



**Franklin City Council Agenda
July 22, 2024
Council Chambers
207 West Second Avenue
Franklin, Virginia 23851**

6:00 P.M. Work Session
Funding Key Capital Projects & Street Maintenance

7:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER. MAYOR ROBERT L. CUTCHINS
PLEASE TURN OFF CELL PHONES. MAYOR ROBERT L. CUTCHINS
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
CITIZEN’S TIME
AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

- 1. RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEE:**
 - A. Dinah Babb, Treasurer
- 2. CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - A. Approval of July 8, 2024 meeting minutes
- 3. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**
 - A. Resolution #2024-20 – Parks & Recreation Month
 - B. Resolution #2024-21- Parks & Recreation Professional’s Day
 - C. Ordinance #2024-08 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Article III – Planning Commission Compensation
- 4. FINANCIAL MATTERS**
 - A. Budget Amendment 2025-01
- 5. OLD/ NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. Historic Preservation Presentation
 - B. FSEDI FY23 Report
 - C. Sale of Property (Parcel #69-01-042) – Public Hearing
 - D. Council’s Comments
 - E. City Manager’s Report
- 6. COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS ON BOARDS/COMMISSIONS**
- 7. CLOSED SESSION**

I move that the City of Franklin, Virginia City Council adjourn into a closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711-A-1, 1. discussion of appointments to boards and commissions, and discussion of performance of employees of the public body to discuss the following subject or subjects: Discussion and consideration of the acquisition and/or disposition of real property, Southview Cemetery Advisory Committee, Beautification Commission, Board of Equalization, City of Franklin School Board, City Attorney.

- 8. ADJOURNMENT**

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes July 8, 2024

Call to order

The Franklin City Council held its regular City Council meeting on July 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Council Members in Attendance: Robert “Bobby” Cutchins, Mayor; Wynndolyn Copeland, Vice-Mayor; Councilman Mark Kitchen; Councilman Ray Smith; Councilman Gregory McLemore; Councilman Linwood Johnson (7:03 p.m.)

Council Members not in Attendance: Councilwoman Jessica Banks

Staff in Attendance: Darlene Burcham, Interim City Manager; Haleigh Pinto, Executive Assistant recording minutes.

Other Staff in Attendance: Steve Patterson, Chief of Police; Matthew Jezierski, Director of IT; Aaron Barnes, Director of Community Development; Scott Miller, Building Inspector

Citizen’s Time

No one signed up at this time.

Amendments to Agenda

No amendments to the agenda.

Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of June 24, 2024 Work Session Meeting Minutes

Mayor Robert Cutchins asked if there were any corrections or additions for the June 24, 2024 work session meeting minutes. Councilman Ray Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with a second from Vice-Mayor Wynndolyn Copeland.

The motion carried the vote 4-1

The vote was as follows:

Councilman Linwood Johnson	Absent
Councilman Mark Kitchen	Aye
Councilwoman Jessica Banks	Absent
Vice-Mayor Wynndolyn Copeland	Aye
Mayor Robert Cutchins	Aye
Councilman Ray Smith	Aye

Councilman Gregory McLemore **Abstained**

Mayor Robert Cutchins affirmed the motion carried.

B. Approval of June 24, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Robert Cutchins asked if there were any corrections or additions for the June 24, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Councilman Mark Kitchen made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with a second from Vice-Mayor Wynndolyn Copeland.

The motion carried the vote 5-0

The vote was as follows:

Councilman Linwood Johnson	Absent
Councilman Mark Kitchen	Aye
Councilwoman Jessica Banks	Absent
Vice-Mayor Wynndolyn Copeland	Aye
Mayor Robert Cutchins	Aye
Councilman Ray Smith	Aye
Councilman Gregory McLemore	Aye

Mayor Robert Cutchins affirmed the motion carried.

C. Approval of June 25, 2024 Work Session Meeting Minutes

Mayor Robert Cutchins asked if there were any corrections or additions for the June 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Vice-Mayor Wynndolyn Copeland made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with a second from Councilman Mark Kitchen.

The motion carried the vote 5-0

The vote was as follows:

Councilman Linwood Johnson	Absent
Councilman Mark Kitchen	Aye
Councilwoman Jessica Banks	Absent
Vice-Mayor Wynndolyn Copeland	Aye
Mayor Robert Cutchins	Aye
Councilman Ray Smith	Aye
Councilman Gregory McLemore	Aye

Mayor Robert Cutchins affirmed the motion carried.

Councilman Linwood Johnson arrived.

