

Committee of the Whole's Recommended 2018 Budget Letter of Transmittal on Actions for the Public Hearing October 25, 2017

INTRODUCTION: At the Common Council meeting of September 19, 2017, the Mayor submitted a proposed budget to the Common Council for its consideration. The City of Franklin Municipal Code then provides for the following: "Upon its review of the proposed budget, the Committee of the Whole shall submit same, together with the Committee of the Whole's recommendations thereon, to the Common Council for its review and approval." It is the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole that occurred prior to October 13, 2017 that are incorporated into the public hearing notice as published in the paper on October 25, 2017.

The purpose of this letter is to present the actions of the Committee of the Whole that modified the Mayor's Recommended 2018 Budget. The changes below have been incorporated into the numbers presented in the published public hearing notice. They have not been incorporated throughout the pages and tables of the full budget document. Therefore, it is important to read the attached budget book in conjunction with this Letter of Transmittal on Actions for the Public Hearing to see the full scope of the numbers presented in the published public hearing notice.

<u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ADJUSTMENTS TO THE MAYOR'S RECOMMENDED 2018 BUDGET:</u> Following were the actions of the Committee of the Whole included in the Public Hearing notice:

- 1. Amend the Mayor's Recommended 2018 Budget by adding \$12,675 to the Sanitary Sewer Fund Capital Expenditures and a like amount to the 'Amount to be Capitalized' for the purpose of funding capital expenditures requested by the Department Supervisor.
- 2. Amend the Mayor's Recommended 2018 Budget by eliminating the following purchases from the Capital Outlay Fund:

Highway Department wireless access point for \$1,200;

Highway Department trees for \$11,000;

Fire Department garage door for \$6,000; and

City Hall telephone and voicemail system for \$55,000; and

By reducing the following:

Information Services Windows and Office upgrade by \$4,300;

Police shotguns by \$1,550;

LUCAS hands free CPR device by \$4,000;

Police Department police squad cars by \$45,000; and

- By eliminating from the St. Martins Fair Fund State Exempt Computer Aids revenue of \$18,500; all for the purpose of offsetting the loss in State Exempt Computer Aids in accordance with the new State budget.
- 3. Amend the Mayor's Recommended 2018 Budget by adding \$25,746 to the Capital Improvement Fund, Expenditures, Highway, for the item S. 68th Street Reconstruction (p. 350) as an Approved Project and reducing the Mini Park Land Acquisition expenditure by \$45,168

of which \$19,422 is Impact Fee supported, for the purpose of initiating study and design of needed improvements to S. 68th Street.

As referenced at the beginning of this transmittal letter, the actions listed above are included in the numbers presented and published within the Public Hearing notice.

<u>ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:</u> After finalizing the budget to be presented at the public hearing, the Committee of the Whole had a subsequent meeting to further discuss additional adjustments. The following items actions are not part of the actions presented in the Public Hearing Notice, but the Committee of the Whole has approved these as recommendations and anticipates considering them for adoption when the budget is deliberated following the end of the public hearing.

- 1. Incorporate additional appropriations of \$110,000 for debt service payments into the Debt Service Fund, which action has no 2018 property tax levy impact.
- 2. Adjust State aids to reflect updated reporting from the State by increasing General Transportation Aids by \$147,638, increasing Shared Revenue by \$15,934, and decreasing Expenditure Restraint Program Revenue by \$56,746.
- 3. Adjust Health Department expenditures to reflect an additional \$16,500 in Personnel Services to correct Sanitarian staffing by .2 full-time equivalent to match proposed revenues.
- 4. Eliminate \$6,025 in Engineering Department Personnel Services to strike the reclassification of an Engineering Technician II.

<u>Public Hearing Notice Correction:</u> The Public Hearing Notice as published contained a few typographical errors created by the newspaper in their publishing process. It was not possible to get the paper to make the necessary corrections prior to printing. **Therefore, the correct public hearing notice is attached for your convenience.** A notice of the necessary corrections is posted in City Hall and on the City's website. The typographical errors are limited in scope and do not substantially alter the overall purpose and content of the public hearing notice.