



Approved by City Council on November 5, 2018  
**City Council Final Budget Workshop Meeting**  
**July 18, 2018**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Giunta called the meeting to order in the Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall at 6:00p.m.

**City Council in Attendance**

Mayor Tony Giunta, Councilor Paul Trudel, Councilor George Dzujna, Councilor Jo Brown, Councilor Heather Moquin, Councilor Bob Desrochers, Councilor Olivia Zink, Councilor Scott Clarenbach, Councilor Bob Ribas, Councilor Steve Barton

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilor Trudel.

**Public Hearing**

Opened at 6:01PM

**Ordinance #02-19**, Proposing a change to the Franklin Municipal Code Chapter 160, Fees, 160-1 Fees charged for service by the City of Franklin with regards to an increase in CD, Thumb Drives, and Police VIN Verification fees.

Mayor Giunta asked if anyone would like to provide comments. There were none.

Public Hearing on Ordinance #02-19 closed at 6:02PM

**Resolution #01-19**, Proposed Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Budget Review.

Councilor Barton addressed Mayor Giunta, City Council, and the residents and apologized with regards to the July 2<sup>nd</sup> motion that he made to reconsider the motion of the June 28<sup>th</sup> vote with regards to the budget and the School Board. He stated that he unfortunately voted NO because did not fully understand ramifications of the motion.

Mayor Giunta asked the public to please utilize the sign in sheet at the podium for all those wishing to approach the Council and provide their comments.

Jennifer Weaver, Ward 2 Resident lives in Franklin with her husband and school aged children. Mrs. Weaver stated that she is a teacher, school advocate, and a mom. She stated that the City Council is making poor decisions to fund her children's education once again and it's causing decreasing enrollment by not providing acceptable education to the children of Franklin. Mrs. Weaver stated there are many children leaving our public schools to find better education somewhere else. The funds that the school receives and what the City receives is disproportionate. She continued that if we don't invest in our City and Children then we don't invest in our future. She stated that the Tax Cap has been in place too long and only holding us back. She added that she buys many supplies with

her own money to make sure her students have what they need and that it brings her joy to see the smiles of the children she teaches. She further stated that she teaches for the outcome and not the income. She implored the City Council to reconsider the proposed budget and look at making a better investment into the youth of the City. She concluded with asking to Fully fund the Franklin School District.

Dave Testerman, Ward 2 State Representative for Franklin and Hill. Mr. Testerman thanked Mayor Giunta for the opportunity to speak. He began stating the Councilor Brown held a meeting last night and funding facts from various Cities and Towns in New Hampshire were shared and it is shown in those facts that Franklin is in real trouble. The funding is not to sole reason we are in trouble. It's said that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result. This is what Franklin is doing. 50% of Franklin's children can't read grade 3 level. Children and adults need the tools to be successful and we are not supplying them with the tools they need. Money needs to go to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade level because this is where it starts. Mr. Testerman explained how the Montessori school wasn't intended for rich or middle-class children rather it was originally founded for the poor and reading is an important area of focus.

Mr. Testerman also shared that there is a higher percentage of people in our area who live on fixed incomes and can't afford to pay out more money anywhere. Mr. Testerman stated that breaking the tax cap is not the way to get there and fix our issues. It's time to roll-up our sleeves and look at different ways of doing things. He concluded by stating that some school positions are paying higher salaries than teachers themselves and urged the City Council to go back and work with the school on where changes can be made. Changes on the City side can also be made. Work together.

Karen Darling, Ward 3 resident has experience working at Montessori and is the new director. She stated that her and her husband have nine children between them. They have been Franklin residents for 12 years now. She believes that having good educational programs attract families. A tax cap should be temporary because it hinders the ability for progress and growth. With some give and take, compromise, and changing the percentages of the City and school allocations is also part of it. She concluded stating that she would agree to raise her taxes.

Kristi Trudel, Ward 1 resident stated that she and her husband moved to Franklin 10 years ago. She stated that she is disappointed in Mayor Giunta for the lack of education and support. Mrs. Trudel stated that even though the schools are drastically underfunded, they still make Franklin their home. There were discussions of what a 50/50 split would look like but hasn't seen that happen. She concluded stating that she knows what drastic looks like for the school but not what drastic looks like for the City.

