

CITY OF FRANKLIN
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 6, 2020
6:00 P.M.





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

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG



A Mayoral Proclamation in Honor of 25 Years of Theatre in Franklin

WHEREAS, Theatre and Art programs are an essential indelible part of our Community; AND

WHEREAS, Franklin Theatre has thrived in our Great City for the past 25 years and was a catalyst that resulted in the 2001 reopening of the glorious stage in our very own Franklin Opera House; AND

WHEREAS, Theatre in the City of Franklin has been a unifying force drawing Citizens of Franklin and surrounding communities together so that all can enjoy and admire the talents of those who participate in the art of Theatre; AND

WHEREAS, Theatre, being transcendent and altruistic, has spawned other unifying beneficial entertainment entities such as Franklin Footlight Theatre and Franklin Area Children's Theatre; AND

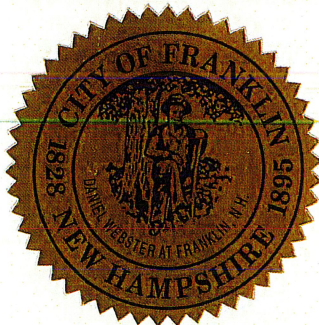
WHEREAS, Theatre in Franklin has not only contributed culturally to our City but also philanthropically by offering scholarships to graduating area seniors such as The Jule C. Finley Scholarship which gives at least \$1000 a year to a Franklin senior for exemplary community service, and the Footlight Scholarship which awards at least \$500 to any senior in the state who looks to advance their studies in the arts; AND

WHEREAS, every civilized nation, every great people have shared one thing in common-a deep respect, admiration, and appreciation for "The Theatre";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Tony Giunta, Mayor of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim Monday, July 6th as:

Appreciation Day for 25 Years of Theatre

in the City of Franklin and urge all citizens to join with family and friends in celebrating this very special day by extending our congratulations and best wishes to all of those who have contributed to bringing Theatre to our City and Surrounding Communities.



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

Proclaimed By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Giunta".

Tony Giunta, Mayor, City of Franklin

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Resolution #19-20 - a resolution appropriating grant funds associated with COVID-19 for Fiscal Year 2020.

Ordinance #01-21 - an amendment to the Franklin Municipal Code, Chapter 160-1 Fees, Water Commodity and Sewer Disposal fee changes.

Ordinance #02-21 - an amendment to the Franklin Municipal Code, Chapter 160-1, Fees charged for services, Solid Waste Admin and Transfer Station fees charged.

Resolution #01-21 – a resolution to approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Manager’s Budget.

Resolution #02-21 – a resolution authorizing the City of Franklin to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the Police Dispatch Unit.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

MAYOR’S UPDATE

Agenda Item I.

Council is to consider the minutes of the February 3rd, 2020 non-public meetings, the minutes of the May 4th, 2020 City Council Meeting, the minutes of the May 11th City Council Special Meeting, the minutes of the June 1st City Council Meeting, and the minutes of the June 8th City Council Special Meeting.

Agenda Item II.

School Board Update.

Agenda Item III.

Council to consider approval of Resolution #19-20, appropriating grant funds associated with COVID-19 for Fiscal Year 2020.

Agenda Item IV.

Council to consider approval of Ordinance #01-21, amending the Franklin Municipal Code, Chapter 160-1 Fees, Water Commodity and Sewer Disposal fees.

Agenda Item V.

Council to consider approval of Ordinance #02-21, amending the Franklin Municipal Code, Chapter 160-1, Fees charged for services, Solid Waste Admin and Transfer Station fees.

Agenda Item VI.

Council to consider approval of Resolution #01-21, to approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Manager's Budget.

Agenda Item VII.

Council to consider approval of Resolution #02-21, authorizing the City of Franklin to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the Police Dispatch Unit.

Agenda Item VIII.

Other Business

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

Adjournment

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

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AGENDA ITEM I



**CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

City Council Meeting of July 6, 2020

Subject: Approval of Minutes

Motion: “I move that the Franklin City Council approve the minutes of the February 3rd, 2020 non-public meetings, the minutes of the May 4th, 2020 City Council Meeting, the minutes of the May 11th City Council Special Meeting, the minutes of the June 1st City Council Meeting, and the minutes of the June 8th City Council Special Meeting.”

Mayor calls for a second, discussion and the vote.

Pending City Council Approval



City Council Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2020
Webmeeting via zoom

Council In attendance remotely:

	Location/others in attendance
Mayor Tony Giunta	Dialing in from home/no others present
Councilor Jo Brown	Dialing in from home/no others present
Councilor Scott Clarenbach	Dialing in from home/no others present
Councilor Bob Desrochers	Dialing in from home/ wife Janet is present
Councilor George Dzujna	Dialing in from home/ wife Christine is present
Councilor April Bunker	Absent
Councilor Ted Starkweather	Dialing in from home/no others present
Councilor Olivia Zink	Dialing in from home/no others present
Councilor Karen Testerman	Dialing in from home/husband Dave is present
Councilor Paul Trudel	Dialing in from home/no others present

Others attending remotely: City Manager Judie Milner, Police Chief David Goldstein, Fire Chief Mike Foss, Parks and Rec Director Krystal Alpers, MSD Director Brian Sullivan, MSD Deputy Director Justin Hanscom, Drug Task Force Coordinator Kandyce Tucker, and members of the public.

Absent: Councilor April Bunker

Mayor Giunta opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m. using remote meeting software through Zoom. He stated that conducting meetings in a remote setting will continue per the Governor's Executive Order and State of Emergency order for an undetermined amount of time.

Salute to the Flag was led by City Manager Judie Milner.

Mayor Giunta read aloud the Compliant Statement Right to Know Law During the State of Emergency.

Public Hearing

opened at 6:15 p.m.

Resolution #16-20, a resolution appropriating \$10,588 from the Bessie Rowell Community Center Capital Reserve Fund to replace flooring in four classrooms.

There were no comments or questions from the public.

The public hearing on Resolution #16-20 closed at 6:16 p.m.

Public Comment

Christine Dzujna ward 1 resident provided an update from the Animal Shelter Board. The Annual Dinner

Dance has been cancelled this year due to our current health crisis. They have received many items in hopes to auction them off in an on-line auction type of setting. Details have not been finalized.

The Annual 5K fundraiser will be a virtual type of race rather than in person. Monetary donations have been received regardless. There will be a meeting this week to figure out a way to organize a virtual silent auction for the Animal Shelter. Mrs. Dzujna thanked them all for their support of the Animal Shelter.

Mrs. Dzujna stated that the Golf Tournament has been cancelled, the Funspot Fundraiser has been rescheduled to September, and Franklin Regional Hospital Auxiliary Board cancelled their fundraiser as well. She is hopeful that these fundraisers can occur next spring.

She thanked all of the Franklin Regional Hospital workers for their dedication and hard work.

The Library Board approved funding to repair the Library roof and work has begun as it is a good time to do the work with the Library currently closed. The Scholarship recipient has been chosen and will be communicated very shortly. Virtual story time and an electronic library have been available on-line. Mrs. Dzujna thanked Rob Sargent and his staff for all of their hard work.

Mrs. Dzujna also thanked Superintendent Dan LeGallo for keeping communication open and ongoing. She also thanked the entire City Council, Mayor, and City Council for doing a great job as she knows this hasn't been easy for everyone.

Mayor Giunta thanked Mrs. Dzujna for all her comments this evening. He was very appreciative of her providing acknowledgement and praise to the people and organizations who are working very hard during this epidemic.

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

City Council Acknowledgements

Councilor Dzujna thanked all the workers at the Transfer Station for all their hard work. He stated that many people are home cleaning their property and all the extra items creating a surge in tonnage going to the Transfer Station.

Mayor Giunta echoed Dzujna's comments and added that he was there on Saturday and the Transfer Station was spotless and the crew was well organized keeping the line of cars going at a good manageable pace while keeping the drivers calm and well informed. Mayor Giunta thanked Director Sullivan and asked that he pass on the great feedback to his crew.

Councilor Trudel has received feedback from his neighbors and others in his ward that the City has been working hard and continued seamlessly during this crisis. There hasn't been a reduction in services which is testament to how dedicated Franklin employees are. He stated from the Schools to the Municipal departments, everyone is working hard to keep services going. While many others were

safely inside their homes, the City and Front-line workers are still out there doing everything they can to keep the City running. Trudell couldn't thank everyone enough.

Mayor's Update

Mayor Giunta stated that Governor Sununu has been consistent over the past few weeks during his virtual meetings with all the Mayors throughout the entire state. During these briefings, the Governor is providing updates at the state level, answering concerns, and is making sure everything is being done to ensure COVID reimbursements are being processed quickly and easily.

Giunta added that the Governor is following closely what is happening in Massachusetts and surrounding states to ensure NH won't be flooded with residents from other states which could cause the spread of this virus here in NH.

Mayor Giunta asked the Council if he could answer any questions that they have regarding the situation we are in due to COVID or anything that is on their minds.

Councilor Brown stated that she was having trouble getting information on the status of the SBA loans she had applied for. She isn't the type of business that has a lot of employees or is making a certain financial threshold. She asked Mayor Giunta how the really small business owners are being handled.

Mayor Giunta replied stating that the other small business owners he spoke to had applied through the local bank rather than through the Small Business Association but he urged Councilor Brown to be persistent with the contact she made when she applied and stick with pursuing them for an answer. He also suggested that if Brown isn't getting anywhere to go to the State's website for guidance or get in touch with Taylor Caswell.

Councilor Dzujna commented that he heard that rooms and meals taxes would be depleted this year and the highway block grants that we receive from the gas tax may be a problem as well. Mayor Giunta replied that the latest CARES Package would not be used to bail out bad financial spending situations but should only be used toward reimbursement for COVID related expenses.

New Hampshire received \$1.2B to cover these expenses but when Governor Sununu asked for the definition of how that money could be spent, the U.S. Treasury gave a very narrow explanation. After more discussions on loosening up this definition, the hope is that the \$1.2B would cover the needed money to fill the gaps created. If not, another CARES Package would be considered.

Councilor Desrochers addressed Councilor Brown and stated that self employed businesses can apply for unemployment benefits. Brown replied that she understood that the self employed business owner would have had to be paying themselves and she was not paying herself.

Councilor Zink stated that she is deeply concerned about election times and people shouldn't have to choose between their health and voting. The state has offered some guidance on absentee voting. Zink further stated that she would like to see information and instructions on the City Website with regards to our City's voting arrangements; how to register etc. She would also like the City to poll for election workers to ensure there will be adequate election workers since due to this situation, the current

workers may not want to come out and work the upcoming elections. Zink also stated that she was on a phone call meeting with the States COVID Emergency Commission and Bud Finch stated that there is additional federal money to assist with elections during this health crisis but a 20% match may need to be made by the municipalities. Zink would like the City to reach out to this commission and let them know that this 20% should not be downshifted to municipalities but paid for by the state.

Mayor Giunta agreed with Councilor Zink and stated that time is going to go by very quickly so it would be a good idea to ask people now if they are willing to help work the polling locations during election times. He asked City Clerk Katie Gargano and City Manager Judie Milner to work on posting a message on the City Website asking people to step forward if they are willing to help and also communicate information on how people can register to vote. Zink stated that the deadline to change party affiliation for the September election is June 2nd.

Milner stated that the City Clerks Office is already working on these communications and she also added that it is always difficult to recruit poll workers so any help spreading the word would be most appreciated.

Mayor Giunta added that Governor Sununu had mentioned that Bow recently held a special election and had excellent results with drive thru voting. It was so successful that he is considering it for the upcoming election in the fall.

Councilor Trudel agreed that he heard it worked out very well. There could be an improvement or two but overall, it worked out great. He stated that he hopes Franklin won't have to vote in this manner but if this crisis is still an issue come election time, he would support voting this way.

Councilor Dzujna asked City Manager Milner how people would be trained if they are recruited to work the polls. Milner replied that NHMA offers free on-line training for this so we can conveniently use this option to train people.

Agenda Item I.

Council to consider the minutes of the March 24th City Council Special Meeting and the minutes of the April 6th City Council Meeting.

Councilor Trudel commented that the April 6th City Council Meeting is stated as a Special City Council meeting in the Council Packets. He asked that it be corrected and stated as a regular City Council Meeting. There were also some missing pages to the April 6th meeting minutes when they were originally distributed therefore he wanted to make sure the Council received all of the pages of the minutes so they could review them prior to this vote to accept them.

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any member of the Council who did not receive the full version of the minutes to raise their hand. There were no hands raised.

Motion – Councilor Trudel moved that the Franklin City Council approve the minutes of the March 24th, 2020 City Council Special Meeting and the minutes of the April 6th, 2020 City Council Virtual Meeting.

Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.

Mayor Giunta asked the Council if there were any corrections needed to the minutes. There were none.

Roll call to approve the minutes:

Councilor Brown	Yes	Councilor Dzujna	Yes	Councilor Zink	Yes
Councilor Clarenbach	Yes	Councilor Bunker	Absent	Councilor Testerman	Yes
Councilor Desrochers	Abstain March 24 th Yes April 6th	Councilor Starkweather	Yes	Councilor Trudel	Yes

Motion PASSED.

Agenda Item II.

City Council to consider Resolution #16-20. Approval to transfer \$10,588 from the Bessie Rowell Community Center Capital Reserve Fund to replace flooring in 4 classrooms at the Bessie Rowell Community Center.

Motion – Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council adopt Resolution #16-20 which appropriates \$10,588 from the Bessie Rowell Community Center Capital Reserve Fund to replace flooring in 4 classrooms at the Bessie Rowell Community Center. By a roll call vote.

Seconded by Councilor Desrochers.

Councilor Clarenbach stated that it appears this money will be spent on a tenant space and not a common space and asked if that was the original intent of the fund. Clarenbach added that tenants were to pay \$5000 per year that would go toward to roof, common areas, and the gym. It appears the flooring is in the tenant space.

The Parks and Recreation Director stated that this money is for 4 common area recreation rooms. She further explained that the majority use of these rooms is by the Parks and Rec Department. The fitness room is used by all organizations within the building and the activity (arts and crafts) room is used by the outside public as well as the Parks and Rec department.

Clarenbach wanted to make sure this wasn't setting a precedence for the other tenants thinking this fund could be used for repairs in tenants' spaces.

