



**City Council Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2019 – 6:00PM
Council Chambers**

Call to order

Mayor Giunta called the meeting to order in Council Chambers at 6:03PM

City Council in attendance:

Mayor Tony Giunta, Councilor Jo Brown, Councilor Scott Clarenbach, Councilor Bob Desrochers, Councilor George Dzujna, Councilor Kathy Rago, Councilor Vince Ribas, Councilor Starkweather, Councilor Karen Testerman, Councilor Paul Trudel

Others in attendance:

City Manager Judie Milner

Mayor Giunta welcomed all and requested Councilor Desrochers lead the Salute to the Flag.

Jule Finley, Franklin School Teacher and Theatre Arts and Music Director, presented the Franklin District Wide Musical Theatre Group to sing Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious from the Mary Poppins Musical that opened to the public on select dates from May 2nd-May 12th. The young adults and children sang in full costume and stage props for the City Council and Public. It was a wonderful way to open a City Council Meeting and enjoyed by all.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing on Resolution #17-19 opened at 6:11PM.

Resolution #17-19 – A resolution accepting and appropriating a \$10,000 grant from the New Hampshire division of Historical Resources, Conservation license Plate Grant Program to repair the cottage porch in Odell Park.

Leigh Webb, ward 3 resident asked the council how the \$10,000 will be used to repair the porch.

Krystal Alpers, Parks and Recreation Director replied that the entire front porch was removed and will be replaced entirely with a few adjustments made to bring it back to what it originally looked like.

Leigh stated that if there was anything the Historical Society can do, to please let them know or contact Leigh directly.

Mayor Giunta asked if there were any further comments or questions from the public. There was none.

Public Hearing on Resolution #17-19 closed at 6:11PM

Comments from the Public

Werner Horn, ward 2 resident and taxpayer stated his expectations of the City Council during this budget season is to provide the public with a budget that appropriately provides services to the City. This includes the schools. The trends over the past few years have been getting worse. Our teachers are paid less than any in the state compared to a school of our size. The school is missing a second language option and a computer class. These are required classes/credits in order to graduate. The teacher who gets pink slipped is the winner and the school that takes them in, are the winners. We are losing great talented teachers to low pay and cuts. Mr. Horn implored the Council to pass a budget that meets the needs of the entire City. The School Board and the Council need to work together for the betterment of the City. As a state representative, Horn stated that if anyone has questions on what issues he voted on and why, just ask him. He wants to be clear that he is standing here tonight to serve Franklin and hopes that if anyone doesn't like him or his ideas, he supports to allow everyone the respect of their views whether it is liked or not. He expects the Council to do their research on issues or concerns and go directly to the source of the issue and have a conversation about it. Horn concluded by stated how helpful it would be if more people and more councilors went to Concord to testify on the school funding issues

A member of the public asked Mayor Giunta if he could present the honor for Margaret Lohmann. Mayor Giunta stated how important school nurses are and stated that Margaret received a certificate of achievement from the New Hampshire School Nurses Association for her excellence in School Nursing at the Jennie Blake School in Hill for the 2019-2020 school year. Mayor Giunta stated that Margaret's proclamation would be given to her at a later date and invited her up to the front of the room to say a few words. Margaret stated that it is National Nurses week and this Wednesday is National School Nurses Day. She thanked her parents and her coworkers, who nominated her for this beautiful honor. Everyone applauded.

Legislative Comments

Representative Horn, Merrimack County second district, the first and second district voting wards of Franklin, and the community of Hill stated that the budget hearing season has started and the schedule of events for the State Senate can be found on their website. Horn stated that there has been some question on his position on stabilization therefore he would like to clarify that his first vote on stabilization was for House Bill 177, a bill that Mr. Horn co-sponsored. This Bill was amended to pull the full amount of the 2016 levels. He stated that he voted for that Bill because it made good fiscal sense or vote for nothing. He also stated that it is a mistake to push for the 2016 levels because it is \$12.6M that is not available to go towards adequacy reform, which is what we really should be focusing on for the long game. Representative Horn

