

**CITY OF FRANKLIN
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 1, 2025**

- I. The October 1, 2025 Finance Committee Meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. in the Hearing Room of Franklin City Hall by Chair Ciche.

Present were Members Ciche, Howard, Kresovic, Alderman Peccarelli, and Alderwoman Day. Members Qureshi and Alderman Craig were excused. Also present were Mayor John Nelson, Director of Administration Kelly Hersh, and Director of Finance & Treasurer Danielle Brown.

- II. Citizen Comment Period: Paul Rotzenberg, 6713 W. River Pointe Drive, spoke regarding options for the \$1M gap for balancing the budget.

- III. Follow-ups from the September 23, September 25, or September 29, 2025 Finance Committee Meetings

Discussion was held regarding the previous budget meetings and Director of Finance & Treasurer Brown answered questions. No action taken.

- IV. Review of the 2026 Mayor's Recommended Budget Related to Total Tax Levy & Tax Rates

Discussion was held; no action taken.

- V. Discuss and Review Changes to Date

Director of Finance & Treasurer Brown reviewed all changes to date with the Committee. Discussion only; no action taken.

- VI. Final List of Recommended Changes for Common Council

Motion made by Alderman Peccarelli and seconded by Member Howard to recommend to the Common Council the following regarding the 2026 Mayor's Recommended Budget:

1. A memo/email be prepared by the Director of Finance, Director of Administration and Mayor which states that each Department Head is to provide a 5% total reduction to their overall operating budget (both personnel and non-personnel.) This allows the flexibility of the Department Head to determine the priorities of their Department and determine creative ways to operate with less resources due to the significant lack of funding operationally. This was to be sent to Department Heads on October 2nd with a deadline of response by October 10th. This deadline allows for thorough review prior to the final budget adoption.

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2. A recommendation to leave all Capital Budget's as is (except for the changes below), with a debt plan to be brought forward mid-year to review projects and needs. This will allow departments to hold meetings necessary to prioritize what projects are critical versus projects that may be pushed to a subsequent year. Proper debt planning needs to align with the needs of the City while remaining fiscally responsible for the City's taxpayers.
3. Increases/Decreases were discussed by the Finance Committee and recommendations are as follows:
 - a. General Fund Revenue
 - i. Ambulance Billing (Medicaid Aid) Increase \$130,000
 - ii. Transportation Aid Increase \$35,000
 - b. General Fund Expenditures
 - i. Fire Department – Overtime Decrease \$50,500
 - ii. Senior Citizen Travel Increase \$7,000
 - iii. Court Sundry Contractors Increase \$5,800
 - iv. DPW Traffic Signal Maintenance Increase \$3,000
 - v. DPW Equipment Rental Increase \$6,500

Upon vote, Ayes-All, Motion carried.

VII. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 6 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion made by Member Howard and seconded by Member Kresovic to adjourn the October 1, 2025 Finance Committee Meeting at 6:56 p.m. Upon vote, Ayes-All, Motion carried.