City Manager stated that the fund was set up to manage the building. All agencies in the building pay \$5k a year which goes into the Bessie Rowel Community Center Capital Reserve Fund. The fund can be used to repair anything in the building regardless of where. She agreed to be cognizant of keeping things even among the tenants.

Mayor Giunta asked if there were any other questions regarding Resolution #16-20. There were none.

RESOLUTION #16 - 20

A Resolution Relating to a Supplemental Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2020.

In the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty,

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Franklin has adopted a budget for fiscal year 2020 which began July 1st 2019, and;

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire wishes to replace the VCT flooring in four classrooms at the Bessie Rowell Community Center, and;

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire established a capital reserve fund for the Bessie Rowell Community Center into which each entity occupying the building contributes \$5,000 annually (totaling \$20,000 in annual contributions), and;

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Franklin wishes to expend \$10,588 out of the Bessie Rowell Community Center capital reserve fund to pay for replacement of VCT flooring at the Bessie Rowell Community Center, Now,

Therefore Be It Resolved that the scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, May 4th, 2020 the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby adopt a resolution #16-20 appropriating \$10,588 out of the Bessie Rowell Community Center capital reserve for the purpose of replacing VCT flooring in (4) classrooms through:

An increase in revenue account,

Transfer in from capital reserve fund account number 01-0-000-39150-000 – Ten Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$10,588),

And an increase in expenditure account,

Building Repairs and Maintenance – BRCC Acct. No. 01-1-944-40430-000 - Ten Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$10,588),

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Brown Yes Councilor Dzujna Yes Councilor Clarenbach Yes
Councilor Starkweather Yes Councilor Zink Yes Councilor Testerman Yes
Councilor Desrochers Yes Councilor Bunker Absent Councilor Trudel Yes

Agenda Item III

Council to consider setting a public hearing on Resolution #17-20, authorizing the City Manager to file two separate grants totaling \$105K from the State of New Hampshire Clean Water State Revolving fund (CWSRF) to be used towards the City’s Water and Sewer Infrastructure Improvement Project and designating Judie Milner, City Manager as the City’s authorized representative.

Motion – Councilor Trudel moved that the Franklin City Council schedule a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2020 in City Council Chambers (tentative) to consider two 100% reimbursable loans totaling \$105K from the State of New Hampshire Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program.

Seconded by Councilor Desrochers.

Mayor Giunta asked the Council if there was any discussion moving Resolution #17-20 to a public hearing. There was none.

Roll Call:

Councilor Brown	Yes	Councilor Dzujna	Yes	Councilor Zink	Yes
Councilor Clarenbach	Yes	Councilor Bunker	Absent	Councilor Testerman	Yes
Councilor Desrochers	Yes	Councilor Starkweather	Yes	Councilor Trudel	Yes

Agenda Item IV.

Council to consider setting a public hearing for the adoption of Commercial Solar PILOT Agreements with Franklin Tower Solar 1 LLC, Franklin Tower Solar 2 LLC, Commerce Way Solar LLC, and New England Solar Garden.

City Manager Milner provided background information stating that the previous Solar Power Agreements expired on 12/31/2019 and added a guarantee that the City would receive money from this agreement.

There are two new people managing three of these projects and agreement on this PILOT is contingent upon them receiving the funding to move forward with summer construction. Milner requested that the Council consider setting a public hearing for May 18th to approve the PILOT Agreements. Under these new agreements, they would be required to begin making payments to the City regardless of it being completely built.

Councilor April Bunker joined the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Councilor Desrochers stated that he is greatly concerned with this project and does not approve of it or of having a public hearing until the public can obtain enough information to understand what this means and they can come in person to speak to it at a public hearing. Using the waterfront location, which is approximately 40 acres of prime farming land, has been there for generations, and is not the appropriate location for something like this. Desrochers asked the Council to go to the location down by the Water Treatment Plant and view it for themselves to understand why he has expressed his disapproval of it.

Mayor Giunta requested that City Manager Milner provide further information on these agreements such as the income it would provide to the City. Milner reminded the Council that three of these projects were already approved by the Council five years ago and had issues with Net Metering piece not getting the State's approval. New England Solar would be three of the new projects in this current agreement. She continued to add that per RSA, if a PILOT is provided to one of the projects, then a PILOT must be provided to all of the projects. This is the reason for the renegotiation as the other three expired on 12/31/2019. Two of the projects, that would be located by the Water Treatment Plant, would bring \$34K a year in rent to the City. Currently, the farm lease in that same area is bringing in \$500 a year. These are the only two that are on City Property. The other four projects are located on private property.

The four private PILOTS would provide the City with an annual rebate which can be between \$9K-\$15K per year paid directly to the City.

Councilor Starkweather stated that there are location sites in this agreement that the Council is being asked to approve to set before the public in a hearing but they have not been heard or approved before the Planning Board. Milner agreed that the Mojalaki site has not been before the Planning Board but had an email approval that the Council can move in any way they feel comfortable on the Mojalaki site. It can be removed from this agreement at this point if the Council is more comfortable. The Commerce Way site is on private property and has been approved by the Planning Board. This is different than the other site that is owned by people located out of the country.

Starkweather also asked what is meant by the Commercial Operations Standard of maximum capacity of each site and how will that affect full payments to the City. Milner replied that the agreement is not based on what they are producing. Starkweather stated that he is hesitant to agree to the PILOTS at this point due to their history with Franklin and not following through with their previous agreement. He would like to see this agreement be more comprehensive this time around.

Milner stated that the City Attorney had reviewed the previous agreement and waiting to hear back on this current one with the addendum. This agreement changes the payment terms to the City regardless of being fully or partially operational. Payments would occur immediately regardless of either.

Mayor Giunta added that Solar Power 1 LLC and Solar Power 2 LLC have an access agreement with the Winnepesaukee River Basin to go across the river for construction and are still viewing the possibility of

using Manual Road for exporting the power.

Miler stated that the projects at Mark Rd and Duffy St. have been approved through the planning Board.

Councilor Bunker asked if there was any idea when we will go back to face to face meeting so we can have a public meeting in Council Chambers. Mayor Giunta replied that he does not know at this time however he is basing next steps for Franklin on what Governor Sununu supports and large gatherings for meetings is not recommended.

Councilor Testerman asked who would be responsible for deconstruction and clean-up when the solar agreements have expired. Milner replied that there are two parts to the agreement, one is the PILOT which is payment in lieu of taxes and the secondary agreement is a lease agreement with the land owners (two on City sites and the other four on private sites). Milner stated that it is written in the lease agreement that the sites must be decommissioned and cleaned up by the solar owners when the agreement expires.

Testerman agrees with Desrochers that the City needs public input and people are hesitant to attend these meetings remotely.

Councilor Trudel also agrees with Testerman and Desrochers. He added that Franklin is branded as a recreational City and stated that it would be best to table this until a face to face meeting can occur. He stated that without receiving the face to face input from the residents would be an injustice to everyone.

Mayor Giunta stated that these projects evaporate quickly if approval is not received. Milner added that these projects would generate just under \$5K but would create \$67K in revenue for the City and if they were fully taxed, they would not be built.

Councilor Brown asked Councilor Desrochers how much of the acreage is currently farmed by Mr. Fife. Desrochers did not know the exact number and replied that this feels like a rushed decision for something of this magnitude. Desrochers added that in comparison to the City's \$23M budget, the amount of revenue that could be generated from this agreement just isn't worth it giving away farm and recreation land. Brown then replied that she understood Desrochers concerns however she is curious to know how much of farming land are we actually looking at for these solar projects. She added that this has been discussed with the Planning many times so it does not seem like a rush decision to hold a public hearing. She also stated that she doesn't know if people are recreating behind the Waste Water plant. In our current and future world, we will likely have to deal with viruses so revenue to the City is going to be very challenging. All the pros and cons need to be looked. Brown respectfully disagreed with Councilor Desrochers.

Councilor Clarenbach stated that he has a few concerns. One is agreeing to a \$4K per megawatt per year agreement stating that it is less than what he pays in taxes on his own home. In the last five years, the dealings with Franklin Tower Solar 1 and 2 haven't been positive and he isn't interested in dealing with them again and doesn't want to lump the same feelings with the other solar companies who are

separate. Clarenbach believes that the City is giving these companies a very large discount on the property and asked why the City is considering doing that.

City Manager Milner addressed Clarenbach's concerns and stated that the City is trying to follow the mantra of Franklin Goes Green and these types of solar projects do that. Milner added that the agreements have been worked on since January so there was a lot of thought in creating them. She also pointed out that per RSA, solar projects can't be negotiated individually. Milner then replied that the City would be repurposing 26 acres for the Solar Projects.

Councilor Zink stated that there is no liability in the agreements on City property and asked if the City should require it from them. The lease stated that it is 20 years in one area and then 21 years on another area. She stated that 20 years is a long time to compromise property tax for a \$4K a year lease. She would prefer a shorter lease period and then reevaluate since the City won't know what that land is worth in the future.

Zink researched the ownership of these companies. Franklin Solar 1 and Franklin Solar 2 have different holding companies. She would like to know who all these different entities are as it appears that some of them have the same owners but others it is difficult to find out. She requested information on the tax liability.

Net metering proposals that are held by the state are believed to have been vetoed and Zink stated that is what held up the process the last time due to a change in the state law.

Lastly, Zink asked what benefit the public would get from this. She wonders if they are going to sell back any power to the City and if so, what would the rate be. She referred to the agreement and what appeared to be some sort of purchasing agreement for the City.

City Manager Milner replied that back on the original project agreement, the City was required to purchase power from the system. With the new renegotiation, the City is no longer required to purchase power from them but could if it were decided upon.

Milner stated that their proof of liability insurance is required and part of the lease agreement not the PILOT agreement. There is also an Out Clause built into the agreement where if in 3 years, the PILOTS are not built and even if we are still receiving lease payments.

Mayor Giunta addressed the question regarding Net Metering and just as he was responding to it, he lost his internet connection therefore Councilor Zink asked if a motion was made tonight to Table the request for a public hearing on the Solar Agreements

Councilor Trudel stated that there are too many balls in the air to have the hearing face to face. The Planning Board hasn't approved part of the project and more information is needed to make a sound decision. The current version of the agreement needs some updates.

Councilor Clarenbach called a point of order and asked if there was a motion made to table the request for a public hearing. Audrey Lanzillo was taking the minutes and replied that a motion was not made

only a statement made by Councilor Trudel that he would like this tabled. There were no further comments from the other Councilors at this moment.

City Manager Milner stated that Franklin Town Solar 1, Franklin Town Solar 2, and Commerce Way went to a public hearing and received approval on their PILOT agreements. The New England Solar Garden PILOT would be new requests for public hearing.

Councilor Desrochers stated that Franklin Town Solar 1, Solar 2, and Commerce Way had agreements that expired on 12/31/2019 and void at this point. Miler agreed and stated that she just wanted to inform the Council that they had gone through the public hearing and public comment process.

Councilor Starkweather referenced the amendment within the agreement and asked if the PILOT Payment to the City from Franklin Town Solar is \$4K per megawatt annually for the duration of the agreement. Milner replied that it is \$4K annually per megawatt and the language in the agreement will be adjusted to reflect that. Starkweather also requested a performance bond so when the PILOTs decommission their facilities, we are guaranteed they clean up their sites. Milner replied that she believed the Planning Board was requesting that and she will follow-up on it.

Councilor Dzujna asked City Manager Milner if Mr. Fife would still be allowed to farm some of the land that he is currently using for farming. Milner replied that Mr. Fife is farming approximately acres of City Owned property and will still be allowed to do so. Dzujna stated that he believed the performance bond was part of the previous agreement and Milner agreed that she believed that to be true and will check to be sure.

Starkweather also stated that in the previous agreement, there was discussion on making sure Mr. Fife had an access road or means to operate his equipment in the area of the solar arrays and Milner agreed and added that once the arrays were up, Mr. Fife may also be able to farm additional land but they won't know until the arrays are up.

Councilor Testerman asked Milner if the PILOTS that are owned by foreign entities were actually owned by people outside of the United States. Milner replied that is correct. Testerman then stated that she has a problem with that because China already owns too much of what should be owned by the United States. Testerman also stated that some of the most valuable property that has been diminished in the state is farming land. Farming land is fertile land and historic. It should not be turned over to other entities for financial reasons. Testerman stated that she was also concerned that these solar arrays are secured against all hazards.

Milner replied to Testerman's concerns regarding the foreign owner and stated that they own the Solar arrays that are already up and working. They do not own any of the solar array PILOTS that are being discussed with the Council tonight. Milner added that these six solar companies are owned by people in the United States. Milner added that fencing is required around all of the solar arrays. Testerman stated that fencing only is not sufficient and that other things can go wrong so there needs to be more insurance and security built into the agreement protecting the City.

Councilor Brown asked how many acres the solar arrays will be next to the farmland. Milner replied that they would use 11 acres of the 20 that the City owns. Fife leases 9 acres of that and the other 11 would be considered for the solar arrays.

Councilor Bunker stated that the discussions tonight seem more as if they are voting on this tonight but this is only to set a public hearing. She supports the public's input and will do her best to inform the residents of ward 3. She does not think this should wait until September.

Mayor Giunta was able to join back into the meeting. He got disconnected due to his internet provider. He wanted to go back and respond to the point Councilor Zink mentioned regarding net metering. He explained the per kilowatt rate and how it's being used to secure the net metering rate. One megawatt projects can be built. He continued to explain that 4-5 years ago, they were allowed to subdivide properties so a five-megawatt project could be divided; so a megawatt project could be built next to another megawatt project and so on. The Public Service Commission ruled that this would not be allowed anymore. This is why Franklin Town Solar 1 and Franklin Town Solar 2 would be next to each other behind the wastewater treatment plant.

The current bill in the state house will allow up to a five megawatt project. It was passed by the House and Senate, vetoed by the Governor, went back to the Senate but has not gone back to the House yet. If the House overrides the Governor then it will pass to allow for a five megawatt net metered project.

Councilor Brown agreed with Councilor Bunker's comments in support of a public hearing and not wait until September. Brown asked City Manager Milner if this issue could be heavily publicized with mention to email or call your City Council for details on this topic and whether or not they are in support of it. She asked if Milner could put together a synopsis of all of the points and email as many residents as possible encouraging them to come to a meeting or mail in their opinions on this. Brown stated that there are other ways to get the public's feedback if a face to face meeting isn't possible.

Councilor Desrochers stated that these solar companies had the approval and opportunity to come and do this twice before. They let their opportunity go and now it's time for the City to move on to other business that the City needs to take care of.

