



**Franklin City Council Agenda  
January 24, 2022  
Council Chambers  
207 West Second Avenue  
Franklin, Virginia 23851**

**6:00 P.M**

FY 23 Agencies and Organizations Presentations

**7:00 P.M.**

**Regular Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER. . . . . MAYOR FRANK M. RABIL**  
**PLEASE TURN OFF CELL PHONES. . . . . MAYOR FRANK M. RABIL**  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
**CITIZEN'S TIME**  
**AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**

**1. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approval of January 10, 2022 Minutes from the Work Session & Regular City Council Meeting
- B. Introduction of New Employees
- C. Resolution in Honor of the Service of Brent Gayle Franklin Police Department

**2. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- A. Budget Amendment 2022-11

**3. OLD/ NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Adoption of State of Emergency
- B. Presentation on Accreditation Standards – FCPS
- C. City Manager’s Report

**4. COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS ON BOARDS/COMMISSIONS**

**5. 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: Franklin Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, Industrial Development Authority, Board of Zoning Appeals and

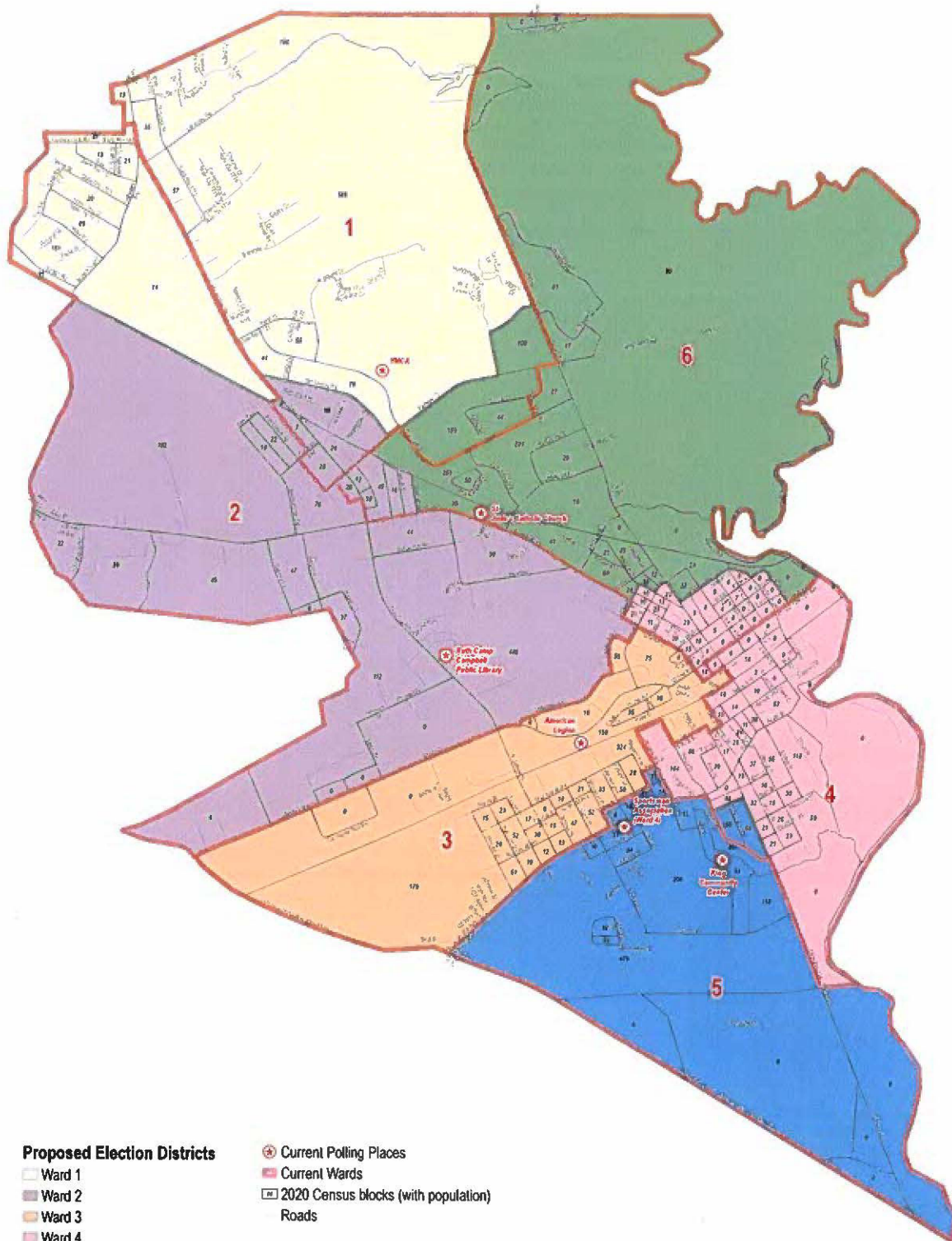
2.2-3711-A-5, Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community specifically along Pretlow Industrial Park, Armory Drive, and Franklin Regional Airport.

