



CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday, November 17, 2025 at 4:30 PM
1 Benjamin Franklin Way Franklin, Ohio 45005
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CLERK'S JOURNAL

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wilcher called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chair Matt Wilcher

Mayor Brent Centers

Michael Aldridge

Staff: Mr. Westendorf, Ms. Steed, Ms. Trice, Ms. Dunn, Chief Colon, Cheif Stitzel, Mr. Inman, Mr. Damian

Council member elect, Mr. Robert Lipps was in attendance. There was one other guest.

3. APPROVE THE CLERK'S JOURNAL AND ACCEPT THE TAPES AS THE OFFICIAL MINUTES

A. September 15, 2025

Motion made by Aldridge, Seconded by Centers.

Voting Yea: Chair Wilcher, Aldridge

Voting Abstaining: Centers

Motion passed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2025 Major Projects and Improvements Review

Ms. Trice reviewed projects completed and started in 2025. Projects include the SR-123 roundabout, the Dial Park spray park and restroom, the completion of the North Dixie Retaining wall, a new utility billing portal, the start of the Automated Meter Reading project, start of the Main & Sixth Street Alley and Parking Lot Improvements, design of the next Water Main project and the successful fire levy.

B. 2026 General Fund Review

Ms. Trice reviewed General Fund revenue and expenses. Both were very similar to the 2025 budget. The projected General Fund balance for January 1, 2026 is \$4,241,487. The projected balance for December 31, 2026 is \$3,724,412.

C. 2026 Budget Fund Detail

The Street Fund, Fire Fund, and Rec Fund were reviewed. 2026 is the last year the City is to receive the currently approved SAFER grant of \$873,200 for personnel.

The year over year change in the General Fund is 5%, Street is 0.05%, Fire is 8%, and Rec is 8%.

All minimum fund balances are being met per Charter requirements.

Motion to recommend the budget for Council adoption made by Aldridge, Seconded by Centers.

Voting Yea: Chair Wilcher, Centers, Aldridge

Motion passed.

D. 2026 Major Projects and Improvements

2026 Major Projects and Improvements include East Sixth Street Improvement, Miami Avenue Roundabout Design, River Street and Main Street Resurfacing, Fourth Street Repaving, Automated Water Meter Reading, Main and Sixth Street Alley and Parking Lot Improvements and Water Main Replacements.

Mr. Aldridge asked for a synopsis of the \$1.1 million budgeted for the Municipal Court. A large portion is payroll expenses.

Mr. Westendorf added that we are still in growth mode and will be in the next three years. New residential development will bring revenue, but not until homes are built, sold, and occupied.

E. Final Appropriation -2025

A final appropriation request for 2025 will be coming to Council and includes a decrease in Fire personnel, additional funds needed for the SR 123 at Shotwell / Beal Intersection, and funding for the River Street resurfacing which is a 2026 project but payment is needed in 2025.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Centers, Seconded by Aldridge.

Voting Yea: Chair Wilcher, Centers, Aldridge

Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:13pm.

Chair