

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 23, 2007**

Call to Order

Mayor Palfrey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall.

In Attendance

Councilor Rabinowitz, Councilor Boyd, Councilor Starkweather, Councilor Feener, Councilor Gasset, Councilor LaFever, Councilor Merrifield, Councilor Andreozzi, Mayor Palfrey, and City Manager Doyon.

Absent

Councilor Bowers

Resolution #01-08 Community Development Block Grant for Webster Farm

Mayor Palfrey read the resolution in its entirety:

RESOLUTION #01-08

A Resolution relating to the City of Franklin applying for a Community Development Block Grant for Economic Development:

In the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Seven.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin supports efforts to preserve historic properties, create jobs, and enhance the property tax base; and

WHEREAS, a total of \$280,000 in CDBG funds will be requested for supporting the renovation and revitalization of the historic Webster Farm Property;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that at a meeting of the Franklin City Council on Monday, August 6, 2007 the City of Franklin does hereby authorize application of a Community Development Block Grant for economic development improvements by a Roll Call Vote.

Motion made by Councilor Feener that the Franklin City Council schedules a public hearing on Resolution #01-08 on Monday, August 6, 2007 at 7:05 p.m. in the Franklin City Council Chambers. Motion seconded by Councilor Starkweather.

Manager Doyon advised the Council that this project would be significant in terms of coordination and utilization of City resources and there would be significant staff time up front to coordinate the project.

Mr. Niel Cannon with Capital Regional Development Council and Mr. Alex Ray, owner of the Common Man restaurants were in attendance to answer any questions. Mr. Cannon addressed the Mayor and Council stating CRDC is a non-profit organization that has been around for 50 years. He stated they are asking the City of Franklin to apply for a community block grant in the amount of \$280,000. The purpose of the grant is to have the City sub-grant \$268,000 to CRDC and the City will take \$12,000 to hire an administrator or to cover administration costs. 14 jobs would be created from this project. Phase I will be renovation of the Creighton-Mack Complex which would become a recovery center for alcohol and drug users. He stated the people would come to the recovery center after they have been detoxified, they would live at the center for about a month and most would pay their own way. Another phase that may come up in the future but is not a part of this grant could be a hospitality and culinary school and some transition housing.

All in favor, motion passes.

Motion made by Councilor Feener that the Franklin City Council schedules a public hearing on the City's Housing and Community Development Plan on Monday, August 6, 2007 at 7:06 p.m. in the Franklin City Council Chambers. Motion seconded by Councilor Boyd. All in favor, motion passes.

Motion made by Councilor Feener that the Franklin City Council schedules a public hearing on the proposed Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan on Monday, August 6, 2007 at 7:07 p.m. in the Franklin City Council Chambers. Motion seconded by Councilor Starkweather. All in favor, motion passes.

Motion made to adjourn by Councilor Feener, seconded by Councilor Merrifield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue E. May