2.2-3711-A-7, Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body specifically regarding, health insurance of a City retiree, and Sanford vs. City of Franklin.

**Motion Upon Returning to Open Session-** I move 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 January 24, 2022; (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the City of Franklin, Virginia City Council; and (iii) no action was taken in closed meeting regarding the items discussed.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

# Proposed Election Districts - Option A



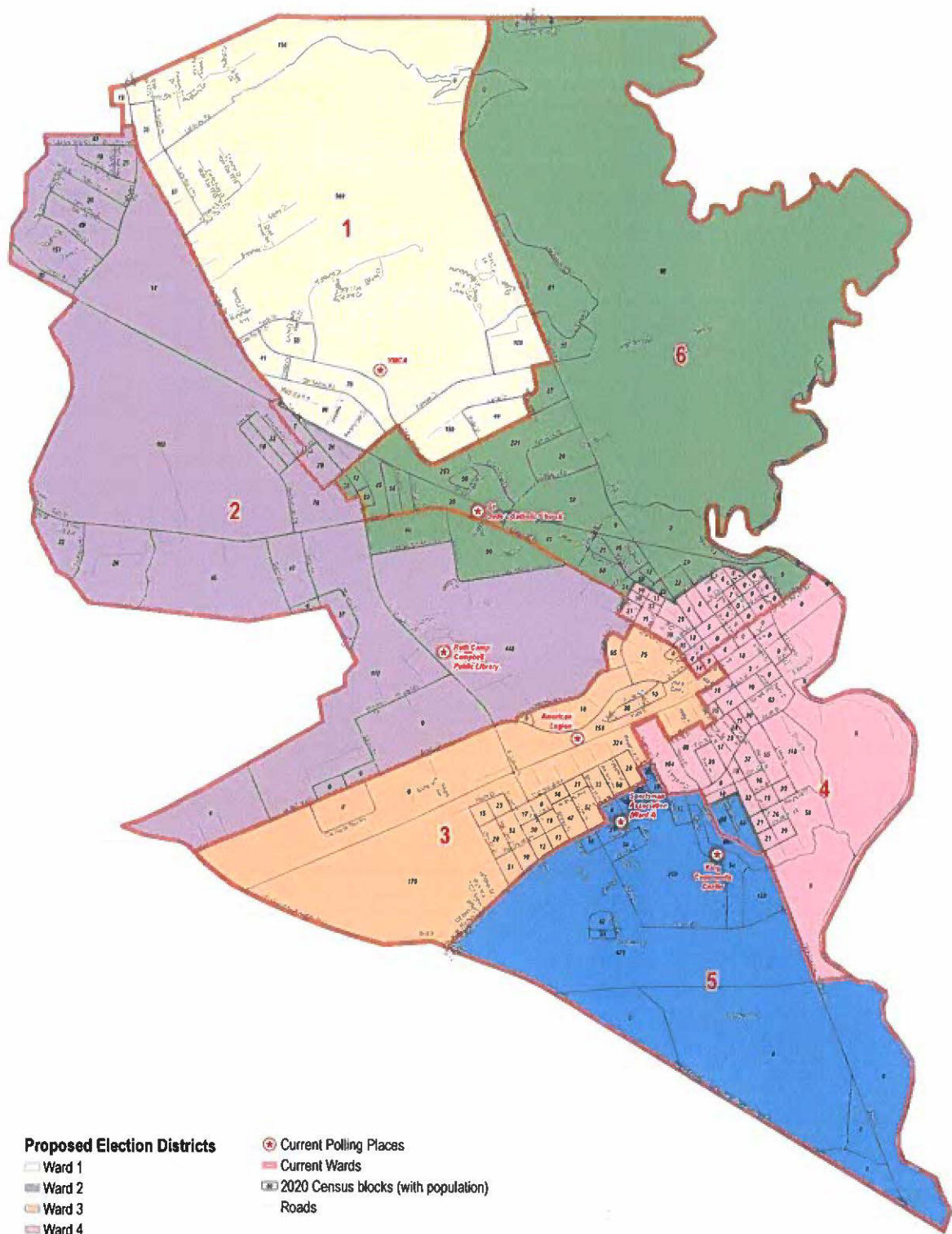
**Proposed Election Districts**

- Ward 1
- Ward 2
- Ward 3
- Ward 4
- Ward 5
- Ward 6

- Current Polling Places
- Current Wards
- 2020 Census blocks (with population)
- Roads



# Proposed Election Districts - Option B



**Proposed Election Districts**

- Ward 1
- Ward 2
- Ward 3
- Ward 4
- Ward 5
- Ward 6

- Current Polling Places
- Current Wards
- 2020 Census blocks (with population)
- Roads





The Franklin City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on January 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 207 West Second Avenue, Franklin, Virginia 23851.

**Council Members in Attendance:** Frank Rabil, Mayor; Robert (Bobby) Cutchins, Vice-Mayor; Councilman Linwood Johnson; Councilwoman Wynndolyn Copeland; Councilman Ray Smith and Councilman Gregory McLemore

**Council Members Arriving Later:** Councilman Mark R. Kitchen arrived at 6:21 p.m.

**Staff in Attendance:** Amanda Jarratt, City Manager and Leesa Barnes, Executive Assistant, recording minutes.

**Other Staff in Attendance:** Jennifer Maynard, Voter Registrar, Natalie Rountree, Director of Community Development and Carlee Smith, Environmental Specialist

### **Call to Order**

Mayor Frank Rabil called the Redistricting Work Session to order at 6:00 p.m. He then turned the floor over to Amanda Jarratt, City Manager to review the following:

