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FRAMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

ORDER NO. 2020-016
REQUEST OF THE COUNCILOR OTTAVIANI

UPON THE REQUEST OF COUNCILOR OTTAVIANI, IT IS SO ORDERED:

That the City Council votes support of a Resolution to establish a Blue Ribbon Commission for the following purpose:

To advise municipal leaders in identifying and meeting the short- and long-term needs of its leaders, workers, and residents to have safe, efficient and effective space to convene and conduct the business of the municipality of Framingham, including recommendations for ordinances and budgets to achieve its recommendations. The Commission shall survey the needs of public officials and municipal workers, identify opportunities to utilize innovate structures, techniques and technologies to achieve operational efficiencies, and solicit input from the public in developing a comprehensive plan for Framingham's Capital assets. The Commission shall present its report to the City Council no later than October 1, 2020.

The full language of the Resolution follows this Order.

YEAS: Cannon, Case, King, Leombruno, Ottaviani, Stefanini
NAYS: Bryant, Long, Shepard, Steiner, Stewart-Morales
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: All Members were present
PASSED IN COUNCIL: FEBRUARY 25, 2020

A True Record, Attest:

3/4/2020

Date Approved

Lisa A. Ferguson
Lisa A. Ferguson, City Clerk

Resolution

- Whereas,** the good stewardship of our public assets requires an inclusive and transparent process, consideration of our short- and long-term needs, and development of a comprehensive plan; and,
- Whereas,** Framingham's capital assets are in need of improvements in excess of our legal means to make such replacements or repairs; and,
- Whereas,** Framingham's seat of government in its Memorial Building, a tribute to our residents that paid the ultimate sacrifice, is one such public asset; and,
- Whereas,** Framingham residents, officials and employees want a modern, efficient, effective, and accessible place for making governmental decisions, implementing municipal programs and services, and conducting business with and for the residents of Framingham that retains the best and most capable workforce, encourages collaboration, and promotes innovation; and,
- Whereas,** Framingham Town Manager convened a Committee on Building Plan Implementation, so-called Blue Ribbon Committee, to develop a plan for our public assets; now,
- Therefore,** be it resolved by the City Council of Framingham to build on the efforts of the former Blue Ribbon Committee with the creation of a Blue Ribbon Commission to update its findings and recommendations for the good stewardship of our public assets, including the seat of our local government.

Be it resolved by the Framingham City Council, as follows:

SECTION 1. Blue Ribbon Commission

A. Commission: The Blue Ribbon Commission shall be comprised of the following nine (9) members, or their respective designees: the Mayor, chair of the City Council, chair of the School Committee, chair of the Disability Commission, chair of the Council on Aging, chair of Historical Commission, chair of Framingham Business Association, the MWRTA director, and the City Historian. In addition the Council Chair shall appoint the following individuals from a pool of interested candidates: architect, military veteran, civil engineer, additional member of City Council, retired Framingham municipal employee, and an officer of a Framingham municipal union. This brings the composition of the commission to a total of fifteen (15) members.

B. Purpose. The purpose of the Blue Ribbon Commission is to advise municipal leaders in identifying and meeting the short- and long-term needs of its leaders, workers, and residents to have safe, efficient, and effective space to convene and conduct the business of the municipality of Framingham, including recommendations for ordinances and budgets to achieve its recommendations. The Commission shall survey the needs of public officials and municipal workers, identify opportunities to utilize innovative structures, techniques and technologies to achieve operational efficiencies, and solicit input from the public in developing a comprehensive plan for Framingham's capital assets. Said Commission shall make its report to the Council no later than October 1, 2020.

C. Membership, Terms and Vacancies. Any vacancy in the membership of the Commission not filled by each respective organization within thirty days of notification by the city clerk shall be filled by the chair of the council.

SECTION 2. Effective Date

This resolution shall take effect upon its passage. The Resolution was approved by the City Council on February 25, 2020.