Mackenna Trudel, Ward 1 young resident spoke and stated that the school's loss of money means loss of art teachers, the guidance counselor, but happy the music teacher is still here. She also enjoys the art class and has wanted to take that class for a long time. She concluded stating that she believes that the computer class helped students learn faster but that isn't available either.

Nan Legare, Ward 2 resident stated that she is 66 years old, still working, and struggling to pay her bills. If the tax cap is broken, she will lose her home. She stated that she's worked at Webster Valve almost 30 years and 9 of those years were without a raise. The costs of things still went up so she had to decide what to go without. The City doesn't have the money to fund the schools with each year increasing the need more and more. She stated that she shouldn't have to decide between eating or buying medicine. She concluded stating that she was happy that the motion to break the tax cap was overturned and thanked the City Council and Mayor for doing a good job. Keep fighting for the tax payers.

Ron Nagle, Ward 3 resident. He stated that he attended the June 28<sup>th</sup> City Council Budget Workshop and was very proud. The children are the future of this community. This current situation that he read about on Facebook is very sad. Mr. Nagle stated that although he spends any extra money on his children, he and his wife can't afford private education. Although he didn't hear great things about Franklin schools when moving here originally, he saw first hand that the teachers are fantastic. He corrected his statement saying, rather they were fantastic because now they are leaving. Programs and teachers, can't be replaced. We are losing human capital. Costs of health insurance is going up and he knows how hard it is. The City looks beautiful, but we have 22 sex offenders. We are not attracting good quality people that will want to stay. No-one wants to spend money here. He doesn't feel safe walking downtown after 5PM. If the City doesn't invest in human capital, this town will be a ghost town. He stated that as concerned citizens, the City budget needs a closer look. He compared the loss of employed from the school system to the loss of employed from the City. He concluded stated that the future is our children and not the flower pots or the bridge outside. The City has some work to do and God Bless.

Zoe Maple, Ward 3 interested in becoming the President of the United States and also an actress on Broadway but she stated that is not going to happen if she doesn't have the proper education. She stated that she needs teachers like Ms. Weaver, Ms. Shoebox, and Jack Finley to teach her. She implored the City Council to please fund the schools.

Ruth Niven, Ward 1 resident stated that she knows most of the City Council board and agrees with some, some of the time. She recently read in the paper that the School Board and the City Council reached a compromise and hopes that this can be done again next year without all the name calling and bickering. She went to school in Franklin as well as her children and now grandchild also attending school here. This summer she spent time with her grandchildren at the Bessie Rowell Community Center. She enjoys their low-cost, fantastic programs for the children. She enjoys the beaches of Franklin (Griffin Beach and Lagace Beach). They are clean, the people are friendly, and there aren't rowdy kids like other people say there are. Everything changes. Even the costs of things we buy, prices rise. She stated that she supports abolishing the tax cap and that it served its purpose and time. She encouraged residents to vote during City Election time.

Leigh Webb, Ward 3 resident stated that he is heartened by the level of active residents attending the meeting tonight. He hopes that they will take this level of activism and expand on it. He believes that it is not just a City issue. There is a bigger picture to understand. He stated that this is also a State and a National Issue. Question the candidates and vote in the coming elections. Do they support the

current reduction of the Stabilization Grant? Do they support the current adequacy formula as it stands today? He continued if they don't know what an adequacy formula is, they need to do their homework and find out. Can they honestly say that education is priority #1? He concluded stating that this is why we vote and the basis of a democracy. Show your support of the people who share your values.

Peter Legare, his mother spoke earlier with regards to living on a fixed income. He also lives in Franklin. He attended school here. He stated that with drug rehabilitations everywhere, who would want to live in Franklin. Education starts at home and money alone doesn't fix the issues we have here. We need to find a way to attract better businesses and things that attract the right kind of people to want to live here. He stated that he has to live on a budget as well and the schools should learn how to as well. He knows many people that work for the City of Franklin and they do not make much money maybe average \$30,000 a year. They have to work a second job to make ends meet.