### **Redistricting Map Proposals**

City Manager Jarratt stated that every ten years after the U. S. Census is conducted redistricting must occur for the six existing wards. Staff has worked with the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission to prepare two options for City Council's consideration. Staff was guided by the following requirements for drawing new boundaries:

- A requirement that the 2020 Census date be used to determine the number of residents to be included in each district as new boundaries are drawn.
- A requirement that boundaries count not be drawn that would deviate from the ideal number of residents in a district by more than 5% or by less than 5%.
- A requirement that boundaries be drawn so as to be compact and contiguous.
- A requirement that boundaries be based on clearly defined and identifiable lines.
- A requirement that boundaries should not change the racial demographics of the City.

In the 2020 Census the population losses were in Ward 4 and Ward 5. Two options are being presented for City Council to review and discuss prior to the scheduling of public feedback opportunities. It is important to note, that in both Options A and B the City of Franklin maintains three majority minority districts as is the current scenario under the 2010 final districts.

City of Franklin  
2020 Redistricting Demographics

2010 Final Districts

Ward	Total 2010 Population	2010 White Population	% White	2010 Black Population	% Black	2010 Other Races Pop.	% Other Races
1	1,451	1,201	82.8%	186	12.8%	64	4.4%
2	1,476	945	64.0%	426	28.9%	105	7.1%
3	1,388	96	6.9%	1,257	90.6%	35	2.5%
4	1,374	175	12.7%	1,169	85.1%	30	2.2%
5	1,398	32	2.3%	1,328	95.0%	38	2.7%
6	1,495	884	59.1%	501	33.5%	110	7.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,582</b>	<b>3,333</b>		<b>4,867</b>		<b>382</b>	

