



Approved as amended by City Council on April 1, 2019

**City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2019 – 6:00 PM
Franklin City Hall**

Call to order

Mayor Giunta called the meeting to order at 6:00PM in Council Chambers.

City Council in attendance:

Councilor Jo Brown, Councilor Scott Clarenbach, Councilor George Dzujna, Councilor Heather Moquin, Councilor Kathy Rago, Councilor Vince Ribas, Councilor Karen Testerman, Councilor Paul Trudel.

Absent:

Councilor Bob Desrochers

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilor Brown.

Public Hearing

Public Hearings opened at 6:06PM

Resolution #14-19, a Resolution granting the City Manager the authority to file an application with the Community Development Finance Authority Tax Credit Program to support the development of the Mill City Park Project.

Werner Horn, Ward 2 resident stated that there is an earmark in the current state budget for \$1.5M. He stated that he is in full support of the project and asked the City Council to move it forward as quickly as possible. Time is of the essence and we don't want to get put aside by another City putting in a request that could affect ours.

Mayor Giunta asked if there were any other comments. There were none.

Public Hearing on Resolution #14-19 closed at 6:02PM

Resolution #15-19 – A Resolution relating to the Appropriation and Expenditures of DES Grant Funds for the completion of site Cleanup work at the former Macosko Foundry Site.

Mayor Giunta asked if anyone had comments. There were none.

Public Hearing on Resolution #15-19 closed at 6:03PM

Public Hearings on the Community Development Block Grant Project

1. A proposed application to the Community Development Finance Authority for \$12,000 in Community Development Block Grant Planning Study Funds.
2. The Housing and Community Development Plan,
3. The Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan.

City Manager Milner provided some background on the Block Grant mentioning that it will seem a bit familiar as it was discussed at a previous City Council Meeting several months back. At that time, the Council approved # 1 and #3 but the Public Hearing portion on #2 was missed so it is being discussed in its entirety tonight. All of which is needed for the application coming through PermaCityLife for a feasibility study of an Art Block in the Franklin Downtown area.

Milner mentioned that there has been a change in staff at CDFA and they want all three items to be made public and reapproved even though #1 and #3 were already approved.

Mayor Giunta read aloud the following information on the CDBG Application the Planning Feasibility Study of the Art Block.

PUBLIC HANDOUT CITY OF FRANKLIN
CDBG Application
Public Hearing
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Public Hearing on Planning Study for Art Block

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 and housing projects and up to \$350,000 for emergency activities that directly benefit low and moderate income persons. Up to \$12,000 is available for feasibility study grants.

This is a proposed application to the Community Development Finance Authority for up to \$12,000 in Community Development Block Grant Planning Study funds. The funds will be used to retain a Project Manager to guide the pre-development process and to retain professional consultants to prepare schematic floor plans with square footage, a structural engineering report for a rooftop garden, preliminary architectural renderings and design for construction and fit-out of the Art Block, including cost estimates for the renovation. The majority of persons in Franklin 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.

The Mayor paused and invited anyone to address the council.

Leigh Webb, Ward 3 resident addressed the Council asked for a clear definition of an ART Block. City Manager Milner replied that there have been several ideas which include individual artists having booths that may offer some free classes. Various artists may share a space. These ideas still need to be discussed and worked out. The exact venue and location need to be worked out as well. The old Knights of Columbus building on Church Street is being considered. This building might connect to the white building here on Central Street. Mr. Webb asked if the artists would be living in the building as well but Milner wasn't exactly sure if that would be part of the study.

Mr. Webb asked if this was a mandatory first step to which Milner replied that it is and then he asked what the other next steps would be. Milner responded that the next steps will consist of going to the Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) to request another different type of Economic Grant that would actually produce the work for the project that aligns with what Mayor Giunta read aloud a few moments ago in the statements above.

As a reminder, Mr. Webb stated that one of the goals within item #2 above was to preserve historical significant buildings which encompasses the entire historical area including the building at the corner of Canal and Memorial and he is hoping that something can be done to repurpose the building as it is just as historical as the Mill buildings that Chinburg has saved. He also mentioned that his wife, Annette Andreozzi shared the history of that building at a previous City Council meeting and that it would be a great story to include about the Downtown area of Franklin.

Annette Andreozzi, Ward 3 resident expressed concern over the goal of this feasibility study. She stated that it is too vague, not defined well and doesn't know why the City should pay for something that the goal isn't defined. She also expressed concern about giving the City Manager approval to accept the grant but wonders if this also means the money could be spent without coming back to City Council.

City Manager responded stating that the goal of all the downtown projects is for Economic Development and attracting more people to come to our City and do things while they are here. The request to provide City Manager Milner authority to accept the grant is just that. If it is awarded, it comes back to City Council for Appropriation.

Mayor Giunta asked if anyone had any further comments. There were none.

Public Hearing for Planning Study for the Art Block closed @ 6:14PM

Public Hearing on Housing and Community Development Plan

This plan outlines housing and community development goals for the Franklin. This is the same plan as last adopted in 2015, no changes have been made to this updated plan.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

V. Introduction

The purpose of the Housing and Community Development Plan for the City of Franklin is to identify the characteristics and general need with regards to housing and community development.

The city of Franklin's housing and community developments primary objectives are consistent with the City of Franklin, Master Plan, Merrimack county Housing and Community Development Plan, State and Federal Objectives.

The plan intent is to promote discussion and stimulate thinking about the future. The plan is further intended to be used by city officials during Community Development Block Grant application process, which provides a direct benefit to low- and moderate-income persons in the City of Franklin.

VI. Goals and Objectives

The City of Franklin's housing and community developments primary goals and objectives are as follows:

Goal: The City of Franklin wishes to remain a balanced community with a high quality of life for all residents. (Long Term & Short-Term Goal).

Goal: Address issues of affordable housing. (Long Term & Short-Term Goal)

Objectives: Encourage safe, decent, attractive, and affordable housing for all segments of the population, with focus on the increasing elderly population.

Support efforts to improve water quality and wastewater treatment in compliance with NH DES regulations.

Goal: To protect historically significant buildings, (Long Term & Short-Term Goal)

Objectives: Promote rehabilitation and preservation of historically significant buildings.

Renovate the historically significant Franklin Opera House to meet handicap accessible regulations.

Goal: Participate in economic development activities. (Long Term & Short-Term Goal)

Objectives: Retain existing manufacturing/industrial jobs, expand job opportunities in all sectors.

Encourage employee readiness through education and training.

Encourage downtown revitalization.