continued to explain that when the Finance Committee handed out a budget to the House, an amendment arose that Horn authored along with others, that would put stabilization to the 2018 levels in addition to addressing adequacy without having the need for a Capital Gains Tax. Horn stated that this was all in one Bill. The goal was to fund adequacy reform without the Capital Gains Tax estimate of \$150M. Horn supported this amendment because the \$150M is never going to show up. To base adequacy reform and the future of our students on what was put in the House Budget is reckless. Representative Horn is not in support of that and voted in favor of the amendment because it made good fiscal sense. Bedford NH receives \$1.9M and Franklin only receives \$1.8M. Bedford NH does not need more tax dollar relief for their school district. Horn is currently working with Finance on creating a sustainable adequacy Bill together. Horn stated that he is committed to use the City's tax dollars more efficiently. Franklin needs real reform fueled by real revenue sources. Horn suggested substituting interest and dividends tax at 5%. The Ways and Means Committee has been tracking this for years and estimates show it can bring in approximated \$100M over the next two year. This can be used to fuel the adequacy reform. No-one's taxes would need to increase. Those that pay this tax are successful people and it would be explained that 5% of this tax would help others be successful as well. Horn stated that he will continue to work with Finance on this Bill. If the Governor vetoes the Bill, there will be no adequacy reform. For every month that we would be in a continuing resolution, which could continue for two years, there would be no adequacy reform or stabilization relief. Horn stated that he is very concerned that Finance won't produce a budget that the Governor supports and signs. The erroneous policy that the house jammed into this must be removed. FMLA should be removed because there is a private marketplace available for this.

Representative Horn stated that the estimated \$150M Capital Gains Tax, is a myth and isn't going to happen. The Department of Revenue Administration and they are saying that even an estimate of \$95M is too high. If anyone would like to speak with Representative Horn about this or anything else, he would be happy to. He concluded to ask if anyone had questions or comments. There were none.

Mayor Giunta thanked Werner Horn and welcomed Representative Dave Testerman to the podium.

Representative Testerman, ward one and two, and for the town of Hill spoke about the Opioid problem and the House Committee that he was on passed a bill to legalize recreational marijuana. When it was passed, no-one spoke about what it actually does to a person, to their families, and to Cities. Representative Testerman presented some data from Denver CO which was highly unsuccessful. He was surprised that the House was only listening to group trying to pass it but not to the law enforcement on what they have to deal with as a result of marijuana use. There is a hearing tomorrow and he urges people who oppose to attend.

Councilor Rago asked Representative if he knew what the percentage of THC is in Marijuana. She has heard that it is twenty times higher today than in the 60's. Representative Testerman replied that back then he believed it was 4 or 5 grams in a marijuana cigarette and now it's 15-20+ grams. In the brownies there can even be more THC. It's slower absorbing in the brownies

so young people may think it doesn't affect them and eat 2, 3 or 4 brownies and then it hits them a bit later. Even changing the legal age to use marijuana to 21 won't work. It didn't work with alcohol and it won't work for marijuana.

Mayor Giunta asked if there were any questions or comments for Representative Testerman. There were none.

City Council Acknowledgements

Councilor Dzujna acknowledged retired Fire Chief Kevin Lachapelle who was awarded the Sally Proctor Award for his unselfish giving of himself to improve the community's healthcare system.

There were no further acknowledgements from the Council.

Agenda Item I.

Council to consider the minutes of the March 25th Special City Council Meeting and the minutes of the April 1st City Council Meeting.

Motion – Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council approve the minutes of the March 25th Special City Council Meeting and the minutes of the April 1st City Council Meeting.

Seconded by Councilor Trudel.

Councilor Brown, Councilor Testerman, and Councilor Rago requested amendments to the minutes to include corrections.

All in favor of the motion as amended. None opposed. 1 abstention. Motion PASSED.

Agenda Item II.

Superintendent Dan LeGallo provided a monthly school board update. He began with mention of the Marry Poppins musical play with over one hundred students. The State provided some of the drama grant funding. He stated that the result of the funding is obvious. He also thanked Jule Finley for doing an amazing job with the children. Applause was provided by all. The entire elementary school was bussed over to the Opera House to watch some of the play.

