

**April 13, 2021 meeting continuation,**

The Franklin Town Council held a continuation of its recessed meeting of the April 5, 2021 meeting on **April 13, 2021** at 5:30 p.m. p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Robert S. Scott presided. Vice-Mayor Jack Horton, Council Members Joe Collins, David Culpepper, Mike Lewis, and Dinah Mashburn were present.

**Town Manager Summer Woodard announced her resignation from the Town of Franklin effective June 7, 2021.**

**Adoption of the April 13, 2021 Town Council Agenda**

Town Manager Summer Woodard asked to add two budget amendments to the agenda.

**Motion was made by Lewis, seconded by Culpepper to approve the April 13, 2021 Town Council Agenda as amended. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.**

**New Business: Discussion on Projected Revenues for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

Town Manager Woodard presented this item. Projected revenues are attached.

**New Business: Discussion on Debt Service for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

Town Manager Woodard presented this item. Debt Service overview is attached.

**New Business: Discussion on Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

Vice Mayor Horton said that he would like to see the employees get a cost-of-living increase of at least 2%.

Town Manager Woodard said the Town hasn't granted a COLA since 2018.

Mayor Scott said he'd like to look at the possibility of a 3%.

Council Member Culpepper said he'd like to stay focused on sidewalks.

Council Member Collins agreed.

Council Member Lewis asked where the Town is with a lighting plan.

Town Manager Woodard said she hoped to have some examples for the June meeting.

### **New Business: Discussion on American Rescue Plan**

Council Member Lewis said he doesn't want to use the funds on existing projects.

Vice Mayor Horton said if you can reduce debt and put the money aside for the future then you'd be better off.

Council Member Collins said there may be no better time to work on the square than now.

Vice Mayor Horton said he'd like to show appreciation to the employees with possibly a one-time payment.

Council Member Mashburn said she'd rather stick with a cost-of-living increase and focus on new projects.

Council Member Culpepper said it can be used for education so maybe it would be a good idea to look at an outdoor classroom for one of the city schools.

Town Manager Woodard said this is a unique opportunity to consider projects that would benefit citizens for years to come.

### **Items from the Board**

Mayor Scott said the Board should talk about the next steps for hiring a new Town Manager. He said costs of a hiring firm are high.

Council Member Culpepper said he'd like Woodard to help with the search.

Council Member Mashburn said Woodard is leaving in June but the Council shouldn't rush.

Mayor Scott said the cost of a hiring firm is \$20,000.

Council Member Collins said that while Woodard is here she can help find a firm.

Council Member Culpepper said he'd like for her to lead the search.

Vice Mayor Horton said that he didn't think it was fair to put Woodard in that position.

### **Adjournment**

**Motion made by Lewis, seconded by Culpepper to adjourn the Town Council meeting at 6:00 p.m.  
Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

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Robert S. Scott, Mayor

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Travis Tallent, Town Clerk