Goal: Address public facility and social service improvement and coordination that will benefit the residents of Franklin. Encourage affordable daycare options for residents. (Long Term & Short-term Goal)

As a matter of policy, the City of Franklin will minimize the involuntary displacement of households from their neighborhoods.

These goals are consistent with Franklin's Master Plan and Ordinances.

Any federal CDBG grant funds awarded to address any of these goals shall be expended consistent with national objectives and shall, at a minimum, provide improved housing in accordance with Section 8 standards, be used to public facility projects, employment opportunities, or feasibility studies. All CDBG funded projects, shall primarily benefit low and moderate income persons or households, and shall not benefit moderate income persons to the exclusion of low-income persons.

Mayor Giunta asked if anyone had any questions. There were none.

The Public Hearing on Housing and Community Development Plan closed at 6:18PM

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.

Mayor Giunta added that this project is a study so there is no displacement or relocation.

Mayor Giunta asked if anyone had any questions or comments. There were none.

The Public Hearing on the Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan closed at 6:19PM

City Manager Milner reminded everyone that all of this information is available in writing on the table in the back of the room. If anyone has questions, please contact the City Manager's Office.

Comments from the Public

Jen Weaver, Ward 2 resident addressed the Council offering to help answer any questions that they may have with regards to the Teachers Union Contract. Mrs. Weaver stated that she was in contact with the Union lawyer and their lawyer, Matt Upton. The 5.5 is in the contract, the fair share went into effect two contracts ago and was never acted on because of the Janus law. She stated that she knew it was going in to the Supreme Court and she made the decision with her Union Leaders to not act on it last year when they could have. If money had to be returned, she didn't know how that would be accomplished. Mrs. Weaver also stated that the decision not to enforce fair share was made by the entire board. This year, it was null and voided and against the law. Weaver mentioned that several schools and the state still have the language in their contracts. She doesn't understand why the City's lawyer is saying that it should not be approved with that language still in the contract because it can still be found in all of them. If the language is removed it's hard to get it back in. The Supreme Court overturns things constantly. Mrs. Weaver reviewed the RSA 273-A, regarding public law on employee relations, and it states that City Council acting on the contract, can ask the school board to renegotiate for monetary reasons and not on non-monetary issues like this. Mrs. Weaver stressed that by asking the school board to renegotiate based on this language violates RSA 273-A. The School Board's lawyer, Matt Upton, did not suggest a renegotiation. Mrs. Weaver stated that Mr. Upton advised the School Board that if it is going to be that much of a concern that a Memorandum of Understanding could be created that would say the language is unenforceable and not valid but it would be reinstated if the decision of invalidity was reversed. Mrs. Weaver offered to discuss this with the Union and then vote on it. Nashua, Manchester, Exeter, and Plymouth all still have the language in their contract and all renegotiated. They have actually collected on it and we never have. Mrs. Weaver offered to answer any questions the Council has.

Mayor Giunta stated that the City Solicitor has already stated that the language has to be corrected. Mrs. Weaver replied that she is willing to then take this back to the Union and create the Memorandum of Understanding. Mayor Giunta stated that this request would have to be a decision of City Solicitor, Paul Fitzgerald.

Deb Brown, Ward 3 resident asked the Council if Route 127 can be repaired over by the Dam due to the snow melting water damage. Brown also mentioned that the School Board has been short a member for six months and is aware that Olivia Zink has submitted interest to fill this board position. Brown stated that she is in support of Olivia joining the School Board and asked

if the Council would vote on this tonight and appoint Olivia Zink. Mayor Giunta replied that another interested resident in ward 2 may be submitting to this as well. Brown concluded in hopes that the City Council will remove the Teacher's Contract from the table tonight as well and vote to support it.

Christine Dzujna, Ward 1 resident acknowledged the Franklin Animal Shelter Board as they work very hard to keep it thriving. Mrs. Dzujna shared two upcoming events with the Council. March 23rd at 10am, the 15th Annual Saving Animals Indoor Triathlon Fundraiser will be held at Funspot in Laconia. Thank you, Fred Caruso for choosing The Franklin Animal Shelter as one of four recipients of this very popular event. The second event will be a Dinner Dance held on April 13th, 5-11PM at the Elks.

Fire Chief Michael Foss introduced the new Deputy Fire Chief, David Hall to the Council and the public. Dave comes to us from the Tilton/Northfield Fire Department, also worked at the Belmont Fire Department, and served the country in the U.S. Army. He also has some private insurance business experience as well. Dave will be overseeing training and operations for the Franklin Fire Department and fulfill all duties as the Fire Chief in Mike's absence.

Deputy David Hall stated his pleasure to be here this evening and is excited to move his career in an upward trajectory. He lives in Sanbornton, has always considered Franklin a neighbor, and now considers it his community. Applause was provided by all.

Police Chief David Goldstein addressed the Council and public with regards to the hit and run last week in front of City Hall. He stated that the individual is undergoing serious medical treatment. Anyone with information should call the Crimeline at 603-226-3100. A reward up to \$1,000 is being offered for any information leading to an arrest and conviction of the person responsible. There are strong leads coming in that could lead to the perpetrator; the public's help is still needed.

Kandyce Tucker, the Mayor's Drug Task Force Coordinator, informed the Council and public that the Drug Task Force is holding their Annual Event this Wednesday, March 6th from 5-7PM here at City Hall. Community Awards will be presented, highlights of what the Task Force has been working on, and plenty of networking is planned.

Mayor Giunta mentioned that there is a person in the audience tonight who will be appointed to the Mayor's Drug Task Force. Task Force Coordinator Kandyce Tucker introduced the newest member, Mark Latham, who is from Genesis. Mayor Giunta shared a story about when he moved to Franklin back in 1986 from Dedham MA and went to school there with Mark Latham. Mr. Latham ended up moving to the same town as Mayor Giunta but neither knew about it until they happened to stumble upon each other due to a wrong turn when driving one day and saw the Giunta name on a Farm sign. Mayor Giunta is very proud to have Mr. Latham on the Drug Task Force. He will be a great addition to the team and also worthy to mention, a terrific baritone. Welcome and applause for Mr. Latham was provided from all.

Leigh Webb, Ward 3 resident stated that he saw an open position on the CIP Committee in the City Newsletter. Mr. Webb wondered when the CIP Committee meets again since he thought it was once every four years. He filled out an Appointee Profile a while ago and is still interested. Mr. Webb also mentioned that there was a recent statement made that the Trestle is a vital piece of Franklin history. He completely agrees but doesn't want people to lose sight that the Upside-Down Bridge is as well and hopes that any money that is left over from the grant money could be used toward the Upside-Down Bridge. He also noticed that Mill City Park will be a free park and asked if there is a business plan that the public can view.