LeGallo stated that the Paul Smith School of Excellence nomination unfortunately did not make it to the next round and encouraged them to apply again next year. The new boilers at the Paul Smith School have blown and the exact cause is unknown at this point. They are under warranty. The same boilers were installed at the Middle School and they are running fine.

LeGallo stated that water testing at all the schools was done and there were three areas of concern where the levels were above the guidelines. Each of the affected areas were in a few sinks and water fountains that weren't being used and will be replaced regardless.

Commissioner Frank Edelblut toured the schools on Thursday and was very happy to see first-hand, the Family Program at the Middle School. While he was here, Edelblut also stopped in to see some of Mary Poppins.

LeGallo stated that he was ready for the budget meeting tomorrow night and mentioned the LEAN workshop will be on Monday, May 13th at 6PM at the SAU office. Graduation will be held at 6pm on June 14th. There will also be a Strategic Meeting at the SAU office on June 5th at 5PM.

Councilor Brown stated that the School will be presenting a budget with a \$2.5M shortfall this year. Brown added that the student population has shrunk by nearly 50 students and this all happens to fall in a year where property values were re-assessed and 45 abatements filed in addition to 19 that are still pending. There will be no pick-ups from Eversource this year and in fact have filed an abatement with the City also. Last budget season, there were many citizens who came forward and asked the City Council to raise their taxes to help fund the schools. A special fund was set up for the schools so those that expressed the desire to have their taxes raised could make donations to it. There is \$69.00 in that fund. Brown continued to state that every City department has come forward with a budget that is at the tax cap. She stated that there is a school tax cap budget as well.

Brown mentioned that there are cost cutting measures from all areas and serious discussions need to occur. She stated that we cannot operate business as usual. The City drew from their fund balance to cover some of the school expenses, and shortly thereafter, the new school Business Administrator found over \$700K of unused funding. Together, over a million dollars in additional funding was provided to the schools last year. She continued to share the budgets for both the City and the School. The City's budget last year was \$30,519,000 of this, \$11.9M was the Municipal Budget and \$18.5M was the School's budget. She asked everyone to remember that all areas of the City are intricately woven and important to the safety, security and wellbeing of all the citizens of Franklin.

Agenda Item III.

The Mayor's Drug and Alcohol Task Force Coordinator Kandyce Tucker provided an update to the Council.

Ms. Tucker handed out a paper with bullet points of her update as follows:

The Community Coalition Restart Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14th at 5:30pm in the Opera House. The is open to the entire community. Dinner will be available. The goal is to openly share ideas and invite community involvement. Ms. Tucker hopes the community will provide feedback on what they would like to see and talk about the ways to get involved. She stated that last month, the Franklin Youth Initiative group recorded a vaping and alcohol PSA

and played it during the entire month of April to bring awareness. This was played on Mix 94.1. The Franklin Youth Initiative group will also be performing their Medicine Safety play on May 31st for the Paul Smith School.

Ms. Tucker provided results of Drug Take Back Day, that was held on April 27th. Five full boxes of medications were collected. It was a rainy day but they still came close to the most ever collected, which was six boxes.

The Drug and Alcohol Education Club opened today at the Bessie Rowell Community Center. This will be six weeks of activities for Middle School Students. Games such as Jeopardy, Bingo, and a scavenger hunt are only a few ideas of what is planned.

Ms. Tucker concluded with an announcement that the Raffle Calendar is now available for purchase. It will be sold for \$10.00. During each day over the month of June, a drawing is held where someone will win a prize each day. There are 30 chances to win a great prize. The City Manager and Mayor Giunta are selling the calendars. Anyone interested can reach out to Ms. Tucker, Parks and Rec Director Krystal Alpers, City Manager Milner, or Mayor Giunta.

Agenda Item IV.

Council to consider approval of Resolution #17-19, relating to the Appropriation and Expenditures of the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources, Conservation License Plate Program Grant Fund for cottage porch repairs at Odell Park.

