



## Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen

### Agenda

February 6, 2017

7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order- Mayor Bob Scott
2. Pledge of Allegiance- Vice Mayor Patti Abel
3. Adoption of the February 6, 2017 Town Board Agenda
4. Approval of January 3, 2017 Town Board Minutes
5. Public Session
6. New Business
  - A.) Proclamation for Hunger Awareness Month- Mayor Bob Scott
  - B.) Presentation on Street Streetscape Proposal- Joel Setzer
  - C.) Street Closing Request for Macon County Care Network- Matt McGee
  - D.) Street Closing Requests for 2017- Town Manager Summer Woodard
  - E.) Presentation of Bike and Pedestrian Plan for the Town of Franklin- Kristy Carter
  - F.) Town of Franklin Authorization for the Advertisement of Real Property Tax Liens for Current Year 2016- Tax Collector Jessie Collier
  - G.) Tax Releases- Tax Collector Jessie Collier
  - H.) Budget Amendments- Finance Officer Kyra Doster
  - I.) Set Public Hearing for Re-Zoning Petition for Wayah Street and Georgia Road- Land Use Administrator Justin Setser
  - J.) Set Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Town of Franklin Budget Schedule- Town Manager Summer Woodard
  - K.) Bank Signatories for the Town of Franklin- Town Manager Summer Woodard
  - L.) Town of Franklin Water Treatment Plant Staffing- Town Manager Summer Woodard
7. Legal
  - A.) Ordinance Amendment Regarding Town of Franklin Parking Matters- Town Attorney John Henning Jr.
8. Announcements
  - A.) Town of Franklin Board Retreat will be Monday February 20, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Boardroom
9. Adjournment

## **February 6, 2017 meeting,**

The Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday February 6, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Robert S. Scott presided. Vice-mayor Patti Abel, Aldermen Joe Collins, Adam Kimsey, Billy Mashburn, Brandon McMahan, and Barbara McRae were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was done by Lili Vitale.

### **Adoption of February 6, 2017 Town Board Agenda**

**Motion was made by McRae, seconded by McMahan to amend the agenda to add tax release under New Business 6(K). Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

### **Approval of January 3, 2017 Town Board minutes**

**Motion was made by McMahan, seconded by Abel to approve January 3, 2017 minutes as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

### **Public Session**

David Culpepper – The bike-walk plan is pretty well encompassing, it's a really big plan. A couple of things stood out to me that I think the town can work on before funding and all of that. That would be the greenway to connect Memorial Park to the Big Bear Park or Wesley's Park on the greenway. It would need to go through town so it would require easements but I think it is something that the town should work on aside from the sidewalk projects. I think the greenway running through town would be excellent.

Phillip Ashlieman – I'm here to speak in support of protecting our neighborhoods through enforcement of town ordinances. I'm also here to add my support to the newly completed draft of the bike-walk plan. I read all of the pages and it's full of great ideas. We should do it. People want to live in town. Building infrastructure for biking and walking is an important step but we also have to protect our beautiful neighborhoods. Living in town means living close to your neighbors. This is an opportunity for us to have real life, face to face social networks. Living close also means being considerate of the family next door. We have neighbors whose actions and inactions are polluting the water, air, and peace of our neighborhoods. On Hillcrest we have a situation that has gone on for 20 years. We have a neighbor who has filled their home full of garbage until it is impossible to live in. They then moved into a motorhome in the front yard and filled it full of more garbage. They have now built a structure in their front yard out of plywood. They live without running water, electricity, or sewer. There are open barrels being filled with heating oil. Is this safe? Where is the sewage going? Foul odors fill the neighborhood. When it rains, any runoff is carrying contaminants to the properties situated downhill and also into the watershed. We are also concerned with the occupant's health and well-being. There has already been one person rescued by the fire department. Please continue to help us protect our neighborhoods. By all means, please enforce town ordinances and codes. Let's keep our town a healthy place to live.

Nancy Key – Thank you Mayor Scott and Land Use Administrator Justin Setser for sending a letter to the property owner on Hillcrest that Phillip was talking about. I feel like we have some backing. I'm concerned that it said she had 90 days to do something. I don't think she is capable of doing anything.

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I'm very concerned that she may catch the house on fire again or the houses around her. It's just horrible.

Carolyn Diamond – I just want to ask if public notices can be sent out so that we will know what is going on.

Mayor Scott – We will send out notifications.

Carolyn Diamond – I understand that there are also multiple owners on the deed and that she just has a life estate. I wanted to know how that would impact the process.

John Henning Jr. – Town Attorney – It is true that there are multiple owners through multiple deeds. It is definitely part of what has made this hard to deal with but we are working on that aspect of it.

**New Business: Proclamation for Hunger Awareness Month**

Mayor Bob Scott read the proclamation declaring February 2017 as Hunger Awareness Month. Members from First United Methodist Church were present for the reading.

**Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Mashburn to declare February as Hunger Awareness Month. Motion carried. Vote 6 to 0.**

**New Business: Presentation on Street Streetscape Proposal**

Joel Setzer of Vaughn Melton presented the item. Other studies have looked at changing parking on Main Street. The J.M. Teague study addressed parallel parking but the public didn't like that idea. The plan wasn't implemented. One thing we looked at was repurposing the lanes to make it a one lane street to see if there was an opportunity to pick up more space for parking and allow for accommodations for citizens with disabilities.

