



**City of Franklin
Meeting Minutes
Sustainability Commission**

August 8, 2025

8:00 AM

Administration Conference Room 2B

Members Present: Al Pramuk, Anna Timme, April Eaton, Christina Christiansen, Jim Mahurin, Brian Stone

Members Absent: Alderman Beverly Burger, Keith Gordon

Staff Present: Andrew Orr, Joel Aguilera, Eric Conner, Michael Walters Young, and Katherine Harelson, Skye Gerhart

Citizens Present: John Kell

Citizen Comments:

John Kell shared that he's assisting the Tennessee Environmental Council on a pollinator garden at Liberty Elementary School that will be installed this winter.

Approval of May Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the June 2025 minutes as presented, by Al Pramuk, seconded by Jim Mahurin. The motion carried with all in favor.

Announcements:

- Andrew Orr shared the following announcements:
 - The City announced a new large cardboard recycling service at the Century Court location for oversized cardboard.
 - The EV Charging Stations have been removed from the Downtown Garages and installed outside of the 4th Ave Garage and a fourth space has been prewired and a sign post has been installed in the event demand increases to add the fourth charger.
 - The City staff took a site visit to learn about the perennial gardens at Natchez Glen near the Natchez Parkway and they have offered to partner with the City on redesigning the Fire Station 1 Pollinator beds.

2025 Citizen Survey Results Presentation

Michael Walters Young and Katherine Harelson provided a presentation over the 2025 Franklin Community Survey Results. Michael Walters Young provided an overview of the presentation and topics including survey methodology, survey results, survey comparisons, and next steps after the survey.

Michael Walters Young shared that the City of Franklin is contracted with Polco and the National Research Center to conduct the Franklin Community Survey and have been doing so since 2016. Michael Walters Young described the methodology used by Polco and the National

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Research Center to create a scientifically valid survey and what was considered a scientifically valid response rate.

Michael Walters Young noted the total number of paper survey responses received from citizens, the number of online survey responses received, and how it compared from previous years.

Michael Walters Young then mentioned that the National Community Survey is designed to measure a community's livability. Through the National Community Survey, Franklin is evaluated on ten central facets of a community. Michael Walters Young outlined those facets include: economy, mobility, community design, utilities, safety, natural environment, parks & recreation, health & wellness, education, arts, and culture, and inclusivity and engagement.

Katherine Harelson then presented, and proceeded to summarize each facet, the survey responses to the questions of that facet, and how the responses compared to previous survey years.

Katherine Harelson concluded the review and Michael Walters Young then proceeded to summarize the custom questions Franklin includes in the community survey, and responses received for those specific questions. Most notably, the citizens would like to see a permanent location for the Franklin Farmers Market.

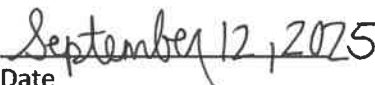
Michael Walters Young concluded the presentation with an overview of resident issues for the years the survey was conducted, and how Franklin, Tennessee ranks compared to other cities in the US. Michael Walters Young then outlined the next steps and then concluded his presentation.

Discussion ensued about property taxes, municipal financing, and TDOT partnerships.

NEWS/UPDATE/ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 AM.


Chair Signature


Date

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