Motion – Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council approve Resolution #17-19, to accept and appropriate a \$10,000 grant from the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources, Conservation License Plate Grant Program to repair the porch on the Odell Park cottage. I further move that the City Council authorize the City Manager Judie Milner to sign and take action on all relevant documents pertaining to the administration of this grant.

Seconded by Councilor Dzujna

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion.

Councilor Desrochers asked if the porch has been completely removed. Parks and Rec Director Krystal Alpers stated that it has been completely removed. Some of the old porch will be salvaged. There were some changes over the years and there are photos to reference to bring it back to what it originally looked like.

RESOLUTION #17-19

A Resolution Granting Authority to Accept and Appropriate a \$10,000 grant from the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources, Conservation License Plate Grant Program

In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2019 beginning July 1, 2018, **and**;

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the need to continue maintenance and repairs of all City owned properties, **and**;

WHEREAS, the City has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources, Conservation License Plate Grant Program, to repair the porch on the Odell Park Cottage, **now**;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that at their regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, May 6, 2019, the City Council of Franklin New Hampshire does hereby vote to adopt resolution #17-19, to accept and appropriate a \$10,000 grant from the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources Conservation, License Plate Grant Program, to repair the porch on the Odell Park Cottage, and*;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *that the City Council does hereby authorize City Manager, Judie Milner, to sign all relevant documents pertaining to the acceptance and administration of this grant award and hereby authorizes the following non-lapsing appropriations,*

An Increase in Revenues:

Other State Grant Revenue Acct. No. 01-0-000-33591-000 – Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000),

An Increase in Expenditures:

Odell Cottage Expense Acct. No. 01-1-943-40430-000 – Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000),

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Brown Yes Councilor Dzujna Yes Councilor Ribas Yes

Councilor Clarenbach Yes Councilor Lauer-Rago Yes Councilor Testerman Yes

Councilor Desrochers Yes Councilor Starkweather Yes Councilor Trudel Yes

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

Agenda Item V.

Council to consider approval and adoption of the 2019 City of Franklin Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**Motion – Councilor Testerman moved that the Franklin City Council formally adopt the proposed Hazardous Mitigation Plan as prepared by Hubbard Consulting LLC.
Seconded by Councilor Desrochers.**

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion.

Councilor Clarenbach stated that a couple of changes are needed and he would speak directly to Fire Chief Foss to update. Clarenbach stated that the ownership of the bridges in Franklin are owned by the City and not the State of New Hampshire and Federal Government. He also mentioned a reference to the intersection of route 4 coming into Franklin which it does not.

Councilor Ribas stated that on page 3.5, a reference to an F2 Tornado, having wind speeds from 13-157mph needs a correction in the mph. Also, on page 6.4, there is a reference to page 6.4 that should reference page 6.5.

Councilor Testerman commended Fire Chief Foss for his work on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. She appreciated that it included some of the items that were discussed at the recent Police Committee Meeting. The discussion around the Solar Flares and EMPs was of particular interest and looks forward to seeing an addendum to the Plan.

City Manager Milner asked the Council if they would consider approving the Hazard Mitigation Plan with the amendments mentioned tonight.

There was no further discussion.

All in favor of the amendments to the Hazard Mitigation Plan and approve as amended. None opposed. Motion PASSED.

Agenda Item VI.

Council to consider setting a Public Hearing on June 3rd, 2019 regarding adoption of Resolution #18-19, Appropriating \$64,287 from Primex (NH Public Risk Management), as a one time return of premium, to be added to the City Manager's Nuisance Abatement line.

Motion – Councilor Desrochers moved that the Franklin City Council set a Public Hearing for 6:00pm, at the June 3, 2019 Meeting of the City Council for Resolution #18-19 to appropriate \$64,287 received from Primex (NH Public Risk Management Exchange) to be read in title only.

Seconded by Councilor Ribas.

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion. There was none.

All in Favor. None opposed. Motion PASSED.

Mayor Giunta read Resolution #18-19 in Title Only.

