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City of Franklin

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Meeting Minutes

Work Session

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 | **4:30 PM** | **Board Room**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ken Moore called the meeting to order at 04:41 PM

Board Members Present: Greg Caesar, Brandy Blanton, Clyde Barnhill, Beverly Burger, Matt Brown, Patrick Baggett, Ann Petersen, Jason Potts

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Eric Stuckey, Mark Hilty, Kristine Brock, Vernon Gerth, Shauna Billingsley, Angie Skarp

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Comments on agenda items may be made in person or by emailing recorder@franklintn.gov before noon on the day of the meeting. Comments will be submitted for the record.

WORK SESSION DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Consideration Of Event Permit For Wine Down Main Street Sponsored By The Boys and Girls Club In Downtown Franklin On November 1, 2025**

   Sponsors: Milissa Reierson, Monique McCullough

   The item was acknowledged and is planned for the April 22, 2025 Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting for consideration.

2. **Capital Investment Plan - Round Two Prioritization Update**

   Sponsors: Eric Stuckey, Paul Holzen, Lisa Clayton, Michael Walters Young

   Mr. Stuckey introduced the second round of prioritization for the Capital Investment Plan (CIP). He first noted that the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) announced their 10-year plan, and within that is the opportunity to partner with TDOT for the expansion of Mack Hatcher Parkway southeast. Mr. Stuckey explained that there will likely be a second phase of review by the TN legislature, but if the budget gets approved, TDOT will be a partner in a major CIP project. This is important to consider when evaluating our own funding strategy. As we build the FY2026 budget, identifying funding sources, such as partnerships like TDOT, can help us better allocate the $75M capacity for the CIP.

   Additionally, Mr. Stuckey requested Board direction on the Creekside Property. Seven board members identified this project as a funding priority, so confirming that tonight would enable staff to open up additional dialogue with the property owners and work that into the funding model. Overall, he hoped to gauge the Board's comfort level with the ratings presented from this second round of prioritization for the CIP.

   Paul Holzen, Engineering Director, added that several priority projects have long lead times, so the sooner we can get concurrence from the Board, then the sooner we can get the ball rolling.

   Mayor Moore requested that the top projects identified in the second round be listed for the Board.

   Mr. Holzen listed the following:

- $2,000,000 – Creekside Property
- $29,900,000 – Carothers Parkway (Falcon Creek to SR96 East)
- $10,500,000 – Fire Station 3 Replacement
- $3,950,000 – Bicentennial Park – East Parking Lot
- $650,000 – Station 2 Improvements
- $10,400,000 – Boyd Mill Avenue (South of SR96 to Downs Boulevard)

Mayor Moore explained that he evaluated the CIP list based on the concerns of the citizens. For example, he focused on the projects that he felt could manage traffic better.

Vice Mayor Potts argued that the emergency services traffic technology project should be a top contender as well.

Alderman Caesar clarified that he was not opposed to any proposed project, but he was restricted by the available funds. He ranked Jim Warren Park improvements highly because he knows firsthand how youth sports drive tourism in communities. He agreed with Mayor Moore and Vice Mayor Potts that infrastructure and public safety are crucial projects to consider as well.

Alderman Brown stated that his approach started by identifying major transportation infrastructure issues, most notably, Franklin Road and Lewisburg Pike. Then, he rounded it out with quality of life projects, like parks and trails. He felt that a balance was necessary.

Alderman Baggett appreciated hearing his fellow board members' perspectives because it enlightened him to projects that he had not necessarily ranked highly. He expressed surprise about the ranking of the Carothers Parkway project because it came in at almost $30M, which is a huge percentage of the total CIP funding model. He requested a special work session to further discuss the CIP prioritization.

Mr. Stuckey reiterated that staff are hoping to get an answer on the Creekside Property tonight. He stated that seven board members identified it as a top CIP project.

Mayor Moore confirmed with the Board that staff can proceed with the Creekside Property project.

Mr. Stuckey acknowledged their decision and assured the Board that this discussion would progress at a later date.

Alderman Burger urged the Board to consider re-prioritizing the Oxford Glen Multiuse Trail.

3. City Hall Project Update

Sponsors: Eric Stuckey, Mark Hilty, Kelly Dannenfelser, Chris Koeper

Mr. Stuckey explained that we have almost reached the 100% design phase for the new City Hall project, and we have had a first bid award for the first early release package (ERP). He also introduced the framework for a monthly status report to provide updates to the Board at meetings moving forward.