Mayor Giunta review the numbers so the Council had all the information on the possible income for the City. Franklin Town Solar 1 and 2 would be bringing in \$4K per megawatt on a parcel that we currently receive \$500 per year. Mr. Fife discussed compensation of his leased property for \$75K from Franklin Town Solar for the cost of grain that he would have received. None of the \$75K is coming back to the City. This would turn \$500 a year to receiving \$42K a year for 25-30 years and bond for over \$100K+. Mayor Giunta stated that this would generate more income for the City. Desrochers is not in support of leasing the farmland away.

Councilor Starkweather asked the funding is contingent on all six of these solar projects receiving approval of the agreement. Milner replied that it is. Mayor Giunta added that this may seem like a push to get this in quickly and part of that is due to the yearly tax credits that open up only once a year. The solar projects could get a 30% tax credit the first year and then phases out over 3 years.

Councilor Trudel is also not in support of this project and agrees with both Councilor Zink and Councilor Desrochers. The land was deemed agricultural and belongs to the City. There isn't adequate time to look at all the facts before making a decision like this. He stated that there was plenty of time leading up to this to get all the facts instead of rushing to schedule a public hearing and approve this project.

City Manager Milner noticed that there is some confusion and explained that the lease agreement for Franklin Town Solar 1 and 2 is already in place and has not expired. There is already a 20 year lease agreement in affect for the property behind the Water Treatment Plant. The current discussions are in regard to the PILOT Agreement that goes along with the lease already in place.

Milner continued to explain that there are two entities: one for the City Owned Property and the other one for the privately owned property. Blue Planet is in charge of Franklin Town Solar 1, Franklin Town Solar 2, and the Commerce Way projects. The second entity is New England Solar Garden, who is in charge of the Mark/Duffy Road project and the Mojalaki project. The private property projects are brand new and already have lease agreements with the property owners. Trudel stated concerns with this because if all the abutters to the private properties were duly notified, that is fine. However, the Mojalaki project hasn't been approved by the Planning Board and asked if the abutters have been notified. He added that the last time discussions on solar arrays in the Mojalaki area occurred; he was inundated with phone calls from residents asking for information on what was going on. Those that live in eye shot or abut the Mojalaki property, do not want to see solar panels. They would be happier with a housing project or a rehab of the golf course. Trudel stated that he is not in favor of this project.

Milner replied that she could remove the Mojalaki project from the equation tonight and stated that there have been public discussions on this subject during Planning Board meetings.

Councilor Brown stated that there was a lot of public commentary at 2-3 Planning Board Meeting last fall and confirmed that this is not new news. The public came to the meetings and the board was able to resolve their concerns. She agreed that the Mojalaki project has not been to the Planning Board yet.

Brown then asked Milner if Mr. Fife had already been aware of the solar project lease agreement and Milner replied that he is aware and has not farmed the 11 acres in question for the last five years.

Councilor Dzujna stated that he also attended the Planning Board meetings and also heard the public ask questions, discuss concerns, and ultimately were in support of the previous solar project agreements. Mr. Fife has been farming his portion of the City's land.

Councilor Clarenbach asked Milner to clarify the 20 year lease agreements on Franklin Town Solar 1 and Franklin Town Solar 2 which have been in affect for the past five years already but the City hasn't received any income. With this new PILOT agreement, the City will receive \$4K a year regardless if it gets built. Milner replied that is correct. If nothing is built by 2021, the City can get out of the PILOT agreement even if we were getting paid the \$4K per year. Clarenbach then stated that the original lease agreement was poorly written and asked Miler if the City can get out of it. She replied that she thinks there is a way. Clarenbach stated that was not in favor of the PILOT Agreements but would

consider voting to move it to public hearing if the agreements were separated. He also added that in essence the Council is being asked to be the tax setters for these PILOTS

Mayor Giunta reminded the Council that tonight's request is to set the public hearing and have received a lot of background on the subject matter.

Councilor Trudel stated that he is concerned that the public doesn't have enough information at this point in time to move this quickly to public hearing. He stated that they should be separated since one is on City owned property and the other is on private property. Trudel also stated that there isn't enough information to vote on moving this to a public hearing and will not be in support of it if a motion is made.

Mayor Giunta stated that all of the agreements had gone through the Planning Board except the Mojalaki project. It was originally presented at a 10 megawatt project and reduced to the 1 megawatt as allowed. PILOT agreements are already in place for Commerce Way and Mark/Duffy Street projects. Mayor Giunta continued that these PILOT agreements were established prior to Councilor Trudel joining the City Council Board and they are coming back to be renewed since they've expired.

Mayor Giunta also stated that it is a property owners right to do these type of projects on their property. Solar projects are accepted all through the City by the Planning Board and a PILOT agreement or a public hearing on the matter shouldn't be stopped. He further stated that this, in part is against a person's civil rights.

Councilor Clarenbach stated that the Council is being asked to allow an entity to receive a tax abatement by discounting the property and once it is provided for one, others will expect to be given the same. This would set a precedence of how solar array properties would be taxed. He agrees that people have the right to do this on their own personal property and the City should have the right to tax appropriately.

Councilor Bunker asked if the Mojalaki project was on the Planning Board agenda for this month. Mayor Giunta replied that it is not.

Councilor Desrochers stated that he wasn't in favor of this when it was first presented five years ago and the City has not received a dime in lease payments. Desrochers further added that tonight's request to set a public hearing is more than just that. If it is scheduled to occur on May 18th, there will be a request to vote on it after the public hearing on the same night. He stated that the Council is not ready to vote on this and two weeks from now wouldn't be enough time either. Desrochers does not like the way a decision needs to be made so quickly or they lose their funding. This agreement is only 1% of the City's total budget and not worth just rushing through without looking at all the information first. He would consider it if Franklin Town Solar 1 and Franklin Town Solar 2 were removed from the equation

Councilor Brown stated that she thinks the Mojalaki piece should be removed from the agreement because it has not gone before the Planning Board.

Motion – Councilor Brown moved that the Franklin City Council consider setting a public hearing for the adoption of the commercial solar power PILOT Agreements with Franklin Town Solar 1 LLC, Franklin Town Solar 2 LLC, Commercial Way Solar LLC, and the Mark and Duffy Street Solar Gardens. Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.

Councilor Clarenbach called a point of order stating that the motion needs to include a date and time. Councilor Brown amended the motion to include the date of the public hearing being Monday, May 18th at 6 p.m. in City Council Chambers. Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.

Councilor Brown	Yes	Councilor Dzujna	Yes	Councilor Zink	No
Councilor Clarenbach	No	Councilor Bunker	Yes	Councilor Testerman	No
Councilor Desrochers	No	Councilor Starkweather	No	Councilor Trudel	No

Motion FAILED.

Agenda Item V.

Other Business

1. Committee Reports – Councilor Clarenbach stated that a virtual MSD Committee meeting was scheduled but cancelled due to member(s) being out sick. He stated that it is important to reschedule and hold this meeting to review the bidding on the curbside collecting need and discuss other options on the table. Mayor Giunta asked the City Manager’s secretary Audrey Lanzillo to send out a Doodle poll to find a good time for all to attend.
2. City Manager’s Update:
 - a. City Manager Milner thanked everyone for their well wishes while she was recovering from COVID-19. She is currently in quarantine and expects to be back in the office on May 13th.
 - b. The contingent grant line is \$1K from Walmart for Motor Vehicle Extrication Training.
 - c. \$4,500 was received from the State of New Hampshire for Active Shooter PPE for our first responders.
 - d. The School Trust Fund contains \$69.26
 - e. The EOC Team is still partially activated and a team is meeting to discuss when and how to open back up when the time comes. Milner thanked Chief Goldstein and Chief Foss for stepping in while the Finance Director Pessy Gaudette and City Manager Milner were out due to COVID. She stated that they did an excellent job taking care of the City.
 - f. Governor Sununu recommended that the FY21 Budget wait as long as possible until they finalize the state numbers that will then affect our budget. As Councilor Dzujna mentioned earlier there’s a need to fill gaps in the gas tax and rooms and meals tax. Milner stated that she is hoping to have a budget out in June. The school district budget hearing and the municipal budget hearing meetings, both scheduled for this week and next, will both be rescheduled for June.
 - g. Milner stated that regardless of her being out sick, the Downtown Economic Committee is in full swing. A few things have slowed down due to our current health situation. Obtaining the tax credits has been delayed as the donors are unsure of what is happening with their businesses. CDA has been working with the City on allowing an extension for selling the tax credit this year to next year.
 - h. The Big news is that DES approved the permit for Mill City Park. Some kind of big event will be planned to celebrate.

Councilor Trudel stated that he is receiving mixed information with regards to the School Finance Committee approving their budget prior to receiving the State's final budget numbers. Trudel asked for clarification on this and also asked if a Joint Finance Committee meeting should be scheduled. Milner replied that she believed the School passed their budget in March. Milner continued to explain that they passed a tax cap budget based on their own tax cap calculations so it may be slightly off but shouldn't be off by much. Milner and Finance Director Gaudette will sync up the number with them as soon as they are both back in the office.

Councilor Dzujna was happy to hear that the tax credits have been extended. He asked if the credits that were sold already will hold. Milner replied that they will hold and are still committed. There were a couple of big players that were coming in but they are holding off for the time being and will reconsider for next year. Milner stated that CDFA is on board with the City's strategy.

Councilor Clarenbach asked if the City has the authority to do a continuation of the current budget into July or August if we need to. Milner replied that the City can do a continuing Resolution and will follow the Charter. Clarenbach stated that in previous continued resolutions, that was only until the City Manager's budget would take effect. In this case, if it were to go beyond the 3rd week in July without the City Manager's budget automatically taking affect, could we continue the resolution until such time when we could complete the budget. Milner replied that we can do a continuing resolution through July just to cover us and will reach out to the City Attorney Paul Fitzgerald to confirm.

Mayor Giunta stated he didn't think it would push out that far maybe a month. Mayor Giunta can provide definite answers soon. Giunta added that he spoke to Mayor Bouley from Concord and Bouley mentioned that that bill their real estate taxes quarterly so the last payments received were April's. Bouley proactively reached out to some of his largest property tax payers and asked if they anticipated paying their July taxes on time and if so, how much. Each one that he spoke to said they did not plan to pay their July property taxes.

Mayor Giunta asked City Manager Milner when Franklin's property taxes are due and if she had any indication on what would be received. Milner replied that the next due date for property taxes would be July 1st. Milner added that she believes Franklin's situation is different than Concord where they rely more on business and commercial property taxes that are closed so they would be hit harder. Franklin's corporations are still up and running.

Milner added that what was collected in property taxes last July and December support the current budget. Because we operate on a fiscal year, we do not have to do a tax anticipation note. Collection for this coming July would support FY21 and Milner is more concerned with the coming budget. The City may need to borrow in anticipation of taxes. Milner and Pessy will be taking a very close look at all of those numbers and will be very conservative for FY21.

Councilor Starkweather asked Milner what the latest on Cumberland Farms is. Milner replied that they are moving forward with the agreements. There was some delay due to COVID but it is moving forward again so a lease agreement will be coming before the Council very soon.

Starkweather also commented that he saw the former Elk’s property for sale on Zillo.com. Milner stated that she spoke with their attorney and Cumberland is going in there.

Councilor Dzujna asked if Cumberland will settle with the Elk’s. Milner replied yes and they need to complete the lease agreement with the City first for the other two pieces. After that has been signed off, then they will close with the Elk’s property.

Councilor Testerman stated that she understands that the stabilization money is going directly to the schools and is not unanticipated funds however, she heard there will be additional state funds going to the schools. She asked if these second round of funds would be considered unanticipated funds. Milner replied that unanticipated funds work differently between a city and a town. If that is happening, the City can appropriate the funds. Milner will follow-up with Superintendent LeGallo. Testerman’s concerns are if that money is coming in, it should be decided by City Council on where it should go. Police and Fire deserved to receive some of that funding should it be coming. Milner replied that if the state designates if for the schools, she doesn’t believe that the Council can make changes to where it goes. Milner stated that she will find out more and follow-up with Testerman.

Mayor Giunta added that there is \$30M of state funds allocated for schools but there hasn’t been further information however it will likely follow the stabilization formula. Giunta further suspects that it will be dedicated to the schools. He will start asking more at future meetings with the Governor. Testerman replied that she would like to see the school repay some of the money that has been given to them over the past several years. She continued to state that the City is pinching pennies and have had to let certain repairs wait due to lack of funds. Our roads are in need of desperate repair, our police, and fire need more funding as well.

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

Roll call to adjourn:

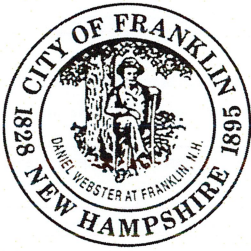
Councilor Brown	Yes	Councilor Dzujna	Yes	Councilor Zink	Yes
Councilor Clarenbach	Yes	Councilor Bunker	Yes	Councilor Testerman	Yes
Councilor Desrochers	Yes	Councilor Starkweather	Yes	Councilor Trudel	Yes

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey Lanzillo



**City Council Special Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2020
Webmeeting via zoom**

Council in attendance remotely:

	Location/others in attendance
Mayor Tony Giunta	Dialing in from home/no others present
Councilor Jo Brown	Dialing in from home/no others present
Councilor Scott Clarenbach	Dialing in from home/no others present
Councilor Bob Desrochers	Dialing in from home/ wife Janet is present
Councilor George Dzujna	Dialing in from home/ no others present
Councilor April Bunker	Dialing in from home/ no others present
Councilor Ted Starkweather	Dialing in from home/no others present
Councilor Olivia Zink	Dialing in from home/no others present
Councilor Karen Testerman	Dialing in from home/husband Dave is present
Councilor Paul Trudel	Dialing in from home/no others present

Others attending remotely: City Manager Judie Milner, Police Chief David Goldstein, Fire Chief Mike Foss, Planning and Zoning Director Dick Lewis and members of the public.

Mayor Giunta opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m. using remote meeting software through Zoom. He welcomed the Council and Read the Compliant Statement Right to Know Law During the State of Emergency.

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilor Dzujna.

Mayor Giunta stated that he was contacted by Councilor Starkweather with a request to reconsider the vote that was taken last Monday evening; May 4, 2020.

Agenda Item I.