Ordinances & Resolutions

**A. Proclamation #2024-17 – Proclamation Honoring L. Terrell Majette, Sr.
(Read by: Councilman Mark Kitchen)**

Proclamation Honoring L. Terrell Majette, Sr. for Extraordinary Heroism in Saving Children's Lives
Proclamation #2024-17

WHEREAS, acts of bravery and selflessness serve as profound inspirations to our community and exemplify the highest values of humanity; and

WHEREAS, L. Terrell Majette, Sr. has demonstrated extraordinary courage and swift action in a moment of critical danger, directly saving the lives of two children; and

WHEREAS, L. Terrell Majette, Sr.'s heroic actions not only averted a potential tragedy but also brought immense relief and gratitude to the families involved and the entire community; and

WHEREAS, such acts of heroism embody the spirit of altruism and serve as a beacon of hope and resilience, reminding us all of the profound impact one individual can have on the lives of many; and

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin is immeasurably proud of L. Terrell Majette, Sr. and wishes to formally acknowledge and celebrate his act of heroism;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert "Bobby" Cutchins, Mayor on behalf of the and the City of Franklin City Council and the citizens of the City of Franklin, do hereby proclaim July 8, 2024, as a day to honor and recognize L. Terrell Majette, Sr. for his extraordinary heroism and selfless dedication to the safety and well-being of our children.

FURTHERMORE, we extend our deepest gratitude and commendation to L. Terrell Majette, Sr. for his bravery, quick thinking, and unwavering commitment to protecting the lives of others.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of City of Franklin to be affixed this 8th of July, 2024.

This proclamation serves as a permanent record of L. Terrell Majette, Sr.'s heroism and a reminder of the powerful impact of his actions.

Signed this 8th day of July 2024.

Robert "Bobby" Cutchins, Mayor
City of Franklin, Virginia

Mayor Robert Cutchins entertained a motion to approve Proclamation #2024-17 –Honoring L. Terrell Majette, Sr. Councilman Gregory McLemore made a motion to approve with a second from Councilman Linwood Johnson.

The motion carried the vote 6-0

The vote was as follows:

Councilman Linwood Johnson	Aye
Councilman Mark Kitchen	Aye
Councilwoman Jessica Banks	Absent
Vice-Mayor Wynndolyn Copeland	Aye
Mayor Robert Cutchins	Aye
Councilman Ray Smith	Aye

Councilman Gregory McLemore **Aye**

Mayor Robert Cutchins affirmed the motion carried.

Mr. L. Terrell Majette, Sr. was presented with a framed copy of the Proclamation by City Council.

**B. Resolution #2024-18 -Resolution Authorizing A Stipend to Planning Commission Members
(Read by: Councilman Ray Smith)**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A STIPEND TO PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS
Resolution #2024-18

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin wishes to acknowledge the important role that members of the Planning Commission play in determining the future development of the City, and;

WHEREAS, the dedicated members of the Planning Commission have tirelessly volunteered their time, expertise, and passion to serve our community; and

WHEREAS, their commitment to excellence, integrity, and public service has significantly contributed to the betterment of the City of Franklin; and

WHEREAS, their professionalism and leadership have guided important decisions that impact our infrastructure, housing, transportation, and overall quality of life; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert “Bobby” Cutchins, Mayor on behalf of the and the City of Franklin City Council hereby adopt a policy of providing a \$50.00 stipend for each meeting attended in the future in recognition of the Planning Commission member’s contributions to the City of Franklin, Virginia.

Signed this 8th day of July 2024.

Robert “Bobby” Cutchins, Mayor
City of Franklin, Virginia

Mayor Robert Cutchins entertained a motion to approve Resolution #2024-18 – Resolution Authorizing a Stipend to Planning Commission Members Gregory McLemore made a motion to approve with a second from Councilman Linwood Johnson.

The motion carried the vote 6-0

The vote was as follows:

- Councilman Linwood Johnson** **Aye**
- Councilman Mark Kitchen** **Aye**
- Councilwoman Jessica Banks** **Absent**
- Vice-Mayor Wynndolyn Copeland** **Aye**
- Mayor Robert Cutchins** **Aye**
- Councilman Ray Smith** **Aye**
- Councilman Gregory McLemore** **Aye**

Mayor Robert Cutchins affirmed the motion carried.

C. Ordinance #2024-06 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 29: Public Nuisance

Ms. Burcham informed Council that in May they had a work session on the following issue where the amount of overgrowth within the City and the length of time it takes to force was discussed. She added that this particular Ordinance will reduce the allowed growth height from 12 inches to 8 inches as well as give adequate notice to the owner to ensure individuals conform to the regulations.