Chris Koeper, owner's representative, presented the construction costs associated with ~90% completion of design documents. The updated construction total came in between $86.4M and $92.1M. With the soft costs and design services, the program total is between $101.7M and $107.4M.

Mr. Stuckey added that some costs are still uncertain, so these totals will be refined the further we get in the construction process with the ultimate goal of driving it down as much as possible.

Mr. Koeper highlighted the value engineering that has been identified by the design team, owner's rep, and CMAR so far. There has been a net of $3.1M in savings to-date since bringing the team onboard. This included:

- Removal of coffered ceilings in some parts of the building: ~$500K in savings
- Reduction of wood flooring square footage: ~$345K in savings
- Switch to Dx Gas Heaters: ~$190K in savings
- Chiller redundancy capacity: ~$100K in savings
- Revision of garage lighting: ~$350K in savings

Then, Mr. Koeper introduced the idea of reducing the scope of the park and the scope of the streetscape project by eliminating the courthouse side of Third Ave S. He also explained that ERP 1 is expected to progress by May 2025. This package includes site utilities to the building structure, excavation, abatement, demolition, and shoring. Site fencing is expected to start after the Main Street Festival. Due to the competitiveness of bidders, we are tracking approximately $550K less than projected. As a reminder, ERP 2 is expected for June–July 2025 (bidding and development, including foundation, building structure, MEP procurement), and ERP 3 is expected for November–December 2025 (bidding and development, including exterior, drywall, interior walls, ceilings). The final GMP is expected for February–March 2026 (final build-out).

Alderman Barnhill asked Mr. Koeper how much has been spent so far.
Answer: Around $5.5M. There has been limited additional expenses (i.e. consulting fees) since the last update.

Alderman Barnhill followed up by asking how the rental spaces for the interim city hall are being paid for then?
Answer: Each facility is paid for on a month-to-month basis, and that cost is baked into the total project cost.

Mr. Stuckey also noted that since the last update, all staff have been transitioned to their interim spaces. He highlighted that the move was led by City team members. Our Facilities and Maintenance Team and IT staff made that happen, not a logistics and/or moving company, which was a significant cost savings.

Alderman Burger requested clarification on the value engineering decisions regarding the ceilings, floors, and parking garage lighting. She does not support the elimination of streetscape improvements on Third Ave .

Alderman Brown was hoping to set expectations for how much they can expect to save on this project from a value engineering standpoint.
Answer: Mr. Koeper stated that big ticket items occur early on in the design stage. For example, decisions about the parking garage being above-ground or underground had the potential to be huge cost savings. Now that we are at almost 100% design, the savings are going to be on smaller items like design finishes.

Alderman Baggett explained that likely would not disagree with any value engineering efforts. However, he agreed with Alderman Burger in that he would not skimp on the exterior design finishes, including the streetscape on Third Ave. Alderman Baggett further noted that the cost savings presented have already exceeded the cost of the owner's rep, so we are net positive based on their value engineering efforts. He also inquired about how the owner's rep, CMAR, and design team are approaching the project with the new tariff implications?
Answer: Mr. Koeper explained that the goal is for project material impacted by the tariffs to be incorporated into ERP 2 for procurement. The sooner we can get the sticks and bricks state side, the better with the unknowns happening with international trade.

Alderman Caesar agreed with Alderman Barnhill's opinion that a running calculation of money spent would be worth including in the monthly update reports. This would ideally include the monthly rent for interim office spaces. He asked that wherever possible, you try to source domestic products to avoid tariff pressure.

Alderman Burger noted that with the demand for domestic products skyrocketing, there could be a significant increase in lead times.

Mr. Stuckey assured the Board that early purchase of certain goods and materials has been at the forefront of conversation to avoid construction delays.

Mr. Koeper stated that ERP 2 will incorporate some early purchase items.

4. ***Consideration Of Amendment 5 To COF Contract No. 2020-0055, With Ascension St. Thomas Urgent Care For Renewal Regarding Near-Site Clinic Services To June 30, 2025**

Sponsors: Kevin Townsel

The item was acknowledged and is planned for the April 8, 2025 Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting for consideration.