Council to reconsider the Council vote on scheduling a public hearing for the adoption of the Commercial Solar Pilot Agreements with Franklin Town Solar 1 LLC, Franklin Town Solar 2 LLC, Commercial way Solar LLC, and Mark and Duffy Street Solar Gardens.

Motion – Councilor Starkweather moved that the Franklin City Council reconsider the Council vote on scheduling a public hearing for the adoption of the Commercial Solar Pilot Agreements with Franklin Town Solar 1 LLC, Franklin Town Solar 2 LLC, Commercial way Solar LLC, and Mark and Duffy Street Solar Gardens.

Seconded by Councilor Brown.

Councilor Desrochers called a point of order stating that the motion to reconsider should be a motion to rescind. He also requested the recusal of the Mayor due to his employment at NOBIS and involvement

with solar and environmental projects. Desrochers stated that the Mayor also has close ties with Mr. Pearlman who is in charge of the Mark Road and Duffy Street Solar Garden project.

Mayor Giunta replied to Desrochers stating that reconsideration of the vote is allowed and appropriate as there has not been a follow up meeting since the prior City Council Meeting. Mayor Giunta responded to the request to recuse himself by stating that there isn't a project or a person that he doesn't know when it involves these types of projects. He continued to add the NOBIS has been involved in these types of projects and will be happy to recuse himself of answering any questions unless specifically addressed to him however he will remain in charge of this Council Meeting.

Councilor Zink called a point of order stating that setting a public hearing requires a date and time.

Motion – Councilor Starkweather moved to amend his motion to reconsider to include in the public hearing, Monday, May 18th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Seconded by Councilor Brown.

Councilor Brown	Yes	Councilor Dzujna	Yes	Councilor Zink	No
Councilor Clarenbach	No	Councilor Bunker	Yes	Councilor Testerman	Yes
Councilor Desrochers	No	Councilor Starkweather	Yes	Councilor Trudel	No

Motion PASSED.

Mayor Giunta stated that is now back open for discussion and explained that the City Manager had additional information which was sent to all the Councilors therefore questions can be posed based on that information.

Councilor Testerman asked if the \$4K a year would be paid to the City on July 1st, 2020. City Manager Milner replied that is correct. Testerman asked if the solar arrays on private property remain at \$4K a year or will it be reassessed as it should be according to property value changes every year. Milner replied that it will remain \$4K for the duration of the agreement of \$20 years however the property taxes will be a separate amount.

Councilor Clarenbach stated that this is setting a tax rate for these projects at \$4K per year without an increase during the 20 year time frame. Clarenbach stated concern that the Assessing Office hasn't provided information on what a megawatt of solar arrays are valued at so the City can understand what kind of discount will be given. Once this is agreed on and set, any future solar array projects that may come into Franklin would need to be given this same rate. Clarenbach asked Milner if that is correct and she agreed that his statement is correct.

Clarenbach would like more information on what other communities are doing before moving this along to a public hearing.

Milner stated that a Megawatt equates to \$10k-\$12K at a regular tax rate. Clarenbach replied stating that the projects are not viable for \$6K per year in taxes. He also stated that in Milner's email, she stated that Mojalaki would be unable to make it as far as it's projected use of a winery if they had to pay

full tax rates. Clarenbach stated that some of the numbers don't make sense in reference to a \$6K per year investment. Milner replied that the solar arrays would depreciate.

Councilor Trudel agrees with Clarenbach and stated that there is a big difference in the per megawatt rate mentioned. Trudel asked if the \$9K per year rebate was also for 20 years. Milner replied that it was over the life of the project which would start after the project was completely built not on July 1st. Milner further explained that it is a yearly rebate over the life of the project. The rebate could be between \$9k-\$15k from the privately owned projects that would go to the City

Councilor Testerman asked City Manager Milner why the City wants to go into this agreement for 20 years and not a shorter duration. Milner replied that the PILOT agreements go along with the landowner's lease agreements and the 20 years will start when the project is built.

Councilor Desrochers did some research on Blue Planet and found a couple of their other projects located in New Hampshire. One is a Conway landfill with no listed owner and the other is Commerce Way Solar with no listed owner. He stated that it is known that Commerce Way Solar is owned by a foreign entity. What would prevent another foreign entity from taking over the other solar projects.

Desrochers stated that he spoke with Mr. Fife and on a low price year, the 11 acres that the City is giving away, Mr. Fife yields \$912 per acre. That equates to \$10,032 of 11 acres of prime farmland. On a high price year, an acre yields \$1,424 in crops which equates to \$15,664. This farmland has rich soil which has been farmed for over 100 years. Most farmers would be lucky to have a crop field like Mr. Fife and the City wants to put solar arrays on it. Desrochers stated that his opinion on this has not changed and he feels this is a bad deal for Franklin. He is not in support of it. Solar can be built in other areas like landfills and ash pits.

Mayor Giunta stated that some of the information Desrochers provided is incorrect. He stated that Commerce Way is not owned by a foreign entity. It is owned by Rob Pearlman. The Industrial Park Drive project is owned by a foreign entity

Milner went back to Councilor Testerman's question stating that the payback on solar is between 8-12 years and the reason for the 20 year lease.

Councilor Brown replied to Councilor Clarenbach's concerns about doing better than \$4K and stated that if we don't try this or something similar, what other projects will bring this kind of potential \$9K-\$15K rebate. If the City does nothing then the City gets nothing in return. She continued by asking if the City should start somewhere and hope for the high end of that \$9K-15K once the project is completed.

Councilor Brown asked Councilor Desrochers how many acres Mr. Fife owns and who receives the \$10K that Mr. Fife's farming yields. The Police, Fire, and school have needs. She asked if the money he earns from property that belongs to the City goes into his own pocket.

City Manager Milner stated that lease agreements are already in place for this property for 20 years. Mr. Fife leases this property from the City every year. It is a year to year lease.

Councilor Desrochers replied to Councilor Brown stating that the money Mr. Fife earns from farming the

property goes back into the farm. There aren't a lot of farmers anymore and becoming less. There are only two local farms left. One in Franklin and the other in Boscawen. Mr. Fife maintains the land and fertilizes it so it isn't all profit. It has been in his family for generations. Desrochers stated that it would be a disservice to the City to put Solar Panels on prime farming land.

Councilor Bunker stated that she heard that Mr. Fife has not been farming the area of the property where the solar panels would be going on and if not, she asked if that was because he wasn't allowed to is it Mr. Fife's choice.

Milner replied that it has not been farmed due to the lease being in place and the possibility of the solar array construction. Mr. Fife has not been allowed to farm the 11 acres.

Councilor Bunker asked Milner if the amount Mr. Fife's lease goes to the City. Milner replied that he pays about \$500 per year which goes to the City.

Councilor Brown asked how much land Mr. Fife actually farms. Desrochers replied that he believes it is 30 acres. Milner stated that she would check on the City's website and come right back with an answer to the Council.

Councilor Zink asked several questions. She asked if this project has interconnection approval from the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and she heard there was a new PUC rule that would disallow adjoining properties. Next, she asked Planning and Zoning Director Dick Lewis if Lot lines were adjusted for these properties. Zink then asked if the Power Purchase agreement is doing an offload or offset and if so, has it been approved with Eversource. Zink then stated that a few of the agreements have a 2% increase every year or a cost of living increase and asked for a reason why we don't have either of those.

Zink then stated that projects like this in NH seem to be more challenging to build and asked what guarantee we have that this one will be built so we don't see the same thing happen again where 5 years ago this was supposed to be built but it wasn't.

Mayor Giunta invited Planning and Zoning Director Lewis to respond to Councilor Zink if he knew some of the answers. Zink stated her first question on whether the projects' interconnections were approved by PUC. Director Lewis stated that to his understanding, based on the solar array project at the end of Industrial Drive, interconnection approval happens at the tail end of the project. He is pretty confident that it will happen that way with all of the solar projects.

Lewis then addressed Zink's question on lot lines. He stated that the City property at the end of River Street was subdivided into two separate parcels approximately two years ago. This permits the solar company to build one megawatt on each parcel. The Commerce Drive project was subdivided into three separate parcels approximately one and a half years ago. This allows the solar arrays to build one megawatt on each parcel. The Duffy Dr./Mark Rd. project had already been approved by the Planning Board. They are actually two separate projects: the Sanborn Street Foundry Project and the Mark/Duffy project. The southern portion will be used for the solar arrays. He stated there has been some difficulties with net metering and does not have any information on a 2% a year cost of living increase on the private property solar projects.

City Manager Milner stated that there was a power purchase agreement with the original agreements to purchase power directly from the solar arrays and that had an escalator in it. At the time we were already in a consolidated purchasing agreement with several communities and school districts so our power rate is low. The City doesn't purchase directly from Eversource so it wouldn't work for us therefore we negotiated the power purchase agreement out of the agreement. This is where the 2% came in.

In reply to Councilor Brown, Milner stated that the Fife Trust has 194 acres.

Mayor Giunta asked Councilor Zink if all her questions were answered. She stated that her question on whether a new PUC rule had come down wasn't answered. Mayor Giunta explained that the new rule is in effect and the interpretation of the new rule was already made by the PUC. He stated that he believes the date was January 1, 2020 and forward. The new rule does not recognize subdivisions of properties after that date for the one megawatt project. The properties in tonight's discussion were all subdivided before the January 1st deadline.

Mayor Giunta stated that Zink's question regarding interconnection isn't something that he has the answer or is privy to. Giunta further stated that if the motion is approved to move to a public hearing tonight, he will have the owners of Blue Planet and New England Solar Garden to come in and speak on exactly where they are when it comes to interconnection and submittals to the utilities.

Councilor Testerman asked how much land at Webster Place does Mr. Fife actually farm. She also asked if the PILOT for Franklin Town Solar 1 and Franklin Town Solar 2 is not approved will the lease continue. She also asked if the City is considering a new 20 year lease at this point and the reason for the public hearing request. Testerman also asked if it is possible to separate the projects.

City Manager Milner replied that she isn't sure of the 194 acres how much Mr. Fife farms. This public hearing request is for the PILOT's only and not for a new lease. The lease is already in place and not being considered as part of the public hearing. If the PILOTS are not approved, the lease continues regardless. Milner also stated that the projects can not be separated out because of State RSA which states that the same PILOT agreements must be offered to each project.

Mayor Giunta apologized to Mr. Marty Parichand who has his hand raised and informed him that tonight's meeting is only for the Council to decide whether to bring it to Public Hearing where then the public can provide input.

Councilor Clarenbach agreed that five years ago when the City was going to purchase electricity, there was an escalator in the expense to the City. And now since we are the owner of this PILOT, the City is in agreement that we do not include an escalator and it would remain in force for 20 years. Clarenbach asked the Council if everyone is really interested in giving a PILOT to a for profit business without any escalators for 20 years. Taxpayers will have increases in their taxes for the next 20 years so what benefit is in it for them.

Brown replied to Clarenbach stating that she understands his escalator concern. She continued to state that if the public hearing on the PILOTS is approved, there would be a potential to bond for \$1M. There are plenty of areas that could use some of that money as it can go a long way. Brown asked the Council

to consider the long term effects of a \$1M bond. She asked if the alternative would then be putting in a trailer park.

Councilor Trudel stated that the amount of money that would be earned from Mr. Fife's crop, the same can be said about the Solar Array companies and the profits that can be realized from them. Mojalaki has been taken off the table. Milner clarified that the \$9-\$15K rebate relates to the Mark Rd. and Duffy St. private project but not the Franklin Town Solar 1 or Franklin Town Solar 2 projects. Trudel stated his concern of locking into the \$4K per megawatt per year for 20 years and asked if this is really something the City wants to lock themselves into.

Councilor Bunker asked if tonight's meeting was to agree to bring this to a public hearing and not actually to vote on it. Mayor Giunta confirmed that is correct. Mayor Giunta stated that he has never seen something discussed for this length of time to bring it to public comment. He continued to state that the Council should keep an open mind because the public may want these types of projects or they may not.

Councilor Desrochers repeated that five years ago the Council heard these solar companies wanted to build and they were going to pay the City but neither happened. He also stressed that tonight isn't just about voting to bring it to a public hearing because on that same night, the Council will actually vote on agreeing to the terms of the PILOT Agreements. He is in agreement with Councilors Trudel and Clarenbach that locking into \$4K per megawatt per year is essentially forever.

Desrochers questioned the acreage of that Mr. Fife can farm. It is conservation land so only a small portion can be farmed. Desrochers stated that Mr. Fife saved that land from an investor that wanted to buy it and put houses all over it. Instead, Mr. Fife's family trust allows it to be used for outdoor recreation and in turn, the City is worried about him making \$15K a year farming crops on 11 acres.

Councilor Dzujna stated that this has been a great conversation and happy to hear from the new younger Councilors and those that have been here a while who already listened to this when it came up five years ago. He thanked City Manager Miler for scheduling this meeting. Dzujna asked if there has been an evaluation of solar projects in New Hampshire. He stated that he's aware that solar power arrays in other states pay higher rates.

Milner replied that she is unaware of a specific New Hampshire study however New Hampshire's electrical rates are much lower than our neighboring states. Milner also explained that sometimes lease amounts are less but the PILOT is more and vice versa so they basically average out.

Mayor Giunta replied to Councilor Dzujna on the lease agreements for Franklin Town Solar 1 and Franklin Town Solar 2. Giunta compared these with other lease agreements in the state and they are paying \$10K per megawatt per year to the landowner.

Councilor Trudel asked if the public is going to be given enough information to make an educated decision on what this project entails. He is in support of a public hearing however the information needs to get to the residents so they are informed and understand what this all means. Trudel asked how this information will be presented to the public. It needs to be in a chronological and

comprehensive way.

Mayor Giunta replied to Trudel stating that he is making great points and it is absolutely important for the public to attend a hearing and provide comments.

Milner stated that her plan is to create a new Council Agenda Report (CAR) with information in chronological order. This can be blasted out via along with the Public Hearing. If the plan is to schedule the public hearing on May 18th, we will not have ten clear days until May 26th at the earliest. The motion will need to be amended to state a Public Hearing on May 26th.

Councilor Trudel stated that he would like to see the public face to face on this issue but what it will come down to is if people are really concerned and want to voice their opinion, they likely may have to dial into a virtual meeting.

Milner stated that if people felt uncomfortable attending or speaking at a virtual meeting, they could always email the City Manager their questions in advance and they can be addressed at the public hearing meeting.

Councilor Dzujna stated that everyone can also contact their Councilor and vice versa.