Dan Andrews, Ward 1 resident stated that he knows what it takes to run a successful school as he has been a Principal for ten years. He was a police officer and teacher at one time previously in this district. We need to focus on the right curriculum overseen by highly qualified teachers who are paid well. The loss of Franklin's teachers and students is alarming, and it hurts to see. He stated that his children attend private schools. Some of Franklin's best athletes and students are leaving for a better opportunity. He believes that we need to attract the demographic of 30-40-year-old, middle class residents but we need a solid school system. He supports the tax cap break to support the school.

Tina Thurber, Ward 2 resident approached the City Council visibly upset as she and her whole family lives in this community. She is a Franklin graduate and her children attend school here as well. Her grandparents were business owners here. When she graduated, she didn't have to stay here but chose to. Not many from her graduating class came back to live Franklin. She stated that she has looked at every option to make it work in order to stay here. She can't afford to send her children to private school and can't get financial aid. Her focus is her children's education and the most affordable way to make sure her children have a great education is to move out. She stated that her family is the type of family that we want to live here. Her family has given their blood, sweat and tears to this community. She has given her money and time to the schools giving back to this community as much as she can. She and her husband are coaches and her children are good athletes. These are the types of families you want to stay here but it is impossible to stay and sacrifice their education. She stated that she feels robbed that her only option is to move out of the City that she loves. She works for the State and shared that it takes a long time to for things to happen through the state. The kids suffer in the meantime. There needs to be a lot of working together to fix this issue. Stop living in the past and blaming leaders in our past and move forward.

Dawn Watts, Ward 2 resident stated that she is a parent and work for the school district. She has lived her for 20 years, has seen this same problem as far back as 2002. She asked the City Council if they thought about what the emotional impact would be on these students having to complete their education at another school. She shared her frustration stating that the City Council is not working with the School Board on making changes.

Charlie Chapin, Ward 3 resident stated that he is a parent and teacher in Franklin is super disappointed. He stated he moved here three years ago and heard these issues three years ago. Some parents and children can't move out. He stated that when the City Council chooses to underfund the school, they are also failing all the children in the City and contributing to letting them fall through the cracks in the education system. He stated the solutions are clear, make the 50/50 split and lift the tax cap. If the City Council chooses not to do either, they are failing the children. He concluded stating that he doesn't know a teacher here that makes over \$40,000 and asked the City Council to do their job.

Tammy Adams, Ward 3 resident and parent of two children. She stated that one of her children is completing his freshman year of High School doing VLACS because he was worried that he wouldn't meet the requirements to graduate and possibly go on to law school. Next year, he will be going to Private school. She also stated that her son was in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade when they moved to Franklin and grade school teacher, Jen Weaver made him feel welcomed to his new school so much so that he saved the project that he made that year while she was teaching. Franklin needs to keep teachers like that and for the School Board to work with the City Council and figure out a way to find new ways to fund the school. She added that her oldest is part of Boy Scouts and contributes to his community a lot. He finds value in doing things like that. She concluded by asking the City Council please help them find value in their community by showing them that you value them and their education giving them what they deserve.

Tim Johnson, Ward 1 stated that he sent the City Councilors an email around July 6<sup>th</sup> asking for a list of City salaries because in review of the proposed budget for City Clerk's Office, it shows \$100,000 for three people in the City Clerk's Office. In further review of that line, it states that it makes up 80% of their pay so it appears that the salaries total approximately \$125K. He stated that it's difficult for people to figure out exactly and seems to get more confusing as you look at other line items. He continued stating that he's not against raising the tax cap to help fund the schools. He asked the City to look at either eliminating some positions or reducing their current pay. The City of Franklin has 8,500 residents where Laconia has 18,000 residents and both municipalities get paid about the same amount of money in the same positions. He concluded stating that maybe we should be giving some of that money that the City is overpaying certain positions and giving it to the schools. He thanked the City Council for their time.