City Manager responded letting the public know that at the April 22nd City Council LEAN Workshop Meeting, 6PM at City Hall, there will also be an Economic Development update to include the rollout plan on Mill City Park.

Werner Horn, Ward 2 resident reminded the Council that on June 2018 the Public Hearing on the Budget happened so late in the budget season that there wasn't any time to act on anything so the Manager's Budget defaulted. As this budget season begins, Mr. Horn reiterated that there is a Revenue Problem in Franklin. Our Fire Department and Police Department are significantly underpaid. Roads are deteriorating back to dirt instead of getting repaved. Tax revenue is always a sore point. Increases in our City taxes have occurred every year it has just been kept under the tax cap. There are more and more properties being taken for taxes but the tax cap isn't really keeping anyone in their home regardless. It's just a matter of time that it happens like a slow death. Others feel the loss of services. Mr. Horn stated that as long as the taxes were being used appropriately, the citizens don't mind paying them. There is a lot more wear and tear on our ambulances because they have to go to Concord. Preserving the Tax Cap isn't helping and only allowing the slow death of Franklin.

Mayor Giunta asked if there were further comments from the public. There were none.

Public Comment closed at 6:40PM

Legislative Comments

Representative Dave Testerman, Ward 2 stated to the Council that the legislative sessions have been very interesting and there are more to come. Legalizing marijuana bill passed. A bill on the Death Penalty is coming up. A couple of bills regarding school funding have also passed. Representative Testerman stated that Representative Horn could provide more detail on these and caution everyone because these bills haven't been through two thirds of the house yet and should not be considered money in the bank for Cities to plan ahead with yet. Representative Testerman mentioned that there is a School Board Governance Association that can teach School Board members on how the system works and suggest innovative ways on making improvements to the way things are working. There will be one of these teaching sessions on March 23rd to discuss School Board and School Board Funding. This session would be good for

the public not just members of the School Board. Anyone interested may contact Representative Testerman for more details on this session.

Representative Werner Horn, Merrimack County Second District Community of Hill and the 1st and 2nd voting wards of Franklin informed the Council and public that he is on Division 2 of Finance and will be directly responsible for locating funds for Adequacy Reform; Bill 709. This bill contains information on the Stabilization Freeze and Stabilization Return which means Bill 177 will be effectively dead. In the future, you will hear us vote down Bill 177 because the same language is part of Bill 709. Horn stated that there is an upcoming Budget Hearing on March 11th at Lakes Region Community College. If anyone missed the opportunity to speak on Bill 709 or any portion of the budget, please attend the March 11th meeting at LRCC. A second meeting will occur on March 18th in Representative's Hall in Concord. The Laconia meeting will be smaller with less wait time to speak. Horn urged everyone to attend these budget hearings and make your voices heard. In the Bill's current form, \$100M needs to be found to fund Adequacy Reform.

The Nursing Home's budget has been reviewed showing lots of increases around employee compensation. The County's Budget will hold a public hearing soon. The House held a two-day session last week and will be in session again this week. Horn gave mention to the downshifting of costs to the County's Corrections Facilities. One of the bills that passed mandates second opinions for inmates on medical issues provided the inmate can pay for the medical issue second opinion. An issue is that there is no provision for transportation that means our Sheriff's Department will be on the hook for spending money to bring the inmates to their appointments. That is an unfunded mandate and a direct violation of RSA 28: A. Representative Horn stated that he objected to it and will continue to do so.

Representative Horn stated that Division 2 Finance meets almost every day until the beginning of April. Please reach out to Horn with questions on budgets for the Department of Safety, Department of Transportation, Department of Education, Fish and Game, Lottery, Police Standards and Training, University Systems of New Hampshire, and the Community College System. He asked if the Council had any questions.

Councilor Brown began her question stating that everyone knows she tabled the Teacher's Contract at the last City Council Meeting asked Representative Horn to respond to a comment that he made on social media stating that Franklin keeps electing councilors that keep repressive policies on education in place. Brown asked Representative Horn what he meant by that statement.

Representative Horn responded by stating that when only 16% of voters come out to elect an official, the bulk of voters clearly are not participating in the electoral process. Those that voted chose councilors that do not support the Franklin School District proven by votes that have been taken. Horn referred to the Custodial budget that got thrown out because it hadn't been validated by the City Council. There were City Council members who knew that it hadn't gone

through the proper channels and didn't say anything so that the school board was left hanging knowing it wouldn't go anywhere. Anything that was a problem in the Teacher's Contract was a known problem before it was presented so it should have never made it to the agenda. Horn believes that this is messing around with people's livelihoods and that he does not appreciate it.

Councilor Brown responded stating that when the Council received the Teacher's Contract for the first time, it was in draft form and distributed in the Council Packet just before the City Council Meeting. Brown also stated that the Council was led to believe that the contract was going to be roughly \$212K but now see that it is \$251K. Some savings was supposed to come from unfilled teachers' positions. The only thing lost was instant gratification because the contract wasn't approved two weeks ago.

Representative Horn stated that when the Council tabled the Teacher's Contract, it disenchanting the people who are represented in the contract. Rather than the public display of tabling, Horn hoped there would have been some coordination prior to the meeting.

Councilor Brown expressed that the City Council has fiduciary responsibility to the residents of Franklin and should be allowed the appropriate time to look at a contract and question it if necessary, prior to voting on it. Representative Horn agreed that appropriate time and questions are expected but if there are questions and concerns, it shouldn't be part of a City Council meeting.

Councilor Ribas interjected and asked Mayor Giunta and Council what relevance this has to the Legislative Comments portion of tonight's meeting. Mayor Giunta stated that he allowed this discussion because the Council gets scourged many times without a chance to rebut on comments made. This accusation affects the reputation of the City. Mayor Giunta also added that comments were made stating that Council members were aware that the Custodial Contract was illegitimate beforehand and those Council members said nothing and should have said something. Mayor Giunta asked the Council directly who knew beforehand. None of the Councilors replied that they knew of any problems in previous contracts and knowingly let it pass regardless. Representative Horn reiterated that all the Councilors and the Mayor know how the process works and what he is saying is not that there is a conspiracy but that the Council and the School Board are lacking in coordination and didn't take time to meet and discuss prior to a City Council meeting.