Councilor Zink stated that the agreement needs a few changes especially adding “per megawatt of solar” as it currently doesn’t explicitly state that. There are also a few corrections necessary before it goes out to the public for a public hearing.

Councilor Bunker asked if there is a public hearing on this, would the Council vote the same night or could there be a motion to vote at another date. Mayor Giunta replied that there would be a scheduled public hearing, public input would be taken, then it comes before the Council where the Councilor makes a motion to approve the PILOTS. Then there would be open discussion between the Council before the actual vote takes place. The vote could be that night, there could be a request for more information and a non-vote until information is received. It could be approved, or it could be denied that same night. Giunta stated that the vote normally follows the public hearing on the same night but it doesn’t have to follow that same common route.

Councilor Desrochers stated that during the last meeting on May 4th, a decision was supposed to be made that night to hurry up and schedule a public hearing by May 13th so they could get their funding. That didn’t happen and the next possible public hearing date is May 26th. He stated that he is confused as to how this will now affect their funding. He is also opposed to having a virtual public hearing. Desrochers added that this is not emergency business and the only thing that should be discussed in virtual meetings is emergencies.

Mayor Giunta stated that there is a question on validity and does the public hearing really need to happen quickly.

City Manager Milner responded that they would like to obtain their funding as soon as possible so they can begin the construction. She also stated that if the City is going to extend a PILOT Agreement, it

needs to be done before the first tax bill of FY21 is issued.

Mayor Giunta stated that we are not ready to conduct a face to face City Council meeting yet. There have been meetings so far where we needed to pass things and offer the public to join for public hearing or public comment. The City has passed a few things that needed to be passed. He further added that everything we pass is important and this solar PILOT is just as important as the other things. The Governor stated that he is not going to release Executive Order for months and probably until not until September at least. Giunta stated that he is not going to open up Council Chambers and take that risk for just this one issue.

Councilor Clarenbach stated that he agrees with the Mayor in that he's been going to City Council Meeting for many years and has never seen a topic go on and on in order to set a public hearing. He strongly suggests that this information be looked at thoroughly to make the right decision. He agrees with Councilor Zink on making the corrections to the agreement before the public hearing. If there are any changes to the agreement after the public hearing notice goes out, another public hearing meeting needs to be scheduled.

Clarenbach stated that there is not enough information to go to public hearing at this point and the agreement needs changes before it goes out to the public. Clarenbach asked Milner if this is similar to the budget where the numbers could increase but could not decrease the numbers after the public hearing. Milner replied that similar to the budget, she believes the numbers could be decreased but not increase without another public hearing. Clarenbach stated that a decrease would be detrimental to the public but an increase would be a benefit so it has the opposite effect in this situation. He asked if we are doing this as a benefit to the solar power company or a benefit to the citizens. Milner used the example of when the City receives Grant money, we still need to hold a public hearing to add it to the budget.

Clarenbach stated that the Council doesn't have enough information at this point. Information is needed from the assessor on what the value of a one megawatt solar array is. Milner replied that we received that information from our assessor early on and it is \$10-\$12K per megawatt. Milner added that the array depreciates and wouldn't remain at the \$10-\$12K every year. She will include this new information in an updated CAR.

Clarenbach also added that if this goes to a public hearing, there couldn't be any further changes made otherwise it would have to go to another public hearing. He asked if specific changes would be made without the Council's knowledge or would there be another chance to review the agreement before it went out to public hearing.

Mayor Giunta replied that the City Manager would use her discretion as when any simple edits are made to a document after the Council reviews it but if there is anything outside of those boundaries, it would need to come back to the Council. At this point the changes requested from Zink and Starkweather are minor. Adding the word megawatt and a couple of other minor changes can be done in the next day or two and there would still be ten clear days to notify the public of a public hearing. Giunta added that if something more than that comes up, the Council will need to come back together and the deadline will be missed but that is what we will need to do.

Milner stated that she could make any changes in the next day or two with redlines so they will be easily

visible and send it to the Council for review.

Councilor Testerman stated that since Franklin doesn't have a newspaper, she feels we have limited ways to inform the public. She asked if there are other ways to inform the public and wondered if a podcast with City Manager Milner and Kathy Rago would be a good idea. This could be posted on Facebook and other social media locations.

Mayor Giunta replied and mentioned that those are good ways to provide information to the public but those are not the official ways a City notifies the public of a hearing. If there is time, any subsequent outreach would be fine.

Trudel asked if the Council could review the actual public notice prior to it being sent out. There have been a lot of questions this evening and he is wondering if they have all been answered to the satisfaction of the Council and from those who raised those questions.

Milner replied that the public hearing notice is placed in the newspaper and very costly. It wouldn't be the entire Council Agenda Report but we can add a reference in the public notice pointing to a location on the City website where all the details can be found. An email blast can also be sent to those who signed up to receive them.

Councilor Brown added that information stating that this has been in front of the planning board, the abutters have been notified, and this includes a \$1M bond to the City should be highlighted so the public can see that all the appropriate steps have been taken. Receiving the bond may be the single most important thing to the residents so all of this information must be included in the CAR.

Councilor Testerman stated that mention of the bond should also include information on how that money would be used and that it would be used for critical resources or necessary equipment for the Fire Department, the Police Department, or Municipal Department and not just to hire people or for general operating expenses.

Councilor Starkweather stated that he is not a fan of virtual meetings as he has been having trouble being recognized and there are members of the public that have the same technical difficulties. He stated that the reason he asked for the motion to reconsider was due to all the questions that the Council has brought up tonight. Starkweather reminded the Council that out of the 194 acres that Mr. Fife has, the issue is 10 acres of City owned property that Mr. Fife leases from the City and the two should not be confused. He continued to mention that a lot of this has already been approved by the Planning Board and the Council's vote on this could have ramifications on what the Planning Board has already approved.

Planning and Zoning Director Dick Lewis stated that if the Planning Board gave their approval for a project but then the City Council did not approve or delayed approval, certain permits or state regulating factors could lapse. There is generally a couple of years to move a project forward if something is holding it up.

Starkweather stated that a lot of the focus tonight has been on Franklin Town Solar 1 and 2 therefore he is wondering what the affect is on the Commerce Drive project since it has already been approved by

the Planning Board. Director Lewis stated that the Commerce Drive project was approved in 2015 and more recently decisions were made to expand and subdivide the property so it could become three separate individual projects. This triggered a new site plan approval for all three of the projects. The subdivision has taken place but the site plan approval from the Planning Board has not taken place yet.

Milner clarified that there is only one megawatt project from Commerce Drive that is part of the current PILOT agreement in front of the Council. The other two that are going before the Planning Board would need to come before City Council for another separate PILOT agreement.

Starkweather wanted to Council to understand that Commerce Drive and Commercial Way are different locations and should not be mixed up. It needs to be clear to the public. The Weglarz project on Commercial Way is not part of this vote. Mayor Giunta added that the solar project on Commercial Way has been better known as the Industrial Park Solar Project.

Councilor Clarenbach called a point of order that the motion was incorrect then because it states Commercial Way and it should reference Commerce Drive. Milner agreed that he is correct. She checked on the original PILOT agreements and it should read Commerce Way LLC. The correct name of the project is Commerce Way LLC.

Councilor Brown addressed Starkweather's concern asking for clarification on what would happen if a project was approved by the Planning Board but not by the Council. Director Lewis replied that the site approval goes to the Planning Board and the PILOT agreement goes to the Council. There haven't been instances where this has happened before where a decision was reversed by the Council.

Director Lewis asked if it was possible to add the Weglarz project to this PILOT agreement since it would have to follow suit and receive the same PILOT agreement anyway per RSA. Milner replied that she tried to reach out to the current owners but have not heard back but suspects she will when they receive their tax bill. She stated that the property is up for sale as well so once a new owner purchases it, then it will likely come before the Council.

Starkweather stated that he wishes these projects could be separated because the Mark and Duffy Street Solar Project has already been through the approval process and they could be moving their project along with a PILOT agreement. Having them included in this current PILOT is holding them up. Milner replied that all of the projects, sans the Mojalaki project, have been through the approval process and can proceed. Lewis stated that there were changes to the Commerce Way LLC project and now there needs to be new site approvals for this location.

Milner stated that based on this new information, Commerce Way LLC would need to be removed from this current PILOT agreement. She reviewed the projects and megawatts that would be included in this current PILOT agreement as follows: Franklin Town Solar 1 (one megawatt), Franklin Town Solar 2 (one megawatt), and Mark Rd (one megawatt), and Duffy Street (one megawatt).

Motion – Councilor Clarenbach moved to table this PILOT agreement.

Seconded by Councilor Testerman.

Roll call to table:

Councilor Brown	Yes	Councilor Dzujna	Yes	Councilor Zink	Yes
Councilor Clarenbach	Yes	Councilor Bunker	Yes	Councilor Testerman	Yes
Councilor Desrochers	Yes	Councilor Starkweather	Yes	Councilor Trudel	Yes

Motion PASSED.

Mayor Giunta stated that the Council has made history with the longest discussion to set a public hearing in history of the City of Franklin.

Mayor Giunta thanked everyone for their tremendous input. We want to get this right and then bring it back to vote after corrections have been made.

There was no other business to discuss.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Clarenbach.

Councilor Desrochers addressed Councilor Starkweather directly and stated that the 194 acres is conservation land west of the Merrimack River and has limitations on what can be done on that land. Mr. Fife has approximately 30 acres to farm of City property.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Clarenbach. Seconded by Councilor Desrochers.

Roll call:

Councilor Brown	Yes	Councilor Dzujna	Yes	Councilor Zink	Yes
Councilor Clarenbach	Yes	Councilor Bunker	Yes	Councilor Testerman	Yes
Councilor Desrochers	Yes	Councilor Starkweather	Yes	Councilor Trudel	Yes

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey Lanzillo



City Council Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2020
Webmeeting via zoom

Council in attendance remotely:

	Location/others in attendance
Mayor Tony Giunta	Dialing in from home/no others present
Councilor Jo Brown	Dialing in from home/no others present
Councilor Scott Clarenbach	Dialing in from home/no others present
Councilor Bob Desrochers	Dialing in from home/ no others present
Councilor George Dzujna	Dialing in from home/ wife Christine is present
Councilor April Bunker	Dialing in from home/ no others present
Councilor Ted Starkweather	Dialing in from home/no others present
Councilor Olivia Zink	Dialing in from home/no others present
Councilor Karen Testerman	Dialing in from home/no others present
Councilor Paul Trudel	Dialing in from home/no others present

Others attending remotely: City Manager Judie Milner, Police Chief David Goldstein, Fire Chief Mike Foss, Planning and Zoning Director Dick Lewis and members of the public.

Mayor Giunta opened the meeting at 6:10 p.m. using remote meeting software through Zoom. He welcomed the Council and informed the Council that he has been to many GoTo Webmeetings and Zoom meetings and he believes our is run the best.

Mayor Giunta Read the Compliant Statement Right to Know Law During the State of Emergency.

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilor Zink.

Public Hearing

Resolution #17-20 – a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to file two grants totaling \$105,000 from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to be used towards the City's Water and Sewer Infrastructure Project.

Public Hearing opened at 6:17 p.m.

Councilor Desrochers requested a moment of silence however Mayor Giunta respectfully asked that he request this again momentarily after the Public Hearing which just opened.

Mayor Giunta asked if there was anyone from the public that would like to provide comments regarding Resolution #17-20. There were none.

The Public Hearing for Resolution closed at 6:19 p.m.

Mayor Giunta invited Councilor Desrochers to restate his earlier request.

Councilor Desrochers stated that with this past Memorial Day weekend in remembrance of our deceased service members and also for the first responders that were lost due to this current pandemic. Desrochers also asked to remember Councilor Steve Barton who passed away this past month. Mayor Giunta requested a moment of silence for everyone mentioned.

Comments from the Public

Resident Mrs. Janet Desrochers, Ward 2 stated that she wanted to speak to item number seven within the City Manager's update regarding elections. Mrs. Desrochers stated that she was disappointed that none of the Moderators or the Ward Clerks were updated or polled for input. She continued to state that no-one from Ward 2 had been asked to provide input on a poll location change. Mrs. Desrochers stated that it is sad when the people who volunteer to work the elections are not given the opportunity to give their input. She heard that one of the polling locations to be considered is the High School. The school has spent time sanitizing the building and if this location is chosen, she asked if the City would reimburse the School because re-sanitizing will need to be done. She is in support of a change in current location because it is too small to practice social distancing.

Mayor Giunta thanked Mrs. Desrochers and stated that there is a lot of information to discuss on this topic and he thanked her for voicing her concern. There will be more to come on this.

Mrs. Christine Dzujna Ward 1 resident stated that the Franklin Public Library is now offering curbside pick-up with a request to remain in your vehicle until the employee returns to the building. Hours of operation will be 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. There is also storytelling time broadcast by Kristy Leighton. She reads some of her favorite books and posts it on the Library's Facebook page.

The Library is offering a free 14 day account to read books on kindle or the Library's electronic books, magazines, or audio from Overdrive.

Mrs. Dzujna then provided an update on the Animal Shelter. They are operating by appointment only until further notice. A portion of Mrs. Dzujna's audio was breaking up regarding the 5K walk/run fundraiser she was providing information on.

Leigh Webb, Ward 3 resident stated that he has not been receiving email notifications of any budget hearings and asked if there are meetings going on. Mayor Giunta replied stating that the budget meetings have been held off as a suggestion from the Governor due to the changes going on in Washington. Governor Sununu is trying to get a better definition of how to use the \$1.25B that have come from the Federal Government to offset some costs due to COVID.

Mr. Webb then asked if there is a timeline for the opening of City Hall so he can pay his property taxes in person. City Manager Milner replied that the Emergency Operations Center group is meeting every other week. A subcommittee has formed which will address the reopening of all City buildings. A report on their recommendations will be provided to Milner next week.

Mr. Webb stated that he noticed the City is considering privatizing trash pick-up and he wondered if Northfield was polled for feedback. Milner replied that the City polled several other communities including Northfield, Tilton, Belmont, and outside of that area as well.

Per the request of the Ward 2 Elections Moderator Tamara Feener, she asked that the following be read because she was unable to attend this evening. Executive Secretary Audrey Lanzillo read the email statement sent in by her.

Per our discussion on upcoming 2020 elections for Ward 2.

