



Town of Franklin Council

Agenda

June 7, 2021

6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order-** Mayor Bob Scott
2. **Pledge of Allegiance-** Vice-Mayor Jack Horton
3. **Adoption of the June 7, 2021 Town Council Agenda-** Town Council
4. **Approval of the Consent Agenda for June 7, 2021-** Town Council
 - A.) Approval of May 3, 2021 and May18, 2021 Town Council Minutes
 - B.) Budget Amendment
 - C.) Setup Revenue Fund for American Rescue Plan (ARP)
 - D.) United Community Bank Signature Authorization
 - E.) Street Closing Request for WYFC Car Show
 - F.) Street Closing Request for Taste of Scotland Festival
 - G.) Re-Appointment of Connie Gruberman to TDA Board
 - H.) Re-Appointment of Candy Presley to TDA Board
5. **Public Hearings:**
 - A.) Public Hearing 6:05 p.m. for Town of Franklin Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 Budget
 - B.) Public Hearing 6:10 p.m. for Sign Ordinance
 - C.) Public Hearing 6:15 p.m. for Consideration of Economic Development Loan
6. **Public Session**
7. **New Business:**
 - A.) Board Action on Town of Franklin Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 Budget- Town Council
 - B.) Board Action on Sign Ordinance- Town Council
 - C.) Board Action on Consideration of Economic Development Loan to Hendon Tiller Franklin, LLC- Town Council
 - D.) Gemstone Village Water & Sewer Allocation – Alec Stillwell
 - E.) Resolution in Support of Closing North Carolina’s Health Insurance Gap- Town Manager Summer Woodard
 - F.) Discussion on Town Sponsored Events- Town Manager Summer Woodard
 - G.) Update on Skate Park Request- Chief Bill Harrell
 - H.) Budget Amendment Request for New Town Hall Vehicle- Town Manager Summer Woodard
 - I.) Discussion on Town of Franklin Employee Recruitment and Retention- Town Manager Summer Woodard & HR Director Travis Tallent
 - J.) Rules for Sunny Side Disk Golf Course- Town Manager Summer Woodard
8. **Legal**
 - A.) Discussion on Draft Ordinance 2021-006, Police and Fire Ordinance Corrections
 - B.) Discussion on Draft Ordinance 2021-007, Discretionary Warning Citations
 - C.) Closed Session Pursuant to G.S. 143-318.1(a)(3), to consult with the Town Attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege.
9. **Announcements**
 - A.) Town of Franklin Annual Fireworks and Downtown Block Party Saturday July 3, 2021. Block party starts at 12 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and fireworks starts at 9:30 p.m. No public entry will be allowed at the fireworks due to insurance and Fire Marshal regulations. Rain date for fireworks will be July 10, 2021.
 - B.) Town Hall Offices will be closed Monday July 5, 2021 for Independence Day
 - C.) Town Council Meeting Tuesday July 6, 2021
10. **Adjourn**

June 7, 2021 meeting,

The Franklin Town Council held its monthly meeting on June 7, 2021 at 6:00 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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by departing Town Manager Summer Woodard.

Adoption of the June 7, 2021 Town Council Agenda

Motion was made by Horton, seconded by Culpepper to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Approval of the Consent Agenda for June 7, 2021

- A.) Approval of May 3, 2021 Town Council Minutes
- B.) Budget Amendments
- C.) Setup Revenue Fund for American Rescue Plan
- D.) United Community Bank Signature Authorization
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Motion was made by Lewis, seconded by Collins to approve the Consent Agenda for June 7, 2021. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Public Hearing 6:05 p.m. for Town of Franklin Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget

Nobody from the public spoke.

Town Manager Summer Woodard reviewed the final projected revenues for FY 2020-2021 and the proposed FY 2021-2022 Budget.

Public Hearing 6:10 p.m. for Sign Ordinance

Land Use Administrator Justin Setser presented this item. He said this only strikes commemorative sign wording and brings the ordinance into compliance with 160D.

Public Hearing 6:15 p.m. for Consideration of Economic Development Loan

Town Attorney John Henning Jr. presented an Economic Development Loan agreement between the Town of Franklin and Hendon-Tiller Franklin, LLC. The agreement was for a loan not to exceed \$200,000 with a 10-year term. The loan would include 5% interest rate and would be repayable after two years with a balloon payment.

Public Session

There were no speakers.

June 7, 2021 meeting continued,

New Business: Board Action on Town of Franklin Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Lewis to approve the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

New Business: Board Action on Sign Ordinance

Motion was made by Lewis, seconded by Mashburn to approve changes as presented to the Sign Ordinance. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

New Business: Board Action on Consideration of Economic Development Loan for Hendon Tiller Franklin, LLC.

