



Town of Franklin Council

Agenda

March 1, 2021

6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order-** Mayor Bob Scott
2. **Pledge of Allegiance-** Vice Mayor Barbara McRae
3. **Adoption of the March 1, 2021 Town Council Agenda-** Town Council
4. **Approval of the Consent Agenda for March 1, 2021-** Town Council
 - A.) Approval of February 1, 2021 Town Council Minutes
 - B.) Budget Amendment
 - C.) Resolution for SRF Funding for Water Treatment Plant Phase II
 - D.) Adoption of Capital Project Ordinance for Franklin Fire Substation
5. **Public Session**
6. **Old Business:**
 - A.) Discussion on Town of Franklin Disc Golf Course- Mayor and Town Council
7. **New Business:**
 - A.) Presentation on Nikwasi Center Plans- Nikwasi Executive Director Elaine Eisenbraun
 - B.) Request for Street Lighting for Scenic Ridge Development- Neal Enloe
 - C.) Presentation on Annual Report for Franklin Fire & Rescue- Chief Ben Ormond
 - D.) Discussion on Town of Franklin FMLA Policy- Human Resource Director Travis Tallent
 - E.) Discussion on Town of Franklin Employee Elected Payroll Deductions- Human Resource Director Travis Tallent
 - F.) Discussion on NCDOT Depot Street Sidewalk Project- Town Manager Summer Woodard
 - G.) Discussion on Restroom at Whitmire Property- Town Manager Summer Woodard
8. **Legal**
 - A.) Discussion on Town of Franklin Solicitation Ordinance- John Henning Jr.
9. **Announcements**
 - A.) Town of Franklin Strategic Planning Session will be Friday March 12, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall Boardroom
 - B.) Town Hall Offices will be closed Friday April 2, 2021 in observance of Good Friday
10. **Adjourn**

March 1, 2021 meeting,

The Franklin Town Council held its monthly meeting on March 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Robert S. Scott presided. Council Members Joe Collins, David Culpepper, Jack Horton, Mike Lewis, and Dinah Mashburn were present.

Vice Mayor Barbara McRae was absent.

Motion was made by Lewis, seconded by Culpepper to excuse Vice Mayor McRae from the meeting. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Mashburn.

Adoption of the March 1, 2021 Town Council Agenda

Town Manager Summer Woodard asked the Council to add item 4(E) Forward Telecommunications Ordinance and Sign Ordinance to the Town Planning Board and 4(F) Water & Sewer Allocation for Hendon Properties.

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda for March 1, 2021

- A.) Approval of February 1, 2021 Town Council Minutes
- B.) Budget Amendments
- C.) Resolution for SRF Funding for Water Treatment Plant Phase II
- D.) Adoption of Capital Project Ordinance for Franklin Fire Substation
- E.) Forward Telecommunications and Sign Ordinance Discussion to Planning Board
- F.) Water and Sewer Allocation for Hendon Properties

Public Session

Alan and Hannah Edwards said they would like to be able to sell alcohol and allow customers to drink it on premise.

Jo Zachary said she would like to see a street light on Meadowbrook Lane.

Old Business: Discussion on Town of Franklin Disc Golf Course

Council Member Mashburn said she'd like to note that regardless of the vote concerning the disc golf course that the Town Council has not decided on a long-term plan.

Mayor Scott made note that Vice Mayor McRae said that area was once known as Sunnyside and that that would be a good name for the course.

Kyle Ledford and Jacob Reiche agreed that the course would be named that.

Motion was made by Lewis, seconded by Culpepper to approve the placement of a Disc Golf Course on the Whitemire Property that would be named Sunnyside Disc Golf Course. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

March 1, 2021 meeting continued,

New Business: Presentation on Nikwasi Center Plans

Nikwasi Executive Director Elaine Eisenbraun presented this item.

New Business: Request for Street Lighting for Scenic Ridge Development

Neal Enloe requested the Town to be willing to take over street light payments in the Scenic Ridge Development once they are installed.

Mayor Scott said that the Town needed to look at already established, underserved areas of the Town before agreeing to pay for street lights in a new development.

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Culpepper to take over payments for the lighting after two years of service. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

New Business: Presentation on Annual Report for Franklin Fire & Rescue

Fire Chief Ben Ormond presented this item.

Report is attached.

New Business: Discussion on FMLA Policy

Human Resource Director Travis Tallent said that the proposed change would allow for the Town Manager to grant an extension of leave under qualifying circumstances.

Motion was made by Horton, seconded by Mashburn to approve the FMLA Policy change as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0. Policy is attached.

New Business: Discussion on Town of Franklin Employee Elected Payroll Deductions

Human Resource Director Travis Tallent said this proposal would give the Finance Director the authority to reject load deductions that would put any employee in a negative pay status.

Council Member Joe Collins said that the initial policy was during a different time and that he would be supportive of striking the wording that made the Town responsible for load deductions in general.

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Lewis to strike wording in the personnel policy that allows the Town to deduct for bank loans. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

New Business: Discussion on NCDOT Deport Street Sidewalk Project

Town Manager Summer Woodard presented this item.

New Business: Discussion Restroom at Whitmire Property

Town Manager Summer Woodard presented option for installing a restroom at the Whitmire Property including renting a portable restroom or potentially purchasing one.

Motion was made by Horton, seconded by Culpepper to rent a portable restroom and revisit the issue in the future. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

March 1, 2021 meeting continued,

Legal: Discussion Town of Franklin Solicitation Ordinance

Police Chief Bill Harrell said that there had been several complaints of harassment from vagrants towards citizens around Town.

The Town Council asked the Town Attorney to bring the issue back to the April meeting.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Culpepper to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Robert S. Scott, Mayor

Travis Tallent, Town Clerk