5. ***Consideration Of COF Contract No. 2024-0280, With The TMA Group For Lease Agreement For The Building And Property Located At 708 Columbia Avenue, Franklin, Tennessee, 37064**

Sponsors: Vernon Gerth, Blake Harper

The item was acknowledged and is planned for the April 8, 2025 Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting for consideration.

6. **Presentation On Residential Infrastructure Districts In Tennessee**

Sponsors: Eric Stuckey, Kristine Brock

Mr. Stuckey introduced the item on residential infrastructure districts in TN and the implications for the City. He stated that this is a policy development opportunity for the Board. Ms. Brock and Betsy Knotts, Bass, Berry, & Sims PLC, presented the update.

Ms. Brock explained that the Residential Infrastructure Development Act (RIDA) of 2024 became effective May 1, 2024. The law allows TN cities and counties to create special assessment districts to fund infrastructure that has a unique nexus to the proposed development. Districts must be at least 5 acres and have capital costs of at least $5M. Assessments can be annually levied for up to 30 years to reimburse developers for infrastructure costs or to pay principal and interest on bonds. Bonds may be issued through city or county or an Industrial Development Board (IDB). A few of up to 5% of all special assessments collected may be retained to pay admin costs that are incurred.

This presentation summarized the first two districts created in Tennessee and the policies adopted by each local government. Ms. Brock explored the examples of the City of Bristol and Knox County.

In summary, staff will continue to monitor the first two RIDAs in Tennessee as they move forward and look for additional RIDAs that may be established in local governments more similar to Franklin. Ms. Brock posed several questions for the Board to consider:

- Does the Board of Mayor and Aldermen want further information on policy areas presented tonight, such as...
  - More research on the relativity between the City's AAA/Aaa General Obligation Bond rating and the authorization of speculative (non-investment grade) long term debt for RIDAs
  - Estimated costs for administration of a residential assessment district in the City of Franklin (billing, collection, administrative capacity for Industrial Development Board, etc.)?

- Draft policy language specific for the City of Franklin

Board Comments:
Alderman Brown stressed that this is not a way to do more development, but a way to do things right. We need more tools for smart development in the city moving forward. Alderman Brown also discussed the potential uses if commercial development is included in a RIDA assessment.

Alderman Baggett and Alderman Burger echoed Alderman Brown's sentiments.

Vice Mayor Potts appreciated Alderman Brown for explaining the commercial implications. On that note, he stated that perhaps there should be policy for both the commercial and residential developments. He agreed that as a new tool in the toolbox we can positively impact the CIP.

Alderman Petersen compared RIDAs to TIF Districts. She warned the Board that in the event of an economic downturn and slowed development, the debt to have been paid by special districts would have to be paid for by the city instead.

Then, Alderman Barnhill asked staff about the difference between RIDAs and TIF Districts.
Answer: Mr. Stuckey explained that TIF Districts rely on increments that grow over time, while the RIDAs are assigned a cost from day one throughout the life of the debt. It does not rely on the growth of valuation. Essentially, you are going to the same destination but taking a different route. One relies on valuation escalation, the other just assigns the cost (like another layer of taxes). People in the RIDAs may have a higher property tax rate than others in the city for example.

Public Comments:
Rachel Blackhurst, Director of Government Affairs for NAIOP Nashville, expressed general support for RIDA. In fact, NAIOP is supporting legislation at the State level to allow for commercial development to be added to residential development as an eligible use. This would move it from a Residential Infrastructure Development Act to a Real Estate Infrastructure Development Act.

Mayor Moore discussed his confusion about who we are relieving with this act. We talk about doing more infrastructure projects and shortening our CIP list, but in reality, he also thinks RIDA is encouraging development where developers want it. As it is now, he explained that we have very little structure for our IDB, so it would need significant restructuring to be in a position to issue bonds. He was unsure of how this would influence our AAA bond rating. Overall, he agreed with Mr. Stuckey's recommendation that we need a RIDA policy for the city if it's a tool we plan to utilize. It could be an opportunity to leverage some workforce housing

Alderman Baggett said that this type of policy development warrants more time than a work session provides.

Mr. Stuckey restated that the Board needs a RIDA policy, so the development community knows what you're looking for. This cannot be decided on a case-by-case basis.

