

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**AGENDA ITEM V**



**CITY OF FRANKLIN  
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

*November 4, 2013 City Council Meeting*

**From:** Richard Lewis, Director of Planning and Zoning

**Subject:** Scheduling of Public Hearing for Proposed Resolution

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**Proposed Motion:**

"I move that the Franklin City Council schedule a public hearing for Monday, December 2, 2013: at 6:07 PM to consider the passage of Resolution 05-14 to authorize additional revenues and expenditures related to the preparation of engineering studies and plans for certain improvements to Industrial Park Drive".

**Discussion:**

The City Manager and Staff have been meeting to discuss the proposed improvements to Industrial Park Drive. The problem identified for this roadway is that the surface of the road is badly compromised with significant bumps and dips, with the edge of the roadway deteriorating in many locations. These problems result from inadequate drainage management and a less than desirable cross-section of the roadway. Concerns over these problems have been voiced by industries located in the Industrial Park; truck loads have shifted during transport because of the poor conditions of the roadway.

The overall improvements to the roadway were highlighted in the Tax Increment Financing [TIF] plan approved by the City Council in February, 2013. Given the importance of Industrial Park Drive as the very visible entrance to the Park, and the desire of the City to see the Park grow and prosper, the need to undertake improvements to the roadway is seen as a necessary task, and it is the opinion of staff that the improvements should be undertaken in the near future.

The City Council's Municipal Services Committee met on October 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss the issues related to the condition of Industrial Park Drive. After a comprehensive discussion of various options, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the City Council that funds from the Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund [funded through a small percentage of auto registration fees] be used for the necessary engineering studies and plans. Once the plans are completed, the City Council and staff will have a better understanding of the total construction costs associated with the project.

As noted in the text of the Resolution, the Transportation Fund has an 8/30/13 balance of \$171,472, and it is proposed to utilize \$30,000.00 for the engineering work. City staff will work with the City Manager on the selection of the firm to conduct the work.

At the Committee meeting, the estimates for the construction work were discussed. Based on current figures for time and materials, the work will be in the range of \$168,000. Better estimates can be developed next spring once the engineering work is complete.

The construction work can be funded through some combination of Municipal Transportation Improvements Funds and available TIF funds. Attached is a page with an outline of the estimated costs associated with the proposed improvements.

It was noted at the Committee meeting that there are cheaper alternatives that could be explored for the work detailed on the cost estimate page. In the opinion of Staff though, possible alternatives would not serve the interests of the City and the current and future businesses located in the Business and Industrial Park. Unless the inadequacies with this roadway are properly addressed, we will again see drainage problems and surface deterioration that will act as a deterrent to new businesses locating in Franklin.

**Alternatives:**

If the City Council did not approve the Resolution to authorize the expenditure of Municipal Transportation Improvement Funds for this engineering work, the condition of Industrial Park Drive will continue to deteriorate thus acting as a disincentive to new companies to locate in the Business and Industrial Park.

**Attachments:**

- 1. Proposed Resolution 05-14**
- 2. Cost Estimates for the improvements to the roadway**

**RESOLUTION #05-14**

**A Resolution Relating to a Supplemental Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2014.**

**In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Thirteen,**

**WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire has adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2014 which began July 1, 2013, and;**

**WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin wishes to encourage economic growth and development in the Franklin Business and Industrial Park, and;**

**WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin acknowledges that the current condition of Industrial Park Drive does not reflect well upon the wishes to encourage development in the Park, and;**

**WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin has available Municipal Transportation Improvement Funds that can be used for transportation related projects, and;**

**WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Franklin would need to undertake certain engineering studies and have plans prepared in order to construct improvements to Industrial Park Drive, and;**

**WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Franklin understands that this Transportation Fund has a balance, as of the end of August, 2013, of \$171,472, Now**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that at the scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, December 2, 2013, the City Council of the City of Franklin does hereby approve Resolution 05-14 authorizing an increase in revenues:**

**Transfer in from Capital Reserve Fund Acct No. 01-2-000-39150-000 – Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000),**

**And an increase in the expenditure account Capital Outlay, Roads, Account No. 01-9-014-40798-000 in the total amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the purposes of preparing the required engineering studies and plans,**

**By a roll call vote.**

**Resolution #05-14**

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**Roll Call:**

<b>Councilor Clarenbach</b>	_____	<b>Councilor Dzujna</b>	_____
<b>Councilor Giunta</b>	_____	<b>Councilor Cournoyer</b>	_____
<b>Councilor Boyd</b>	_____	<b>Councilor Feener</b>	_____
<b>Councilor Desrochers</b>	_____	<b>Councilor Trudel</b>	_____
<b>Councilor Starkweather</b>	_____		

**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 Holly Burbank is the City Clerk for the City of Franklin, Franklin, New Hampshire.**

**A true copy, attested:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City Clerk**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Cost Estimates for the Industrial Park Drive Improvement

Work Item / Task	Linear Feet of Improvement or material list	Cost per foot or per specific material	Estimated Cost	Comment
Guard Rail replacement	150 feet	\$12.00	\$1,800.00	
Roadway Reclaim	1240' @ 24 ft wide	\$2.25	\$7,439.00	2 - 1.5" base lifts and 1 - 1.5" top course
Roadway Reclaim	90' @ 24 ft wide	\$2.25	\$540.00	2 - 1.5" base lifts and 1 - 1.5" top course
Roadway Reclaim	195' @ 48 ft wide	\$2.25	\$2,340.00	
Drainage Upgrades	430'	\$85.00	\$36,550.00	18" drainage pipe; 5 new catch basins or manhole structures
Drainage Improvements	1095'	lump sum	\$8,500.00	shoulder restoration, creation of swales, stabilization work
Asphalt curbing	440'	\$16.00	\$7,040.00	installed around the median strip
Paving ( 3 - 1.5 inch lifts)	1,019 tons	\$74.00	\$75,414.00	
<b>Sub-Total</b>			\$139,623	
Contingency (20%)			\$27,924	
<b>Sub-Total</b>			\$167,547	
Engineering Plans (15%)			\$25,132	
<b>Total Project Cost</b>			\$192,679	



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## 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, December 2, 2013 at 6:07 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall concerning Resolution #05-14 concerning the authorization of additional revenues and expenditures related to the preparation of engineering studies and plans for improvements to Industrial Park Drive.**