Mayor Giunta responded that he is completely unaware of anyone on the City Council knowingly allowed the Teacher's Contract to come to City Council, knowing it would not be ratified. Mayor Giunta stated that the City Council has worked very closely since he has been in office and members of the School Board present at the meeting were nodding their head in agreement with the Mayor. He was visibly upset by the remarks that Mr. Horn made and suggested.

Representative Horn stated that he attends almost every single City Council meeting except for one or two on occasion and can address these kinds of concerns during Public Comment time or on the side but this time, as Councilor Ribas mentioned, is for Legislative Comments.

There was disagreement on how this topic came up in the first place and the Mayor proceeded to ask if there were any further comments from the Council for Representative Horn. Councilor Testerman confirmed that the contract was provided in draft form and not ratified immediately so therefore the Council was excoriated on social media and that is not the right way to handle your concerns. Representative Horn replied stating that he can make any comments he wants to on social media and everyone has a right to discuss it with him.

Councilor Trudel asked Representative Horn if he could speak to his constituents in Concord with regard to taxing money that leaves our Country via wire transfers. Since we already have the lottery that is supposed to earmark funds to education, this is a good idea and should be considered for school funding. Representative Horn confirmed that 100% of lottery profits go to the Education Trust Fund. Councilor Trudel clarified that anyone transferring money outside this county via Western Union or any other means of transfer be taxed regardless of who the person is doing the transfer. Trudel stated that other states are doing it and making \$30-\$40M and there is no reason why we shouldn't be doing it as well. Representative Horn thanked Councilor Trudel for bringing this up as it has his attention and stated that he will bring this suggestion back to his counterparts on the Finance Committee and the Ways and Means Committee to discuss.

Mayor Giunta thanked Representative Horn and asked Representative Hill if he had any information to share with the Council. He did not.

Mayor's Update

Mayor Giunta stated that there are two people showing interest for the school board seat and in addition, Councilor Heather Moquin is resigning as a City Council Board Member. Her last day will be March 14th. Mayor Giunta scheduled a review of the Appointee Profiles for the School Board and the City Council seat for next Friday, April 15th @ 6PM in Council Chambers.

Mayor Giunta thanked Councilor Moquin for her service to Franklin and told her that she has been a wonderful Councilor to work with. Applause was provided by all.

Agenda Item I.

Council to consider the minutes of the February 4th City Council Meeting.

Motion – Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council approve the minutes, with amendments he provided to Audrey, for the February 4th City Council Meeting.

**Seconded by Councilor Trudel.
All in Favor. Motion PASSED.**

Agenda Item II.

Hill Bible Church

Mayor Giunta welcomed Associate Pastor, Andrew Hemingway of the Hill Bible Church which is opening up across the street. Hemingway opened up with a prayer and introduced Senior Pastor of the church, Dan Boyce. Part of the ministry of this church will be providing help and education for the addicted adult. They held meetings at the (now closed) Hope Center and had a good success rate so therefore would like to continue their service. Hemingway realizes the seriousness of a task such as this and is committed to this for the long term.

Councilor Dzujna asked if there will be trained and certified counselors on staff. Hemingway replied that the program will be held every Friday night at 7PM and certain willing members will be paired up to mentor someone who is in need. They mentors are not officially trained in Drug or Alcohol Counseling. The congregation has approximately 120 members.

Councilor Rago asked Hemingway how people can connect with him outside of the meeting or service times. Hemingway shared a contact email address: Hillvillagebible.com or stop by a meeting on Friday night.

Mayor Giunta mentioned that Pastor Andrew Hemingway ran for Governor back in 2014 and welcomed him to our community. Applause was provided by all.

Agenda Item III.

Superintendent Dan LeGallo started with mention of the LEAN process meeting tomorrow night for the School Board and School District Administration. The meeting will start at 6PM in the SAU Office. LeGallo also mentioned that the Elementary School was nominated as a School of Excellence. Councilor Brown, Councilor Dzujna, Councilor Testerman, and Councilor Rago all met with Superintendent LeGallo. They discussed many things; the meeting went well.

LeGallo mentioned that Commissioner Edelblut will be visiting the SAU early morning of March 15th. They will be in meetings from 9-11 however all are welcome to stop by to say hello before 9am.

A couple of months ago, the subject of a Transient or Mobility rate for students was discussed and Mayor Giunta asked Superintendent LeGallo to analyze some of the data he has then come back to City Council and provide some of those numbers to the Council.

Superintendent LeGallo looked at students who were “mobile” from January 2018-January 2019. What he found was that 1 in 7 students or 13% were mobile. This means that during this particular year, 109 students from preschool through twelfth grade enrolled or left the district. LeGallo stated how significant that number is. This has a significant relation to how the students were performing, how the teachers connect to these students, and also with the dropout rate.

Councilor Brown agreed that they had a very good meeting and mentioned that School Board Chair Dow shared some great statistics on reading improvements. Brown acknowledged the Title One Teachers as they worked hard with the children toward those improvements. Brown also asked if a hand-out with these statistics could be made up and shared with the Council for next month.

Councilor Ribas asked Superintendent LeGallo if there were mobility rates to compare against other school systems and a national average possibly. LeGallo replied that those are the next steps.

Councilor Dzujna commented that due to this mobility, Franklin is affected in many negative ways through bad publicity and the adequacy formula. Dzujna asked LeGallo if the Commissioner can be made aware of this. LeGallo agreed and stated that will be discussed with him when he visits on March 15th. LeGallo added that there were a few students on the mobility list that left to be home schooled.

Councilor Testerman thanked Superintendent LeGallo for sharing this information.

Mayor Giunta thanked Superintendent LeGallo as well and asked him to continue with this great work.

Agenda Item IV.

Lead Paint Action Committee

Chris Seufert greeted the Mayor and City Council and stated his tenure practicing law in Franklin for the past 35 years and 25 of those years involved cases of Lead Paint poisoning. This is still a problem. Approximately 18-20 years ago, Franklin had a Lead Paint Action Committee (FLAC). The funding came from CDC, EPA, and HUD. Mr. Seufert stated that in 2010, the EPA declared the war on LEAD Paint was won. The funding dried up but children were still getting poisoned. The Council was very supportive of the Franklin Committee back in the day. The Mayor and City leaders would show up at the meetings. Many people were involved in this back then. There was even a small revolving loan fund for LEAD Paint abatement. There is, once again, some funding to address this. Although not as much as years ago but some is better than none. What is needed from the City is a blessing and three City Officials to be nominated to sit on this committee.

Kristin Cornell from the New Hampshire Legal Assistants organization started a Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention project and is here tonight to present some information on statistics and what their goals are.