Alderman Collins – It seems like the Department of Transportation said that we could not make Main Street a one lane road in the past.

Joel Setzer - The typical answer with the Department of Transportation would be that they want a study first to see if it will work. I'm not sure who was representing the Department of Transportation at that time. It certainly isn't an easy path to go down but if you have the science behind it, the DOT will embrace it.

No action was taken.

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**New Business: Street closing request for Macon County Care Network**

Matt McGee of Macon County Care Network presented the proposal to close Iotla Street from 3:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. for the organization to hold an auction and host a dinner downtown.

**Motion was made by McRae, seconded by McMahan to approve the street closing. Request carried. Vote 6 to 0.**

**New Business: Street Closing Requests for 2017**

Town Manager Summer Woodard presented the item. See attachment.

**Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Abel to approve the Street Closing Requests for 2017. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**New Business: Presentation of Bike and Pedestrian Plan for the Town of Franklin**

Kristy Carter of J.M. Teague Engineering presented the item. The presentation is attached.

No action was taken.

**New Business: Town of Franklin Authorization for the Advertisement of Real Property Tax Liens for Current Year 2016**

Tax Collector Jessie Collier asked the board for permission to advertise real property tax liens for the year 2016.

**Motion was made by McMahan, seconded by Abel to allow advertisement of real property tax liens for the year 2016. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**New Business: Tax Release**

Tax Collector Jessie Collier requested the board allow tax releases for \$409.39 to Barrington, Inc. and \$180.34 to Jerry Porter, LLC.

**Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Kimsey to allow tax release of \$409.39 to Barrington, Inc. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Motion was made by McRae, seconded by McMahan to allow tax release of \$180.34 to Jerry Porter, LLC. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

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**New Business: Budget Amendment**

Finance Officer Kyra Doster presented this item. Item is attached.

**Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Abel to approve budget amendments as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**New Business: Set Public Hearing for Re-Zoning Petition for Wayah Street and Georgia Road.**

Justin Setser – Land Use Administrator – Town planning board met and recommended approval of this re-zoning. The next step is to set the public hearing.

**Motion was made by Collins, seconded by McMahan to set the public hearing for March 6, 2017 at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried. Vote 6 to 0.**

**New Business: Set Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Town of Franklin Budget Schedule.**

Town Manager Summer Woodard presented the item.

**Motion was made by McRae, seconded by Abel to approve the Town of Franklin Budget Schedule for Fiscal Year 2017 – 2018. Motion carried. Vote 6 to 0.**

**New Business: Bank Signatories for the Town of Franklin**

Town Manager Summer Woodard informed the board that Town Clerk Travis Tallent was added as the third bank signatory for the Town of Franklin and former Town Clerk Chad Simons was removed from the account. Woodard and Finance Officer Kyra Doster are the other signatories.

No motion was necessary.

**New Business: Town of Franklin Water Treatment Plant Staffing.**

Summer Woodard – Town Manager – The Town of Franklin’s water plant is critical in providing drinking water to the citizens and residents of Franklin. We are also experiencing an upgrade to the plant. It has been brought to our attention that we currently have two employees who are eligible for retirement. Since we have funds available from a previous position that has gone unfilled, we are looking to begin advertisement in the next week for additional staff at our treatment plant in preparation of growth to the Town of Franklin at that facility. The state minimum is six months of experience to qualify for an operator’s certification.

**Motion was made by Kimsey, seconded by McMahan to hire additional staff at the Town of Franklin Water Plant. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

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**Legal: Ordinance Amendment Regarding Town of Franklin Parking Matters.**

Town Attorney John Henning Jr. presented the amendment. Item is attached.

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

**Announcements:**

Town of Franklin Board Retreat will be Monday February 20, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Boardroom.

Mayor Scott – I wanted to get the feel of the board on this parking issue. I spoke to the Department of Transportation and now that we are not in our tourist season and things have slowed down, we could actually practice for a week or ten days some of these ideas that have come up like the one lane I suggestion with some parallel parking and diagonal parking. We could see what does work and what doesn't. We may just have to put in some temporary lines with lime or chalk or something similar. On the one lane down Main Street we could do that with cones. They said it was a novel idea and that we could try it. It would give people an idea of what we're talking about and they could experience it.

John Henning Jr. – Town Attorney – I wondered the same thing about trying something without going through the expense of a big change and whether it might be possible to experiment with a single lane. I would like to talk to whoever you talked to at the Department of Transportation. The novelty of the idea gives me some pause.

Aldermen Collins – I would certainly like to see it designed out. I would like to see how one lane effects the amount of parking.

Aldermen Mashburn – I would go for that quicker than trying to change one side of town to parking when the lines are still there. That would be very confusing to me.

Mayor Scott – What if we did it on a Saturday or Sunday? I wanted to get the feeling of the board. If you feel like it then we could pursue it.

Alderman McRae – I say go for it. I like the idea of having a way to measure public opinion on it.

Alderman McMahan – If we can address John's concerns then I'm okay with it.

There was a recommendation to put notice in the local media from audience member David Culpepper.

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**Adjournment:**

Motion was made by Abel, seconded by McMahan to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

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Robert S. Scott, Mayor

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Travis D. Tallent, Clerk