



Town of Franklin Council

Agenda

May 4, 2020

6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**- Mayor Bob Scott
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**- Vice Mayor Barbara McRae
3. **Adoption of the May 4, 2020 Town Council Agenda**- Town Council
4. **Approval of the Consent Agenda for May 4, 2020**- Town Council
 - A.) Approval of the April 13, 2020 Town Council Minutes
 - B.) Budget Amendments
 - C.) Set Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m. June 1, 2020 for Special Use Application for Scenic Ridge Development
 - D.) Set Public Hearing at 6:10 p.m. June 1, 2020 for Town of Franklin Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget
 - E.) Set Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m. June 1, 2020 for Town of Franklin Comp Plan
5. **Public Session**
6. **New Business:**
 - A.) Presentation from Nikwasi Initiative- Bob McCullum
 - B.) Presentation on Town of Franklin Water and Sewer Comp Plan- WithersRavanel
 - C.) Presentation on Town of Franklin Sidewalk Comp Plan- Town Planner Justin Setser
 - D.) Discussion on Proposal from Macon New Beginnings- Town Manager Summer Woodard
 - E.) Proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Town of Franklin Budget- Town Manager Summer Woodard
 - 1.) Presentation of Proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Town of Franklin Budget
 - 2.) Set Budget Work Session for Tuesday May 12, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
7. **Legal:**
 - A.) Discussion on Town of Franklin Phased Re-Opening- Town Attorney John Henning Jr.
 - B.) Closed Session- G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6): To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee.
8. **Announcements**
 - A.) Town of Franklin Budget work session Tuesday May 12, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Boardroom
 - B.) Town Hall Offices will be closed Monday May 25, 2020 in observance of Memorial Day
9. **Adjourn**

May 4, 2020 meeting,

The Franklin Town Council held its monthly meeting on May 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Robert S. Scott presided. Vice Mayor Barbara McRae and council members Joe Collins, David Culpepper, Jack Horton, Mike Lewis, and Dinah Mashburn were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor McRae.

Adoption of the May 4, 2020 Town Council Agenda

Mayor Scott said that he would like to add discussion of Pickin' on the Square as item 6(F).

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by McRae to approve the May 4, 2020 Town Council Agenda as amended. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Approval of the Consent Agenda for May 4, 2020

- A.) Approval of the April 13, 2020 Town Council Minutes
- B.) Budget Amendment
- C.) Set Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m. June 1, 2020 for Special Use Application for Scenic Ridge Development
- D.) Set Public Hearing at 6:10 p.m. June 1, 2020 for Town of Franklin Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget
- E.) Set Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m. June 1, 2020 for Town of Franklin Comp Plan

Motion was made by McRae, seconded by Lewis to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Public Session

There were no public comments submitted for the meeting.

New Business: Presentation from Nikwasi Initiative

Bob McCullum presented this item on behalf of the Nikwasi Initiative. He said that the group would be requesting \$5,000 as a show of good faith from the Town of Franklin. He also said the group would request a parcel of property that is connected to the Nikwasi property to place an information kiosk on.

Council Member Culpepper asked if in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the property would suffice instead of the \$5,000.

McCullum said he thought it would.

New Business: Presentation on Town of Franklin Water and Sewer Comp Plan

Representatives from WithersRavanel presented this item.

Town Manager Summer Woodard told the board that a 3% increase in water and sewer rates would be required this year in order to fund future projects in the plan.

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Council Member Collins asked if this plan would consider an alternative water source.

Public Works Nathanael Moore said that he has found a company that could help in the event that an alternative source is required. He said this company could help pump water from the Cullasaja River and there is a possibility that existing infrastructure could be used.

Council Member Mashburn asked what kind of impact the Town is seeing in water and sewer bills from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Woodard said that water and sewer collections were appearing to be down about 40%.

Town Council recessed the meeting from 7:20 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

New Business: Presentation on Town of Franklin Sidewalk Comp Plan

Land Use Administrator Justin Setser presented this item. He developed a ranking system for the Town that would help to prioritize sidewalk projects.

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Horton to accept the Town of Franklin Sidewalk Comp Plan as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Discussion on Proposal from Macon New Beginnings

Woodard said this item would be presented at the June meeting.

New Business: Proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Town of Franklin Budget

1.) Presentation of Proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Motion was made by Culpepper, seconded by Mashburn to acknowledge the receipt of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Town of Franklin Budget. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

2.) Set Budget Work Session for Tuesday May 12, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Lewis, seconded by Culpepper to set the Budget Work Session for Tuesday May 12, 2020. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Discussion on Pickin' on the Square

Woodard updated the Town Council on Pickin' on the Square with regard to COVID-19.

Legal: Discussion on Town of Franklin Phased Re-Opening

Town Attorney John Henning Jr. explained to the Town Council that the Mayor could lift the State of Emergency and at that point, the Town would follow state guidelines.

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Legal: Closed Session – G.S. 143-319.11(a)(6): To consider qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee.

Motion was made by Horton, seconded by Lewis to go into closed session at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Motion was made by Horton, seconded by Lewis to go back into open session at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Items from the Board

There were none.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mashburn, seconded by McRae to adjourn the Town Council meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Robert S. Scott, Mayor

Travis Tallent, Town Clerk