Resolution #18-19

A Resolution Granting Authority to Appropriate \$64,287 Received from the Workers' Compensation Insurance Vendor.

Agenda Item VII.

Council to consider setting a public Hearing on June 3rd, 2019 regarding adoption of Resolution #19-19, Appropriating \$15,965 from the sale of Fire Engine #3 and surplus equipment toward the replacement of the Fire Station Generator.

**Motion – Councilor Desrochers moved that the Franklin City Council set a public hearing date for 6:00pm, at the June 3, 2019 meeting of the City Council for Resolution #19-19, to appropriate \$15,965 received from the sale of Fire Engine #3 and surplus equipment to be read in title only.
Seconded by Councilor Trudel.**

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion. There was none.

All in Favor. None opposed. Motion PASSED.

Mayor Giunta read Resolution in Title Only.

Resolution #19-19

A Resolution Granting Authority to Appropriate \$15,965 received from the sale of Fire Engine #3 and Surplus Fire Equipment.

Agenda Item VIII.

Council to consider setting a Public Hearing on May 20, 2019 regarding adoption of Resolution #20-19, Accepting \$8,500 in Grant Funds from the New Hampshire Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Fund to update the Continuity of Operations Plan (C.O.O.P) and the City's Local Emergency Operations Plan (L.E.O.P).

**Motion – Councilor Desrochers moved that the Franklin City Council set a Public Hearing date for 6:00pm at the May 20, 2019 Meeting of the City Council for Resolution #20-19, to accept grant funds in the amount of \$8,500 from the New Hampshire Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to be read in title only.
Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.**

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion.

Councilor Clarenbach asked why the date of the Public Hearing for May 20th and asked if there is an urgency regarding this resolution. He stated it would be best to hold public hearings during our regular monthly City Council Meeting to allow for more public participation.

City Manager Milner replied that there is some urgency for this resolution. There is a deadline to meet the grant application and acceptance of the grant later on the same week of May 20th. The Emergency Operation Plan must be done and since the next City Council meeting is May 20th, it is appropriate to include this during that meeting. The May 20th meeting is scheduled for a LEAN workshop roadmap update at 4:30pm therefore to allow for residents to get home from work, the Public Hearing will be scheduled for 6:00PM on the 20th. There is a School Board meeting that night as well so the plan is to hopefully be finished with the entire meeting by 6:30pm. Milner stated this is dependent on the Council's opinion.

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any further discussion. There was none.

**All in Favor to hold the LEAN workshop at 4:30pm and schedule the Public Hearing on Resolution 20-19 at 6:00pm on May 20th. None opposed.
Motion PASSED.**

Mayor Giunta read the Resolution in Title Only.

Resolution #20-19

A Resolution Granting Authority to Accept Grant Funds from the NH Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Agenda Item IX.

1. Committee Reports:

- a. Councilor Rago updated the Council on the Joint Finance Committee Meeting on April 16th at the SAU office. All were in attendance from both the City and the School Board. The overall feedback of the meeting was that it wasn't very productive unfortunately. The School Board presented a budget that was over \$2M more than last year's budget. Councilor Rago had asked for a view to include YTD actuals for 2018-2019 but was told that information could not be provided. Councilor Trudel and Councilor Dzujna suggested ways to cut costs and eliminate waste. Replies from Mr. Kneeland were that they had experts on the School Board and that there is no waste in the School District. The School Board also created a tax cap budget but that the budget in excess of \$2M would be the budget they plan to present to the City Council. Councilor Trudel continued to press way to save money and frustrated School Board Chair Tim Dow left the meeting for the remainder of the meeting time. After the meeting, Councilor Rago and Finance Director Lossani created a new spreadsheet format to include a YTD actuals column and shared that new version with the Council and everyone on the Finance Committee. The new spreadsheet revealed an

increase of \$2.8M compared to the FY2018-2019 budget. Councilor Rago stated that there will be lots of questions for tomorrow's School Budget Report meeting. Councilor Dzujna commended Councilor Rago for her in-depth review and preparedness of the School Board Financial information.