Ms. Cornell began with some statistics mentioning that New Hampshire is one of the highest risk states in terms of childhood lead poisoning mainly due to having a very high percentage of old homes. She stated that 62% of NH homes were built prior to 1978, which is when lead paint was banned from interior use. In Franklin, 50% of homes were built prior to 1978 and likely still contain lead paint. She stated that Lead poisoning causes behavioral, mental, significant learning disability, and irreversible brain damage. Kristin shared that some of the laws were changed to add some protection for children. If a child's blood lead level is a 10 or higher, responsibility is transferred to a property owner. Over the next year or two, that number will be reduced to 5 to be considered having lead poisoning. Between 2010-2015, there were 142 cases of lead poisoning in Franklin. Ms. Cornell continued to state that there is a \$17 return on investment (\$17 for every \$1 invested). Children with lead poisoning often require special education services and higher rates of criminal behavior which increase costs to the Justice System. There's also a correlation to unemployment in those who acquired lead poisoning. NHLA has partnered with the Conservation Law Foundation, NH Listens, as well as NH Housing to try and provide support to groups like the one Franklin had years ago. She is hoping that high risk cities will form a coalition to address this problem at a municipal level. Three to four individuals would be needed. City Council members, someone from the education community, and someone from the health care industry. The NHLA and NH Conservation Foundation will provide technical support and \$1K to assist the cities with coming together. There will be a kick off event on May 2nd to bring the communities together and brainstorm. If anyone would like to assist in this effort, please contact Chris Seufert or Kristin Cornell by the end of this month or early next month.

Council Ribas asked if there is a rank between water issues against lead paint poisoning. Ms. Cornell stated that paint is the big issue right now due to the number of old homes. She shared that part of the law that passed last year was to require all schools and licensed child care facilities to conduct water testing.

Councilor Ribas asked Ms. Cornell that if she thought the reason parents who have an option to opt out of testing, do opt out, would they do that because of a stigma. He also asked what the cost of testing is. Ms. Cornell responded that the reason for the parental opt out was to give them the option due to the actual drawing of the blood. They didn't want to have to force parents to put their child in that situation. Legislation requires that insurance including Medicaid would pay for it.

Councilor Dzujna asked when the best time to test a child would be. Ms. Cornell replied that between ages 1 and 2 because that is the age when they are mobile and putting things in their

mouths. The earlier the better so intervention can begin. Some cities require testing to be done before a child enters kindergarten.

Councilor Rago asked if the affected homes are typically rental homes. Ms. Cornell wasn't sure however through her experience and the data that she has access to shows that these cases happen through low income where there is little to no maintenance done at the home or even do-it-yourself work where the homeowner just doesn't know the risks and precautions that need to be taken. There is also a law that states the responsibility of a homeowner when lead has been discovered at the home. Unfortunately, these laws aren't being followed and this is another area she hopes municipalities can address.

Chris Seufert stated that DHS shows that the affected rental property ratio is 2 to 1.

Councilor Dzujna recommended also to ask for the school nurse to participate in the committee.

Mayor Giunta asked Councilor Paul Trudell to convene a meeting with the Legislative Committee also work with Judie and Kristen Cornell then come back to City Council with recommendations on next steps.

City Council Acknowledgements

Mayor Giunta apologized for missing the Council Acknowledgement time on the agenda.

Councilor Dzujna thanked MSD for all their hard work on the roads. He also mentioned that the Veterans Ski Area held a meeting last month up in an area where the roads were terrible. Cars were stuck and all over the place trying to get down from the hill. MSD came to the rescue and immediately put sand and salt all over the road. Mayor Giunta stated that it's been a tough year and he thanked Brian Barry as well.

Councilor Trudel addressed City Manager Milner, Mayor Giunta, and City Council asking for everyone to view the handout he provided. The handout was an actual letter that was published in the Laconia Daily Sun dated 2/5/19. The topic of the letter pertained to the Teacher's Contract. Trudel expressed concern trying to understand the reason for the letter being printed. There were Councilors mentioned in the letter however none of them were contacted to discuss the contents' validity. The City Manager was not contacted to discuss this letter either. Councilor Trudel wanted to let the author know that the School Board financial books were in disarray. He continued to state that the School Board informed a City Councilor that they wouldn't have a good idea of their Fund Balance until sometime in March. Trudel also informed the author of the letter that the City Council is responsible for all funding for the City including the schools as is noted in the City Charter. Trudel stated that approval of the Teacher's contract, without knowing whether the City can afford it or having the illegal clause not remedied, would be irresponsible to Franklin's citizens and the teachers.

Councilor Trudel would also like the author of the letter to know that in December 2018, the school board requested an additional \$350K of unassigned fund balance to support their 2019 budget which the City Council did actually approve via Resolution #06-19.

In closing, Trudel addressed the author by stating that it is not hurting the City Council as they are doing what they were elected to do; looking out for all of Franklin's citizens. The volunteers are affected by this however because they are also trying to make this City a better place. Some of these volunteers are making substantial financial obligations and letters like this are not helping this community.

Councilor Testerman acknowledged the Franklin Police Department and the Franklin Fire Department for their willingness and readiness to provide any information requested that is part of the LEAN project efforts. Testerman thanked Police Chief Goldstein and Fire Chief Foss.

Mayor Giunta recognized veteran Chet Houlis who was 95 and served for 40 years in the U.S. Navy. The Mayor also recognized Joanne Benner who served in the U.S. Army from 1950-1953, which was the time of the Korean War.

Mayor Giunta asked if there were any further acknowledgements. There were none.

Agenda Item V.

Council to consider approval of Resolution #14-19, relating to an application with the Community Development Finance Authority Tax Credit Program to support the development of the Mill City Park Project.

Motion – Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council adopt Resolution #14-19, hereby authorizing Judie Milner, City Manager to file an application not to exceed \$750,000 with Community Development Finance Authority Tax Credit Program and to sign all the necessary paperwork thereof.

Seconded by Councilor Trudel.

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion to the motion on Resolution #14-19. There was none.

RESOLUTION #14-19

A Resolution Relating to an application to Community Development Finance Authority's Tax Credit Program.