7. ***Consideration Of Procurement Award To Morgan Contracting, Incorporated, Of Knoxville, Tennessee, In The Total Lump-Sum Amount Of $4,163,750.00 For Water Reclamation Facility Rehabilitation & Resiliency Improvements Project For The Water Management Department (Purchasing Office Procurement Solicitation No. 2025-013; $2,310,394.48 Monies Received From American Rescue Plan Act Funds And $1,700,000 Budgeted In 431-89230-52213 For Fiscal Year 2026; Contract No. 2024-0167)**

Sponsors: Michelle Hatcher

The item was acknowledged and is planned for the April 8, 2025 Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting for consideration.

8. ***Consideration Of Procurement Award To Calgon Carbon Corporation Of Moon Township, Pennsylvania In The Total Lump-Sum Amount Of $115,000 For Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) Water Filtration Media Exchange For The Water Treatment Division Of The Water Management Department (Purchasing Office Procurement Solicitation No. 2025-014; $150,000.00 Budgeted In 421-89230-52103 For Fiscal Year 2025; Contract No. 2025-0081)**

Sponsors: Kristine Brock, Michelle Hatcher

The item was acknowledged and is planned for the April 8, 2025 Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting for consideration.

9. ***Consideration Of COF Contract No. 2025-0026, With Erickson Living Properties, LLC For Parkland Impact Fee And Construction Agreement For Erickson Senior Living PUD**

Sponsors: Lisa Clayton, Heather Eusebio

The item was acknowledged and is planned for the April 8, 2025 Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting for consideration.

10. **Consideration Of Ordinance 2025-04, An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 4 Of Title 25 - Section 25-405, Section 25-406 And Section 420 Of The Franklin Municipal Code, Concerning Parkland Impact Fees As Amended**

Sponsors: Mark Hilty, Lisa Clayton, Kevin Lindsey, Heather Eusebio, Chris Franklin

Lisa Clayton, Parks Director, introduced the amendment to the Parkland Impact Fee Ordinance. The City of Franklin reviewed and calculated Parkland Impact Fees and the Parkland Dedication and Construction Off-sets using the most recently approved certified census data and Williamson County Off-sets and Wiliamson County Tax Property Assessment in order to meet the requirements of the City of Franklin Municipal Code Sec. Title 25, Chapter 4, Section 25-415 - Revision of Fees.

The Parkland Impact Fee for a proposed new residential building shall maintain the same values as in the current Parkland Impact Fee Ordinance with an inflationary increase using the Consumer Price Index ("CPI") for the development cost of a five (5) acre park. The new total Parkland Impact Fee per dwelling unit shall be Five Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Eight and No/100 Dollars ($5,268.00) per dwelling unit. This amount represents inflation from when the fee was calculated in 2016. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the total Parkland Impact Fee for a proposed new building shall be calculated at the time of the first residential final plat and the prorated amount of Three Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-One and No/100 Dollars ($3,951.00) for every dwelling unit platted. The new fees referenced in this Ordinance shall have a CPI increase year over year up to a maximum of 5% of the total Parkland Impact Fee. Such increases shall be calculated on March 1 of each year. Any future amendments requiring fee adjustments shall be subject to the then current CPI. When vesting rights for the Development Plan terminate, Parkland Impact Fees shall fall under the current Parkland Impact Fee Ordinance. All Parkland Impact Fee Agreements shall match the current approved Development Plan when pertaining to dwelling unit count.

The item is planned for the April 22, 2025 Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting for consideration on First Reading.

11. **Consideration of COF Contract No. 2024-0421, With Hard Bargain Association For The Receipt Of Community Development Block Grant Funds In An Amount Not To Exceed $80,000**

Sponsors: Tom Marsh, Kathleen Sauseda

The item was acknowledged and is planned for the April 22, 2025 Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting for consideration.

12. **Consideration Of COF Contract No. 2025-0055, With Habitat For Humanity Williamson-Maury For Reimbursement Costs From Community Development Block Grant Funds Toward The Construction Of A New, Affordable, Deed-Restricted Single Family Home In An Amount Not To Exceed $50,000**

Sponsors: Tom Marsh, Kathleen Sauseda

The item was acknowledged and is planned for the April 22, 2025 Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting for consideration.