- b. Councilor Dzujna requested Parks and Rec Director Krystal Alpers to present a quick overview of the upcoming Release of the City's Community Calendar. The Community Organization administrators are looking forward to and are asking when they can begin submitting to the Community Calendar. Alpers then presented the steps on her laptop and displayed the view on the projector screen for all to see. Councilor Dzujna thanked Parks and Rec Director Krystal Alpers and Audrey Lanzillo for their help in making this option available to the community and completing it ahead of schedule. Consensus was provided by the Council to roll out the new Community Calendar.
 - c. Councilor Desrochers asked if the Legislative Committee members were still available on May 21 at 5:30pm in the downstairs Blue Room at City Hall. The committee members are still available. Councilor Testerman stated that due to the ease in concealing vapes, it will be very difficult to enforce. She is looking forward to the meeting on the 21st. Councilor Desrochers replied that if we are serious as a City to create these rules then they must be enforced otherwise why bother regulating and creating the rules at all. City Manager Milner stated that these issues still need to be brought forward even though they are hard to enforce.
 - d. Mayor Giunta asked where Councilor Clarenbach was with the Veteran Memorial Flags on the poles. Clarenbach replied that the next steps are for City Manager Milner to follow-up with Eversource. She stated that MSD Deputy Director was gathering the numbers on the poles however some were not legible. This prompted Eversource to schedule a time to come out and renumber the poles and assist with the paperwork that needs to be submitted for them to allow the City permission to use their poles to display the flags. At this point, it is unknown when Eversource has scheduled the renumbering of their poles but once that is done, it would only be a matter of a few weeks.
2. City Manager's Update:
- a. Contingent Grant Line Activity - \$0 for the month
 - b. Trust Fund for School funding - \$69.26
 - c. On April 17th, Senator Maggie Hassan visited with the City Manager, Police Chief, Fire Chief, and several others to discuss the Opioid Crisis and possible funding available for that. The Mayor's Drug and Alcohol Task Force was part of the discussion as well. Milner was impressed with how much of a difference in Policing and EMS is from the South of the Lakes Region to the North of the Lakes Region. Our PD wears many hats in their day to day as opposed to Southern PD's may have special detectives especially in areas as drug enforcement.
 - d. The City Manager gave big shout out to an outstanding citizen in the City of Franklin. She thanked Olive Morrill for being observant of the area in front of the PD. Olive stopped into City Hall offering to help make it beautiful by donating low maintenance Periwinkle perennials, the garden carpeting, and volunteers to

- plant all 200 plants that she offered to donate to the City. The planting will be happening on Saturday, May 18th and if anyone would like to volunteer to help, please let the City Manager know. Thank you, Olive Morrill!
- e. City Manager Miler thanked Councilor Trudel for teaching her how to Tweet!
 - f. Thank you for the April 18th City Safety Training, Deputy Hall. He discussed what to do and what not to do. This training was the result of an unconscious woman in the City Hall ladies' room. Further CPR training will be offered to those interested. Details are TBD.
 - g. Congratulations Captain Sam Davis for 52 years of service with the Franklin Fire Department's Call Company! His retirement party was held on April 27th at the Franklin Elk's Lodge.
 - h. Congratulations to 5th grader, Hanna Forge who was the winner of the Franklin Lodge of Elks Drug Awareness Poster Contest. The theme of this poster was, "What do drugs take away". This is a very touching poster and is bringing lots of awareness. Well done Hanna Forge!
 - i. Congratulations to Officer Faro for your recent graduation from the Police Academy! The City Manager stated that she is looking forward to a very long career with the City of Franklin!
 - j. Our Awesome Police Department caught the man who was involved in the hit and run a couple of months back in front of City Hall. The perpetrator was caught which led to additional federal indictments. Franklin PD helped get some bad people off the streets! Unfortunately, there wasn't anything mentioned on WMUR but the City knows how amazing our officers are. Amazing work! Thank you! Applause from all was given to the PD.
 - k. Social Media Buster for the month is regarding the \$1.5M appropriation that the State removed from their budget. This does not mean the project won't move forward. There is over \$2M already in place for the White-Water Park and the City will just look elsewhere for another funding source. The City needs the public help by writing letters to the Senate Finance Committee and letter to the Editor. Please reach out to the City Manager if you need ideas on what to say in the letter.
 - l. The City Clerk's Office is closed this Wednesday, May 8th for the State-wide Clerk's Workshop.
 - m. Youth Government Week will kick-off next week. The slight schedule change will be the kick-off on Monday-Wednesday instead of Tuesday-Thursday. It begins at 9:15am in Council Chambers. It concludes with a dinner and Mock City Council Meeting on Wednesday evening. Headcounts are due to Audrey by this Friday. Spouses are welcome.
 - n. The Mayor's Drug and Alcohol Coalition Relaunch event is scheduled on next Tuesday, May 14th at 5:30pm in the Opera House. Please spread the word.
 - o. The Northern Pass Appeal Hearing will be held on May 15th at 9am at the NH Supreme Court. People in support are needed to sit in the Galley.
 - p. The LEAN Roadmap update Workshop will begin at 4:30pm in Council Chambers. LEAN Expert Richard Ellert will be attending to assist in the relaunch. The Public

