



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday December 7, 2020 - 6:00 p.m.

Webmeeting by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85299617728>

or by phone: 1-312-626-6799, Meeting ID# 852 9961 7728

Compliant Statement

The Right-to-Know Law During the State of Emergency

As Mayor of the **City of Franklin**, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:

a) Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means:

We are utilizing **Zoom Webmeeting via the Internet** for this electronic meeting.¹ All members of the **Franklin City Council** have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following phone # **1-312-626-6799, Meeting ID # 852 9961 7728, or by clicking on the following website address:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85299617728>, Meeting ID # 852 9961 7728

b) Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting:

We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting, including how to access the meeting using Zoom or telephonically. Instructions have also been provided on the website of the **City of Franklin** at: www.FranklinNH.Org.

c) Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access:

If anybody has a problem, please call **603-934-3900 ext. 10** or email at:
CityMgr@FranklinNH.Org.

d) Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting:

In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled.

Please note that **all votes** that are taken during this meeting shall be done by **roll call vote**.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. When each member states their presence, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG



PUBLIC HEARINGS

Community Development Technical Assistance Block Grant.

Resolution #09-21, a Resolution to accept and appropriate \$720,613 of adequacy revenue, grant revenue, and prior year fund balance to the Franklin School District.

Resolution #10-21, a Resolution to accept and appropriate \$10,132 from the Raymond and Betty Turcotte Expendable Trust Fund for the purchase of a new Pentheon Combination Extrication Tool.

Resolution #11-21, a Resolution to accept and appropriate \$62,904 of grant funds from the NH Department of Safety for improvements to the Franklin's Emergency Operations Center at the Franklin Fire Station.

Ordinance #04-21, an update to the Franklin Municipal Code Chapter 21, Article 1, Fire Hydrants, Sections 21-1 and 21-2.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Persons wishing to address the Council may speak for a maximum of three minutes. No more than thirty minutes will be devoted to public commentary.

CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Mayor will recognize any Councilor who wishes to express their appreciation of behalf of the City.

MAYOR'S UPDATE

Agenda Item I.

Council to consider the minutes of the November 2, 2020 City Council Meeting.

Agenda Item II.

School Board update

Agenda Item III.

Council to consider authorizing the City Manager to apply for a Community Development Block Technical Assistance Grant, a proposed grant up to \$25K and review of the Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan.

Agenda Item IV.

Council to consider approval of Resolution #09-21, a Resolution to accept and appropriate \$720,613 of additional adequacy revenue, grant revenue, and prior year fund balance to the Franklin School District FY21 Budget.

Agenda Item V.

Council to consider approval of Resolution #10-21, a Resolution to accept and appropriate \$10,132 from the Raymond and Betty Turcotte Expendable Trust Fund for the purchase of a new Pentheon Combination Extrication Tool for the Fire Department.

Agenda Item VI.

Council to consider approval of Resolution #11-21, a Resolution to accept and appropriate \$62,904 of grant funds from the NH Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to improve Franklin's Emergency Operations Center at the Franklin Fire Station.

Agenda Item VII.

Council to consider approval of Ordinance #04-21, an update to the Franklin Municipal Code Chapter 21, Article I "Fire Hydrants", sections 21-1 and 21-2.

Agenda Item VIII.

Council to consider setting a public hearing on Resolution #12-21, a Resolution to accept and appropriate \$185,200 in federal CARES Act funding titled GOFERR (Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery) funds, for the purpose of funding costs associated with the COVID 19 pandemic for the Franklin School District.

Agenda Item IX.

Council to consider approval of the Police Union Contract 7/1/2020-6/30/2023

Agenda Item X.

Council to consider approval of the Cumberland Farms Lease.

Agenda Item XI.

Council to consider approval to purchase 202 Central Street.

Agenda Item XII.

City Council to discuss the Ward 2 Election Location.

Agenda Item XIII.

Other Business

1. Mayor Appointments
2. Committee Reports
3. City Manager's Update
4. Late Items.

Adjournment

The City Council of the City of Franklin reserves the right to enter into non-public session when necessary according to the provisions of RSA 91-A.