1. We are very disappointed this is last minute and the Moderator, Ward Clerk, Assistant Moderator, and election workers were not pulled into the discussions.
2. We haven't even received any real guidance/protocols from the State on voting during COVID-19. How can you make a logical decision without all the facts?
3. Concerned about voter notification of the change.
4. This will be the 4th time Ward 2 voting location has changed.
5. That this is ONLY a temporary change for the 3 upcoming elections.
6. Moderator, Ward Clerk, and Assistant Moderator involved with the set-up of the polling place.
7. We would be agreeable to Bessie Rowell as a temporary polling place for Ward 2.
8. All three Councilors from each ward must be in attendance for the entire day for both State Primary and General/Presidential elections. No excuses...they need to clear their calendars – all hands on deck.
9. We'll need assistance with election material being picked up/returned to City Hall.

Thank you,

Tamara Feener, Moderator of Ward 2

Councilor Dzujna stated that he also received an email from Tamara Feener and he read the following:

1. The removal of Tennis Courts on Evergreen Ave./Cedar Ct. plans to put in a playground. I have a problem with that idea because we aren't really taking care of the playgrounds we have now. Why add another.
2. Street and sidewalk potholes need to be taken care of throughout the City.
3. The Gazebo at Odell Park railings need to be fixed/replaced. I see it as a liability to the City.
4. The fencing around Odell Park needs to be replaced/fixed and new parts being added. Again, it's a liability to the City.

Thank you,

Tamara Feener

Mayor Giunta thanked Councilor Dzujna and stated that the people that need to hear them are in the meeting listening this evening.

There were no further comments from the public.

Public Comment ended at 6:38 p.m.

City Council Acknowledgement

Councilor Bunker gave a shout out to Director Lewis. Bunker received a phone call from a very unhappy Ward 3 resident regarding trucks that were using Duffy Road to work on the solar project. Bunker called Director Lewis early Friday morning and he had it resolved by 9 a.m. the same morning.

Councilor Dzujna stated that flowering plants will be delivered to our Downtown on June 3rd. Dzujna thanked Choose Franklin and the Community Day Committee because they are taking over the payment of the flowers and cost for watering the flowers. This gives FBIDC a break this year on that so they can put more money toward Downtown revitalization efforts this year.

Mayor Giunta also thanked both organizations as it is one of his favorite things to see as he drives into Downtown.

Councilor Brown recognized Superintendent LeGallo and the School Board for their efforts during the last couple of months delivering food to students and making the graduates have a special graduation day under the circumstances. Teachers, Fire Department staff, and Police Department staff have been involved in the parades for the students. Brown continued stating they have gone above and beyond thinking of the students and their families during this very difficult time.

Councilor Bunker echoed Councilor Brown's comments and also thanked Officer Tracy and comfort dog Miller for going out too and presenting 58 scholarships to the recipients. The students missed out on dressing up and having the special graduation dinner this year so Tracy and Miller made it very special for the students by delivering the scholarships to their homes. She also thanked the Science Teacher Mr. Lomabard and Guidance Counselor Desiree Smith also went along to help deliver the scholarships.

Mayor Giunta stated that he is happy to hear this good news. There is a lot of bad things on the news all around the country and he thanks God every day that he lives where he does. Sometimes it is taken for granted but not this evening. He thanked Councilor Bunker for bringing forward these recognitions.

Mayor's Update

Mayor Giunta stated that the Governor has been holding a weekly meeting with all of the Mayors across the state. This past Thursday was the first time he heard the Governor provide some insight as to when he thinks things will go back to normal where he would end his Executive Orders and State of Emergency which is looking like fall. It looks like it will continue through the summer and when the kids get back to school, we might see some sort of back to normal.

Agenda Item I.

Council is to consider the minutes of the January 16th City Council Special Meeting Fire Department SWOT Analysis.

Councilor Bunker stated that she was not in attendance at this meeting therefore will abstain from the vote to accept the minutes.

Motion – Councilor Brown moved that the Franklin City Council approve the minutes of the January 16th, 2020 City Council Special Meeting Fire Department SWOT Analysis.

Seconded by Councilor Desrochers.

Councilor Testerman stated that she worked with Chief Foss to combine the audio with the slide presentation and believes there was discussion on making available on the City website. She stated that it was a great presentation that informs the public about what is going on.

City Manager stated that she remembers the conversation about putting it on the website and will look into a status.

Councilor Starkweather stated that a change is needed on page 2 of 8, fourth paragraph where there is discussion on a ladder truck. It should say **staffed** Ladder truck meaning that it is manned and ready to respond.

Councilor Zink stated that on page 6, 2nd paragraph where there is discussion on regionalization. She believed the discussion to be regarding cooperative training between Tilton, Northfield, and Sanbornton. This was more about the cooperative training and not regionalization. She requested changing the word regionalization to Cooperation between communities.

Roll call to approve the minutes as amended:

Councilor Brown	Yes	Councilor Dzujna	Yes	Councilor Testerman	Abstain
Councilor Clarenbach	Abstain	Councilor Starkweather	Yes	Councilor Bunker	Abstain
Councilor Desrochers	Yes	Councilor Zink	Yes	Councilor Trudel	Yes

Motion PASSED.

Agenda Item II.

City Council is to consider Resolution #17-20, a resolution authorizing the City Manager to file two grants totaling \$105,000 from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) to be used towards the City’s Water and Sewer Infrastructure Improvement Project.

Motion – Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council approve Resolution #17-20, a resolution authorizing the City Manager to file two grant applications under the State of New Hampshire Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program and designate the City Manager as our authorized representative [Dzujna lost audio momentarily] [Clarenbach finished the motion] to sign and execute the grant/loan binding documents.

Seconded by Councilor Brown.

Councilor Bunker asked why in several places it references loans and in others places it references grants.

Director Brian Sullivan responded to Bunker stating that this is an unusual grant/loan program. The drinking water side normally just grants money up front. In this case, the City would borrow \$105,000 and once the project is complete, the project gets reimbursed for the full amount of the loan. Sullivan stated that he could change the wording instead to loan/grant program.

RESOLUTION # 17-20

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to file two final grant application(s) under the State of New Hampshire Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program and designating the City Manager as the authorized representative.

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin, New Hampshire after thorough consideration of the nature of its wastewater system needs, hereby determines that the undertaking of certain works, generally described as the Franklin Wastewater System, “Asset Management and Planning Grant(s) Project”, is desirable and in the public’s interest, and to that end, it is necessary to apply for assistance from the State of New Hampshire Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF); and

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin, New Hampshire has examined and duly considered the provisions of RSA 486:14 and the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Chapter Env-Wq 500, which relate to loans from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and deems it to be in the public’s interest to file two loan applications and to authorize other actions in connection therewith;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY:

THE FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL, FRANKLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE, GOVERNING BODY OF SAID CITY AS FOLLOWS:

1. That Judie Milner, City Manager for the City of Franklin, New Hampshire is hereby designated as the Authorized Representative for the purpose of filing final applications for two loan’s in accordance with New Hampshire Code of Administration Rules Chapter Env Wq 500, furnishing such information, data and documents pertaining to the applicant for loan’s as may be required;
2. That if such loans be made, Judie Milner, Franklin City Manager is the Authorized Representative of the applicant for the purpose of signing any documents pertaining to the disbursement of funds to the loan recipient and granting her the “Authority to Borrow.”
3. That if such loans be made the applicant agrees to repay the loans as stipulated in the loan agreements.
4. That a certified of this resolution be included as part of the final application’s to be submitted for each loan.
5. That Judie Milner, City Manager, at the time the loan is made, is authorized to sign the loan agreements binding the City to the terms and conditions of each loan.
6. That if such loans be made, the City agrees to make provisions for assuming proper and efficient operation and maintenance of the facilities after completion of the construction thereof.

Roll Call:

Councilor Brown	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>Yes</u>
Councilor Clarenbach	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Bunker	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Testerman	<u>Yes</u>
Councilor Desrochers	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Starkweather	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>Yes</u>

Agenda Item III.

Council is to consider the option of outsourcing the City of Franklin's solid waste collection services.

Mayor Giunta stated that Councilor Clarenbach and the MSD Committee has been talking about this for a long time and dedicated a lot of time on this subject.

City Manager Milner provided some background and stated that this has been a subject discussed among the MSD Committee for a long time so a lot of work has gone into bringing this to the Council tonight. In November 2019, the City held a Special City Council Meeting SWOT Analysis on trash. Director Sullivan presented details and costs on the City's issues with trash pick-up. Primarily focusing on our two trash trucks that are in constant repair costing the City \$180K this fiscal year and both are old and need to be replaced.

On December 27th, 2020, the MSD Committee met and discussed the options and then presented to the City Council during the January Inaugural City Council Meeting. Input from other communities and professional staff led to presenting the viable options again to the Council during another Special City Council Meeting a couple of weeks ago.

Milner shared a slide with the viable options next to status quo for comparison.

Mayor Giunta stated that typically only three Councilors get involved in subcommittees, however the MSD Committee Meetings brought the attendance of at least seven of the Councilors who provided knowledgeable input and feedback on this curbside topic.

Motion – Councilor Bunker moved that the Franklin City Council support outsourcing of the City's solid waste collection services and authorize professional staff to move forward with implementation of the program for FY2021.

Seconded by Councilor Clarenbach.

Councilor Desrochers stated that he did some calculations on the different scenarios and explained that the City will save approximately \$79K by outsourcing however the scale at the Transfer Station is going to cost approximately \$60K to replace. He suggested using the money that the City will be saving to put towards the replacement of that scale otherwise the savings will be lost if we continue to repair and not replace the scale.

Councilor Clarenbach, who is also the MSD Committee Chair, stated that this motion allows the professional staff to move forward with outsourcing curbside collection. This is the best financial option for the City.

The other important item discussed at the committee level was to review all ordinances, rules, or regulations that involve trash, within the next 6-8 months, looking at where improvements can begin. At this point, everyone who currently has curbside collection will continue to receive it. The MSD Committee will look at different efficiency opportunities, one being curbside pick-up for housing units and how the City can save money there.

Councilor Dzujna agreed with Councilor Clarenbach and added that there are savings that can be found by looking closely at existing ordinances and current processes. With the savings that will be realized, if outsourcing doesn't work out, the City should be able to revert back and purchase our own trucks.

Roll call to approve the motion in support of outsourcing curbside collection:

Councilor Brown	Yes	Councilor Dzujna	Yes	Councilor Testerman	Yes
Councilor Clarenbach	Yes	Councilor Starkweather	Yes	Councilor Bunker	Yes
Councilor Desrochers	Yes	Councilor Zink	Yes	Councilor Trudel	Yes

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

Director Sullivan thanked City Manager Milner, the MSD Committee, and the Council. He added that the last three years have been very trying times keeping curbside collection afloat. There have been numerous challenges and gave thanks to the crew who kept the trucks running. Sullivan stated the committee researched this in depth and he is confident that this is the best money saving option for the City.

Mayor Giunta thanked all of the Councilors, Director Sullivan, and City Manager Milner for working hard to find the best option for the City.

Agenda item IV.

Council is to consider the renewal of the Amateur Radio Lease for FY2021.

Motion – Councilor Clarenbach moved that the Franklin City Council approves the non-exclusive Radio Repeater Site Lease for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 with Central New Hampshire Amateur Radio Club and authorize the City Manager to execute said lease. Seconded by Councilor Desrochers.

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

Roll call to approve the Amateur Radio Lease:

Councilor Brown	Yes	Councilor Dzujna	Yes	Councilor Testerman	Yes
Councilor Clarenbach	Yes	Councilor Starkweather	Yes	Councilor Bunker	Yes
Councilor Desrochers	Yes	Councilor Zink	Yes	Councilor Trudel	Yes

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

Agenda Item V.

Other Business:

1. City Council Appointments-
 - a. **Motion – Councilor Clarenbach moved that the Franklin City Council acknowledge the resignation of Steve Foley, Ward 1 Moderator. Resignation filed with the City Clerk's Office on March 1, 2020. Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.**

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

Roll call to accept resignation:

Councilor Brown	Yes	Councilor Dzujna	Yes	Councilor Testerman	Yes
Councilor Clarenbach	Yes	Councilor Starkweather	Yes	Councilor Bunker	Yes
Councilor Desrochers	Yes	Councilor Zink	Yes	Councilor Trudel	Yes

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

Motion – Councilor Clarenbach moved that the Franklin City Council acknowledge the resignation of Jeremy Denlea, Ward 1, Ward Clerk. Resignation filed with the City Clerk’s Office on February 12, 2020.

Seconded by Councilor Desrochers.

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

Councilor Brown	Yes	Councilor Dzujna	Yes	Councilor Testerman	Yes
Councilor Clarenbach	Yes	Councilor Starkweather	Yes	Councilor Bunker	Yes
Councilor Desrochers	Yes	Councilor Zink	Yes	Councilor Trudel	Yes

Motion- Councilor Clarenbach moved that the Franklin City Council appoint Glen Carter as Ward 2 Supervisor of the Checklist (seat SCW22). Term of service is to current seat expiration of October 31, 2020.

Seconded by Councilor Desrochers.

Councilor Zink asked why the term of service goes until the end the month in October instead of the day after the elections.

City Clerk Katie Gargano replied that this has how it has always been done. Election training needs to be done and if a newly elected person took the seat immediately, they wouldn’t be very useful.

There was further discussion, questions, and suggestions from the Council and City Clerk Katie Gargano. Review of the State Statute or the City Charter was recommended before changing anything.

City Clerk Gargano stated that this scenario will happen again with the Ward 1 Ward Clerk and Ward 1 Moderator as both expire on October 31, 2020.

Amendment to the Motion – Councilor Clarenbach stated that following be added to his original motion: The term of service is to such time when a duly elected official is sworn into the office of the Supervisor of the Checklist.

Seconded by Councilor Starkweather.

Councilor Testerman stated that when anyone is elected to Office, there is a delay before they

take their seat and that it makes sense to keep the person on who is knowledgeable to complete any remaining work. She stated that when the Legislators are elected in November, they don't take office until January. This allows them time for them to learn the work. She is in support on of Clarenbach's motion.

Gargano added that it works different with election workers than state officials, where they don't wait until January to take their new position.

Councilor Desrochers asked if Mr. Carter is thinking of running in the October election. Councilor Dzujna stated that he spoke with him and thanked him for stepping up to fill this opening. He got the impression from Mr. Carter that he is in it for the long haul.