13. **Consideration Of Resolution 2025-12, A Resolution Adopting A Plan Of Services For The Annexation Of 4356 South Carothers Road, By The City Of Franklin, Tennessee. Establishing A Public Hearing On May 13, 2025**

Sponsors: Emily Wright, Amy Diaz-Barriga, Chelsea Randolph

Chelsea Randolph, Planner, introduced the items. She explained that these items pertain to adding a portion of land to Colletta Park PUD. This request is an increase from 199 dwellings to 259 dwellings. Staff and the Franklin Municipal Planning Commission recommended approval of all items.

Alderman Petersen asked if this annexation provided for the addition of an entrance and exit for Colletta Park. Answer: Yes. There is a secondary entrance and exit.

Greg Gamble, applicant, was present to answer any questions from the Board.

The item is planned for the May 13, 2025 Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting for consideration.

14. ***Consideration Of Resolution 2025-11, A Resolution To Annex One Property, Consisting Of 5.86 Acres, Located At 4356 South Carothers Road And Adjoining The City Limits Within The Eastern Part Of The Franklin Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). Establishing A Public Hearing On May 13, 2025**

Sponsors: Emily Wright, Amy Diaz-Barriga, Chelsea Randolph

The item was heard concurrently to Item 13 and is planned for the April 8, 2025 Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting for consideration on First Reading.

15. ***Consideration Of Ordinance 2025-03, An Ordinance To Rezone 204.86 Acres From Planned (PD 1.0) District To Planned (PD 1.26) District For The Property Located South Of Murfreesboro Road And East Of South Carothers Road, Including 4356 South Carothers Road. (Colletta Park PUD Subdivision). Establishing A Public Hearing On May 13, 2025**

Sponsors: Emily Wright, Amy Diaz-Barriga, Chelsea Randolph

The item was heard concurrently to Item 13 and is planned for the April 8, 2025 Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting for consideration on First Reading.

16. **Consideration Of Resolution 2025-13, A Resolution Approving A Revised Development Plan For Colletta Park PUD Subdivision, For The Property Located South Of Murfreesboro Road And East Of**

South Carothers Road, Including 4356 South Carothers Road. Establishing A Public Hearing On May 13, 2025

Sponsors: Emily Wright, Amy Diaz-Barriga, Chelsea Randolph

The item was heard concurrently to Item 13 and is planned for the May 13, 2025 Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting for consideration and Public Hearing.

17. **Consideration Of COF Contract No. 2025-0019, With Ford Colletta, LLC For Parkland Impact Fee And Construction Agreement For Colletta Park PUD Subdivision**

Sponsors: Lisa Clayton, Heather Eusebio

The item was heard concurrently to Item 13 and is planned for the May 13, 2025 Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting for consideration.

18. ***Consideration Of Ordinance 2025-05, An Ordinance To Rezone 0.89 Acres From General Office (GO) District To Planned (PD 6,900) District For The Property Located For The Property Located East Of Jordan Road And North Of Murfreesboro Road, Located At 903 Murfreesboro Road. (Cook PUD Subdivision). Establishing A Public Hearing On May 13, 2025**

Sponsors: Emily Wright, Amy Diaz-Barriga, Chelsea Randolph

Ms. Randolph introduced the items. She explained that the Cook PUD Subdivision rezoning and development are for the nonprofit organization, Show Hope. They are request both of these items in order to request a modification of standards to allow an existing halo sign that is on the exterior of the existing building. There are no changes to the building proposed, and this sign request is the only reason they have a development plan. Both FMPC and staff recommended approval of both the MOS and the development plan.

Alderman Baggett highlighted the potential need for a sign ordinance revision.

The item is planned for the April 8, 2025 Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting for consideration on First Reading.

19. **Consideration Of Resolution 2025-23, A Resolution Approving A Development Plan For Cook PUD Subdivision With 1 Modification Of Development Standards (Signs), For The Property East Of Jordan Road And North Of Murfreesboro Road, Located At 903 Murfreesboro Road. Establishing A Public Hearing On May 13, 2025**

Sponsors: Emily Wright, Amy Diaz-Barriga, Chelsea Randolph

The item washeard concurrently to item 18 and is planned for the May 13, 2025 Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting for consideration.