Ms. Burcham stated that in the Ordinance, overgrowth is better defined to ensure that individuals have a good understanding. She added that this Ordinance will be in effect immediately.

Councilman Mark Kitchen asked if the penalty is a Class 4 misdemeanor and why the penalty was crossed out on the Amended Ordinance. Councilman Gregory McLemore stated that during the May work session, he had suggested not having the Class 4 misdemeanor as a penalty for this item and asked if that was why the penalty was crossed out. Mayor Robert Cutchins stated that he recalls the discussion but that he doesn't recall a vote. Christopher Mackenzie, City Attorney stated that that another section of the code talks about the next steps if there is a violation to the Ordinance. He stated that as written currently, if the grass is over 8 inches, City staff would be required to notice the property owner with specific timelines and requirements to cure the violations. If the individual fails to follow the notice, the City has the authority to cut the grass and charge the property owner for doing so. Councilman Gregory McLemore stated that he is in agreement with what the Attorney states.

Mayor Robert Cutchins entertained a motion to approve Ordinance #2024-06 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 29: Public Nuisance. Councilman Ray Smith made a motion to approve with a second from Councilman Linwood Johnson.

The motion carried the vote 6-0

The vote was as follows:

Councilman Linwood Johnson	Aye
Councilman Mark Kitchen	Aye
Councilwoman Jessica Banks	Absent
Vice-Mayor Wynndolyn Copeland	Aye
Mayor Robert Cutchins	Aye
Councilman Ray Smith	Aye
Councilman Gregory McLemore	Aye

Mayor Robert Cutchins affirmed the motion carried.

D. Ordinance #2024-07 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 30: Garbage & Refuse

Ms. Burcham informed Council that the contents Ordinance #2024-07 was also discussed during a work session in May as Council and Staff are making an effort to improve the City's appearance and safety. She added that Staff reduced the number of definitions under the Ordinance due to the City removing its recycling program. She added that the Ordinance is very specific with when and where garbage containers should be placed on collection day.

Councilman Gregory McLemore asked how the City plans to be aware of someone violating the Ordinance. Mayor Robert Cutchins stated that if a resident notices an individual repeatedly violating the Ordinance, they should notify Public Works. Ms. Burcham stated that Staff will ensure that citizens are notified of the change on social media, and the City’s website. Councilman Gregory McLemore requested staff to put a note in the utility bills in red bold print to notify citizens of the changes made.

Mr. Mackenzie stated that in the code it stated that any violation of this Ordinance would be a Class 3 Misdemeanor.

Mayor Robert Cutchins entertained a motion to approve Ordinance #2024-07 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 30: Garbage & Refuse. Councilman Ray Smith made a motion to approve with a second from Councilman Mark Kitchen.

The motion carried the vote 6-0

The vote was as follows:

Councilman Linwood Johnson	Aye
Councilman Mark Kitchen	Aye
Councilwoman Jessica Banks	Absent
Vice-Mayor Wynndolyn Copeland	Aye
Mayor Robert Cutchins	Aye
Councilman Ray Smith	Aye
Councilman Gregory McLemore	Aye

Mayor Robert Cutchins affirmed the motion carried.

Financial Matters:

A. Budget Amendment 2024-22

The Interim City Manager presented Budget Amendment 2024-22. She added that although the City is now in the Fiscal Year 2025, this amendment is for the Fiscal Year 2024 which ended June 30, 2024. She added that the request to bring this forward was received late therefore we were unable to present it in June. She recommended the Council amend the 2023-2024 City Budget as follows:

1. Record the increases and decreases to City of Franklin Pubic School grant allocations for use.

		2023-2024 BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET	INCREASE (DECREASE)
#1				
250 EDUCATION FUND				
REVENUE				
250-3-24000-0202	State School Basic Aid	\$ 11,503,764	\$ 11,773,218	\$ 269,454.00
250-3-24000-0297	Safety and Security Grant	\$ -	\$ 139,290	\$ 139,290.16
				<u>\$ 408,744.16</u>
EXPENDITURES				
250-4-60000-0003	Pupil Transportation	\$ 452,991	\$ 577,445	\$ 124,454.00
250-4-60000-0004	Operations and Maintenance	\$ 2,051,263	\$ 2,196,263	\$ 145,000.00
250-4-60000-0297	Safety and Security Grant	\$ -	\$ 139,290	\$ 139,290.16
				<u>\$ 408,744.16</u>

Mayor Robert Cutchins entertained a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2024-22. Councilman Linwood Johnson made a motion to approve with a second from Councilman Mark Kitchen.