2020 W / Existing Districts

Ward	Total 2020 Pop.	2020 White Pop.	% White	2010 Black Pop.	% Black	2010 Other Races Pop.	% Other Races
1	1,462	1,127	77.1	224	15.3	111	7.6%
2	1,455	815	56.0	562	38.6	78	5.4%
3	1,374	132	9.6	1,183	86.1	59	4.3%
4	1,187	151	12.7	965	81.3	71	6.0%
5	1,276	44	3.5	1,158	90.8	74	5.8%
6	1,426	739	51.8	547	38.4	140	9.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,180</b>	<b>3,008</b>		<b>4,639</b>		<b>533</b>	

Option A

Ward	Total 2020 Pop.	2020 White Pop.	% White	2020 Black Pop.	% Black	2020 Other Races Pop.	% Other Races
1	1,348	1,052	78.0%	194	14.4%	102	7.6%
2	1,369	766	56.0%	531	38.8%	72	5.3%
3	1,374	132	9.6%	1,183	86.1%	59	4.3%
4	1,345	274	20.4%	941	70.0%	130	9.7%
5	1,399	58	4.2%	1,265	90.4%	76	5.4%
6	1,345	726	54.0%	525	39.0%	94	7.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,180</b>	<b>3,008</b>		<b>4,639</b>		<b>533</b>	

Option B

Ward	Total 2020 Pop.	2020 White Pop.	% White	2020 Black Pop.	% Black	2020 Other Races Pop.	% Other Races
1	1,401	1,094	78.1%	203	14.5%	104	7.4%
2	1,373	740	53.9%	551	40.1%	82	6.0%
3	1,374	132	9.6%	1,183	86.1%	59	4.3%
4	1,322	262	19.8%	938	71.0%	122	9.2%
5	1,399	58	4.2%	1,265	90.4%	76	5.4%
6	1,311	722	55.1%	499	38.1%	90	6.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,180</b>	<b>3,008</b>		<b>4,639</b>		<b>533</b>	

\*Proposed election district demographics with 2020 census date.

**See Chart Below:**



	Existing Districts			Option A			Option B		
	2020 Population	Deviation from Goal	% Deviation from Goal	2020 Population	Deviation from Goal	% Deviation from Goal	2020 Population	Deviation from Goal	% Deviation from Goal
Ward 1	1,462	99	7.26%	1,348	-15	-1.10%	1,401	38	2.79%
Ward 2	1,455	92	6.75%	1,369	6	0.44%	1,373	10	0.73%
Ward 3	1,374	11	0.81%	1,374	11	0.81%	1,374	11	0.81%
Ward 4	1,187	-176	-12.91%	1,345	-18	-1.32%	1,322	-41	-3.01%
Ward 5	1,276	-87	-6.38%	1,399	36	2.64%	1,399	36	2.64%
Ward 6	1,426	63	4.62%	1,345	-18	-1.32%	1,311	-52	-3.82%

Goal = 1,363

Councilman Ray Smith asked when will the redistricting take place.

City Manager Jarratt answered as soon as City Council adopts it and it will be effective by the November 2022 election.

Mayor Rabil asked if the redistricting project will require one or two public hearings.

City Manager Jarratt answered the redistricting project will require one public hearing, but multiple opportunities for the public to view the project.

Councilman Ray Smith asked how the redistricting project will affect individuals on ward based committees.

City Manager Jarratt answered the redistricting project will affect individuals on ward based committees.

Councilman Gregory McLemore expressed concerns regarding the minority controlling the majority.

**Next Steps**

City Manager Jarratt gave the requirements to the redistricting project in process:

1. Staff to schedule locations for viewing of the project.
2. Schedule a public hearing, estimated for the second City Council meeting in March 2022.

Councilman Ray Smith asked if Option A and Option B were the only options.

City Manager Jarratt answered if there were any ideas for an option C, City Council would have to request it.

Councilman Gregory McLemore asked City Council if they would like a third option to be done.

Councilman Linwood Johnson stated he would like a third option done.

There was not a consensus from the majority of City Council to produce a third option for consideration.