20. **Consideration Of Resolution 2025-18, A Resolution To Amend The Investment Assumption Rate Of The City Of Franklin Closed Employees' Pension Plan**

Sponsors: Kristine Brock

Ms. Brock introduced the item and explained the amendment to the investment assumption rate of the City of Franklin Closed Employees Pension Plan. On September 24, 2021, the Board of Trustees of the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS) reduced their interest earnings assumption from 7.25% to 6.75%. This change of 50 basis points at one time was a significant impact to single-employer public pension plans in Tennessee that are statutorily required to adopt an interest earnings assumption no greater than 50 points higher than TCRS. On January 11, 2022, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for the City of Franklin adopted Resolution 2021-174 to decrease the interest rate assumption rate for the City's closed plan by 10 basis points a year from 7% to 6.50% in 2027.

As of March 2024, the median investment rate assumption for state public pension plans was 7.0% with an average rate of 6.91%, which is higher than the City's goal rate of 6.50% in 2027. With consultation of the City's actuary, Staff recommends adopting an investment earnings rate of 6.75% to match the rate set by TCRS in 2021. Further reductions of the rate without a corresponding movement by TCRS will have the City's two pension plans (open and closed) valued using a different rate assumption.

Staff will continue to monitor the decisions of the TCRS Board and keep both the Employee Pension Committee and BOMA informed.

The item is planned for the April 22, 2025 Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting for consideration.

21. **Consideration Of Resolution 2025-27, A Resolution To Amend COF Contract No. 2016-0328, A Retirement Health Savings Plan For Designated Employees Of The City Of Franklin, Tennessee**

Sponsors: Kristine Brock, Sara Sylvis

Ms. Brock introduced the item. On November 22, 2016, the City of Franklin (the "City") executed Contract No. 2016-0328 establishing a Retirement Health Savings (RHS) Plan for employees in City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator and Department Director positions. The purposes of establishing the RHS Plan were to allow employees retiring in designated positions the benefit of participating in a savings plan for future medical expenses as well as limit the liability to the Pension Plan that occurs from increasing final year pensionable wages with terminal leave balances. The mandatory funding source for the Retirement Health Savings Plan was stated to be one-half of the value of all terminal leave in excess of a fixed dollar amount ($24,000) at separation of service for the individual participant.

Since this time, the City has closed the single-employer pension plan that allowed for increasing final year pensionable wages with terminal leave balances. Moreover, the dollar amount of the exclusion amount, $24,000 (which represented the maximum contribution to a 457(b) retirement account), has been increased by the IRS.

Staff recommends two modifications to the 2016 RHS Plan. First, the plan documents should now clarify that the eligible employees were hired on or before December 31, 2016, and participants in the now Closed Defined Benefit Pension Plan. Finally, the dollar amount of the exclusion, rather than a fixed number, should refer to the IRS limit for 457(b) contributions (sum of regular contribution and 50 and up catch-up provision) for the year in which the employee retires.

The item is planned for the April 22, 2025 Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting for consideration.

22. **Consideration Of Ordinance 2025-08, An Ordinance To Clarify Regulation Of, And Restrictions On, Visible Possession Of Open Alcohol Containers And Consumption Of Alcohol, Other Than Beer, In Public**

Sponsors: Bill Squires

Bill Squires, Assistant City Attorney, introduced the item and explained that this a house-cleaning ordinance. The City regulates public possession and consumption of beer in Franklin Municipal Code Sec. 11-101, where possession of an open container and consumption are prohibited in public places. For alcohol other than beer, the City regulates public possession and consumption of alcohol in Sec. 8-122 and throughout Title 8, Chapter 1, Alcoholic Beverages Other Than Beer.

The beer version of the public possession and consumption regulation is more descriptive in naming prohibited locations, with a list that includes public street, alley, sidewalk, highway, avenue, public park, etc. For alcohol other than beer, the regulations are less descriptive, naming only public streets, governmental buildings, and public parks. The intention of the two sections is the same (no open containers in public or public consumption of either beer or alcohol), as it would make little sense to suggest a citizen cannot drink beer on public streets and sidewalks, but they can drink spirits and liquors in those same locations.

This ordinance makes the two sections match each other. It takes the less descriptive ordinance about locations where alcohol possession and consumption are prohibited and makes it match the more descriptive section describing prohibited locations for possession and consumption of beer. Staff recommends approval.

The item is planned for the April 22, 2025 Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting for consideration on First Reading.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

Meeting Adjourned @ 6:43 PM

Dr. Ken Moore, Mayor

Minutes Prepared by Sarah Schilling, Assistant Deputy City Recorder, City Administrator's Office - 4/15/25, 3:20PM