when construction begins.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration of Motion to Enter Executive Session for Purpose of Reviewing Various Matter of Pending Litigation.

Shauna Billingsley, City Attorney

Alderman Burger moved to Enter Executive Session. Seconded by Alderman Skinner. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Work Session adjourned @ 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Ken Moore, Mayor

Minutes prepared by: Linda Fulwider, Board Recording Secretary, City Administrator's Office - updated 10/24/2017 10:48 AM