**There being no further discussion, Mayor Frank Rabil closed the Redistricting Work Session at 7:56 p.m.**

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**Mayor**

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**Clerk to City Council**

## MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 10, 2022 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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**Staff in Attendance:** Amanda Jarratt, City Manager and Leesa Barnes, Executive Assistant, recording minutes.

**Other Staff in Attendance:** Chad Edwards, Director of Public Works, Zachary Wright, Director of Power & Light, Steve Patterson, Chief of City of Franklin Police Department, Robert Porti, Interim Chief of City of Franklin Police Department and Vernie Francis, Chief of Emergency Services

### Call to Order

Mayor Frank Rabil called the January 10, 2022 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### Citizen's Time

There were no speakers for Citizen's Time.

### Amendments to Agenda

Mayor Frank Rabil asked if there were any amendments to the agenda.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

### Consent Agenda

#### Approval of December 9, 2021, Joint Budget Session with Franklin City Council and Franklin City Public Schools

Mayor Frank Rabil asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the December 9, 2021 Joint Budget Session with Franklin City Council and Franklin City Public Schools.

Hearing no additions or corrections to the minutes from the December 9, 2021 Joint Budget Session with Franklin City Council and Franklin City Public Schools Mayor Rabil entertained a motion of approval.

**Councilman Linwood Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from December 9, 2021 Joint Budget Session with Franklin City Council and Franklin City Public Schools. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wynndolyn Copeland.**

**The motion carried the vote by 7-0.**

**Mayor Frank Rabil stated that the motion passed unanimously.**

**Approval of December 13, 2021 Regular City Council Minutes**

Mayor Frank Rabil asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the December 13, 2021 regular City Council meeting.

Hearing no additions or corrections to the minutes from the December 13, 2021 regular City Council meeting Mayor Rabil entertained a motion of approval.

**Councilman Linwood Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 13, regular City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mark R. Kitchen.**

**The motion carried the vote by 7-0.**

**Mayor Frank Rabil stated that the motion passed unanimously.**

**Resolution 2022-01 in Honor of the Service of Brent Gayle, Franklin Police Department**

City Manager Amanda Jarratt requested that the Resolution 2022-01 in Honor of the Service of Brent Gayle with the Franklin Police Department be deferred until the January 24, 2022 City Council meeting due to the latest COVID-19 outbreak.

Mayor Frank Rabil granted the request.

**Financial Matters**

**Budget Amendment 2022-10**

City Manager Amanda Jarratt stated Budget Amendment #2022-10 was to amend the 2021 – 2022 City Budget by:

1. Recognizing grant revenue in the amount of \$10,917.00 from Bryne / Justice Assistance Grant Program for the Franklin Police Department and to appropriate such revenue for new use;
2. Recognizing grant revenue in the amount of \$10,000.00 from Franklin / Southampton Charities for the Franklin Fire Department and Hunterdale Fire Department and to appropriate such revenue for new use;
3. Recognizing grant revenue in the amount of \$64,500.00 from the Camp Foundation for Franklin Fire & Rescue, Franklin Police Department, and the Hunterdale Volunteer Fire Department and to appropriate such revenue for new use.

Mayor Frank Rabil entertained a motion of approval for Budget Amendment #2022-10.

**Councilman Mark R. Kitchen made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #2022-10. The motion was seconded by Councilman Linwood Johnson.**

**The motion carried the vote by 7-0.**

**Mayor Frank Rabil stated that the motion passed unanimously.**



**Old / New Business**

**Agreement with the Virginia Department of Health**

City Manager Amanda Jarratt stated the Virginia Department of Health provided an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Franklin for the use of the facility so that the City of Franklin can have a health department. It is a standard agreement, but City Council needs to make a motion giving City Manager Jarratt authorization to execute the MOU between the City of Franklin and the Virginia Department of Health for the use of the facility.

Mayor Frank Rabil entertained a motion to authorize City Manager Amanda Jarratt to execute the MOU between the City of Franklin and the Virginia Department of Health for the use of the facility.

**Councilman Gregory McLemore made a motion to authorize the City Manager Amanda Jarratt to execute the MOU between the City of Franklin and the Virginia Department of Health for the use of the facility. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mark R. Kitchen.**

The motion carried the vote by 7-0.