Meri-Lyn Banton, Ward 3 resident for approximately 18 years. She stated that she knew there was a problem with the schools when she first moved here. She addressed the Council directly stating that she wrote three of City Councilors and expressed her thoughts of not seeing the solution of breaking the tax cap and throwing money at the schools where there's no accountability or transparency. She stated that Paul Smith raised \$100K for a playground and wondered how necessary a brand-new playground was. She told the City Council that they are doing an excellent job this year as it's been a very difficult one and further commenting that she has a real problem with taxes being raised that are already high. To keep paying more money into higher and higher taxes as she plans for her retirement isn't going to work for her. The money to upgrade downtown was mostly grant funds she added. The City isn't spending tax payer's dollars to do most of the work that needs to be to beautify downtown. They worked hard applying for grants. She concluded by imploring the City Council to

hold the School Board accountable for the money they spend. If after we know the whole big picture and raising taxes is our only option, then that's what has to be done and until we know that, she doesn't think it's a good idea to just keep throwing money at the situation. It hasn't changed much in 18 years, what is going to change now. Why are we directing all of these questions to the City Council and not the School Board, so they can answer?

April Bunker, Ward 3 resident and mother of four. She stated that after the vote to fund the schools was overturned last week, her 16-year-old spent most of the evening crying because she feels like her City doesn't care about her. These are children that serve their church here in Franklin and serve their schools. Mrs. Bunker stated that she herself serves her church and the City through volunteer work. Her and her husband gives money and supplies, doing everything they can to help make the City a better place. She stated that her daughter will need to jump through hoops to get the classes she needs to go to college. For the Council Member who said that College isn't for everyone, she agrees however it should be an option and the City shouldn't take that away from them. She concluded asking the Council is it not that important that students shouldn't have to jump through hoops, look for on-line classes, work schedules around getting bussed to other cities that is challenging and doesn't always work out, in order to get the classes they need to graduate and get accepted to a good college? They shouldn't have to do that. We owe them more than that.

Tim Moquin, Ward 1 resident stated that he is reading a book called "Building a Vibrant Community." It's focused on how citizens empowered change is reshaping America. He read an expert from this book. "A strong education system is a critical part of building a strong community", "it's the foundation of everything that will happen in the future", he read. He stated that if our students don't do well, everyone loses here. He believes that keeping the ineffective cycle (status quo) is shameful to see this happen to this beautiful community. The costs increase everywhere, and we will have to make choices where it will benefit ourselves and our communities. He stated that he is very disappointed because he thought the Council and School came together and made the right choice last meeting. A line by line itemized budget is what is needed. Working together looking at each other's budgets, look at cuts, and prioritizing should be done by both City Council and School Board; together. By turning over the vote from the last meeting, he hopes that it will be reviewed again because we can't bring in revenues to the City if we don't bring in the right families. A great school system will attract the right families. He agreed that there are people who can hardly live within their means and struggling but there are others that are just being selfish. The growth of this City is the children. He closed stating that the City needs to come together and vote the right way.

Steve Bunker, Ward 3 resident started by thanking Councilor Clarenbach, Councilor Ribas, Councilor Moquin, and Councilor Zink for voting on June 28<sup>th</sup> for Franklin's children and for the City's future and thank you for not changing your minds. Mr. Bunker clarified that his wife was a teacher, and everyone knows that they don't just work only 9 months out of the year. He publicly thanked Mrs. Weaver because she puts a lot more time and effort other than school time hours. He stated that he heard back in 2004 when discussions on Northern Pass would be arriving and now that train has passed. He shared that certain Councilors may try to sue the State. He discussed the Claremont suit and how difficult it would be for that to happen again. He believes the City Council is leading the residents on. This sort of case would take at least 2-3 years and because Franklin has a tax cap, this doesn't make

