

**CITY OF NEW FRANKLIN  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
CITY HALL**

Stephen D. Rector, *Mayor*

Susan M. Cooke, *Finance Director*

Kelly Kepler, *Clerk*

***Council Members:***

Jim Cotts

Barry Shaffer

Judy Jones

Kevin Powell

Robert Klusty

Devin Allman

Greg Wolff

***Law Director:*** Irving Sugerman

**Wednesday, February 4, 2026**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Council Members
4. Approval of the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting of January 21, 2026.
5. Public Comment – Please keep your comments addressed to Council and under 4 minutes.

**First Readings**

- 6-A. **Resolution No: 26-R-05**

**Sponsor: Mayor Rector**

Community Development Committee: Mr. Klusty

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT (WSRLA) TO FACILITATE THE EXTENSION OF WATER LINES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND TO CONNECT PRIVATE WATER SYSTEMS, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH AQUA OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

7. **Second Readings**

8. **Third Readings**

9. **Pending Legislation**

- 9-A. **Ordinance No.: 25-O-04**

**Sponsor: Councilman Allman**

Laws & Ordinance Committee: Mr. Wolff

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF SHORT-TERM RENTAL OPERATIONS.**

10. Mayor's Report
11. Finance Report
12. Old Business
13. New Business
14. Public Questions and Answers on Issues Raised at Meeting
15. Executive Session
16. Adjournment

**Next Council Meeting  
February 18, 2026**

**RESOLUTION NO: 26-R-05**  
**SPONSOR: COUNCILMAN KEVIN POWELL**  
**INTRODUCED: FEBRUARY 4, 2026**

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WHEREAS, the City of New Franklin recognizes the importance of safe, reliable, and sustainable drinking water infrastructure for the health, safety, and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the extension of public water lines and the connection of private water systems to a centralized supply will improve water quality, enhance system reliability, and provide added fire protection through the installation of hydrants, thereby reducing long-term risks associated with aging or inadequate private systems; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Franklin seeks to partner with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and Aqua Ohio to secure funding through the Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) program to support these critical improvements; and

WHEREAS, being awarded WSRLA funding is essential to ensure that the City can move forward with this project in a fiscally responsible manner, thereby protecting public health and promoting economic stability within the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SUMMIT, AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:**

**SECTION ONE:**

The City Council of New Franklin hereby supports and authorizes the submittal of a grant application to the Ohio EPA for funding through the Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) to facilitate the extension of water lines and the connection of private water systems within the community.

**SECTION TWO:**

The Finance Director and Mayor of the City of New Franklin are hereby authorized to sign necessary documents to apply for such funding with the Ohio EPA, Aqua Ohio, and other relevant agencies or entities to advance this project.

**SECTION THREE:**

The City of New Franklin finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in open meetings of this Council and any deliberation of this Council and any other Committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

**SECTION FOUR:**

Council declares this to be an emergency immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of New Franklin. Provided that this legislation receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time allowed by law.

ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Kelly Kepler, Clerk

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Barry Shaffer, President  
26-R-05

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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Stephen D. Rector, Mayor

ENACTED EFFECTIVE: \_\_\_\_\_

ON ROLL CALL: Allman \_\_\_\_\_ Cotts \_\_\_\_\_ Jones \_\_\_\_\_  
Klusty \_\_\_\_\_ Powell \_\_\_\_\_ Shaffer \_\_\_\_\_  
Wolff \_\_\_\_\_

Publications on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

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Kelly Kepler, Clerk