Mayor Frank Rabil stated that the motion passed unanimously.

**City Council Salaries**

City Manager Amanda Jarratt stated several City Council members have recently inquired about increasing their salaries. The current salaries in the City of Franklin are as follows:

Mayor	\$10,437.00
Vice-Mayor	\$ 8,491.00
Council	\$ 7,896.00

Section 15.2-1414.6 of the Code of Virginia regulates the salaries of elected officials by population. The limit for the City of Franklin is as follows:

Mayor	\$11,500.00
Council	\$11,000.00

The statute further dictates that no increase in the salary of a member of Council shall take effect until July 1, 2022 after the next regularly scheduled general election of Council members. Every proposed increase in the salary of a member of council shall be adopted at least four months prior to the date of the next municipal election except in the case of a newly created consolidated city when the proposed increase shall be adopted at least two months prior to the date of its municipal election.

Councilman Gregory McLemore stated that Mayor Frank Rabil's salary is \$3,000.00 more than the rest of City Council. In other municipalities it is never more than \$500.00 difference. Councilman McLemore requested that the salaries be leveled out.

MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 10, 2022 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Frank Rabil stated that no one serving on City Council took the oath of City Council for the salary, we took the oath to serve our community. Mayor Rabil stated that he would reduce his salary within \$500.00 of City Council’s salary. He expressed that this topic needed to be discussed during budget sessions. Mayor Frank Rabil proposed that the topic of salaries be discussed during budget session.

Councilman McLemore requested a work session to discuss City Council salaries.

Mayor Rabil stated that is what he meant when he said to discuss salaries during budget sessions.

Councilman McLemore stated what would be the need if all of City Council was not in agreement to increase their salaries.

Mayor Rabil requested that Councilman McLemore make a motion.

**Councilman Gregory McLemore made a motion to increase City Council’s salaries. The motion was seconded by Councilman Linwood Johnson.**

Mayor Rabil requested a roll call vote.

The motion did not carry the vote by 5-2.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Frank Rabil	NAY
Vice-Mayor Robert “Bobby” Cutchins	ABSTAIN
Councilman Linwood Johnson	AYE
Councilwoman Wynndolyn Copeland	NAY
Councilman Mark R. Kitchen	NAY
Councilman Ray Smith	ABSTAIN
Councilman Gregory McLemore	AYE

### **City Manager's Report**

City Manager Amanda Jarratt gave the following updates:

#### **General Updates**

- The City of Franklin staff continues to work with local, regional, and state partners to battle the impacts of COVID-19 and provide testing and vaccinations throughout the City. The City is currently seeing a large spike in cases locally and encourage individuals to remain vigilant.
- The City is continuing to work with Franklin City Public Schools regarding the matter related to their carry over request. This will be discussed more thoroughly at the February City Council meeting.
- City Manager Jarratt announced the General Reaccessor is doing assessments within the City so be on the lookout for a silver car.
- City Manager Jarratt announced that the Agencies and Organizations budget requests are due by Friday, January 14, 2022.

#### **Community Events**

- Registration for the City of Franklin Winter Basketball league has been extended until January 11, 2022. The league is for ages 4 -17.

#### **Council / Staff Reports on Boards / Commissions**

Mayor Frank Rabil asked if anyone from Franklin City Council had anything to report on Council Staff reports on Boards and Commissions.

City Council had nothing to report on Council Staff reports on Boards and Commissions.

Closed Session

There being no further items to discuss, Mayor Frank Rabil entertained a motion to go into closed session.

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The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wynndolyn Copeland.

The motion carried the vote by 7-0.

Mayor Frank Rabil stated that the motion passed unanimously.

City Council went into closed session at 7:27 p.m.



**Motion Upon Returning to Open Session**

Councilman Mark R. Kitchen moved that the City of Franklin, Virginia City Council certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting held on January 10, 2022; (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the City of Franklin, Virginia City Council; and (iii) no action was taken in closed meeting regarding the items discussed.

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wynndolyn Copeland.

The motion carried the vote by 7-0.

