



TOWN OF FREEPORT

Town Council Meeting #08-24

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Beginning at 6:00 PM

Town Council Chamber, 30 Main Street, Freeport, Maine

Virtual Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86363494932>

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FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: Pledge of Allegiance

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS: To waive the reading of the minutes of Meeting #07-24 held on April 2, 2024, and to accept the minutes as printed.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS: Announcements (15 minutes)

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Information Exchange (15 minutes)

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Town Manager's Report (40 minutes)

- Sue Baker, Floodplain Management
- Swearing in of new Deputy Fire Chiefs.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Public Comment Period – (15 Minutes)
(Non-Agenda Items Only-In person attendees)

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: To act on the following items of business as read by the Council Chairperson:

ITEM # 122-24 To consider action relative to adopting the April 23, 2024, Consent Agenda.

BE IT ORDERED: That the April 23, 2024, Consent Agenda be adopted.

(Council Chair Egan) (5 minutes)

ITEM # 123-24 To consider action amendments to Chapter 66 Cannabis Establishment Licensing Ordinance to increase the number of Cannabis Cultivation Facility Licenses from four (4) to six (6). **PUBLIC HEARING**

The Chair opens the Public Hearing
The Chair closes the Public Hearing

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BE IT ORDAINED: That amendments to Chapter 66 Cannabis Establishment Licensing Ordinance to increase the number of Cannabis Cultivation Facility Licenses from four (4) to six (6) be approved.

(Town Planner, Caroline Pelletier) (10 minutes)

ITEM # 124-24 To consider action relative to setting a Public Hearing regarding amendments to Chapter 32, Shellfish Conservation Ordinance to add procedures for an Apprenticeship License Program, amend the lottery procedures for unissued licenses, and to add a License Fee Reduction Program.

BE IT ORDERED: That a Public Hearing be set for May 7, 2024, at the Town Council meeting starting at 6:00PM in Freeport Council Chambers, 30 Main Street for amendments to Chapter 32, Shellfish Conservation Ordinance to add procedures for an Apprenticeship License Program, amend the lottery procedures for unissued licenses, and to add a License Fee Reduction Program.

(Harbormaster, Charles Tetreau) (15 minutes)

ITEM # 125-24 To consider action relative to setting a Public Hearing to discuss amendments to Section 413. Village Commercial 1 (VC-1) District of the Freeport Zoning Ordinance regarding maximum height standards.

BE IT ORDERED: That a Public Hearing be set for May 7, 2024, at the Town Council meeting starting at 6 pm in Freeport Council Chambers, 30 Main Street to discuss amendments to Section 413. Village Commercial 1 (VC-1) District of the Freeport Zoning Ordinance regarding maximum height standards.

(Town Planner, Caroline Pelletier) (10 minutes)

The specific change would be to remove the limitation on the number of stories, which is currently limited to three stories. The maximum height, which is currently 45 feet, would remain unchanged.

ITEM # 126-24 To consider action relative to the Town Council-appointed Ad Hoc Housing Task Force's recommendations for Town actions to support the creation of new housing development for the purpose of increasing the supply of available units, consistent with the Town Comprehensive Plan and Freeport Downtown Vision Plan.

BE IT ORDERED: That the Housing Task Force's four recommended near-term action items be approved and endorsed as presented.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the Town Manager be authorized to integrate the Task Force recommendations with current and future Town activities, to allocate appropriate staff resources necessary to carry out the Task Force recommendations, and to submit a status report on or around November 2024.

(Council Chair, John Egan) (20 minutes)

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ITEM # 127-24 To consider action relative to authorization of the RSU5 Budget Validation Referendum Warrant and Notice of Election.

BE IT ORDERED: That the Town Council authorize the RSU5 Budget Validation Referendum Warrant and Notice of Election.

(Town Clerk, Christine Wolfe) (5 minutes)

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Public Comment Period – (15 Minutes)
(Non-Agenda Items Only - Virtual Attendees)

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Introductory Discussion on Option for Limited Renewal of the Destination Freeport TIF District (Town Manager, Sophie Wilson and Brett Richardson, FEDC Executive Director) (15 minutes)
2. Presentation Operating, Capital and TIF Budget (Finance Director, Jessica Maloy) (15 minutes)

END OF AGENDA (Estimated time of adjournment 9:15 PM)

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