



Meeting Agenda

Sustainability Commission

Friday, April 10, 2026

8:00 AM

Admin 2-B

CALL TO ORDER

CITIZEN COMMENTS (Open for citizens to be heard on any issue or concern, including those related to items on the agenda. Please submit a Speaker Card at the beginning of the meeting if you would like to address the Commission. If you would like to speak on an agenda item, the Chair will hold your comment until the public comment period associated with the item. As provided by law, the Commission shall make no decisions or consideration of action of citizen comments for items not on the agenda, except to refer the matter to the Planning Director/Staff for administrative consideration, or to a schedule the matter for consideration at a later date. Those addressing the Commission are requested to come to the microphone and identify themselves by name and address for the official record. The Chair may restrict the period for public comment, including the length of the public comment period, the number of individuals who can speak and the length of time each individual may speak. When time allows, the standard individual public comment time is two minutes.)

Comments on agenda items may be made in person or by emailing PlanningIntake@FranklinTN.gov before noon on the day of the meeting. Emailed comments will be provided to the Commission and included in the minutes, but not read aloud in their entirety during the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration Of Approval Of February, 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes

NEW BUSINESS

2. Announcements
3. Roadside Litter Pick Up Update
4. Glass and Large Cardboard Recycling Update
5. Bee City USA Update
6. Discussion of Policy Guides and Potential Topics for 2026
[Sustainability Policy Guides](#)

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

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8:00 AM

Administration Conference Room 2B

Call To Order

Chair Christina Christiansen called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Members Present: Anna Timme, April Eaton, Christina Christiansen, Brian Stone, Keith Gordon, Meredith Zehnder, Alan Pramuk, Beverly Burger, Jim Mahurin

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Andrew Orr, Joel Aguilera, Eric Conner, Trevor Hannon, Katie Walker

Citizens Present: Ned Dannenburg, Kay Matthews, John Kell

Citizen Comments

Kay Matthews mentioned the city rights-of-way and how the streets crew is doing an excellent job maintaining the Bee City gardens. She inquired whether there is a plan to expand the program to additional medians, downtown or highways. Additionally, she addressed National Honey Bee day and if the City does anything to advertise or celebrate, requested that the name be changed “National Bee Day” and gave examples of resources available on this topic.

Approval of January 16, 2025, Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the January 16, 2025, meeting minutes as presented, by Jim Mahurin, seconded by Beverly Burger. The motion carried with all in favor.

Announcements

Andrew Orr announced that the city has set up satellite locations for recycling including glass and cardboard.

Litter Survey

Andrew Orr introduced this topic and stated that there was full participation in this year’s litter survey. He went through each area and there was brief discussion regarding the areas that needed attention. The scores were similar to the scores from the previous year.

There was specific concern addressed regarding the area in front of the mall and Alderman Beverly Burger advised that she has spoken with the people that maintain the area. They addressed the areas that they maintained as well as the areas that were outside of their property and provided contacts for those. Alderman Burger met with the additional property owners to address the maintenance concerns.

Chair Christina Christiansen stated that the entire area has been looking a lot better.



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All were in agreement.

Additionally, there was discussion regarding the interchange at 96 and Murfreesboro Road. Alderman Burger stated that she has asked Eric Stuckey to put more money in the budget to disperse crews to this area to keep it cleaned up. She went on to address how this interchange is also very outdated and is very low on TDOT's list of priorities. She will be meeting with Marsha Blackburn in order to do something about the safety of this area. Emergency vehicles cannot get through because vehicles have nowhere to pull over.

Andrew Orr thanked everyone for their participation. The results are communicated back to our streets department.

Alderman Burger mentioned a program called "trash-er-cize" which entails going out to get exercise while picking up trash. She would like the city to look into bringing this back and partnering with Keep Williamson Beautiful for supplies.

Bee City USA

Andrew Orr mentioned that the Sustainability Commission is the entity that oversees the Bee City program and there will be periodic updates provided.

Outreach: The City had a booth in the Tree Commission's Arbor Day event where they handed out seed packets, bookmarks and spoke with community members. There was also a booth at the Mayor's State of the City Address which we will continue to do as well. He encouraged everyone to attend this event on May 20.

Fire Station 1 Gardens: Located off highway 96 West. There are two gardens in the back and one in the front. Maintenance for the first year was provided by city staff. It was difficult starting from seeds and some plants took while others did not. In the fall, all three gardens were refreshed in partnership with Natchez Glen. There will be some interpretive signage added to the front near the multi-use trail. Gresham Smith will be sponsoring an additional garden in Bicentennial Park. There will be a planting date for this garden in April.

Downtown Beds: The streets department oversees the downtown landscaping and they have taken a lot of pride and intentionality to fill in the rights-of-way with native plants. The next area that will be addressed is along 1st Avenue as well as the McEwan interchange.