Mayor Frank Rabil stated that the motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

There being no further items to discuss Mayor Frank Rabil entertained a motion to adjourn the January 10, 2022 regular City Council meeting.

Councilman Gregory McLemore made a motion to adjourn the January 10, 2022 regular City Council meeting.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Linwood Johnson.

The motion carried the vote by 7-0.

Mayor Frank Rabil stated that the motion passed unanimously.

The January 10, 2022 regular City Council meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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**Mayor**

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**Clerk to City Council**



***Resolution #2022-01***

***Resolution of Appreciation***

***To***

***Sergeant Brent O. Gayle***

**WHEREAS**, The City of Franklin would like to recognize the retirement of Sergeant Brent O. Gayle, who has served the City of Franklin’s Police Department for twenty-four years; and

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Gayle throughout his career with the City of Franklin’s Police Department has shown his dedication to the department and citizens of the City of Franklin; and

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Gayle has been awarded multiple times for his excellent service to include acknowledgements from citizens, co-workers, and supervisors, letters of recognition dealing with dangerous suspects, victims of crimes and service to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Gayle has received a Star Performer Award for his leadership and service to the Communications Division as well as several departmental commendations for his actions; and

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Gayle has attended several schools to include First Line Supervisors School from the Virginia State Police and Leadership in Changing Times from the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police; and

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Gayle has maintained a high level of professionalism that has gained him great respect with staff, City officials, and surrounding agencies. His personal demeanor has facilitated many accomplishments and has earned for him the respect of his peers; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Franklin commends Sergeant Brent O. Gayle for his generous and devoted service to this City and wishes him well in all his future endeavors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Franklin City Council Honors the Exceptional Service of Sergeant Brent O. Gayle.

**AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting of the Franklin City Council as visible evidence of the high esteem in which this Council and the citizens of the City of Franklin hold Sergeant Brent O. Gayle thereby forever preserving and recording its gratitude.

January 24, 2022

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Mayor Frank Rabil

## BUDGET AMENDMENT 2022-11

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, VIRGINIA that the 2021-2022 City Budget is hereby amended to recognize the School’s supplemental appropriation of State revenue and to appropriate for use.

	2021-2022 BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET	INCREASE (DECREASE)
<b>#1</b>			
<b>250 SCHOOL OPERATING FUND</b>			
<b>REVENUE</b>			
250-3-24000-0252 State Technology Funds	\$ 128,000	\$ 320,000	<u>\$ 192,000</u>
			<u>\$ 192,000</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
250-4-60000-0011 Technology	\$ 1,019,549	\$ 1,211,549	<u>\$ 192,000</u>
			<u>\$ 192,000</u>

*Certified copy of resolution adopted by Franklin City Council.*

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*Clerk to the City Council*



# Franklin City Public Schools

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Amanda Jarratt  
Franklin City Manager

**FROM:** Dr. Tamara Sterling  
Division Superintendent

**DATE:** January 13, 2022

**RE:** Notice of Budget Adjustments

The Franklin City School Division requests that the following budget funds be adjusted to balance with grants for FY 2022 that have been recently approved.

<i>Accounting Use Only</i>	<i>School Account</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>City Account</i>
STATE – Rev Increase	10-410411000	\$ 192,000.00	250-3-24000-0252
TECH – Exp Increase	10-9-0-68100-8120-1000-007	\$ 192,000.00	250-4-60000-0011 - Technology





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# NEWS RELEASE

James F. Lane Ed.D | Superintendent of Public Instruction

For Immediate Release: December 30, 2021

Contact: Ken Blackstone (804) 225-2543

VDOE Announces \$12 Million

in School Security Equipment Grants

RICHMOND — The Virginia Department of Education today announced \$12 million in state School Security Equipment Grants to protect students, faculty and visitors in 583 schools in 93 school divisions. The grants will pay for video monitoring systems, voice and video internal communications systems, school bus interior cameras, mass notification systems, visitor-identification systems, access control systems, two-way radios, security vestibules and other security upgrades.