The motion carried the vote 5-1-0

The vote was as follows:

Councilman Linwood Johnson	Aye
Councilman Mark Kitchen	Aye
Councilwoman Jessica Banks	Absent
Vice-Mayor Wynndolyn Copeland	Aye
Mayor Robert Cutchins	Aye
Councilman Ray Smith	Aye
Councilman Gregory McLemore	Abstained

Mayor Robert Cutchins affirmed the motion carried.

Old/New Business:

A. WTRJA Agreement Amendment

Ms. Burcham informed Council that this agreement amendment for the Western Tidewater Regional Jail Authority has been in the works for several months. She added that the Resolution consummates the entry of the City of Hampton to the Regional Jail Authority and will have positive financial impacts on all member localities. She stated that the City of Hampton has been using and paying a per diem to the Western Tidewater Regional Jail and has decided they would like to become a permanent member of the Authority.

Councilman Linwood Johnson stated that during the last Jail Authority Meeting it was approved for the City of Hampton to join the Authority and Council’s vote is needed in order to move forward.

- a. Resolution #2024-19 – Resolution Amending the WTRJA Agreement
(Read by: Councilman Linwood Johnson)

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE AGREEMENT OF THE MEMBER JURISDICTIONS OF THE WESTERN TIDEWATER REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY OF NOVEMBER 1, 1990

Resolution #2024-19

WHEREAS, the City of Suffolk, Virginia, the County of Isle of Wight, Virginia, and the City of Franklin, Virginia entered into an agreement dated November 1, 1990, for the development, construction, operation and maintenance of the Western Tidewater Regional Jail Authority, pursuant to Title 53.1, Article 3.1, of the Code of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the initial member of the Regional Authority consisted of the City of Suffolk, County of Isle of Wight, and the City of Franklin; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement limited the addition of new members to only the County of Southampton, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hampton, Virginia has initiated a request to become a member of the Western Tidewater Regional Jail Authority and the Board is considering said City joining the Authority pursuant to Section 53.1-95.5 of the Code of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is considering the City of Hampton becoming a member of the Authority subject to the Agreement of November 1, 1990 of the jurisdictions as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Authority and the City of Hampton have drafted the Amended and Restated Agreement for Creation of the Western Tidewater Regional Jail Authority, which said Authority and the City of Hampton are recommending to the jurisdictions of the City of Suffolk, County of Isle of Wight and City of Franklin for their approval and acceptance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert “Bobby” Cutchins, Mayor on behalf of the and the City of Franklin City Council hereby requests that the Amended and Restated Agreement for Creation of the Western Tidewater Regional Jail Authority hereto attached be accepted and approved by the member jurisdictions of said Authority to allow the City of Hampton to join the Authority as an additional member, pursuant to § 53.1-95.5 of the Code of Virginia

Approved by the City Council of the City of Franklin, Virginia on July 8, 2024.

By: _____
Clerk to City Council of the City of Franklin, Virginia

Councilman Linwood Johnson made a motion to adopt Resolution #2024-19 – Resolution Amending WTRJA Agreement with a second from Vice-Mayor Wynndolyn Copeland.

The motion carried the vote 6-0

The vote was as follows:

Councilman Linwood Johnson	Aye
Councilman Mark Kitchen	Aye
Councilwoman Jessica Banks	Absent
Vice-Mayor Wynndolyn Copeland	Aye
Mayor Robert Cutchins	Aye
Councilman Ray Smith	Aye
Councilman Gregory McLemore	Aye

Mayor Robert Cutchins affirmed the motion carried.

B. Council’s Comments

Councilman Linwood Johnson thanked Council for their approval of Resolution #2024-19 and stated that there will be more items coming before Council that are vital for the City. He added that there is a vacancy on the Planning Commission which he will discuss in closed session, and introduced Mr. Eugene Huling and his spouse.

Councilman Mark Kitchen has no comments.

Vice-Mayor Wynndolyn Copeland informed Citizen’s that the next Ward 5 Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled for July 24, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. located at the MLK Center.

Councilman Ray Smith expressed his appreciation for the approval of Resolution #2024-18. He added that the Planning Commission is made of a lot of hard working and dedicated people.

Councilman Gregory McLemore stated that the attendance for the City of Franklin's Independence Day Celebration was outstanding. The citizens showed a lot of support and it continues to be one of the largest events within the City. He thanked all individuals involved with the event. He added that there was a community day that was well attended by Council on July 6th, and thanked all sponsors involved with the event. Councilman McLemore added that July 1st brought many new laws to the State of Virginia. He encouraged citizens to go on www.Virginia.gov and review the new laws. He added that one specific law affects the regulations related to extreme temperatures.