us a good candidate. He isn't in support of raising taxes but stressed that you get what you pay for. Because Franklin wants to spend peanuts on education, the outcome won't be the best investment in the children. He challenged the Councilor who said that we need people to dig ditches to go into school on the first day and ask the children who wants to dig ditches for the rest of their life and he bets not one child will raise their hand. Mr. Bunker hopes that Councilor will go to the school and apologize to the students for his remark. We heard from Tina Ferber whose whole family grew up here and is being driven out. Many other good families are leaving because they are tired of waiting. Mr. Bunker is concerned that there are no businesses or good families coming here. The City isn't doing something right and it needs to change. The tax cap has been in place for 30 years, It's time for a change. He shared that if the people living here don't want to make a change, what makes them think we can sue the state and make other Cities pay more taxes because Franklin doesn't want to. He doesn't believe that some people who said tonight that they can't pay any more money because of fixed income actually can't afford it. If someone called and said they can't afford a \$5.00 a week increase in taxes, then we should be able to come up with a solution for them. He doesn't want them to lose their house. He hasn't seen statistics of how many people are actually below poverty level in Franklin. He doesn't appreciate the scare tactics stated by City Council if we make more cuts and raise taxes. Franklin is lacking faith and on life support and we need to do something different. He concluded asking Councilor Trudel and Councilor Barton to reconsider their reconsideration and to ask themselves if they are doing the right thing.

Shary Wilcox, Ward 1 resident and has live there many years over 50 years. She has worked hundreds of volunteer hours for the City. While she was outside holding a sign, a woman walked up to her and said, "You expect me to lose my house to pay your salary." Ms. Wilcox doesn't work for the schools or the City and neither pay her salary. She stated that she was holding the sign as an interested citizen. She stated that she graduated from Franklin High School and is a mother and grandmother. Her children also graduated from Franklin High School and grandchildren in the Franklin school system as well. She would like to see Franklin do better. Her sign actually said, "Our kids deserve better." She concluded stating the we can do better!

Franklin resident did not state her name, sign in sheet illegible. She has two daughters, one that went through the Franklin School system and one going through it now. The daughter that has graduated went on to NHTI and had to take an additional seven classes because she is a special ed student. During a meeting with an outside special education councilor and a school representative, the outside special ed councilor was upset and ended the meeting because the school would not do anything different to help her daughter succeed and stated that the school is failing her daughter. She stated that she has spent \$19,000 over two years for her daughter's continuing education and she still doesn't have a degree. Her daughter left NHTI and went to Job Core because they provide a free continuing education. The VLACS is not the answer and not acceptable at all colleges. She supports raising the taxes even on her low income. Come up with a plan, close the high school for a year and fix the problem. We are failing the students. The aid needed for her daughter isn't there. No-one from the school will pick up the phone and call her and work together to help her daughter.

Rick Watts, Ward 2 resident, addressed the Council stating that they (City Council) are all in the hot seat and not matter what decision is made, they won't make people happy. He lives and works in

Franklin. He supports breaking the tax cap because it's not working. Everyone is on a budget and on the same boat but the boat is sinking. He stated that teachers work more than 9 months out of the year. They have to continue their own education and get recertified every year. He asked how many jobs required a person to go back to school every year to get recertified. People still put gas in their cars even though the cost goes up and up. He compared education to a retirement fund. If you don't invest in it, there won't be anything there in the future. If a good investment is made the fruit of labor will be students coming back, paying taxes, talking positively about Franklin, living, working, and growing. For \$20. Increase in taxes per month would return an investment of 200%. He asked the Council to imagine what that would look like. If we don't, we sink the ship. He concluded asking the Council to work together and make Franklin a proud community again.

Werner Horn, Ward 2 thanked the City Council for listening to residents for two hours and some who spoke longer than 3 minutes. Mr. Werner thanked his neighbors who talked about education. He stated that a lot of ground has been covered and he doesn't want to repeat what was said already. Mr. Werner stated that Franklin has a revenue problem and has faith in the School Board and Department Heads. He believes the school's budget is lean and doesn't have any waste at all. Compromises were made in areas of want and in some areas, what is needed. He continued mentioning that during the freezing winter, pot holes throughout the City were filled with sand and dirt because it was a better alternative than asphalt popping out again at the next deep freeze. The police department responds to calls constantly every hour, every day of the week. He asked the Council why we aren't paying them like we appreciate them. This is Revenue problem. With our two ambulances, we cover more regions than just Franklin and have one of the best Fire Departments in the State and will argue with anyone who says differently. Why aren't we paying them like they deserve to be paid. Our Fire and PD are paid lower than the state average. We are simply not paying them more because the City doesn't have the revenue. This is the same for our teachers. We aren't talking about a few dollars or few hundred dollars. We are talking about thousands and thousands of dollars below state average. We have the character in this City where these people still stay and work here anyway. He stated that we cut good teachers who have a great track record and make financial sacrifices to work here because they love to and forcing them to leave and get a better paying job elsewhere. They are the winners because they will do what they love somewhere else and get more money doing it. The receiving district of them are also the winners. We are the losers and the kids here are the losers. When they get older, they won't stay. Why would they? He concluded by stating that he supports a second tax bill and doesn't want his Fire and PD departments underpaid. He also commended Chief Lachapelle for finding federal dollars to replace equipment for the fire department. We can't keep putting a band-aid on our revenue problem and we need to fully fund all areas of the City through an increase in revenue.