Roll call for the amendment to the motion:

Councilor Brown	Yes	Councilor Dzujna	Yes	Councilor Testerman	Yes
Councilor Clarenbach	Yes	Councilor Starkweather	Yes	Councilor Bunker	Yes
Councilor Desrochers	Yes	Councilor Zink	Yes	Councilor Trudel	Yes

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

Mayor Giunta referred to the original motion and asked if there was any discussion to the original motion. There was none.

Roll call to approve the original motion:

Councilor Brown	Yes	Councilor Dzujna	Yes	Councilor Testerman	Yes
Councilor Clarenbach	Yes	Councilor Starkweather	Yes	Councilor Bunker	Yes
Councilor Desrochers	Yes	Councilor Zink	Yes	Councilor Trudel	Yes

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

2. Committee Reports – Councilor Dzujna provided an update on the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting. Director Krystal Alpers organized the Before and After School Program during the beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Activity bags were created and delivered by the Parks and Rec Staff to the children on a bi-weekly basis. Music lessons and exercise classes were posted on Facebook for the children to follow. Re-opening the summer program will be a little different where it will open to First Responders initially. Temperature checks will be done at the door and sent home if ill.

The Beaches will be opening but it was suggested to keep the restrooms closed. This is causing a problem because people are going to the bathroom behind the building. Signs are posted on the bathroom to use at own risk. Cleaning can only be done once a day. Playgrounds remain closed until the Governor wants to open them. The Farmers Market will be opening up again as it is outdoors and room to social distance.

There are budget concerns for the Parks and Rec department as the Century 21 Grant will be running out in two more years with a tapering amount.

Councilor Testerman wanted to inform the Council that Legislation Session will resume in June.

3. City Manager's Update –

- a. Milner stated that the audio from the Fire Department SWOT Analysis is ready and approve to be posted to the City Website.
- b. Welcome back Finance Director Gaudette. Today is her first day back with a budget ready for everyone. Any numbers can be drilled down. If anyone has questions, please contact Pessy Gaudette. Mayor Giunta stated that it's wonderful to have her back.
- c. Congratulations Sergeant Guerriero and Officer Falco for locating an elderly man with dementia who walked away from his home in Bristol at 1 a.m. They are a great team!
- d. The Contingent Grant Line activity is \$160 from the Falco Patch Fundraiser, \$129.87 from the NH Drive Sober Grant, and from K-9 Miller T-shirts.
- e. The Trust Fund for school funding is at \$138.52.
- f. Milner gave a shout out to the volunteers who cleaned up the Winni River Trail. A group of volunteers took it upon themselves to clean up several homeless camps along the Winni Trail. They took over 3K pounds of trash to the Transfer Station. Milner gave a shout out to Vinny Toutain, Tina Couch, Sharon Perkins, Jeff Goulet, Judith Goulet, and Jen Dagle.
- g. Milner gave another shout out to the Morrill family for weeding the garden in front of the Police Department. It's looking great over there.
- h. The EOC for COVID-19 is in partial activation. The committee meets every other week. There is a Re-opening Committee (subcommittee of the EOC) that will visit each City building to assess what is needed in order to safely re-open. They will also generate a report out on their recommendations.
- i. Milner gave kudos to all the City employees. They work very hard and accomplish a lot with very little. Their workloads were full already and COVID-19 added more work and more protocols that make things more challenging. They have still come to work every day and did whatever was needed to be done. Seconded by Mayor Giunta.
- j. CADCA training will be on-line for three weeks. This is required training that is mandatory in order for the City to receive the Drug Free Grant. It was previously held in Alexandria Virginia and cancelled this year's location due to the pandemic. This training will provide information on attending remote meetings and addressing the new drugs in the City.
- k. The Governor's Office and the Secretary of State's Office put together a task force on what the upcoming elections should look like. They will also make sure the playing field is even with regards to how the Federal money should be distributed. Everyone should have the same access to PPE. As guidance comes forward, it will be shared the City Clerk's Office and Council.
- l. Milner has been asked to sit on the NHMA Board as a representative of the communities. As more information is given, she will share it with everyone. Consensus from the Council was that she should participate in it and that it is an honor. There were no objections from the Council for Milner to accept their request.

- m. Milner spoke with Jim SPOTTS from the US Census Bureau, he stated that the City received 10% less response rate from 2010. However we are 15% higher than the rest of the region so everyone's response rate is lower. The City will send out email blasts under News and Announcements to get people to fill out their Census.
- n. Milner asked the Council is they wouldn't mind keeping next Monday's LEAN Update on the schedule due several City projects that are moving quickly and it is possible that a couple of non-public sessions may be needed. Consensus was in favor to keep the LEAN Update for next Monday, June 8th at 6 p.m.
- o. Milner stated that every year, most of the revenues in the budget are estimates. The DRA sends us changes to the rooms and meals tax, gas tax, and other taxes then the City goes back in and makes adjustments. Milner stated that she wants to move forward even though there may be more money coming for other things from the Governor. Since we are a City and not a town, we can appropriate them as they come to us. She would like to provide a budget to the Council for June 15th for FY2021 and schedule a couple of meetings. Milner suggested the school present their budget on June 17th and the City would present their budget on June 22nd. Councilor Bunker asked if the School would be ready to present on the 17th and Milner confirmed that she spoke with them and they would be. Testerman stated that she had a conflict on the 17th and didn't know if she could make it.

Late Item

Milner stated that today is the statutory deadline to change poll locations. The Ward 2 polling location is an issue. To help combat COVID-19, people traffic flow must be one-way in and one way out. City Hall, W2 poling location, can't allow for that due to the placement of our handicap chair lift.

An email blast was sent out yesterday notifying residents of the deadline to change party affiliation and the like. Milner stated that people should register to receive the email blast because it's a great way to stay informed.

Milner stated that City Clerk Gargano created a nice Council Agenda Report which provides some background and recommendations.

City Clerk Gargano stated that there are no specific guidelines as of yet. She stated that Councilor Zink has been able to listen in to meetings occurring at the State House regarding this and so she began evaluating the pros and cons of the current Ward 2 polling location and other possible locations.

She stated that she spoke to the Ward 2 Moderator and explained the social distancing aspects that need to be incorporated. A separate entrance and exit are required as well as keeping 6 ft between each person and the voting booth. Gargano further explained different aspects and dynamics of voting day then provided her recommendation on the location.

Gargano reviewed the list with pros and cons of the locations and mentioned that she would

have like the High School because it is a central location. Since the gym is located on the second floor and walking up all the stairs is a bit much, the High School Cafeteria made the most sense for that location. The Bessie Rowel gym would work out well because it's all flat and has a separate entrance and exit however due to the schools being closed on Election Day, Bessie Rowell would have in influx of children that day.

Gargano stated that the School Board met tonight as well and approved the use of the High School for voting in either the gym or the cafeteria.

The Council asked Gargano questions and provided their suggestions. Consensus of the Council was to use Bessie Rowell due to amount of space to spread out and separate entrance and exit.

Communication on a location change would be posted on the City Website, putting up posters, using the marquee in downtown, using the lit flashing billboard, and sending postcard if necessary.

Councilor Zink stated that another option could be casting an absentee ballot to mail in. Councilor Brown was in support of this and suggested making this highly visible in any communications about the polling location change.

Motion – Councilor Desrochers moved that the polling place move to Bessie Rowell Community Center for the September elections, October elections, and the December General Elections.

Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.

Mayor Giunta added the Governor mentioned that some areas are discussing allowing voting from your car. Councilor Dzujna agreed that this could work as well at Bessie Rowell.

City Manager Milner stated that a ward wasn't mentioned in the motion.

Motion - Councilor Desrochers moved to amend the motion by adding the words Ward 2 to the motion.

Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.

There was no further discussion.

Roll Call:

Councilor Brown	Yes	Councilor Dzujna	Yes	Councilor Testerman	Yes
Councilor Clarenbach	Yes	Councilor Starkweather	Yes	Councilor Bunker	Yes
Councilor Desrochers	Yes	Councilor Zink	Yes	Councilor Trudel	Yes

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Bunker. Seconded by Councilor Desrochers.

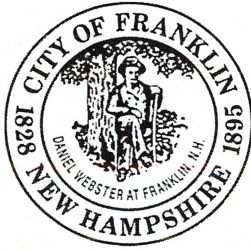
Roll call to adjourn:

Councilor Brown	Yes	Councilor Dzujna	Yes	Councilor Testerman	Yes
Councilor Clarenbach	Yes	Councilor Starkweather	Yes	Councilor Bunker	Yes
Councilor Desrochers	Yes	Councilor Zink	Yes	Councilor Trudel	Yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey Lanzillo



City Council Special Meeting Minutes
LEAN Workshop – June 8, 2020
Webmeeting via Zoom

Council in attendance remotely:

	Location/others in attendance
Mayor Tony Giunta	Dialing in from home/no others present
Councilor Jo Brown	Dialing in from home/no others present
Councilor Scott Clarenbach	Dialing in from home/no others present
Councilor Bob Desrochers	Dialing in from home/ no others present
Councilor George Dzujna	Dialing in from home/ no others present
Councilor April Bunker	Dialing in from home/ no others present
Councilor Ted Starkweather	Dialing in from home/no others present (joined at 6:22 pm.)
Councilor Olivia Zink	Dialing in from home/no others present
Councilor Karen Testerman	Dialing in from home/no others present (joined at 6:21 p.m.)
Councilor Paul Trudel	Dialing in from home/no others present

Others attending remotely: City Manager Judie Milner, Police Chief David Goldstein, Fire Chief Mike Foss, Planning and Zoning Director Dick Lewis, and members of the public.

Mayor Giunta opened the meeting at 6:09 p.m. using remote meeting software through Zoom.

Mayor Giunta Read the Compliant Statement Right to Know Law During the State of Emergency.

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilor Clarenbach.

Agenda Item I.

Economic Development Project Updates.

City Manager Milner began stating that tonight’s focus will be on the Downtown projects. She invited Director Lewis to update the Council on the status of the Peabody Home project. Lewis began stating that the Planning Office approved a demolition permit for the demo of the cottage at the Peabody Place facility and demo should begin over the next 2-4 weeks. Director Lewis and Fire Captain Steve Reale worked with the Peabody project team and Captain Reale has been involved with the architect and construction teams reviewing the building permit plans. This is a large complex project where the Fire Marshal’s Office also needs to be involved to ensure public safety.

Lewis stated that once all the pieces come together, then a building permit is issued and not too long after that, the project can move forward. He provided information on steps that will occur as the demolition and construction prepare the location for demo and new construction.

Lewis next provided an update in the IFA Building. He stated that the work is moving along quickly and

Milner walked through the planned features of this area. There will be a new parking area, walking trails, bath house, and the timber frame pavilion (set to be built this September by the Timber Frame Pavilion Guild of NH). The City just submitted a Letter of Intent for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (in-water portion feature). They are coming to do a site visit on Tuesday, June 23rd.

The interconnectivity of Mill City Park with the rest of our Downtown, the Economic Development group is planning to attend a Council meeting in July to apply for a CDBG Community Development Grant to connect Trestle View, Marceau, the Infield to Odell Park.

Councilor Dzujna thanked Milner for sharing this. It is great to see it all coming together.

Milner provided an update on PermaCityLife. She stated there is a purchase and sales agreement for the second and third floor at Toad Hall across from Franklin Savings Bank. An investment of \$250K in renovations on each of those floors was made to sell them as condo units and they should be closing on them shortly.

Councilor Zink asked if the Timber Pavilion will be a concert venue and Milner replied that there are plans to hold certain concerts there, some of which will be ticketed to help with the maintenance of the park.

Milner invited Director Lewis to provide the update on Cumberland Farms. Lewis stated that the plans for Cumberland Farms to begin work in their new location slowed considerably over the winter and COVID contributed to the project not moving. Lewis had several conversations with the Cumberland project team and there are a few site concerns that they are working through. He stated that their full site plan and layout is almost complete. Because this new location is within the Heritage Commission jurisdiction, the design, colors, etc. will need to be reviewed by the Heritage Commission. Lewis stated that an estimated time frame for breaking ground could be later this year into the fall season and potentially some construction over the winter.

Milner stated that Stevens Mill is next on the list for Eric Chinberg. The main funding has been secured and some demolition of the piece that is closest to City Hall will be coming down over the summer.

Councilor Clarenbach asked what will happen with the old Cumberland site when they move. He also wanted to know who is removing the tanks and cleaning up that site. Director Lewis stated that he would like the site to go to the City at no or low cost to make a nice gateway spot for incoming visitors. He would expect that they would remove the tanks in the ground and prepare the site for a buyer. Due to the location and age of the tanks, they will likely be drained first and prepped for removal. Lewis hopes they are removed sooner to avoid issues later.

Mayor Giunta asked if there were any questions or comments on any of the projects that were discussed.

Councilor Dzujna stated that this pandemic has brought on many challenges and he wanted to express his appreciation for the Revitalization Team who continued to work extra hard trying to continue progress with these projects.

Milner stated that there is no further business to discuss but does need to ask the Council for a non-public meeting.

Motion – Councilor Clarenbach moved that the Franklin City Council move into non-public session accordance to RSA 91-A:3, II (d), consideration of the acquisitions, 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 community. Seconded by Councilor Desrochers.

Mayor Giunta asked if there was a discussion with regards to going into non-public. There was none.

Giunta stated that everyone should have received information on dialing into a separate number with an access code to join back together for a non-public meeting.

Roll call to enter into a non-public telemeeting:

Councilor Brown	Yes	Councilor Dzujna	Yes	Councilor Testerman	Yes
Councilor Clarenbach	Yes	Councilor Starkweather	Yes	Councilor Trudel	Yes
Councilor Desrochers	Yes	Councilor Bunker	Yes	Councilor Zink	Yes

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

Entered into non-public session at 6:45 p.m.

Motion to leave non-public and return to public session was made by Councilor Bunker. Seconded by Councilor Trudel.

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

Roll call to enter leave non-public:

Councilor Brown	Yes	Councilor Dzujna	Yes	Councilor Testerman	Yes
Councilor Clarenbach	Yes	Councilor Starkweather	Yes	Councilor Trudel	Yes
Councilor Desrochers	Yes	Councilor Bunker	Yes	Councilor Zink	Yes

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

Public session reconvened at 8:12 p.m.

Councilor Trudel moved to seal the minutes because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would render a proposed action ineffective. Seconded by Councilor Desrochers.

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion.

Councilor Testerman asked when the Council would be able to review the non-public minutes. Mayor Giunta stated that the Council would seal them first and review the process afterward.