“The health and safety of students and school staff is paramount,” said Superintendent of Public Instruction James Lane. “These grants are an important part of equipping schools with the systems necessary to mitigate security risks, detect threats and connect schools with first responders. The commonwealth continues to lead the nation in proactively addressing school safety as VDOE works in partnership with other state agencies and local school divisions to keep students, faculty and visitors safe in our schools.”

The criteria for making the awards — developed by VDOE and the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services — give priority to schools most in need of modern security equipment, schools with relatively high numbers of offenses, schools with equipment needs identified by a school security audit, and schools in divisions least able to afford security upgrades. The divisions awarded grants are as follows:

**Franklin — \$192,000 for Franklin High, Joseph P. King Jr. Middle and S.P. Morton Elementary.**

A local match of 25 percent is required of most divisions. Three school divisions with composite indices of local-ability-to-pay of less than 0.2 — Buena Vista, Lee County and Scott County — are exempt from the local-match requirement.

The 2019 Appropriation Act doubled the total annual appropriation for the grant program — effective in 2020 — from \$6 million, to \$12 million. The 2019 General Assembly also approved Governor Ralph Northam’s proposal to increase the maximum award per school division — also effective in 2020 — from \$100,000, to \$250,000.

The School Security Equipment Grants program was established by the 2013 General Assembly in the aftermath of the 2012 mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Connecticut.

**Note to city: A grant like this just pops up out of nowhere. If we want this grant we have to re-allocate dollars from somewhere, to Operations and Maintenance to cover the local match.**

**Local match requirement = \$ 48,000**



**DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY ON JANUARY 20, 2022 BY THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, VIRGINIA DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**


**Whereas**, The Director of Emergency Services of the City of Franklin, Virginia does hereby find as follows:

1. That due to occurrence of an impending winter storm the City of Franklin is facing a condition of extreme peril to the lives, safety, and property of the residents of the City of Franklin;
2. The City of Franklin is expecting to receive between 4 – 6 inches of snow and sustained temperatures below 32 degrees over the next twenty-four hours.
3. That as a result of this extreme peril, the proclamation of the existence of an emergency is necessary to permit the full powers of government to deal effectively with this condition of peril.

**Now, Therefore**, be it proclaimed and ordered that during the existence of this emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Management and the Emergency Services organization and functions of the City of Franklin shall be those prescribed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved plans;

In order to carry out the effect of this resolution, the City Manager Amanda C. Jarratt or the Director of Finance, Tracy Spence and their designees, are hereby authorized to expend funds from the City's unappropriated fund balance to cover the reasonable operations costs of emergency services pending further report to Franklin City Council and such additional appropriations as shall be deemed necessary to cover the expected scope of this emergency and ratified by City Council.

**Now, Therefore**; I Amanda C. Jarratt, Director of Emergency Services, for the City of Franklin Virginia do hereby proclaim and declare that a local emergency exists in the City of Franklin, Virginia, effective on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

  
Amanda C. Jarratt  
City Manager



*Office of the City Manager  
Amanda C. Jarratt*

January 19, 2022

To: Franklin City Council

From: Amanda C. Jarratt, City Manager

Reference: Change to Accreditation Standards- Franklin City Public Schools

**Background**

At the Joint Session with Franklin City Public Schools in December 2021, Dr. Sterling shared that new accreditation standards had just been released by the State Superintendent. Ms. Felicia Burkhalter, Chief Academic Officer, will be in attendance to provide Franklin City Council with an overview of the accreditation standards and how it will affect Franklin City Public Schools.

**Needed Action**

None at this time.



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To: Franklin City Council

From: Amanda C. Jarratt, City Manager

Reference: City Manager's Report

### **General Updates**

- The City of Franklin staff continues to work with local, regional, and state partners to battle the impacts of COVID-19 and provide testing and vaccinations throughout the City. We are currently seeing a large spike in cases locally and encourage individuals to remain vigilant.
- We are continuing to work with Franklin City Public Schools regarding the matter related to their carry over request. This will be discussed more thoroughly at the February City Council meeting. Budget preparation is underway for FY 23.
- The General Reassessment is underway.

### **Community Events**

- There will be a celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King on January 27, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the MLK Center at 683 Oak Street. Student work that was previously submitted will be presented.