



FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

April 27, 2016

7:00 PM

ACTIONS TAKEN

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – [April 6, 2016](#)

ACTION: The Council approved the April 6, 2016 minutes. *Approved 9-0.*

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS – *This meeting is being recorded by Franklin TV and shown on Comcast channel 11 and Verizon channel 29. This meeting may also be recorded by others.*

C. PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS –

D. CITIZEN COMMENTS – *Citizens are welcome to express their views for up to five minutes on a matter that is not on the Agenda. The Council will not engage in a dialogue or comment on a matter raised during Citizen Comments. The Town Council will give remarks appropriate consideration and may ask the Town Administrator to review the matter.*

E. APPOINTMENTS - [Chief of Police](#)

ACTION: The Council ratified the Town Administrator appointment of Thomas J. Lynch as the Town of Franklin's next Police Chief effective July 1, 2016. *Approved 9-0.*

F. HEARINGS [Zoning Bylaw Amendment 16-753: Zoning Map Changes From Single Family Residential IV to General Residential V in an Area on or Near West Central Street - Public Hearing – 7:10 PM](#)

(Councilor Bissanti recused himself from this hearing topic and left the Council Chamber.)

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS - [Franklin Elks Lodge #2136 – Change of Manager](#)

ACTION: The Council approved the Change of Manager for the Elks Lodge #2136. *Approved 9-0.*

H. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS - [Facilities Department](#)

I. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

J. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

1. [Resolution 16-27: To Authorize the Issuance of Refunding Bonds – 2/3 Vote](#)

ACTION: The Council approved the issuance of refunding bonds to save taxpayers funds by taking advantage of the current low interest rate market. *Approved 9-0.*

2. [Resolution 16-28: Appropriation Downtown Improvements Project – simple majority](#)

ACTION: The Council approved a \$60,000 appropriation for downtown beautification improvements, which will include decorations, banners, holiday decorations and American flags for the downtown streetscape after the downtown renovation has been completed. **Approved 9-0.**

3. [Resolution 16-29: Acceptance of Gift to Franklin Public Library- simple majority](#)

ACTION: The Council accepted the public gift of \$25,000 to the Library for digitization of old town records and newspapers. **Approved 9-0.**

4. [Resolution 16-30:Appropriation DPW Equipment – Skid Steer – simple majority](#)

ACTION: The Council approved the expenditure for a new Skid Steer for the DPW. **Approved 9-0.**

5. [Zoning Bylaw Amendment 16-753: Zoning Map Changes From Single Family Residential IV to General Residential V in an Area on or Near West Central Street - 1st Reading \(Motion to move Zoning Bylaw Amendment 16-753 to a 2nd Reading – simple majority\)](#)

ACTION: The Council continued the First Reading of this proposed zoning change to the next Council meeting. **Approved 8-0** (Councilor Bissanti recused himself from this hearing topic and left the Council Chamber.)

6. [Bylaw Amendment 16-754: Chapter 47, Alcoholic Beverages – 2nd Reading \(Motion to approve Bylaw Amendment 16-754 – majority vote of full Council \(5\) - Roll Call\)](#)

ACTION: The Council approved the final reading of a new town bylaw that requires all alcohol licensees to have mandatory safe service of alcohol training program for each employee. **Approved 9-0.**

7. [Bylaw Amendment 16-757:To Amend the Code of the Town of Franklin by adding a New Chapter to Require that Property Owners Provide Notification to Public Safety Officials of the Existence of Certain Structures and/or Uses – 2nd Reading \(Motion to approve Bylaw Amendment 16-757 – majority vote full Council \(5\) - Roll Call\)](#)

ACTION: The Council approved the final reading of a new town bylaw that will require all owners of flat top roofs to properly display if they have solar panels to ensure adequate safety of all firefighters in the event of an emergency. **Approved 9-0.**

K. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

L. OLD BUSINESS

M. NEW BUSINESS

N. COUNCIL COMMENTS

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION - *To discuss strategy with respect to litigation relative to the Plain Street Tax Title Land*

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