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Franklin City Council approves Franklin City Schools' rezoning request

At their July 1 meeting, Franklin City Council approved a rezoning request from Franklin City Schools for six parcels, including the former Save-A-Lot property. The property will be rezoned to CV-1, Civic, paving the way for the school district to develop the parcel as green space for physical education and practice areas.

After the public hearing held on the rezoning request, Vice Mayor Todd Hall said "We appreciate everyone who participated in this civic process. We received valuable input and perspectives during the public hearings held on this request." Mayor Brent Centers added "Communication and collaboration are vital to ensuring we serve the community well."

"Franklin City Schools and the City have always worked well together to make this a great community and to use public money wisely," said Lori Raleigh, Franklin BOE President. "We appreciate the time that both of our staffs spent on this project and we look forward to making this a great space for our students and the community."

The property being rezoned is adjacent to the newly constructed Franklin High School, at the corner of 6th and Anderson Streets, and several adjacent properties on Anderson and 7th Streets. The proposed site improvements consist of additional parking on the northern portion of the site, along East Sixth Street. Lighting and landscaping will be provided throughout the parking areas. The remainder of the site will be graded out to provide a lawn area to be utilized as an outdoor classroom and practice space for extra-curricular activities.

Collaboration allows for the efficient use of shared resources and facilities, which makes our community a better place. Working together, Franklin City Schools and the City of Franklin will serve a vibrant, thriving community.

The district's next step is to submit a Major Site plan revision for review by the Planning Commission, who will hold a public hearing on the revised site plans on August 14. Following a decision by the Planning Commission, SHP (the district architect) and Conger Construction Group will finalize drawings and send the project out for bid. The district hopes that construction can begin this fall.