



Town of Franklin Council

Agenda

October 1, 2018

6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**- Mayor Bob Scott
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**- Vice Mayor Barbara McRae
3. **Approval of the September 4, September 24 and September 25, 2018 Town Council Minutes**
4. **Adoption of the October 1, 2018 Town Board Agenda**
5. **Public Hearing 6:05 p.m. for the Proposed Economic Development Agreement for Project Wayah**
6. **Public Session**
7. **New Business**
 - A.) Board Action on Proposed Economic Development Agreement for Project Wayah- Town Attorney John Henning Jr.
 - B.) Presentation from Toccoa Natural Gas- Rance Fleming
 - C.) Presentation on Women's History Trail Art Program- Vice Mayor Barbara McRae
 - D.) Permission to Advertise Vacancy on Franklin Alcohol Beverage Control Board- Town Manager Summer Woodard
 - E.) Tax Releases- Town Manager Summer Woodard
 - F.) Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month- Mayor Bob Scott
 - G.) Resolution for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder- Mayor Bob Scott
8. **Legal**
 - A.) Delegation of Authority Regarding Town Polices- Town Attorney John Henning Jr.
 - B.) Discussion on Lazy Hiker Lease Agreement- Town Attorney John Henning Jr. and Town Manager Summer Woodard
9. **Announcements**
 - A.) Family Movie Night Friday October 5, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. Hocus Pocus
 - B.) Pumpkin Fest Saturday October 20, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
10. **Adjournment**

October 1, 2018 meeting,

The regular meeting of the Franklin Town Council was held on Monday October 1, 2018 at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Robert S. Scott presided. Vice Mayor Barbara McRae, Council Members Joe Collins, David Culpepper, Adam Kimsey, Dinah Mashburn and Brandon McMahan were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was done by Vice-Mayor Barbara McRae.

Approval of the September 4, 24, and 25, 2018 Town Council minutes

Council Member Culpepper – I would like to add in that we talked about the possibility of a fund raising event for the nonprofits.

Vice-Mayor McRae – I would also like to note that the Women’s History Trail withdrew their request.

Motion was made by McMahan, seconded by McRae to approve the September 4, September 24, and September 25 meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Adoption of the October 1, 2018 Town Council Agenda

John Henning Jr. – Town Attorney – We need to remove 8B.

Council Member Collins – I think we should move 7B to after 7G and move 7G to the top.

John Henning Jr. – Town Attorney – We need to add a petition for rezoning. That could be 7H.

Motion made by Collins, seconded by McRae to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Resolution for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

Mayor Scott presented this item.

Motion was made by Culpepper, seconded by Mashburn to pass the resolution to declare October 27, 2018 as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Resolution is attached.

Public Hearing 6:05 p.m. for the Proposed Economic Development Agreement for Project Wayah

John Henning, Jr. – Town Attorney – We need to table the public hearing for the Proposed Economic Development Agreement to the November meeting.

Council Member Collins – I think Mr. Garrett should be able to speak tonight.

Tim Garrett spoke about Franklin Tubular and the Garden Terrace Home Owner’s Association disagreement.

October 1, 2018 meeting continued,

Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by McMahan to continue the public hearing until the November 5, 2018 Town Council meeting at 6:05 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Mayor Scott presented this proclamation.

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by McRae to declare October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Proclamation is attached.

Public Session

Vickie Luft opposed parallel parking on Main Street on the south side of the street.

Roland Monk opposed parallel parking on Main Street on the south side of the street.

Gwen Taylor opposed parallel parking on Main Street on the south side of the street.

Lulu Miller opposed parallel parking on Main Street on the south side of the street.

Michelle Green opposed parallel parking on Main Street on the south side of the street.