Hearing portion of the meeting will be held at 6:00pm. The School Board meeting is immediately following.

- q. The City Manager's 5s exercise is almost complete. There is just a little area within the vault and it will be completed on Friday, May 10th.
- r. The Legislative Committee will be held on May 21st at 5:30 in the Downstairs Blue Room at City Hall.
- s. The City Manager's Pride Contest winner Colby Morrill received 11 donated kayaks, pipe, and concrete for the makings of Kayak Man. The installment of Kayak Man is planned to be a Community Event and the City will publish information to that event when It has been decided on.
- t. The Council may remember that the City applied for a DES funding to address the Water Main Project on New Hampton Road. The City was third on the project list to receive funding from DES however Council approved to move forward with USDA funding. The couple of projects on the DES project list ahead of us, didn't get approved so that money is available to us again and will cost us less to accept this rather than the USDA funding. City Manager Milner asked for the Council's approved to move forward with the DES funding for this project instead. Consensus was provided to move forward with the DES funding instead of the USDA funding.
- u. After the updates are made for the Hazard Mitigation Plan, Council signatures are needed before it is sent to the State. Milner stated that she will have it ready for all to sign at the May 20th LEAN workshop meeting.
- v. The UNH Cooperative Extension's Main Street Program meeting will be held at Franklin City Hall tomorrow morning. National speakers will attend in the morning. There will be an afternoon tour at 1pm of our Downtown regardless of the forecasting rain. Neil Cannon will give an Opportunity Zone presentation for those who do not wish to go on the walking tour.
- w. The FY202 Manager's Proposed Budget updates:
 - i. Milner handed each of the Councilors a copy of the proposed budget. This will be available to the public tomorrow morning from the City's Website (www.franklinnh.org)
 - ii. The School District's Budget presentation will be held in Council Chambers tomorrow, May 21st at 6PM. The City Manager asked the Council for their approval in a format change of the Proposed Report. Through the LEAN process, discussions on eliminating waste and measuring value have been the main focus. In doing so, Milner recommended doing a comprehensive presentation of all the City departments in one meeting. All department heads will be present in case she can't answer any questions someone may have. Milner asked if May 13th at 6pm would be acceptable to the Council to review the City Manager's Proposed Budget. Councilor Ribas isn't available on the 13th due to another meeting conflict but for the sake of having the budget conversations without delay, May 13th at 6pm in Council Chambers was the chosen venue. Mayor Giunta asked if there were any questions for City Manager Milner. There were none.

3. Late Item:

- i. Councilor Brown provided an update on the Comfort Dog mentioning that the puppy has been born and two from the litter will be visiting on Community Day. One of the two will be the Fire Department's and Police Departments' Comfort Dog. Comfort Dog, Liberty from Concord, may be joining us as well on Community Day.

**Seeing no other business in front of the Council, Councilor Ribas moved to adjourn.
Seconded by Councilor Brown.**

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Audrey Lanzillo