This location is accessible to the disabled by stairwell elevator. Those wishing to attend who are hearing or vision impaired may make their needs known by calling 934-3900 (voice), or through "Relay New Hampshire" 1-800-735-2964 (T.D./TRY)

INFORMATIONAL DOCUMENT

**CITY OF FRANKLIN
CDBG Application**

Public Hearings
December 7, 2020
6:00 pm

Public Hearing on Proposed Hotel Feasibility Study

Community Development Block Grant funds are available to municipalities through the NH Community Development Finance Authority. Up to \$500,000 annually is available on a competitive basis for economic development, up to \$500,000 for public facility, up to \$500,000 for housing projects and up to \$350,000 for emergency activities that directly benefit low and moderate income persons. Up to \$25,000 is available for planning study grants.

This is a proposed application to the Community Development Finance Authority for up to \$25,000 to conduct a hotel feasibility study and identify potential sites. The majority of Franklin residents are of low and moderate income.

This project conforms with Franklin's Housing and Community Development Plan's Goal of: Participate in economic development activities. (Short and Long Term Goal)

Funding request: up to \$25,000

Public Hearing on Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan

This plan outlines measures, under the Uniform Relocation Act, required for CDBG projects that involve any displacement or relocation of persons (or businesses), if the City were to undertake a CDBG project which involved displacement or relocation they would follow this plan. The plan outlines the measures they would take to find comparable, suitable housing for persons (or businesses) displaced or relocated.

This project is just a study, no displacement or relocation will occur.

DISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION CERTIFICATION

City of Franklin

RESIDENTIAL ANTIDISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN

Every effort will be made to avoid temporary or permanent displacement of an individual due to a CDBG project undertaken by the City of Franklin.

However, if the situation should arise, the City of Franklin will comply with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, to any household, regardless of income which is involuntarily and permanently displaced.

If the property is acquired, but will not be used for low/moderate income housing under 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, the displacement and relocation plan shall provide:

- a. Comparable replacement housing in the community within three (3) years of the commencement date of the demolition or rehabilitation;
- b. A description of the proposed activity;
- c. The general location on a map and appropriate number of dwelling units by number of bedrooms that will be demolished or converted to a use other than as low and moderate income dwelling units as a direct result of the assisted activity;
- d. A time schedule for the commencement and completion date of the demolition or conversion;
- e. The general location on a map and appropriate number of dwelling units by number of bedrooms that will be provided as replacement dwelling units;
- f. The source of funding and a time schedule for the provision of replacement dwelling units;
- g. The basis for concluding that each replacement dwelling unit will remain a low and moderate income dwelling unit for at least ten (10) years from the date of initial occupancy;
- h. Relocation benefits, including reimbursement for moving expenses, security deposits, credit checks, temporary housing, and other related expenses and either:
 - 1. Sufficient compensation to ensure that, at least for five (5) years after being

relocated, any displaced low/moderate income household shall not bear a ratio of shelter costs to income that exceeds thirty (30) percent, or:

2. A lump-sum payment equal to the capitalized value of the compensation available under subparagraph 1. above or a Section 8 certificate of voucher for rental assistance provided through New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority.
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- i. The right to elect, as an alternative to the benefits in subparagraph 2. above, to received benefits under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970; and
 - j. The right of appeal to the director of CDFA where a claim for assistance under subparagraph 2. above, is denied by the grantee. The director's decision shall be final unless a court determines the decision was arbitrary and capricious.
 - k. Subparagraph (2) a. through g. above shall not apply where the HUD Field Office objectively finds that there is an adequate supply of decent, affordable low/moderate income housing in the area.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

The City of Franklin anticipates no displacement or relocation activities will be necessitated by this project. Should some unforeseen need arise, the City of Franklin certifies that it will comply with the Uniform Relocation Act and Section 104 (d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

NAME: __Judie Milner_____

TITLE: __City Manager_____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: December 8, 2020