

**CITY OF FRANKLIN
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
October 11, 2011**

- I. The October 11, 2011 Finance Committee Meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. in the Hearing Room of Franklin City Hall.

Present were Members Ciche (arrived at 4:04 p.m.), Bowe (excused at recess; returned at 7:34 p.m.), Arvanetes, Alderman Solomon, Alderman Wilhelm, and Alderman Taylor. Also present were Director of Finance & Treasurer Cal Patterson and Director of Administration Mark Luberda.

- II. Citizen Comment Period: Mr. Kurt Bolton made a comment that he would like expenditures by function presented. Mr. Donald Reed made a comment. Chairman Solomon read a letter from James Bergmann.

- III. Approval of the September 27, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Member Ciche to approve the September 27, 2011 Meeting Minutes as submitted. Upon vote, Ayes-All, Motion carried.

- IV. Discussion of 2012 Budget Process and Days Activities

Director of Finance & Treasurer Cal Patterson summarized the expected activities for the day. Informational item only – no action was taken.

- V. Department 2012 Recommended Budget Review

Fire Chief Jim Martins and Assistant Fire Chief Adam Remington presented the activities of the Fire & EMS Departments and answered questions.

Jack Bennett, City Engineer & Director of Public Works; Ron Romeis, Assistant City Engineer; and Jerry Schaefer, Superintendent of Public Works presented the activities of the Public Works, Parks, and Solid Waste Departments and answered questions.

Police Chief Richard Oliva, Inspector Gaylord Hahn, and Captain Eric Schroeder presented the activities of the Police Department and answered questions.

Committee recessed at 6:47 p.m. and reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

Member Bowe was excused at 6:47 p.m. and returned at 7:34 p.m.

Alderman Wilhelm reviewed the Information Services, Administration & Human Resources, Assessor, Insurance, Mayor, and Municipal Buildings Departmental budgets with the Committee.

Member Bowe reviewed the Planning, Building Inspection, Animal Control, Recreation, and Health Departmental budgets with the Committee. Joel Dietl, Planning Manager, and Fred Baumgart, Building Inspector, were in attendance.

Committee recessed at 10:07 p.m. and reconvened at 10:12 p.m.

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Alderman Taylor reviewed the Finance and Audit & Unclassified Departmental budgets with the Committee.

Member Arvanetes reviewed the Police, Municipal Court, and Legal Services Departmental budgets with the Committee.

Member Ciche reviewed the Aldermen, Clerk, Elections, Weights & Measures, Weed Control, St. Martins Fair, and Fire Departmental budgets with the Committee.

Alderman Solomon reviewed the Library and Public Works Departmental budgets with the Committee.

VI. Review of Revenue Forecasts Supporting the Mayor's 2012 Recommended Budget

Director of Finance & Treasurer Cal Patterson reviewed the revenue forecasts and recent changes for the City. Informational item only – no action was taken.

VII. Finance Committee Recommended Changes to the Mayor's 2012 Recommended Budget

A general discussion took place by the Committee on budget issues. It was the consensus of the Committee that Solid Waste be retained in the General Fund.

Committee recessed at 11:24 p.m. and reconvened at 11:26 p.m.

Discussion continued. The Committee by consensus agreed on the following:

- The projected revenue for Paramedic Services from Milwaukee County could not be relied on and was reduced to zero.
- The other departments could not cover the Paramedic reduction and the Police & Fire Departments budgets be reduced by \$100,000 each.
- The Fire Department increases in BLS Ambulance revenue estimated at \$60,000 be supported.
- The budget for Municipal Court Revenue be increased by \$20,000 due to higher level of revenue received.
- The budget for Expenditure Restraint (\$166,000) and Shared Revenue (\$4,000) be increased based upon information received from the State.
- The planned elimination of a position (\$55,184) in Planning not be implemented.
- Quarry Monitoring (\$40,000) not be recorded in the General Fund.
- That \$15,000 be added to a restricted contingency for Fire Department overtime.
- That the \$47,000 be moved from Planning to a restricted contingency for Planning Department supervision.
- That the \$17,000 for COO be moved from Administration to a restricted contingency.
- That \$12,000 be added to Building Inspection for part-time inspection wages.
- That the net amount of TIF tax levy being returned to residents be increased by \$7,000.

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VIII. Next Meeting Dates:

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2011 where decisions made on Items 7.1 and 7.2 would be confirmed and 7.3 to 7.11 would be reviewed.

Monday, October 17–6 p.m., Finance 2012 Budget Recommendation Finalization & Review with Non-Finance Committee Council Members

Tuesday, November 15–6:30 p.m., Council Meeting (Public Hearing on 2012 Annual Budget)

Tuesday, November 15–6:30 p.m., Council Meeting (Consideration of 2012 Budget Adoption after Public Hearing)

IX. Adjournment

Motion made by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Member Bowe to adjourn the October 11, 2011 Finance Committee Meeting at 12:27 a.m. Upon vote, Ayes-All, Motion carried.