In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin recognizes that a Memorandum of Agreement was signed between the City of Franklin and the nonprofit Mill City Park at Franklin Falls, **and**;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin recognizes the recent efforts to improve the economic and residential viability of the downtown and the need to continue with additional progress, **and**;

WHEREAS, the City wishes to utilize the Tax Credit Program administered by the Community Development Finance Authority as another economic tool to fund construction of Mill City Park, **now**;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that at their regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, March 4, 2019, the City Council of Franklin New Hampshire does hereby vote to adopt resolution 14-19, authorizing the City Manager to apply for up to \$750,000 in Tax Credits under the Tax Credit Program administered by the Community Development Finance Authority and sign and take action on all relevant documents pertaining to the application for tax credits.*

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Brown Yes Councilor Desrochers Absent Councilor Ribas Yes

Councilor Clarenbach Yes Councilor Dzujna Yes Councilor Trudel Yes

Councilor Lauer-Rago Yes Councilor Moquin Yes Councilor Testerman Yes

Councilor Ribas notified the Mayor that Councilor Testerman's vote was not called for the roll call. Mayor Giunta thanked Councilor Ribas for catching that and Councilor Testerman's vote was then captured and included in this roll call vote.

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

Agenda Item VI.

Council to consider approval of Resolution #15-19, granting authority to accept a NHDES Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund Grant for completion of the site cleanup work at the former Macosko Foundry Site on Chance Pond Road.

**Motion – Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council vote to approve Resolution #15-19, for the acceptance of a NHDES Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund grant, in the amount of \$31,350.00, and approve these new revenues and the expenditures of these funds for completion of the site cleanup work at the former Macosko Foundry site on Chance Pond Road. I further move that the City Council authorize the City Manager to sign and take action on all relevant documents pertaining to the administration of this grant.
Seconded by Councilor Clarenbach.**

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

RESOLUTION #15-19

A Resolution Granting Authority to accept a NHDES Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund grant, for completion of the site cleanup work at the former Macosko Foundry site on Chance Pond Road.

In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire, recognizes the City of Franklin took the former Macosko foundry property through the tax deeding process in 2014, ***And;***

WHEREAS, the initial cleanup of the property began in 2017 and needs to be completed, ***And;***

WHEREAS, the City has been awarded a grant for \$31,350 from NHDS Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund for the final cleanup of the property, ***Now;***

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that at their regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, March 4, 2019, the City Council of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby authorize the acceptance of \$31,350, in grant funds, from NHDES Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund for the final site cleanup of the former Macosko Foundry site on Chance Pond Road, ***and;***

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council does hereby adopt resolution 15-19 authorizing City Manager, Judie Milner, to sign all documents for acceptance of this grant award from NHDES and further authorizes an increase in fiscal year 2019 revenues and expenses:

Revenue: Federal Grant Acct. No. 01-9-014-33110-000, Thirty-One Thousand, Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$31,350)

Expenses: Nuisance Abatement Acct. No. 01-1-302-40491-000, Thirty-One Thousand, Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$31,350)

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Brown	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Desrochers	<u>Absent</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>Yes</u>
Councilor Clarenbach	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>Yes</u>
Councilor Lauer-Rago	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Moquin	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Testerman	<u>Yes</u>

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

Agenda Item VII.

Council to consider approval of 1) A proposed application to the Community Development Finance Authority for \$12,000 in Community Development Block Grant Planning Study Funds for an Art Block Study 2) the approval of the Housing and Community Development Plan 3) the approval of the Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan.

**Motion – Councilor Trudel moved that the Franklin City Council adopts the Housing and Community Development Plan.
Seconded by Councilor Ribas.**

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

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

**Motion – Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council adopts the residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan.
Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.**

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

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

**Motion – Councilor Brown moved that the Franklin City Council authorize the City Manager to sign and submit a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Planning Grant up to \$12,000 for predevelopment technical assistance feasibility study of an art block in downtown Franklin and, upon approval of the CDBG application, authorize the City Manager to execute any documents which may be necessary to effectuate the CDBG contract and any amendments thereto.
Seconded by Councilor Trudel.**

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

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

City of Franklin, New Hampshire

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Re-Adopted March 2019

III. Introduction

The purpose of the Housing and Community Development Plan for the City of Franklin is to identify the characteristics and general need with regards to housing and community development.

The city of Franklin's housing and community developments primary objectives are consistent with the City of Franklin, Master Plan, Merrimack county Housing and Community Development Plan, State and Federal Objectives.

The plan intent is to promote discussion and stimulate thinking about the future. The plan is further intended to be used by city officials during Community Development Block Grant application process, which provides a direct benefit to low and moderate income persons in the City of Franklin.

IV. Goals and Objectives

The City of Franklin's housing and community developments primary goals and objectives are as follows:

Goal: The City of Franklin wishes to remain a balanced community with a high quality of life for all residents. (Long Term & Short Term Goal)

Goal: Address issues of affordable housing. (Long Term & Short Term Goal)

Objectives:

Encourage safe, decent, attractive, and affordable housing for all segments of the population, with focus on the increasing elderly population.

Support efforts to improve water quality and wastewater treatment in compliance with NH DES regulations.

Goal: To protect historically significant buildings, (Long Term & Short Term Goal)

Objectives:

Promote rehabilitation and preservation of historically significant buildings.

Renovate the historically significant Franklin Opera House to meet handicap accessible regulations.

Goal: Participate in economic development activities. (Long Term & Short Term Goal)

Objectives:

Retain existing manufacturing/industrial jobs, expand job opportunities in all sectors.

Encourage employee readiness through education and training.

Encourage downtown revitalization.

Goal: Address public facility and social service improvement and coordination that will benefit the residents of Franklin. Encourage affordable daycare options for residents. (Long Term & Short Term Goal)

As a matter of policy, the City of Franklin will minimize the involuntary displacement of households from their neighborhoods.

These goals are consistent with Franklin's Master Plan and Ordinances.

Any federal CDBG grant funds awarded to address any of these goals shall be expended consistent with national objectives and shall, at a minimum, provide improved housing in accordance with Section 8 standards, be used to public facility projects, employment opportunities, or feasibility studies. All CDBG funded projects, shall primarily benefit low and moderate income persons or households, and shall not benefit moderate income persons to the exclusion of low income persons.

Adopted March 2019

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.
- 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.

MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION

To the best of my knowledge, the data in this application is true and correct, and this application submittal has been authorized by the CITY OF FRANKLIN, New Hampshire. The CITY OF FRANKLIN will comply with all federal and state laws, rules, regulations and requirements, including those in PART Cdfa 300 - CDBG Administrative Rules.

Furthermore, I certify that:

The municipality affirmatively furthers fair and affordable housing; and
Where applicable, the proposed project is consistent with the municipal master plan, the Housing and Community Development Plan (HCDP), the Residential Antidisplacement & Relocation Assistance (RARA) Plan and that all planning and zoning requirements have been met; and
Where applicable, the municipality shall provide adequate funds to operate and maintain the public facility or improvement after the completion of the project. Not Applicable.

