



**Franklin City Council Agenda  
April 2, 2020  
Franklin City Hall Council Chambers  
207 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
6:00 P.M.**

**Because of the infectious nature of COVID–19, this meeting  
will be conducted by conference call.  
There will be no quorum of elected officials at Franklin City  
Hall or public access to the facility.**

**Interested citizens may join in the meeting by dialing  
1-408-418-9388  
Attendee access code: 247 378 63**

**CALL TO ORDER. . . . . MAYOR FRANK M. RABIL  
ROLL CALL . . . . . MAYOR FRANK M. RABIL**

- 1. Consideration of the Possible Suspension of Electric Utility Cutoffs Through June 10, 2020.**
- 2. ADJOURNMENT**



Office of The City Manager  
Amanda C. Jarratt

March 31, 2020

To: Franklin City Council

From: Amanda C. Jarratt, City Manager

Reference: COVID-19 Utility Discussion

### **Background**

As you all are well aware COVID-19 has an unprecedented impact to the Country, Commonwealth, and the City of Franklin. Utilities across the Country have suspended cutoffs during the State of Emergency Declaration as the President and the Governor of Virginia have encouraged citizens to stay at home in an effort to stop the spread of COVID-19.

There are four actions requested for consideration to provide direction to staff.

- Authorize the suspension of the cut off of all utilities through June 10, 2020 in alignment with all other utilities in the Commonwealth of Virginia and out of respect of Executive Order 53 and 55.
- Authorize City Administration to enter into a payment plan for requesting one negatively impacted by COVID-19.
- Consider authorization of two extensions to be utilized by businesses and individuals negatively impacted by COVID-19 through March of 2021.
- Make a decision on the status of late fees, penalties, and interest for those that do not pay their bill through June 10, 2020.

The financial impact on the City per month if penalties and interest were waived is \$12,500.00 in the electric fund and \$4,100.00 in the water and sewer fund. A four-month impact to the City funds would translate to \$66,400.

### **Needed Action**

Four specific action items are requested:

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