Motion was made by Horton, seconded by Culpepper to approve the Economic Development Loan for Hendon Tiller Franklin, LLC. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

New Business: Gemstone Village Water & Sewer Allocation

Alec Stillwell made this request on behalf of Snobar, LLC for a retirement community of approximately 150 manufactured homes at a total of 47,720 gallons per day. The proposed project would extend the Town's sanitary sewer collection system and water distribution system from the current location at the intersection of Addington Bridge Road and US 441 along Prentiss Bridge Road to the proposed development.

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Horton to allow the water and sewer allocation for Gemstone Village. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

New Business: Resolution in Support of Closing North Carolina's Health Insurance Gap

Mayor Scott read the attached resolution.

Motion was made by Horton, seconded by Collins to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

New Business: Discussion on Town Sponsored Events

Town Manager Summer Woodard presented a memo describing the events that are sponsored by the Town of Franklin and therefore, use Town staff and/or resources. The memo is attached.

New Business: Update on Skate Park Request

Police Chief Bill Harrell said there had been discussions about a partnership with the Methodist Church in order to use their skate park until a more permanent solution is decided.

Steve Suttles and Anders Ike spoke on behalf of JE Dunn Construction. Suttles said that they are the company working to build the hospital and as part of the project, the company would like to help the Town in its effort to construct a skate park. He said that the company tries to do different projects to help communities where they are building projects like the hospital. He said that during the construction of the hospital would be the best time for construction on a skatepark to take place. He said that the corporate office would match funds for the project if there are fund raising efforts put into place.

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The Town Council asked Public Works Director Nathanael Moore and Chief Harrell to continue to work with Suttles and Ike on a plan in regards to the skate park.

New Business: Budget Amendment Request for New Town Hall Vehicle

Town Manager Summer Woodard told the Town Council that there had originally been a vehicle in the Facilities budget for the FY 21-22 budget but that it had been cut. She said that as of the June meeting, there is enough remaining in the FY 21-22 budget to move forward with a purchase and the current vehicle, a 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe could be outfitted and moved to the Police Department.

Woodard said there is a surplus of \$35,000 in police salaries so that \$29,960 would be used if the amendment was approved to purchase a Jeep Grand Cherokee for Town Hall and the Police Department would receive the Tahoe in return.

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Lewis to approve the budget amendment as presented to move \$29,690 from the Police Salaries line to Capital O/L Vehicle line. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

New Business: Discussion on Town of Franklin Employee Recruitment and Retention

Human Resources Director Travis Tallent presented a policy change that would add to the current longevity policy. This change would make employees who are employed with the Town of Franklin 5-9 years eligible for a yearly longevity payment of .5%. He proposed consideration of this change with the understanding that if approved, it would not go into effect until the FY 22-23 Budget.

There was no action taken.

New Business: Rules for Sunny Side Disc Golf Course

Town Manager Summer Woodard presented this item.

Town Attorney John Henning Jr. suggested adding that there would be no open or concealed carry of firearms allowed on the property since that is within the Town's rights in regards to Town owned property.

Motion was made by Horton, seconded by Mashburn to approved the rules for Sunny Side Disc Golf Course with the addition as suggested by the Town Attorney. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Legal: Discussion on Draft Ordinance 2021-006, Police and Fire Ordinance Corrections

Town Attorney John Henning, Jr. told the Town Council that this would clean up some old wording from before the Manager form of government.

The Town Council did not take any action.

Legal: Discussion on Draft Ordinance 2021-007, Discussion on Warning Citations

Town Attorney John Henning Jr. said this would allow officers the discretion to give a warning citation.

The Town Council did not take any action.

June 7, 2021 meeting continued,

Legal: Closed Session Pursuant to G.S. 143-318. 1(a)(3), to consult with the Town Attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege.

Motion was made by Culpepper, seconded by Collins to move into Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 143-318. 1(a)(3), to consult with the Town Attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Motion was made by Horton, seconded by Culpepper to return to open session at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Motion was made by Culpepper, seconded by Horton to approve a budget amendment to move \$60,000 from Water and Sewer's Retained Earnings to their Other Professional Services line. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

General Discussion

Council Member Mashburn said that she thought the Main Street Merchants were going to start doing a gift card giveaway at Pickin' on the Square.

Town Manager Summer Woodard thanked the Mayor and Town Council for their support. She told them that she could not have done her job if it had not been for the Town's employees.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Horton at 7:30 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Robert S. Scott, Mayor

Travis Tallent, Town Clerk