Alderman Burger stated that she wishes they would address the area along Cool Springs Blvd. because of the vast grass fields. She gets many calls about the grass being very high.

Andrew Orr responded that the streets team wants to start smaller and gets some wins before they take on larger areas.

Harlinsdale Farm: Friends of Franklin Parks is working with Kindred Land Management on a 6-acre tract at the North Entrance of the farm and will be installing native grasses and wildflowers.

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Site Visits and Next Steps: We will continue to steward the Fire 1 gardens and the Bicentennial Garden. Streets will continue native plantings within rights-of-way and Harlinsdale Park will get started by Friends of Franklin Parks and Kindred Land Management. Additionally, Alderman Potts has expressed interest in adding areas within Ward 3. We are also required by Bee City USA to have an integrated Pest Management Plan so we will be working with the Streets Department and Parks Department on what that should include. We will also be participating in Arbor day, State of the City, Pollinator Week and National Honey Bee Day.

Keith Gordon asked if the Pest Management Plan will include herbicides and seed selection for the grass.

Andrew Orr explained that the plan would address herbicides but that the goal is to try and minimize the use and there will be signage posted before and after applications.

2026 topics and activities

Andrew Orr asked the Commission for ideas on topics and activities for the year. Recurring items will include Bee City, the Litter Survey and the Solar Project. He also plans to have someone come in to brief the Commission on the cardboard and glass recycling efforts.

Brian Stone suggested an update on the City Hall project.

April Eaton suggested a disaster preparedness effort and possibly partner with the Emergency Management Association.

Anna Timme would like to see the Bee City efforts scaled to increase communication and target the biggest developers to inform and encourage the use of native plants and pollinator gardens. She also suggested working with the owners of commercial properties to potentially stop using herbicides and pesticides and with local HOAs to encourage the use of native plants and add this to their published community guidelines.

John Kell mentioned that they are working with the HOA for Cottonwood to help them incorporate native plant suggestions in their community guides and to remove invasive species from their open spaces.

Kay Mathews suggested passing an ordinance to require all developers to plant native plants.

Jim Mahurin mentioned that knowing what to plant is a very complicated task and he believes that what people need are planting models to follow based on the size of the properties.

Christina Christiansen requested that they continue this conversation at the April meeting and for everyone to bring their ideas with them to discuss.

NEWS/UPDATE/ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM with a motion from Beverly Burger and a second from Brian Stone. The motion carried with

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all in favor.



Chair Signature

Date



RESOLUTION 2021-81

A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE ENERGY POLICY GUIDE

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2009, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) approved Ordinance 2009-41 that created a Sustainability Commission to serve in an advisory capacity; and

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2009, the BOMA approved Ordinance 2009-36 that endorsed the Sustainable Community Action Plan and encouraged all citizens to participate; and

WHEREAS, the City has completed or initiated many of the items from the 2009 Action Plan, including the establishment of a residential curbside recycling program, the adoption of a Greenways and Open Space Master Plan, a reduction in municipal electricity costs, and the procurement of several grants; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the Sustainability Commission held two open-house meetings and conducted an online survey to collect feedback on sustainability related efforts and to determine the most important issues; and

WHEREAS, the BOMA endorsed an updated Sustainability Action Plan in 2013, which was derived from feedback received from the public outreach efforts and contains a section on Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 the City of Franklin was named LEED Silver in the LEED for Cities certification program; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the Sustainability Commission identified their top three priority areas in which to focus their upcoming work: Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy, Waste Reduction, and Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Commission created the Energy Policy Guide to establish policy statements pertaining to energy conservation and renewable energy and to identify action items for the Sustainability Commission to further study.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN that it endorses the attached Energy Policy Guide (Exhibit A) and charges the Sustainability Commission to further study the action items to bring forth strategies, as deemed appropriate, for the BOMA to consider in its planning, policymaking, and municipal practices.

IT IS SO RESOLVED AND DONE on this 24th day of Aug, 2021.

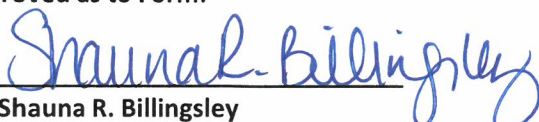
ATTEST:

By: 
Eric S. Stuckey
City Administrator

CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE:

By: 
Dr. Ken Moore
Mayor

Approved as to Form:

By: 
Shauna R. Billingsley
City Attorney



ENERGY POLICY GUIDE

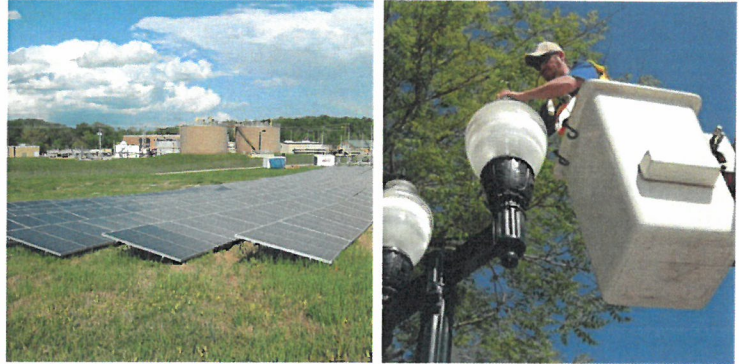
The City of Franklin is committed to evaluating energy projects that make fiscal and environmental sense. It's also positioned to make policy changes to encourage advancing energy efficient and renewable energy technologies.

POLICY STATEMENTS

1. The City seeks to use renewable energy, energy efficient technology, and conservation measures to make operations more resilient to future cost increases in order to flatline total municipal electricity usage and costs while adding new infrastructure and services.
2. The City encourages and seeks to make it easier for residents and businesses to adopt energy conservation practices and utilize alternative energy technologies to help them be more resilient to future cost increases.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Reduce street light energy usage by converting all street lights to LEDs. Require LEDs for any new streetlight service the City pays for on a monthly basis. Prioritize fixtures that reduce light pollution.
2. Evaluate renewable energy and energy saving measures for the new City Hall.
3. Complete comprehensive energy audits of all city-owned buildings with a focus on energy cost reduction.
4. Evaluate future uses for the 200 kW solar project.
5. Complete a comprehensive study of the municipal fleet with a focus on fuel cost reduction.
6. Perform community-wide electric vehicle readiness analysis.
7. Evaluate the use and costs of LED sports lighting. Prioritize fixtures that reduce light pollution.
8. Consider updating the residential energy code to 2018 IECC.
9. Utilize social media and conventional media channels to inform the public about the City's energy efforts.
10. Act as advocate to the State legislature for energy related policies.



TOTAL MUNICIPAL ELECTRICITY USAGE AND COST

FY Year	Usage	Cost
2008 Base Year	24,807,442 kWh	\$2,642,664.00
2013-2014	27,118,515 kWh	\$2,664,966.00
2014-2015	26,743,092 kWh	\$2,905,019.72
2015-2016	27,762,427 kWh	\$2,880,570.71
2016-2017	26,790,143 kWh	\$2,672,170.01
2017-2018	23,561,360 kWh	\$2,702,953.47
2018-2019	25,029,025 kWh	\$2,871,121.38
2019-2020	24,705,955 kWh	\$2,753,071.49

ELECTRICITY USAGE AND COST FY 2019-2020

Location	Usage	Cost
Fire Stations (8) + sirens	912,571 kWh	\$96,581.82
Police HQ + Garage	2,045,800 kWh	\$170,373.73
City Hall + 2nd Ave Garage	853,281 kWh	\$83,403.77
Public Works	626,880 kWh	\$56,878.06
Sanitation/Solid Waste	258,320 kWh	\$26,238.61
Parks	597,628 kWh	\$68,839.53
Water Treatment/Pumps	3,969,525 kWh	\$388,508.72
Wastewater Treatment/Sewer	13,239,728 kWh	\$1,209,811.05
Unmetered Street Lights	N/A	\$465,943.54
Metered Street Lights	991,817 kWh	\$82,958.42

RESOLUTION 2022-61

A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY POLICY GUIDE

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WHEREAS, the BOMA endorsed an updated Sustainability Action Plan in 2013, which was derived from feedback received from the public outreach efforts and contains a section on Waste Reduction; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 the City of Franklin was named LEED Silver in the LEED for Cities certification program; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the Sustainability Commission identified their top three priority areas in which to focus upcoming work: Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy, Waste Reduction, and Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Commission created the Transportation and Mobility Policy Guide to establish policy statements and action items pertaining to transportation, walkability, connectivity, and traffic reduction.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Franklin endorses the attached Transportation and Mobility Policy Guide and charges the Sustainability Commission to further study the action items to bring forth strategies, as deemed appropriate, for the BOMA to consider in its planning, policymaking, and municipal practices.

IT IS SO RESOLVED AND DONE on this 25th day of Oct, 2022.

ATTEST:

By: 
Eric S. Stuckey
City Administrator

CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE

By: 
Dr. Ken Moore
Mayor

Approved as to Form

By: Shauna R. Billingsley
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City Attorney



TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY POLICY GUIDE

Traffic consistently ranks as one of the top citizen concerns and complaints. The City seeks to improve mobility by shortening the time it takes to complete trips, reducing vehicle miles traveled, and providing alternatives to single-occupancy vehicle trips.