Roll call to seal the minutes:

Councilor Brown	Yes	Councilor Dzujna	Yes	Councilor Testerman	Yes
Councilor Clarenbach	Yes	Councilor Starkweather	Yes	Councilor Trudel	Yes
Councilor Desrochers	Yes	Councilor Bunker	Yes	Councilor Zink	Yes

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any further business to discuss.

City Manager Milner shared a story with the Council. She stated that we received a Right to Know request from New Hampshire Public Radio for all our Civil Rights Violations, Claims of excessive force, Assault and Battery, Beatings, Shootings, False Arrests, and False prosecution from our Police Department over the last 10 years. Milner proudly announced that has not been one.

Mayor Giunta and City Council thanked Milner for sharing that excellent information.

Councilor Dzujna asked Milner if she heard any talk about unfunding the Police Department. Milner replied that she has not.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Brown. Seconded by Councilor Clarenbach.

Roll call to adjourn:

Councilor Brown	Yes	Councilor Dzujna	Yes	Councilor Testerman	Yes
Councilor Clarenbach	Yes	Councilor Starkweather	Yes	Councilor Trudel	Yes
Councilor Desrochers	Yes	Councilor Bunker	Yes	Councilor Zink	Yes

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey Lanzillo

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM II



**CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

City Council Meeting of July 6, 2020

Subject: School Board Update

Superintendent Dan LeGallo will provide a monthly update to the Mayor and City Council.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM III



CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

July 6, 2020

From: Judie Milner, City Manager

Subject: Resolution 19-20 Appropriating COVID related expenditures & grant monies

Suggested Motion:

Councilor moves, "I move that the Franklin City Council adopt resolution 19-20 appropriating federal grant money to offset COVID related expenditures."

Mayor calls for a second, discussion and roll call vote.

Discussion:

As the Council is aware, I had frozen spending of the FY2020 budget in January 2020 as a result of some very expensive repairs needed on the City's aging fleet. This is something management generally does to be sure the City budget stays within the bottom line on an annual basis. Usually, the budget is frozen because of snow related expenditures. Then, if we are able and have the funding, City management comes together and releases funds for specific items and/or projects that were unable to be purchased as a result of the budget freeze. This year the COVID pandemic caused unforeseen spending throughout the City's budget approaching \$200,000. These expenditures were not part of the City's original appropriations and are taking away from the bottom line of the budget which in turn is making it impossible to release funding for other much needed items and projects.

Fiscal Impact:

The COVID related expenditures are reimbursed by federal CARES act and/or FEMA grant money. No impact to the City taxpayer for these COVID related expenditures; however, if not appropriated, the City will not be able to purchase items or complete projects as appropriated and supported by tax revenues in the original budget.

Alternatives:

Do not appropriate.

Attachments/Exhibits:

Resolution 19-20



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RESOLUTION #19-20

A Resolution Relating to a supplemental appropriation for Fiscal Year 2020.

In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2020 beginning July 1, 2019, **and**;

WHEREAS, the City has incurred expenses for the Covid 19 Pandemic, **and**:

WHEREAS, the City will be receiving funds to offset these expenditures, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that at their regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, July 6, 2020, the City Council of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby vote to adopt resolution #19-20 to appropriate the funds of \$200,000 (Two hundred Thousand dollars)*

An Increase in Revenue:

Federal Grants Operating- Covid 19 Acct. No. 01-0-000-33111-123,

An Increase in Expenditures:

General Government Operating Supplies-Covid 19 Expense Acct. No. 01-1-991-40610-123

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Brown _____ **Councilor Dzujna** _____ **Councilor Zink** _____

Councilor Clarenbach _____ **Councilor Bunker** _____ **Councilor Testerman** _____

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

Resolution #19-20

Approved: _____
Mayor

Passed: _____

I certify that said vote has not been amended or repealed and remains in full force and effect as of the date of this Certification and that Katie A. Gargano is the City Clerk for the City of Franklin, Franklin, New Hampshire.

A true copy, attested: _____
City Clerk

Date: _____

**CITY OF FRANKLIN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & MEETING**

In accordance with the provision of Chapter 31, Division 2 of the Franklin Municipal Code, notice is hereby given that the City of Franklin will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 6th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. regarding Resolution #19-20, Appropriating Grant Funds Associated with the COVID-19 Pandemic for Fiscal Year 2020, by remote Webmeeting either by calling 1-312-626-6799 or by computer at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81086347934>, meeting ID # 810 8634 7934. Please note, due to our current health concerns, this meeting will be held remotely.

Provisions for persons with special needs can be made by contacting the City Manager's office, via telephone or mail at least five days prior to the public hearing.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM IV



CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

July 6, 2020

Subject: **FY2021 Budget – Water & Sewer Rates**

Suggested Motion:

Councilor moves, “I move that the Franklin City Council adopts ordinance 01-21 relating to FY2021 budget water commodity and sewer disposal rates.”.”

Mayor calls for a second, discussion and roll call vote.



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ORDINANCE #01-21

AN AMENDMENT TO THE FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL CODE:

In the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty;

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Franklin New Hampshire, that the Franklin Municipal Code, Chapter 160, Fees, 160-1, Fees charges for service by the City of Franklin Water/Sewer Departments be changed as follows:

	<u>Current Fee</u>	Change To	<u>New Fee</u>
Water Commodity Charge Per 100 cubic feet	\$ 7.32		\$ 7.50
Sewer Disposal Charge Per 100 cubic feet	\$ 7.00		\$ 7.13

Fee to be effective July 1, 2020, by roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Brown	_____	Councilor Zink	_____
Councilor Clarenbach	_____	Councilor Starkweather	_____
Councilor Desrochers	_____	Councilor Testerman	_____
Councilor Dzujna	_____	Councilor Trudel	_____
Councilor Bunker	_____		

Approved: _____
Mayor

Passed: _____

I certify that said vote has not been amended or repealed and remains in full force and effect as of the

A true copy, attested: _____
City Clerk

Date: _____

**CITY OF FRANKLIN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & MEETING**

In accordance with the provision of Chapter 31, Division 2 of the Franklin Municipal Code, notice is hereby given that the City of Franklin will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 6th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. regarding Ordinance #01-21, an Amendment to the Franklin Municipal Code, Chapter 160-1 Fees, Water Commodity and Sewer Disposal Fees charged by the City of Franklin Water Department, by remote Webmeeting either by calling 1-312-626-6799 or by computer at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81086347934>, meeting ID # 810 8634 7934.

Provisions for persons with special needs can be made by contacting the City Manager's office, via telephone or mail at least five days prior to the public hearing.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM V



CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

July 6, 2020

Subject: FY2021 Budget – Fee Changes

Suggested Motion:

Councilor moves, "I move that the Franklin City Council adopt ordinance 02-21 relating to FY2021 budget Chapter 160 fee changes."

Mayor calls for a second, discussion and roll call vote.



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ORDINANCE #02-21

AN AMENDMENT TO THE FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL CODE:

In the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty;

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Franklin New Hampshire, that the Franklin Municipal Code, Chapter 160, Fees, 160-1, Fees charges for service by the City of Franklin be changed as follows (change current fee to new fee, remove deleted language):

Fees to Change:	Current Fee	Change To	New Fee
Increase Solid Waste Admin. Fee	\$15.00		\$20.00
Transfer Station: Residential and Commercial demo materials and asphalt shingles, per ton.	\$129.00		\$135.00

Roll Call:

Councilor Brown	_____	Councilor Zink	_____
Councilor Clarenbach	_____	Councilor Starkweather	_____
Councilor Desrochers	_____	Councilor Testerman	_____
Councilor Dzujna	_____	Councilor Trudel	_____
Councilor Bunker	_____		

Approved: _____
Mayor

Passed: _____

I certify that said vote has not been amended or repealed and remains in full force and effect as of the date of this Certification and that Katie Gargano is the

A true copy, attested: _____
City Clerk

Date: _____

**CITY OF FRANKLIN
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA ITEM VI



**CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**
July 6, 2020

Subject: FY2021 City Budget

Suggested Motion:

Councilor moves, "I move that the Franklin City Council Adopt resolution 01-21 appropriating the City's FY2021 budget which begins on July 1, 2020."

Mayor calls for a second, discussion and roll call vote.



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RESOLUTION #01-21

A resolution relating to Appropriations and Estimated Revenues for Fiscal Year 2021.

In the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire, that the following appropriations and revenues be made for Fiscal Year 2021:

MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS

APPROPRIATIONS:

General Operations (MS-232):

General Government	\$	1,688,070
Public Safety		5,990,857
Highways & Streets		1,464,490
Sanitation		976,292
Health		98,515
Welfare		108,074
Culture & Recreation		1,069,245
Conservation & Development		100,000
Debt Service		357,869
Capital Outlay		576,250
Interfund Operating Transfers Out		476,955
Transfer to School District		0
Total General Operations Appropriations		<u>12,906,616</u>

Other Funds:

Parks & Recreation Appropriations		15,500
Outside Police Detail Appropriations		15,500
Water Appropriations		2,009,809
Sewer Appropriations		1,684,550
Capital Projects Appropriations		0
Pass Through Grant Appropriations		20,000
Total Municipal Appropriations	\$	<u>16,651,976</u>

ESTIMATED REVENUES:

General Operations (MS-434):

City Revenues General Fund	\$	4,613,796
Use of Fund Balance		0
Interfund Operating Transfers In		274,292
Local Taxation		8,018,527
Total General Operations Estimated Revenues		<u>12,906,616</u>

Other Funds:

Parks & Recreation Estimated Revenues		15,500
Outside Police Detail Estimated Revenues		15,500
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Total Municipal Estimated Revenues	\$	<u>16,651,976</u>

Resolution #01-21

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

APPROPRIATIONS:

General Operations	\$	17,104,600
Food Service		0
Total School Department Appropriations	\$	<u>17,104,600</u>

ESTIMATED REVENUES:

General Operations	\$	11,149,507
Use of Fund Balance		286,000
Transfer from Capital Reserve		0
Local & State Taxation		5,669,094
Total School Estimated Revenues	\$	<u>17,104,600</u>

MERRIMACK COUNTY

Estimated Tax to be Raised \$ 1,797,092

INDUSTRIAL PARK TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT

Estimated Tax to be Raised \$ 27,032

FRANKLIN FALLS MIXED USE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT

Estimated Tax to be Raised \$ 58,611

VETERAN'S CREDITS

Estimated Tax to be Raised \$ 146,325

OVERLAY

Estimated Tax to be Raised \$ 31,000

Roll Call:

Councilor Brown	_____	Councilor Zink	_____
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Councilor Bunker	_____		

Approved: _____
Mayor

Passed: _____

I certify that said vote has not been amended or repealed and remains in full force and effect as of the date of this Certification and that Katie Gargano is the City Clerk for the City of Franklin, New Hampshire.

A true copy, attested: _____
City Clerk

Date: _____

CITY OF FRANKLIN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & MEETING, July 6, 2020

For the purpose of technical compliance with the notice requirements of RSA 44:10, notice is hereby given that the City Council will hold a Public Hearing and Meeting, Monday, July 6, 2020 at 6:00 PM regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget. The meeting will be held by webmeeting either by calling 1-312-626-6799 or by computer at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81086347934>, meeting ID #810 8634 7934. A summary of the proposed budget is as follows:

MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS

APPROPRIATIONS:

General Operations (MS-232):

General Government	\$1,688,070
Public Safety	5,990,857
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Use of Fund Balance	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In	274,292
Local Taxation	8,018,527
Total General Operations Estimated Revenues	\$12,906,615

Other Funds:

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Water Estimated Revenues	2,009,809
Sewer Estimated Revenues	1,684,550
Capital Projects Estimated Revenues	0
CDBG Grant Estimated Revenues	20,000
Total Municipal Estimated Revenues	\$16,651,976

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

APPROPRIATIONS:

General Operations	\$17,104,600
Food Service	0
Total School Department Appropriation	\$17,104,600

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General Operations	\$11,149,507
Transfer From Municipal	0
Use of Fund Balance	286,000
Transfer From Capital Reserve Fund	0
Food Service	0
Local & State Taxation	5,669,094
Total School Estimated Revenues	\$17,104,600

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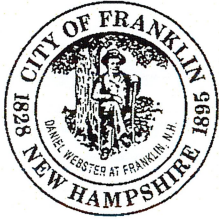
Estimated Tax to be Raised \$146,325

OVERLAY

Estimated Tax to be Raised \$31,000

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM VII



CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT
July 6, 2020

Subject: FY2021 Budget – Dispatch Capital Reserve Fund

Suggested Motion:

Councilor moves, “I move the Franklin City Council adopt resolution 02-21 establishing a new capital reserve fund for police dispatch according to RSA 34:1.”.

Mayor calls for a second, discussion and roll call vote.



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RESOLUTION #02-21

A Resolution relating to the authorization for the City of Franklin to establish a capital reserve fund for the Police Dispatch.

In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin has approved updates to the Police Dispatch and;

WHEREAS, the City will be receiving one-time surplus revenue in the amount of \$229,696 per the State 20/21 budget and the cost to update the Police Dispatch is approximately one million dollars and;

WHEREAS, the City Council has appropriated the annual funding in the FY21 budget, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin recognizes that this type of reserve is subject to New Hampshire RSA chapter 34, Capital Reserve Funds for Cities, Now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that at the scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, July 6, 2020, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby adopt resolution 02-21 authorizing the City of Franklin Trustee of Trusts Funds to establish a new capital reserve fund titled Police Dispatch for the purpose of capital maintenance and emergency repair of Police Dispatch.

By a roll call vote.

**CITY OF FRANKLIN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & MEETING**

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM VIII



**CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

City Council Meeting of July 6, 2020

Subject: Other Business

- 1. Committee Reports**
- 2. City Manager's Update**
- 3. Late Items**



Date: June 30, 2020
From: Judie Milner, City Manager
Subject: City Manager's Update

- 1) Contingent Grant Line Activity – none for the month
- 2) Trust fund for school funding - \$138.52
- 3) Congratulations, Chief Goldstein, NAMI Law Enforcement award
- 4) Firefighter Glines retirement – Best Wishes
- 5) White water park shorelands permit received!
- 6) Partial Activation of EOC (COVID-19) – monthly meetings, reopening of City Hall & other buildings
- 7) CADCA required training – virtual week 2 July 13-16 11am-5:30pm daily
- 8) LEAN meeting – 7/13