

City of Framingham

The City Council of Framingham



ORDER NO. 2022-049-001
REQUEST OF THE ORDINANCE AND RULES SUBCOMMITTEE

UPON THE REQUEST OF THE ORDINANCE AND RULES SUBCOMMITTEE, THE CITY OF FRAMINGHAM, THROUGH THE FRAMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL, IT IS SO ORDERED:

That the City Council vote to authorize the Mayor to establish a Blue Ribbon Commission, as shown below:

Establishing a Blue Ribbon Commission to Invest in our Municipal Campus

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, Downtown landowners and businesses want our municipal corporation to be a good neighbor by investing in our buildings and grounds in our commerce center; 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 Council of Framingham to constitute and charge said Blue

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Ribbon Commission to make investigation and recommendations for the good stewardship of our public assets, including the seat of our local government.

Be it resolved by the Framingham Council, as follows:

SECTION 1. Blue Ribbon Commission to Invest in our Municipal Campus

A. Commission: The Blue Ribbon Commission be comprised of the following fifteen (15) members, or their respective designees: the mayor, chair of the council, chair of the school committee, chair of the planning board, chair of the disability commission, chair of the newly reconstituted Economic Development Committee, chair of Framingham Business Association, Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) representative, dean of the legislative delegation, and, select by the mayor, a veteran, retired municipal employee, municipal union leader, two downtown residents, and downtown business owner. The Commission will be co-chaired by the representatives of the mayor, council, school committee, and planning board.

B. Purpose. The Commission purpose 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 and school department of Framingham, including recommendations for ordinances and budgets to achieve its recommendations. Said report shall include recommendations to enhance our downtown campus that includes a new municipal office building, renovation of the Memorial Building as a community, cultural and meeting center, other public facilities, and additional parking spaces. The Commission shall survey the needs of public officials and municipal and school 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 also consider transportation improvements and potential new justice center. Said Commission shall make its report no later than November 1, 2022.

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.

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
FRAMINGHAM, MA.

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YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Cannon, King, Leombruno, Long, Mallach, Ottaviani, Stefanini,
Steiner, Stewart-Morales
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: All members were present in person or via teleconferencing
PASSED IN COUNCIL: JUNE 21, 2022

A True Record, Attest:

6/27/2022
Date Approved

Lisa A. Ferguson
Lisa A. Ferguson, City Clerk
Emily L. Butler, Assistant City Clerk

~~6/28/22~~
Date Approved
~~*Charlie Sisitsky*~~
Charlie Sisitsky, Mayor