



FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

February 1, 2017

7:00 PM

Actions Taken

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 18, 2017

Action: The Council approved the January 18, 2017 minutes. *Approved 9-0.*

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS –

1. *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 – Swearing in of Police Officers

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

F. HEARINGS – 7:10 PM

1. *Zoning Bylaw Amendment 17-779: Changes to Chapter 185 Section 3 Definitions*
2. *Zoning Bylaw Amendment 17-780: Changes to Chapter 185 Section 4 Districts Enumerated*
3. *Zoning Bylaw Amendment 17-781: Changes to Chapter 185 Section 5 Zoning Map*
4. *Zoning Bylaw Amendment 17-782: Changes to Chapter 185 Section 7 Compliance required*
5. *Zoning Bylaw Amendment 17-783: Amendment to Chapter 185 Section 49 Marijuana Use Overlay District*

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS 7:10 PM

1. *Joe's American Bar & Grill – Change of Manager*

Action: The Council approved the Change of Manager. *Approved 9-0.*

H. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

I. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

J. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

1. *Resolution 17-04: Acceptance of Grant of Utility (Drainage) Easements (majority vote (5))*

Action: The Council approved the acceptance of grant utility. *Approved 9-0.*

2. *Resolution 17-05: Request for Special Legislation, Re: Authorization for State to Convey Article 97 Land to Town (majority vote (5))*

Action: The Council approved the request to file special legislation to authorize the state DCR to make a land swap with the Town of Franklin to expand the Beaver Street recycling facility in the future. **Approved 9-0.**

3. *Zoning Bylaw Amendment 17-779: Changes to Chapter 185 Section 3 Definitions - 1st Reading (Motion to move Zoning Bylaw Amendment 17-779 to a 2nd Reading - majority vote)*

Action: The Council approved five bylaws that are required to comply with a new state law regulating marijuana. The bylaw changes create an entire Marijuana Use Overlay District, designed to ensure no recreational marijuana establishment could be set up in any part of Franklin outside of the three industrial parks on Constitution, Grove and Forge Parkway. The Overlay District also makes any use by special permit only. **Approved 9-0.**

4. *Zoning Bylaw Amendment 17-780: Changes to Chapter 185 Section 4 Districts Enumerated - 1st Reading (Motion to move Zoning Bylaw Amendment 17-780 to a 2nd Reading - majority vote)*
5. *Zoning Bylaw Amendment 17-781: Changes to Chapter 185 Section 5 Zoning Map - 1st Reading (Motion to move Zoning Bylaw Amendment 17-781 to a 2nd Reading - majority vote)*
6. *Zoning Bylaw Amendment 17-782: Changes to Chapter 185 Section 7 Compliance required - 1st Reading (Motion to move Zoning Bylaw Amendment 17-782 to a 2nd Reading - majority vote)*
7. *Zoning Bylaw Amendment 17-783: Amendment to Chapter 185 Section 49 Marijuana Use Overlay District –1st Reading (Motion to move Zoning Bylaw Amendment 17-783 to a 2nd Reading - majority vote)*
8. *Bylaw Amendment 17-784: Repeal Sign Restrictions Bylaw – 2nd Reading (Motion to move Bylaw Amendment 17-784 – majority roll call vote (5))*

Action: The Council repealed the signs restricts bylaw which was house cleaning by removing old bylaw language. **Approved 9-0.**

9. *Bylaw Amendment 17-785: Repeal of Sidewalk Snow and Ice Removal Bylaw - 2nd Reading (Motion to move Bylaw Amendment 17-785 – majority roll call vote (5))*

Action: The Council repealed the requirement that businesses must remove snow off sidewalks due to the inability to accurately enforce it. Note: the bylaw prohibiting placing snow in any public street remains and will be proactively enforced by the community. **Approved 9-0.**

K. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
L. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
M. COUNCIL COMMENTS

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION
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