Judie Milner _____
Name of Designated CEO:

City Manager _____
Title:

Signature

March 4, 2019 _____
Date

NOTARY SECTION

State of New Hampshire
County of Merrimack

On this 4th day of March, 2019 before me _____, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Judie Milner, who acknowledged him/herself to be the City Manager, and that he/she, as such, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing certification for the purposes therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Notary Public/Justice of the Peace

Seal My Commission expires: _____

Agenda Item VIII.

Council to consider setting a public hearing regarding rescission of discretionary easement of One Yellow Rose LLC.

Motion – Councilor Testerman moved that the Franklin City Council set a public hearing for Monday, April 1, 2019, at 6pm to consider the rescission of the discretionary easement granted to One Yellow Rose LLC.
Seconded by Councilor Ribas.

Councilor Clarenbach asked City Manager Milner if April 1st is the rescission deadline and if there is a point during that day by close of City Hall business hours that a decision must be

made. Milner replied that as long as the Council votes the evening of April 1st, it will be effective that date.

Mayor Giunta asked if there were any further questions regarding the motion. There were none.

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

Agenda Item IX.

Council to consider authorizing the City Manager to apply for USDA Rural Development Grant to fund Technical Assistance with Franklin Opportunity Zones.

**Motion – Councilor Trudel moved that the Franklin City Council vote to authorize the City Manager, and City Staff to submit a Rural Business Development Grant to the USDA Rural Development Office for funds to support overall downtown and mill district revitalization programs. A letter indicating this authorization and support by the Mayor and Council will be sent with the application.
Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.**

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion regarding the motion. There were none.

All if Favor. Motion PASSED.

Agenda Item X.

Council to consider approval of expansion plans of animal shelter at City owned property on 19 Rescue Road following internal review process for improvements to City owned property.

**Motion – Councilor Brown moved that the Franklin City Council approve the renovation and expansion of City owned property at 19 Rescue Road occupied by the Franklin Animal Shelter following the internal review process for improvements to City property.
Seconded by Councilor Trudel.**

Councilor Dzujna thanked the team at the Animal Shelter for all they do and for their hard work with helping to create these plans. He stated that they look fantastic and it is going to be great for the staff with the new building and changes at the shelter. Mayor Giunta mirrored Councilor Dzujna's sentiments.

Councilor Ribas agrees that it is a great move but was curious if there has been a discussion about sharing the cost of electricity. City Manager Milner responded stating that she hasn't approached the Animal Shelter with this just yet and is hoping to get it into the budget. Milner

also mentioned that with the improvements they are making, there will be some efficiency improvements as well so the addition may not make a difference and will evaluate after the first year.

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

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

Agenda Item XI.

Councilor Clarenbach recused himself on this topic because he serves as a director of Franklin Savings Bank.

**Motion – Councilor Dzujna moved that Franklin City Council waive all necessary permits fees for Franklin Savings Bank 150-year community event.
Seconded by Councilor Ribas.**

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

7 in Favor. 1 Recusal. Motion PASSED.

Agenda Item XII.

Other Business

1. Mayor Appointments

Mayor's Drug and Alcohol Task Force:

Mark Latham was appointed to the Mayor's Drug Task Force. Term of service is 2 years to January 2021.

Heritage Commission:

Colby Morrill is appointed as an Alternate Member to the Heritage Commission (seat HC7), term of service is 3 years to January 2022.

Mayor Giunta thanked Mark and Colby and all the volunteers for their service to our City.

2. Committee Reports

Councilor Brown stated that she intended to un-table the Teacher's Contract however, because of the Janus paragraph and advice from our legal counsel, it won't be voted on tonight. Brown acknowledged that Business Administrator Jefferson Braman is doing a fantastic job. Councilor Brown also mentioned that she heard a rumor that some of the raise was coming from the teacher's insurance policies and it is not. The raise is coming from the saving realized from hiring less expensive staff. The second rumor is that if the Teacher's contract wasn't voted on tonight that it would have to go to arbitration and that is not true. Arbitration would not be involved.

Mayor Giunta jokingly asked Business Administrator Jefferson Braman if he's ever heard of Baptism by fire. Everyone laughed then Mayor Giunta declared to Braman that he is doing an excellent job and the City is very appreciative of him.

Councilor Clarenbach provided an update on the February 26th Municipal Services Committee Meeting. Councilor Brown and Councilor Dzujna also attended. Some of the items on the agenda were on parking, the fleet for Municipal Services, and the Hometown Banner Program topic, which is something that the committee believes can be done. The poles on South Main Street and possibly North Main Street could be dedicated to the banners. City Manager Milner will seek approval from Eversource. The plan would be for the banners to stay in place for two years and then be replaced so our MSD workers won't need to remove every fall or summer. If no-one from the Council has objection to these future plans, then we will keep moving to the next steps to make this happen.

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any objection to these ideas. There were none. Mayor Giunta then thanked Councilor Clarenbach for tackling this effort.

Councilor Testerman provided an update on the Police Committee Meeting. One main discussion was around the Comfort Dog and that it is really a decision of the Police Department. The City is in support of what they decide to do.

3. City Manager's update

- a. City Manager Milner gave a shout out to Jason Grevior who was very helpful with assisting police with footage from his cameras on two instances. In addition, Mr. Grevior would like to assist the City through a grant and he will raise matching funds for cameras up and down Central Street.
- b. The Franklin, Northfield, Tilton, Sanbornton Emergency Services Coop are working on a Regionalization Effort with the Fire Departments. Councilor Zink was on that Committee and will need to be replaced. Chief Foss will reach out to Councilor Trudel who has agreed without objection from the committee to serve on that committee. Mayor Giunta confirmed with the Council that they were all in agreement. The Council was in agreement.

