

CITY COUNCIL MEETING Monday March 1, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.

Webmeeting by computer: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82351648248

or by phone: 1-312-626-6799, Meeting ID# 823 5164 8248

Compliant Statement

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

As Mayor Pro Tem 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 # 823 5164 8248, or by clicking on the following website address: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82351648248.

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.



PUBLIC HEARINGS

Resolution #15-21, a resolution regarding the Nonpartisan Fair Redistricting Policy for Franklin's Voting Wards.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

MAYOR'S UPDATE

A Mayoral Proclamation in Honor of Read Across Franklin Day

WHEREAS, the citizens of Franklin stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in the economy; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Teachers, our public library and other after school programs have provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that educational investment is key to the community's wellbeing and long-term quality of life;

WHEREAS, the Franklin Public Library is holding a virtual read-a-thon;

WHEREAS, Paul A. Smith Elementary School teachers have exercised innovation with this year's Read Across America event in the face of the pandemic and will celebrate with themed days, socially distanced events like story walks inside and outside the school, and recordings of Franklin community leaders reading stories; and

WHEREAS, "Read Across America," a national celebration of reading on March 2, 2021, promotes reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Interim Mayor calls on the citizens of Franklin to ensure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on March 2, 2021;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that I, Olivia Zink, Interim Mayor of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim March 2, 2021 as:

Read Across Franklin Day

in the City of Franklin and urge all citizens to join with family and friends in celebrating this very special day by recommitting our community to engage in programs and activities to make Franklin's children and adults stronger readers.



Given by my hand with the authority of the People of Franklin and under the Great Seal of Their City in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-one, and the Independence of the United States, two hundred and forty-five.

Proclaimed By:

Olivia Zink, Interim Mayor, City of Franklin

Agenda Item I.

City Council to consider the minutes of the January 25, 2021 City Council Special Meeting, the minutes of the February 1, City Council Meeting, and the minutes of the February 1, City Council Non-public Meeting.

Agenda Item II.

Councilor to consider approval of Resolution #15-21, a Resolution regarding the Nonpartisan Fair Redistricting Policy and Map Lines for Franklin's Three Voting Wards.

Item III.

School Board Update.

Agenda Item IV.

Council to consider appointing the City Manager as the Authorized Signer of the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Emergency Management Directive for COVID-19 Vaccination Aid from the City of Franklin's First Responders.

Agenda Item V.

Council to consider Ordinance #05-21, an Ordinance to create a Moratorium on certain Solar Energy Projects.

Agenda Item VI.

Council to consider disposition of 2020 Tax Deeded Property.

Agenda Item VII.

Council to consider setting a Public Hearing on Resolution #16-21 to accept and appropriate \$25K CDBG Planning Grant for a Hotel Feasibility Study.

Agenda Item VIII.

Other Business

- 1. Committee Reports
- 2. City Manager's Update
- 3. 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. 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)