Council Member Culpepper – One of the things I heard about was speed and danger and that's one of the reasons why I'm advocating for parallel parking on the south side. Part of the plan is to have bulb outs and proper crosswalks. I was pushing to have raised crosswalks. The Department of Transportation isn't really receptive to that idea but they are receptive to the bulb outs. As a driver, when you're driving down Main Street it is so much more of a clear picture when you look at the parallel parking on the north side to see pedestrians, cars, and the shops. On the left side with the angled parking it is very difficult to see the sidewalks or the pedestrians who stick their head out behind the cars. Safety in making Franklin a more pedestrian friendly town was at the upmost forefront of my mind when I wanted to see parallel parking on the south side.

Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Collins to amend the agenda and reconsider prior action on parallel parking on the south side of Main Street. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Parallel Parking on the Southside of Main Street

Council Member McMahan – I would like to ask if bulb outs are still an option if we don't go parallel.

Summer Woodard – Town Manager – The bulb outs are an option regardless of the decision and the funding is still available.

John Henning Jr. – Town Attorney – I would also like to remind the board that the Planning Board is looking at parking as a whole. They're going to have a hearing so the public can voice their ideas and opinions.

October 1, 2018 meeting continued,

Vice-Mayor McRae – I don't have a problem waiting since they are studying it.

Council Member Mashburn – Dr. Harris who is the Chairman of the Planning Board told that the parallel parking trial is already out there and the only way they could make any changes was if our board undid the action. We would have to vote tonight.

Council Member Collins – I think we have a very good idea tonight of what is going to happen if we put the tape down. The merchants have taken their hits with the traffic pattern. One day it may be the right timing but for now I would be willing to let the dust settle a little bit from changing the north side.

Council Member Culpepper – I have had some people come to me who are concerned about backing out of those spots. It's very difficult to turn your head. I've had people come to me who didn't think they would like it and now that it is changed on the other side they do like it.

Council Member Kimsey – As a business owner downtown, I'll say I've had a very mixed reaction from other merchants. Some have been positive and some have been negative. As a pedestrian, I like it. It's a lot safer. My only concern is the funding cycle. If we miss out and do the bulb outs then it may be something that is in place for a decade or two. We need to consider that voting it down is making a really long-term decision.

Collins – How much money are we looking at on the table?

Woodard – Town Manager – It would put you back to this time next year and you would be looking at least \$100,000.

Council Member Mashburn – I'm passionate about this because these businesses are these people's home. They need to be in the conversation because they deal with it on a daily basis.

Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by McMahan to rescind prior action to test parallel parking on the south side of Main Street. Motion carried. Vote: 4 to 2. Culpepper and Kimsey opposed.

New Business: Presentation from Toccoa Natural Gas

Rance Fleming presented this item.

New Business: Presentation on Women's History Trail Art Program

Vice-Mayor Barbara McRae presented this item.

New Business: Permission to Advertise Vacancy on Franklin Alcohol Beverage Control Board

Town Manager Summer Woodard presented this item. Member Wayne Swank resigned from the board.

Motion was made by McRae, seconded by Mashburn to allow the Town Manager to advertise a vacancy on the Franklin Alcohol Beverage Control Board. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

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New Business: Tax Releases

Town Manager Summer Woodard presented this item.

Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by McMahan to approve tax releases as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Releases are attached.

New Business: Rezoning Petition

Justin Setser – Town Planner – You have a petition for rezoning from Hendon Properties a firm out of Atlanta, Georgia. They are looking to rezone a property owned by Duke Energy on Siler Road. Its 4.5 acres that is currently zoned R-1. They wish to rezone it as C-2.

Motion made by Mashburn, seconded by Kimsey to forward rezoning petition to the Town Planning Board. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Legal: Delegation of Authority Regarding Town Policies

Town Attorney John Henning Jr. presented this item.

Motion made by McMahan, seconded by McRae to approve delegation of Authority Regarding Policies to the Town Manager. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Announcements

Family Movie Night Friday October 5, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. movie will be Hocus Pocus

Pumpkin Fest Saturday October 20, 2018

Adjournment

Motion made by Mashburn, seconded by McMahan to adjourn the Town Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Robert S. Scott, Mayor

Travis Tallent, Town Clerk