- c. The Zoning Board Adjustment seat that was filled last month during a long list of filling other Council seats at that time and in error, appointed a Councilor into a resident only seat. Councilor Testerman is off the hook and not appointed to the Zoning board. This leaves an open seat to fill. Appointee Profiles for the Zoning Board can be filled out and left in the City Manager's office.
- d. The Contingent Grant Line activity for the month is \$0.00
- e. The Trust Fund for School Funding has a balance of \$69.26
- f. The Annual Mayor's Drug and Alcohol Task Force event is scheduled for this Wednesday night from 5-7pm. Awards will be given out and Officer Max will say hello.
- g. The City Clerk's Rabies Clinic will be held at the Fire Station on March 30th from 2-4pm. Two for one stop shop where your pet can get a rabies shot and also be registered with the City Clerk.
- h. Social Media Buster-Yes, our Municipal Services Department does plow our roads. The City Manager travels through four different communities and can clearly see the difference in the roads when she hits Franklin. MSD has only 4 road crew men and they have been out over 40 times this season. They are tired. Milner gave a big shout out to the crew and asked everyone to say thank you next time you see them.
- i. The Governor's budget has been announced and there has been a one-time \$1.5M appropriation in his budget for the project with Mill City Park and the City for the Whitewater portion of the park. This appropriation plus the tax credits that the Council has approved should fund the water portion of the project. There's still a lot of work to do but we are all very excited. The Governor's budget with the appropriation still has to pass the legislature so the City is going to testify and send letters to help move this through. Milner thanked Governor Sununu and Commissioner Caswelll for their recognition of this Whitewater Park. It will have a regional positive effect.
- j. Mill City Park Economic update may be planned for the first half of the LEAN update meeting on April 22nd. The roll-out of the master plan will be on the agenda for that meeting. Spread the word to come to this meeting and see what is being planned.
- k. The City Clerk's office is well on its way through the 5s process but need one more day, March 12th, to finish up. The Council is welcome to stop by the City Clerk's office and see what they've done. In addition, they have their Annual Training on April 3rd therefore will be closed all day on the 3rd. They will also be closed on May 8th for their Annual Tax Collection training.
- l. The City Manager's Office will take on the 5s exercise in March. Every Friday dress down day, an area in the Manager's office will be reformed.
- m. The Manager's City Pride Contest currently has about 10 entries and more verbal but those need to be put on the forms to be official entries. We have a very creative community.
- n. The Franklin Savings Bank would like to use our lampposts to hang flags during the month of June for their 150th year anniversary. Milner asked the Council if anyone would object to allowing them to use our Central Street lampposts. After the

anniversary for FSB, the manager asked if the Council would object to recreational flags to be hung on the lampposts. Mayor Giunta asked the City Council if anyone objected. No-one objected.

Councilor Testerman asked City Manager Milner how a performance audit would be done on the City and the school. Milner responded stating that it would need to be discussed during the budget process because it must be appropriated.

- o. The Choose Franklin group is coming to City Hall and will be provided the financial budget 101 course tour.
- p. 2020 Budget for MSD is currently being discussed. There was an expired bond in FY18, which held a placeholder for a one-time expense that was not used. The FY19 vehicle maintenance line has already been over expended and we are only half way through the year. She stated that it's time to look at a fleet rotation schedule for the 2020 budget. The City is in need of replacing vehicles and the FY18 unused one-time expense can be appropriated for another Capital Item such as this.

4. Late Item

**Motion – Councilor Trudel moved that the Franklin City Council set a public hear for 6:00 PM at the April 1st, 2019 meeting of the City Council for Resolution #16-19 related to the appropriation and expenditures of NHDOT TAP Grand funds for the construction of a pedestrian walkaway over the Trestle Bridge to connect the mill City Park and the Winnepesaukee River Trail. Resolution request to be read in title only.
Councilor Ribas seconded.**

Mayor Giunta asked if there were any questions. There was none.

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

RESOLUTION #16-19

A Resolution Granting Authority to accept a NHDOT Transportation Alternatives Program Grant.

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 that a Memorandum of Agreement was signed between the City of Franklin and the nonprofit Mill City Park at Franklin Falls, **and;**

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the recent efforts to improve the economic and residential viability of the downtown and the need to continue with additional progress, **and**;

WHEREAS, the City has been awarded a grant of \$512,000 from the State of New Hampshire, Department of Transportation, Transportation Alternatives Program, for engineering and construction work associated with the pedestrian walkway over the Trestle Bridge to connect the Mill City Park and the Winnepesaukee River Trail, together with other pedestrian safety improvements, **and**;

WHEREAS, matching funds, in the form of donated funds and services, in the amount of \$128,000 will be directed towards this project for a total project funding of \$640,000, **now**;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that at their regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, April 1, 2019, the City Council of Franklin New Hampshire does hereby vote to adopt resolution #16-19, accepting \$512,000 in grant funds from the State of New Hampshire, Department of Transportation, Transportation Alternatives Program, for engineering and construction work associated with the pedestrian walkway over the Trestle Bridge to connect the Mill City Park and the Winnepesaukee River Trail, with required matching funds of \$128,000, 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 from NHDOT and hereby authorizes the following non-lapsing appropriations,*

An Increase in Revenues:

Federal Grant Revenue – White Water Park Acct. No. 01-9-014-33110-437 – Five Hundred Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$512,000),

Donations – White Water Park Acct. No. 01-9-000-35085-437 – One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$128,000),

An Increase in Expenditures:

Economic Development – White Water Park Acct. No. 01-9-511-40335-437 – Six Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$640,000),

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Brown _____ **Councilor Dzujna** _____ **Councilor Ribas** _____

Councilor Clarenbach _____ **Councilor Lauer-Rago** _____ **Councilor Testerman** _____

Councilor Desrochers _____ **Councilor Starkweather** _____ **Councilor Trudel** _____

Motion – Councilor Ribas moved to go into non-public according to RSA 91-A:3, II (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general public.

Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.

Roll Call to enter into non-public.

Councilor Brown	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Desrochers	<u>Absent</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>Yes</u>
Councilor Clarenbach	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>Yes</u>
Councilor Lauer-Rago	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Moquin	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Testerman	<u>Yes</u>

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

Entered into non-public session at 8:36PM

Motion to leave non-public and return to public session made by Councilor Ribas.

Seconded by Councilor Trudel.

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

Returned to Public Session at 8:50PM

Motion to seal the minutes made by Councilor Dzujna because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would render a proposed action ineffective.

Seconded by Councilor Ribas.

Roll Call to seal the minutes:

Councilor Brown	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Desrochers	<u>Absent</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>Yes</u>
Councilor Clarenbach	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>Yes</u>
Councilor Lauer-Rago	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Moquin	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Testerman	<u>Yes</u>

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

Motion – Councilor Clarenbach moved that the Franklin City Council authorizes the City Manager to dispose of City owned property abutting 15 Tannery Street (Map/Lot 097-404-00) through a direct sale to the owner of 15 Tannery Street in return for the cost of the drainage improvements at Tannery Street with the conditions the owner of 15 Tannery Street merge the portion of City with 15 Tannery Street property within 30 days of closing and to further execute all closing documents in reference to the sale including signing off on the Deed.

Seconded by Councilor Ribas.

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

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Trudel. Seconded by Councilor Ribas.

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Audrey Lanzillo