

Minutes
City Council Regular Meeting
Council Chambers
207 W Second Avenue
Franklin, Virginia 23851
Thursday, July 16, 2026 6:00 PM



A. CALL TO ORDER

The Franklin City Council held a Regular Meeting on July 16, 2026 at 6:20 PM in the City Council Chambers located at Council Chambers, 207 W Second Avenue, Franklin, Virginia 23851 Add random text.

J. ADJOURNMENT

B. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers in Attendance: Deputy City Clerk Shannon Hurley, Director - IT Brent Gayle, Stephanie Emberton, Director Chad Edwards, City Manager David Freeman, Director Jeffrey DeLine, Director Josh Gillespie

Absent: Zac Manning

Others in Attendance: Heather Lockerman, City Attorney, Sands Anderson

C. PLEASE TURN OFF CELL PHONES

Mayor Kaplan asked all in attendance to silence their cell phones.

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

E. CITIZEN'S TIME (3 MINUTES)

1. **Wheels on the Bus :)**

The wheels on the bus go 'round and 'round
'Round and 'round, 'round and 'round
The wheels on the bus go 'round and 'round
All through the town
The doors on the bus go open and shut
Open and shut, open and shut
The doors on the bus go open and shut
All through the town
The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish
Swish, swish, swish, swish, swish, swish
The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish
All through the town
The signals on the bus go blink, blink, blink
Blink, blink, blink, blink, blink, blink
The signals on the bus go blink, blink, blink
All through the town
The horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep
Beep, beep, beep, beep, beep, beep
The horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep
All through the town
The motor on the bus goes vroom, vroom, vroom
Vroom, vroom, vroom, vroom, vroom, vroom
The motor on the bus goes vroom, vroom, vroom
All through the town
The people on the bus go up and down
Up and down, up and down
The people on the bus go up and down
All through the town
The babies on the bus go, "Wah, wah, wah"
"Wah, wah, wah, wah, wah, wah"
The babies on the bus go, "Wah, wah, wah"
All through the town
The mommies on the bus go, "Shh, shh, shh"
"Shh, shh, shh, shh, shh, shh"
The mommies on the bus go, "Shh, shh, shh"
All through the town
The daddies on the bus go, "I love you"
"I love you, I love you"
The daddies on the bus go, "I love you"
All through the town
The wheels on the bus go 'round and 'round
'Round and 'round, 'round and 'round
The wheels on the bus go 'round and 'round
All through the town

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The vote was as follows:

AYE: Deputy City Clerk Hurley, Director - IT Gayle, Emberton, Director DeLine, Director Gillespie.

NAY: Director Edwards.

ABSTAIN: David Freeman.

Motion Passed.

G. PRESENTATIONS

H. REGULAR AGENDA

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Introduced Papers/Notice of Public Hearing

2. City Managers Report

a. Community Events:

b. Utility Billing

c. Economic Development Updates

d. School System Financial Review

3. Boards & Commissions

4. Councilmember Comments

5. Next Meeting:

Paul Kaplan, Mayor

Deputy City Clerk

TO START, WE CAN ONLY OFFER
TWO WEEKS OF HIBERNATION
A YEAR...