Mayor Robert Cutchins stated on behalf of everyone who helped with the City of Franklin's Independence Day Celebration, it was a beautiful event! He thanked the many sponsors for their donations and assistance during the event. He stated there were a lot of people and it was a beautiful sight to see.

C. City Manager's Report

Ms. Burcham stated that the staff and individuals involved with the Independence Day event were very pleased with the turn out and conduct of the individuals attending the celebration. She added that we should all be very proud of having such a successful event. She stated that she failed to mention during the June City Council Meeting that a retired member of the Police Department who works part-time, Brent Gayle, received the gold award in policy making management from Lexipool.

Ms. Burcham advised Council that one of three projects which we continue to seek funding for is the Radio Project which is under contract. She added that notification was received from Congresswoman Jen Kiggans office that the City has been granted \$1 million by the House Committee on Science and Justice for FY-25 bill.

Council/Staff Reports on Boards/Commissions:

Councilman Linwood Johnson stated that the WTRJB is not meeting the month of July. He added that the Hampton Roads Workforce Council is working on building programs to assist individuals with employment.

Closed Session

Councilman Mark Kitchen moved that the City of Franklin, Virginia City Council adjourn into a closed meeting at 7:44 P.M. pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711-A-1, 1. discussion of appointments to boards and commissions, and discussion of performance of employees of the public body on the following items: Discussion and consideration of the acquisition and/or disposition of real property, Franklin Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board, Southview Cemetery Advisory Committee. The Interim City Manager requested to add the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Linwood Johnson.

The motion carried with a vote 6-0

The vote was as follows:

Councilman Linwood Johnson	Aye
Councilman Mark Kitchen	Aye
Councilwoman Jessica Banks	Absent
Vice-Mayor Wynndolyn Copeland	Aye
Mayor Robert Cutchins	Aye
Councilman Ray Smith	Aye
Councilman Gregory McLemore	Aye

Mayor Robert Cutchins stated the motion carried.

Motion Upon Return to Open Session

Councilman Mark Kitchen moved that the City of Franklin, Virginia City Council certify that, to the best of each member’s knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting held on July 8, 2024 at 8:03 P.M., meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the City of Franklin, Virginia City Council; and (ii) no action was taken in closed meeting regarding the items discussed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Linwood Johnson.

The motion carried the vote 6-0

The vote was as follows:

Councilman Linwood Johnson	Aye
Councilman Mark Kitchen	Aye
Councilwoman Jessica Banks	Absent
Vice-Mayor Wynndolyn Copeland	Aye
Mayor Robert Cutchins	Aye
Councilman Ray Smith	Aye
Councilman Gregory McLemore	Aye

Mayor Robert Cutchins stated the motion carried the vote.

Councilman Linwood Johnson made a motion to reappoint Charlie Ashburn to the Franklin Redevelopment and Housing Authority with a second from Councilman Mark Kitchen.

The motion carried the vote 6-0

The vote was as follows:

Councilman Linwood Johnson	Aye
Councilman Mark Kitchen	Aye
Councilwoman Jessica Banks	Absent
Vice-Mayor Wynndolyn Copeland	Aye
Mayor Robert Cutchins	Aye
Councilman Ray Smith	Aye
Councilman Gregory McLemore	Aye

Mayor Robert Cutchins stated the motion carried the vote.

Councilman Linwood Johnson made a motion to appoint Eugene Huling to the Planning Commission with a second from Vice-Mayor Wynndolyn Copeland.

The motion carried the vote 6-0

The vote was as follows:

Councilman Linwood Johnson	Aye
Councilman Mark Kitchen	Aye
Councilwoman Jessica Banks	Absent
Vice-Mayor Wynndolyn Copeland	Aye
Mayor Robert Cutchins	Aye
Councilman Ray Smith	Aye
Councilman Gregory McLemore	Aye

Mayor Robert Cutchins stated the motion carried the vote.

Vice-Mayor Wynndolyn Copeland made a motion that Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3712(B), the City Council of Franklin, Virginia conduct a closed meeting solely for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the position of City Manager, within the next 15 days here in the City Council Chambers with a second from Councilman Linwood Johnson.

The motion carried the vote 6-0

The vote was as follows:

Councilman Linwood Johnson	Aye
Councilman Mark Kitchen	Aye
Councilwoman Jessica Banks	Absent

Vice-Mayor Wynndolyn Copeland	Aye
Mayor Robert Cutchins	Aye
Councilman Ray Smith	Aye
Councilman Gregory McLemore	Aye

Mayor Robert Cutchins stated the motion carried the vote.

