

CITY OF FRANKLIN  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014, 6:30 P.M.  
COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FRANKLIN CITY HALL  
9229 W. LOOMIS ROAD, FRANKLIN, WISCONSIN  
AGENDA\*

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Review of Mayor's Recommended 2015 Budget (including all funds, departments, revenues, expenditures, and activities).
- III. Adjournment

\*Supporting documentation and details of these agenda items are available at City Hall during normal business hours.

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<p><b>APPROVAL</b></p> 	<p><b>REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION</b></p>	<p><b>MEETING DATE</b></p> <p><b>10/06/2014</b></p>
<p><b>REPORTS &amp; RECOMMENDATIONS</b></p>	<p><b>Review of Mayor's Recommended 2015 Budget (including all funds, departments, revenues, expenditures, and activities)</b></p>	<p><b>ITEM NUMBER</b></p> <p><i>II.</i></p>

In accordance with the approved Budget Preparation Timetable, the Mayor's Recommended 2015 Budget is placed on your agenda for consideration. The following information repeats procedural recommendations as provided in recent years.

Procedural Notations:

1. Typically motions and votes do not occur at the Committee of the Whole as any such action is normally just a recommendation to the full Common Council itself. Motions approved by the Committee of the Whole, in most circumstances, do not have any effect or carry the weight or authority of the Common Council until such motion is subsequently acted upon by the full Common Council at a Common Council meeting. (As such, motions at the Committee of the Whole are very uncommon.)

The Budget review, however, provides for one distinction, as the budget ordinance established a procedure that roughly patterned the prior budget review by the Finance Committee. The ordinance provides for the following:

"Unless otherwise directed by the Common Council, the Mayor's proposed annual budget, as amended by action or actions of the Committee of the Whole, shall be the budget proposal for the public hearing." (Section 13-3)

As such, motions approved at the Committee of the Whole for changes to the Mayor's submitted recommended budget would be reflected in the budget submitted to the Public Hearing. Within the Budget Preparation Timetable, the Common Council set October 17th as the deadline for motions by the Committee of the Whole to be reflected in the Public Hearing document. This deadline does not prohibit the Committee of the Whole or the full Council from continuing to work on budget issues after October 17th if they so wish.

2. Following prior year's pattern, any Alderman wanting to suggest a change to the Recommended Budget should offer a motion in the following manner:

"I move to tentatively amend the Mayor's Recommended 2015 Budget by  
 [State Action: adding, modifying, striking, increasing, reducing, etc.]  
 [State location: line item, department, or fund] by  
 [State amount]  
 {Optional} for the purpose of [State purpose]."

I suggest "tentative" approval because the budget review can often be very fluid with new priorities being identified as you move further into the budget document. Such a process provides for greater flexibility as you move through the document and indicates that the initial, tentative actions may be revisited. Staff will maintain a running record of such tentative recommendations, if any.

3. The Municipal Code provides as follows: "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." (Section 13-2)

As such, after review of all departments and funds, the Committee of the Whole should consider the following motion: "I move to recommend to the Common Council the Mayor's Recommended 2015 Budget along with the previous tentative actions of the Committee of the Whole." [That same motion could end with "as follows" and the summary listing of the remaining tentative actions, if any, could be repeated.]

## **COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED**

Pending review of the budget.