POLICY STATEMENTS

1. Reduce peak-hour travel times;
2. Provide safe and effective multimodal options for transportation;
3. Provide safe pedestrian and bicycle connections between residential areas and local destinations;

ACTION ITEMS

1. Establish performance metrics for each action item.
2. Improve traffic flow on existing streets by adaptive signalization projects.
3. Participate in Regional Transportation efforts to increase mobility to/from Franklin.
4. Distribute evaluation surveys within one year of completed CIP projects.
5. Increase youth engagement City-wide and encourage local schools to establish a Safe Routes to School program to ease peak pick-up and drop-off traffic.
6. Increase public knowledge of the available multi-use paths and trails through mapping and outreach.
7. Participate in National Bike/ Pedestrian annual counts.
8. Coordinate with the Bike Walk Franklin group.

ACTION ITEMS (Continued)

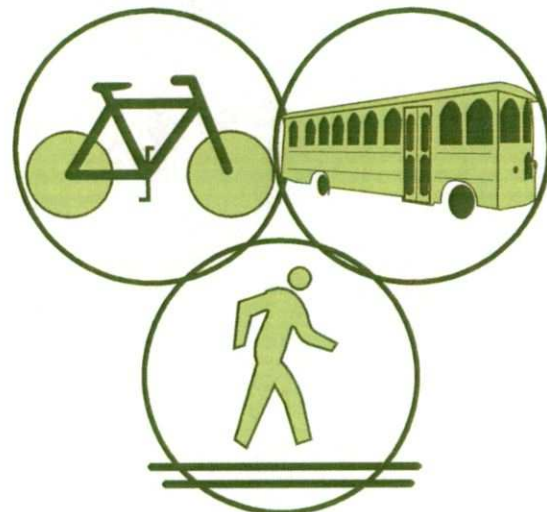
9. Increase sidewalk and multi-use trail connectivity across Franklin.
10. Evaluate the effectiveness of an electric bike share program.

COMMUTING IN FRANKLIN

- Approximately 10,300 citizens live and work in Franklin and 80% commute by vehicle alone. (2019 Citizen Survey)
- Approximately 66,000 people work in Franklin but commute from outside City limits.
- Approximately 23,000 citizens live in Franklin but commute outside the City for work.
- Average commute time of approximately 25 minutes.

WALKABILITY IN FRANKLIN

- 385 miles of sidewalk and 26 miles of public multi-use trail throughout the city.
- Average walk score of 23/100 within the city, walk score of 67 at City Hall.
- 6.5 miles of sidewalks and trails in the City's CIP.



RESOLUTION 2022-62

A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE WASTE REDUCTION POLICY GUIDE

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WHEREAS, the Sustainability Commission created the Waste Reduction Policy Guide to establish policy statements and action items pertaining to recycling, reducing litter, promoting existing programs, and evaluating new opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Franklin endorses the attached Waste Reduction Policy Guide and charges the Sustainability Commission to further study the action items to bring forth strategies, as deemed appropriate, for the BOMA to consider in its planning, policymaking, and municipal practices.

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WASTE REDUCTION
POLICY GUIDE

The City of Franklin is committed to minimizing waste in its municipal operations and promoting waste reduction strategies to the community.



POLICY STATEMENTS

1. The City seeks to promote existing waste reduction programs.
2. New opportunities should be evaluated that would further waste reduction efforts.
3. Litter along streets and waterways should be monitored and collected promptly.



ACTION ITEMS

1. Establish landfill diversion improvement objectives in order to measure the effectiveness of all action items.
2. Increase blue bin recycling participation to 75% of eligible households by 2025.
3. Evaluate options to increase recycling of material not included in the Blue Bin Program such as glass and large cardboard.
4. Improve and promote the Batteries, Oil, Paint, Anti-freeze, and Electronics (BOPAE) recycling.
5. Evaluate options for increasing capacity for brown bag processing.
6. Research best practices for municipal food waste composting.
7. Conduct an annual litter survey of roadsides throughout the City and coordinate litter pickups.
8. Conduct annual river and stream litter pickups.

TOTAL CITY OF FRANKLIN WASTE BREAKDOWN

Year	Customers	Tons of Waste	Tons of Recyclables	Tons of BOPAE	Tons of Yard Waste
2021	23,989	23,634	2,790	325	3,159

Yard Waste includes brown bags and brush collection

ACTION ITEMS (Continued)

9. Evaluate municipal procurement of supplies and materials made from recycled materials.
10. Evaluate waste reduction efforts and goods made from recycled materials for the new City Hall project.
11. Utilize social media and conventional media channels to inform residents and businesses about recycling opportunities.
12. Utilize social media, conventional media channels, and potentially signage to discourage roadside littering.
13. Establish a program with local companies to help sustain and support waste diversion efforts.