Adjournment

Councilman Mark Kitchen made a motion to adjourn the July 8, 2024 City Council Meeting at 8:08 p.m. with a second from Councilman Gregory McLemore.

The motion carried the vote 6-0

The vote was as follows:

Councilman Linwood Johnson	Aye
Councilman Mark Kitchen	Aye
Councilwoman Jessica Banks	Absent
Vice-Mayor Wynndolyn Copeland	Aye
Mayor Robert Cutchins	Aye
Councilman Ray Smith	Aye
Councilman Gregory McLemore	Aye

Mayor Robert Cutchins stated the meeting stands adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk to City Council



**Parks & Recreation Month
Resolution #2024-20**

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation is an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the City of Franklin, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation promotes health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people who live near parks; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation promotes time spent in nature, which positively impacts mental health by increasing cognitive performance and well-being, and alleviating illnesses such as depression, attention deficit disorders, and Alzheimer's; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation encourages physical activities by providing space for popular sports, hiking trails, swimming pools and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation is a leading provider of health meals, nutrition services and education; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation programming and education activities, such as out-of-school time programming, youth sports and environmental education, are critical to childhood development; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation increases a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation is fundamental to the environment well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation is essential and adaptable infrastructure that makes our communities resilient in the face of natural disasters and climate change; and

WHEREAS, our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS, The City of Franklin, Virginia recognizes the benefits derived from Parks and Recreation resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council does hereby recognize July as Parks and Recreation Month, in the City of Franklin, Virginia.

Signed this 22nd day of July, 2024.

Robert "Bobby" Cutchins, Mayor
City of Franklin, Virginia



Parks & Recreation Professional's Day
Resolution #2024-21

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin City Council recognizes that the Parks and Recreation field is a diverse and comprehensive system that improves personal, social, environmental and economic health; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the importance and benefits of Park and Recreation services that enrich the lives of its citizens, and help make this community a desirable place to live, work and visit; and

WHEREAS, the City Council supports the skilled work of Park and Recreation professionals to strengthen community cohesion and resiliency, connect people with nature and each other, and provide and promote opportunities for healthful living, social equity and environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the City Council values the essential services that Park and Recreation professionals and volunteers perform to provide recreational and developmental enrichment for our children, youth, adults, and older adults; and to ensure our parks and recreation spaces are clean, safe, inclusive, welcoming and ready to use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council does hereby proclaim July 19, 2024, as "Parks and Recreation Professional's Day" in the City of Franklin, Virginia.

Signed this 22nd day of July, 2024.

Robert "Bobby" Cutchins, Mayor
City of Franklin, Virginia



Ordinance 2024-08

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF FRANKLIN CODE ARTICLE III, CHAPTER 2 – PLANNING COMMISSION

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, VIRGINIA ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

That Article III, In General, of Chapter 2- Planning Commission, is hereby amended as followed:

~~§ 2-39 Compensation of members.~~

~~{Code 1962, § 20-3}~~

~~All members of the Planning Commission shall serve as such without compensation.~~

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, VIRGINIA ON JULY 22, 2024.

ATTEST:

_____, Mayor

_____, Clerk



BUDGET AMENDMENT 2025-01

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, VIRGINIA that the 2024-2025 City Budget is hereby amended to:

1. *Record approval of receipt of new Fatherhood Incentive Grant and its expenses.*

		2024-2025 BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET	INCREASE (DECREASE)
201 VPA				
REVENUE				
201-3-18990-1806	Fatherhood Incentive Grant	\$ -	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500
				<u>\$ 12,500</u>
EXPENDITURES				
201-4-53110-9010	Fatherhood Incentive Grant	\$ -	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500
				<u>\$ 12,500</u>

Certified copy of resolution adopted by Franklin City Council.

Clerk to the City Council

Fatherhood Incentive Funds

SFY: 2025

Amount Requested \$12,500

Locality: Franklin City

FIPS: 620

VDSS is extending an opportunity for Local Departments of Social Services (LDSS) to apply for one-time Fatherhood Incentive Funds for SFY 2025 to support, enhance, or pilot a project or strategy related to engaging and/or supporting Fathers. LDSS can pool their funds for larger events/projects. No local match is required to receive these funds. Each LDSS can request up to \$12,500. LDSS should budget efficiently in order to spend all of the funds per the approved plan during SFY 2025.

LDSS must include a detailed plan of how their agency plans to increase engagement of or support to fathers known and unknown to the child welfare system. LDSS must include a description for the services to be purchased or provided, to include estimated expenditures (itemized amounts) for each service code.

