

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
October 27, 2025

Members Present: Douglas Baker, Mayor  
Donna Fletcher, Deputy Mayor  
James Johnson  
Samuel Lyons  
Christian Marshall  
Todd Zahner

Members Excused: Ashley Zaccari

In Attendance: James Wetzel, City Manager  
Harmony Motter, City of Franklin  
T.J. Parks, Recording Secretary  
Amanda Power, City of Franklin

Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA – Resolution No. 135**

Mr. Marshall moved to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Mrs. Fletcher. The motion passed unanimously.

**FY-2025 CDBG FUNDS APPLICATION APPROVAL – Resolution No. 136**

Mrs. Power presented this year’s Fair Housing Project, A Place to Call Home poster contests, which allowed school-aged students to create posters depicting what they imagine to be the ideal home. The Fair Housing Project is required to be conducted annually and submitted with the corresponding fiscal year’s CDBG application.

The City was allocated \$305,575 for FY-2025. \$55,000, or 18%, has been designated for administrative costs and the remaining \$250,575 has been allocated for improvements to the Atlantic Avenue Playground. Improvements include purchase of new playground equipment for pre-school and school aged play, installation of new impact surfaces, replacement of the existing half basketball court, replacement of pavilion and picnic tables, and replacement of fencing.

A community survey found that 67% of the residents within the DCED approved service area met the low-moderate income requirement. Mrs. Power then went on to discuss the surveying process and how the results are calculated.

In addition to submitting the proposed CDBG application, Mrs. Power requested approval to submit the City’s Three (3) Year Community Development Plan. Upcoming plans include blight removal, infrastructure improvements, parks and recreation improvements, and assistance to food banks.

Mrs. Fletcher motioned and Mr. Lyons seconded to approve the submission of the FY-2025 CDBG application and the Three (3) Year Community Development Plan as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**OTHER BUSINESS –**

- Mrs. Power stated there is \$20,000 of CDBG funds that need to be expended by the end of the year. She suggests using those funds to assist local food banks and requested to hold a public hearing prior to the November 3<sup>rd</sup> City Council meeting.
- Mr. Wetzel discussed issues with balancing the budget. Possible solutions include an increase to property taxes by 1 millage rate or  $\frac{3}{4}$  millage rate increase plus \$2 increase to garbage services.
- Mrs. Fletcher expressed disappointment with the Franklin Area Chamber's management of City lots during Applefest.
- Mr. Marshall reported on complaints he has been receiving with the traffic signal at 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Atlantic Avenue. Mr. Wetzel said there is a part ordered that will hopefully fix the issue.
- Mr. Marshall added that Elk Street was closed at the intersection of West Park Street and no Rave alerts were sent out.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



T.J. Parks, Recording Secretary