



**Town of Franklin Council**

**Agenda**

**August 5, 2019**

**6:00 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order- Mayor Bob Scott**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance- Vice Mayor Barbara McRae**
3. **Adoption of the August 5, 2019 Town Council Agenda**
4. **Approval of Consent Agenda for August 5, 2019 Consent Agenda**
  - A.) Approval of the July 1, 2019 Town Council Minutes
  - B.) Budget Amendments
  - C.) Set Public Hearing for Special Use Permit for Angel Medical Center
5. **Public Session**
6. **New Business:**
  - A.) Street Closing Request for Altered Frequencies- Jimbo Ledford
  - B.) Proposed Music Venue Event- Jimbo Ledford
  - C.) Discussion on Franklin Garden Club- Mayor Bob Scott
  - D.) Discussion on Tractor Trailers in Highlands- Mayor Bob Scott
  - E.) Discussion on Proposed Property Exchange for Phillips Street and US 441 North- Town Manager Summer Woodard and Town Attorney John Henning Jr.
7. **Announcements**
  - A.) Public Safety Day will be Saturday August 24, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Gazebo
8. **Adjourn**

### **August 5, 2019 meeting,**

The regular meeting of the Franklin Town Council was held on Monday August 5, 2019 at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Robert S. Scott presided. Vice Mayor Barbara McRae and council Members Joe Collins, David Culpepper, Adam Kimsey, Brandon McMahan, and Dinah Mashburn were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor McRae.

### **Adoption of the August 5, 2019 Town Council Agenda**

Town Attorney John Henning Jr. asked the Council to add an item to discuss business alcohol sales on sidewalks as item 6(F).

Council Member Mashburn asked the Council to add discussion of speed on Main Street and how it impacts parallel parking.

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

### **Approval of the Consent Agenda for August 5, 2019**

- A.) Approval of the July 1, 2019 Town Council Minutes
- B.) Budget Amendments
- C.) Public Hearing for Special Use Permit for Angel Medical Center for Tuesday September 3, 2019 at 6:05 p.m.

**Motion was made by McMahan, seconded by McRae to approve the August 5, 2019 Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

### **Public Session**

Margaret McHan asked the Board to consider a leash law.

Donnie Bishop asked the Board to consider doing away with parking spots on U.S. 441 Business so that traffic coming up South Patton Street can see oncoming vehicles.

Gwen Taylor thanked the Board for their support of the Heritage Festival.

### **New Business: Street Closing Request for Altered Frequencies**

Jimbo Ledford withdrew his request.

### **New Business: Proposed Music Venue Event**

Jimbo Ledford told the board of his plan to promote a town wide music event.

**August 5, 2019 meeting continued,**

**New Business: Discussion on Franklin Garden Club**

Mayor Scott told the Board that the Garden Club needed \$7,500 to make repairs at the clock tower and at Rankin Square. Since there is already \$2,500 budgeted for the Garden Club. He asked the Board to consider using \$5,000 from the Economic Development line to make up the full cost. He said the Garden Club may also have to consider removing the trees if they are impacting the sidewalks.

Council Member Mashburn asked if the money in Economic Development had already been allocated for an art project.

Mayor Scott said that there was money in the line that could be used for any type of economic development.

Council Member Culpepper said he hoped the Garden Club would consider how much shade the trees provide for the square.

Council Member Collins asked Vice Mayor McRae if she was comfortable using the money since it had previously been discussed for the Women's History Trail.

Mayor Scott said he thought the squares were the most important part of downtown.

Council Member Culpepper said the club deserves a thank you but wants to consider the impact of crosswalks construction that is scheduled by the NC Department of Transportation (NC DOT).

Mayor Scott read the Garden Club's list of priorities.

Town Manager Summer Woodard told the Board that the DOT will most likely start and finish construction on the crosswalks in the fall of 2019. She estimated that the Garden Club project would likely take place in the spring of 2020.

Council Member Culpepper said that he would like to have a discussion before any trees are cut down.

**Motion was made by Collins, seconded by McMahan to use \$5,000 from the Economic Development line for the Garden Club's proposed maintenance of the Rankin Square and square at the clock tower if they coordinate with NC DOT and consider the timing of the crosswalk construction and that trees to be cutdown must be proposed in writing to the beautification committee. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**August 5, 2019 meeting continued,**

**New Business: Discussion on Tractor Trailers in Highlands**

Mayor Scott asked the Board to send a letter of support to the Town of Highlands and NC DOT to ban tractor and trailer trucks from the Highlands Road.

**Motion was made by McRae, seconded by Kimsey to send a letter of support to the Town of Highlands and the NC Department of Transportation to restrict tractor and trailer trucks on Highlands Road.**

**Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**New Business: Discussion on Proposed Property Exchange for Phillips Street and US 441 North**

Town Manager Summer Woodard told the Town Council that Phil Drake was willing to swap property with the Town of Franklin. In exchange for the parking lot located on Phillips Street he is willing to deed the town property that he owns on the Sylva Road. Woodard said in the future this piece of property may make a good sub-station location for Franklin Fire and Rescue.

Town Attorney John Henning Jr. explained to the Board that Drake is also willing to leave the lot as public parking for the next ten years in order to make the values equal.

Vice Mayor McRae said she thinks it's something we need.

Council Member McMahan said he thinks it's a homerun for the Town.

Council Member Culpepper had reservations about swapping a constituent asset for an asset that benefits outlying residents. He questioned the fairness of what town constituents gained from the swap.

Council Member Collins said he thinks it would be a good fit but sees Culpepper's point. He said as an attorney who deals with real estate transactions, he doesn't think anyone would pay the tax value of \$125,000 for the Phillips Street property.

Vice Mayor McRae pointed out that the Town would get the tax revenue from it.

Council Member Collins said at that point then it's worth \$125,000.

**Motion was made by McRae, seconded by McMahan to approve the property exchange as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 1. Culpepper opposed.**

**New Business: Alcohol Sales on Sidewalks by Businesses**

Town Attorney John Henning Jr. updated possibilities to move forward with an ordinance that would allow that. He said that representatives of Alcohol Law Enforcement are going to provide guidance on potential strategies to move forward that could involve a lease structure for the sidewalk. He said that the Town could be a step or two away from a solution.

**August 5, 2019 meeting continued,**

**New Business: Speed Impacts of Parallel Parking**

Council Member Mashburn said that parallel parking was difficult because vehicles come up on the vehicle parking quickly. She asked the board to consider signage to warn drivers.

Council Member Kimsey agreed that it was a concern.

Council Member Mashburn said businesses had mentioned hearing horns blowing during the day.

Town Manager Summer Woodard said she would discuss it with the Police Department.

**Comments from the Board**

Mayor Scott thanked Dave Linn for the 80's Flashback Weekend.

Council Member Kimsey said it was one of the largest crowds he had seen in Franklin.

Town Attorney Henning Jr reminded the Board that they have worked on Animal Control procedures and have previously passed the Animal Control Ordinance that was also adopted by the county. The procedure has worked.

Council Member Culpepper said in regards to comments that came out at the Sharett for the comprehensive plan, he would like to return to discussions of a liaison to the Planning Board.

**Announcements**

A.) Public Safety Day will be Saturday August 24, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Gazebo.

**Adjournment**

**Motion made by Collins, seconded by Culpepper to adjourn the Town Council meeting at 7:10 p.m. p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

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Robert S. Scott, Mayor

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Travis Tallent, Town Clerk