Section I: Contract Services (Community-Based Services)

This section should only be completed if the LDSS has an active MOA with a vendor to provide community based services. For example, the LDSS has a contract with a community partner to provide parenting classes for fathers in the community. For example, the LDSS has a contract with a community partner to provide a support group for fathers in the community. These services are not client specific.

Contract Provider (List each Service Provider)	Description of service to be provided	Amount
City of Franklin Parks and Recreation	Pool passes for fathers and their child(ren), up to 5 persons per pass for use of the pool during open hours for the season beginning June 8-Sept. 3; 75 passes at \$70.00 each	\$5,250
City of Franklin Parks and Recreation	Admission and transportation for field trip outing for fathers with children of any age; destination TBD	\$2,250

Fatherhood Incentive Funds

Section III: Summary

Amount Requested	<u>\$12,500</u>
Amount Allocated	<u>\$12,500</u>
Federal/ State Share (100%)	<u>\$12,500</u>
Local Cash Match (0%)	<u>\$0</u>

Sarah W. Rexrode
LDSS Director (print/ type)

Sarah W. Rexrode
LDSS Director (signature)

5/29/2024
Date

Mirely Kennedy
Program Consultant (print/ type)

Mirely Kennedy
Program Consultant (signature)

06/05/2024
Date



Economic Impact 2023

Jan-Dec

Number of Employees:	Full Time	161
	Part Time	41
Average Salary (FT employees only):	\$94,079.44	
Client Rent Paid to Franklin:	\$204,625.24	
Taxes Paid to Franklin:	\$26,822.04	
Taxes Paid to Virginia	\$123,498.95	
Taxes Paid to IRS:	\$328,423.04	
Total Business Revenues:	\$11,785,661.00	
Total Business Profits:	\$976,585.00	

Eight (8) new and/or expanding clients signed leases at the Franklin Business Center.

Highlights of Fiscal 2023-2024

Franklin Southampton Economic Development, Inc.

The following bullet points are key highlights of the activities that Franklin Southampton Economic Development, Inc, (FSEDI) has worked on in the City of Franklin and its shared services areas during the past fiscal year.

- 1) **Assisting with the development of the hotel/event space project.** This project has made significant strides in development during 2023-2024. We look forward to additional steps happening with the project in the coming year.
- 2) **Global Concentrate moves closer to ground-breaking.** Though the process has been slow, we are getting closer to final permits and construction. We look forward to Global Concentrate coming to Franklin.
- 3) **Marketing of the former Rite Aid building continues.** It is hoped that a new tenant will be found soon.
- 4) **The Franklin Business Center reached 100% occupancy** during portions of the 2023-2024 year. Current occupancy is at 87% with 36 tenants currently in the building. Record rent receipts of over \$200,000 were received by the City of Franklin. FBC graduate Hometown Realty opened an office in Franklin earlier this year.
- 5) **FSEDI staff marketed the Franklin Enterprise Zone.** New projects in the Enterprise Zone in the most recent year were Dunkin' and Southern Charm Garden Center. FSEDI continues to work on marketing vacancies and expanding opportunities.
- 6) **The Franklin Southampton Community Visioning Process began this year.** This process is an update of the 2004 Franklin Southampton Futures that created FSEDI, providing an opportunity to create a new path forward in Franklin Southampton. The Steering Committee and subcommittees have done a great deal of work to date. That work is continuing.
- 7) **The renovation of the former Tidewater News building** for the new Camp Community College Nursing and Allied Health facility is progressing well and will be operating in 2025. The Nursing and Allied Health facility greatly expands capacity for training for those industries. It will provide opportunities for our community to enter those fields, supporting our local hospital and health care facilities.
- 8) **STARTUP winner West Wellness Co. opened in downtown Franklin.** Current STARTUP winner Jett Production Company is working on a space in downtown Franklin as well.
- 9) **Working with the Hampton Roads SBDC to develop businesses for our area.** Recently, FBC graduate Nantrak Industries rented a second office on Main Street in downtown Franklin. The company is developing high-tech manufacturing applications that we look forward to keeping in our area.
- 10) **FSEDI worked on several other projects throughout the year.** We answered a wide variety of inquiries on economic and community development issues from citizens and people interested in Franklin. Our tourism marketing effort continues to assist the City of Franklin, in coordination with the City's tourism office.

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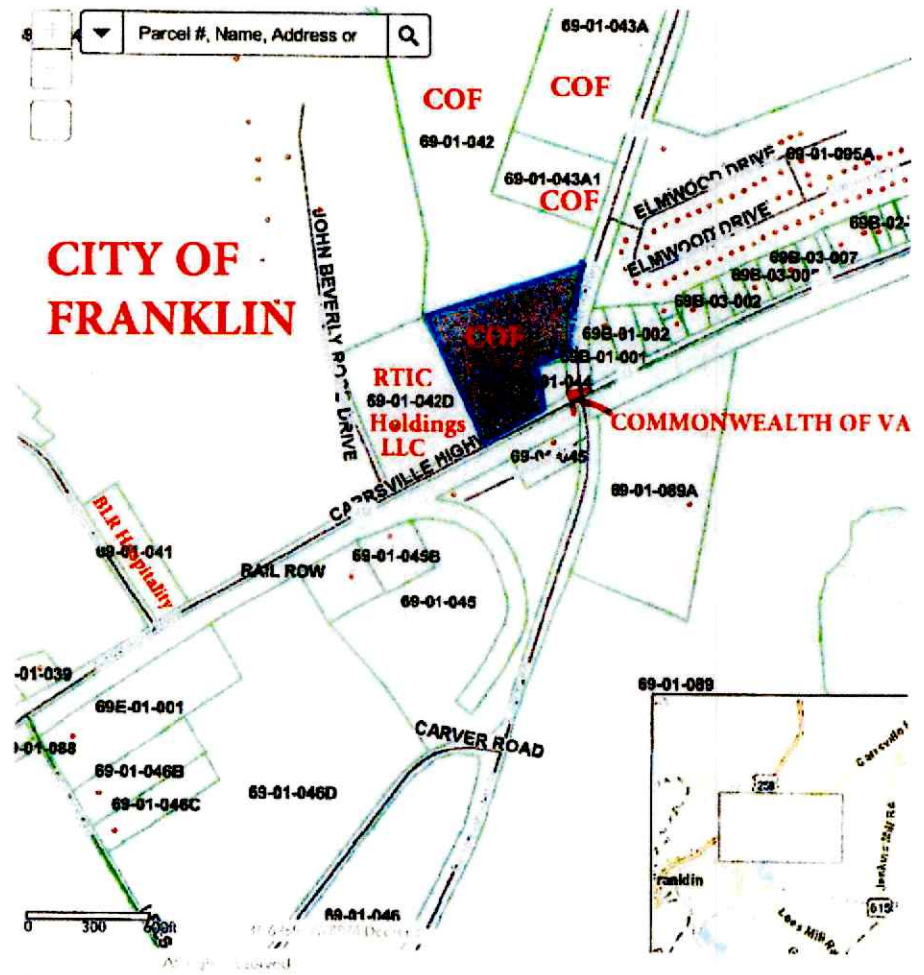
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Calendar Of Events

2025

**APRIL
19**

SPRING FEST
9 am - 3 pm

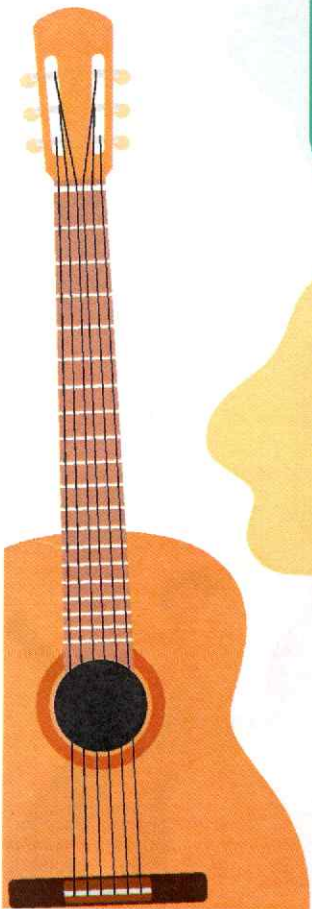
**MARDI GRAS MARCH
CONCERT**
6:30 pm - 10 pm

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**JUNE
19**

**JUNETEENTH
CELEBRATION**
6:30 pm - 10 pm

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**JULY
17**

THIRD THURSDAY

6:30 pm - 10 pm



THIRD THURSDAY

**AUG
21**

6:30 pm - 10 pm



**SEPT
18**

THIRD THURSDAY

6:30 pm - 10 pm



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JULY INDEPENDENCE DAY
2 4 pm - 9:30 pm

FOOD TRUCK RODEO **OCT**
6:30 pm - 10 pm **3**

OCT FALL FESTIVAL
4 9 am - 3 pm

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**OCT
23** DOWNTOWN TRICK OR
TREAT "BOO BASH"
5 pm - 7 pm

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR **NOV
8**
9 am - 3 pm

**DEC
5** CHRISTMAS PARADE
7 pm - 9 pm

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