Mayor Giunta called for a City Council request for recess at 8:13PM

City Council reconvened at 8:25PM

Stephanie Stillings, Ward 2 resident who has lived in Franklin almost her entire life. She graduated from Franklin High School and is currently a special education teacher at FHS and loves her job. She stated that our students deserve better. Several of her students had to take a basic computer course



on VLACS to graduate and it makes no sense to her. Her daughter started here in the Franklin School system in second grade through a foster care program. She thrived due to the gifted teachers and counselors that were offered to her. Her daughter is applying to a private school next year because she feels that she won't be offered the classes she needs. Ms. Stillings is proud of her daughter for valuing her own education but sad for the many students here that don't have that option. She is also very sad to see so many talented teachers leaving Franklin. She concluded stating that our students deserve more and it's time for a change.

Wanda Bourgeois, Ward 2 resident stated that she is a single parent on disability and is raising her grandchild. She hears retired people who can't afford any increase in taxes but she is willing to cut wherever she can to help fund the schools. The grandchild that she is raising is the most important thing to her right now and it's important she receives a good education. Her grand-daughter has some special needs of which she tries not to burden the schools with extra things for her. Her grand-daughter wears two hearing aids and the school was unable to provide the FM system that is supposed to be using so that she could hear her teachers. The school didn't have the funds to provide that equipment, so she got very low grades (1's and 2's) in most of her classes. She tried to work with her at home, but it is difficult to do on her own. The teacher is needed to teach. She stated that she didn't fight with the school about the hearing aid piece and just tried to do as much as she could without it. When she is at home with her grand-daughter, she will ask her to go pick up the laundry and she'll return with a book because she is profoundly hard of hearing. Recently she read on Facebook that City employees do not pay anything toward their health insurance and if that is true then that needs to be looked at. She stated that their pay as well should be evaluated in relation to similar communities. She also explained that she understands that the City has constraints. She described being without water for a week because the City shut off her water accidentally when they were supposed to shut off her neighbor's water. She eventually called a plumber who found out what had really happened. She concluded stating that she doesn't want to burden the City and if it means raising her taxes then she supports it and will make cuts where she can because education isn't something that she wants to give up.

Glen Feener, Ward 2 resident stated that he listened to a lot here this evening; we have a funding problem. He believes the two ways to solve it is 1) Everyone here needs to contact their families and friends in this City and other Cities to elect state legislators who support education funding. This is the long-term solution. 2) People are stating that the tax cap has been here too long and want it overridden. Instead of reading economics books, take time to study the charter and the RSA's and remove the cap. Put it to the voters and if that's the direction the people here want to go, then we go forward from there.

Daniel Allen, Ward 1 resident stated that he is from South Carolina and has been here for 15 years. He's sat on the sidelines watching the commotion on Facebook and couldn't sit on the sideline anymore. He stated that a lot of people have a lot to say but they don't vote. He added that his son is doing well in school and loves computers but there's no computer class anymore. He supports the City through shopping and making his car payments even though he doesn't currently own his home, he wants to stay here. He loves Franklin but now put it on hold because he's not sure if it's worth staying here for his children's sake. He noticed on the proposed budget that it will cost 1M for a

bridge but has watched the fighting over half a million for the schools. He concluded stated that he and many others in the City don't feel that the students are the City's biggest priority and most important investment. Once they graduate, they won't stay here, work here, start their families here or start businesses here. He hopes the Council can make the right decisions tonight, so he doesn't walk out of City Hall and just keep walking right out of Franklin.

Tim Dow, Ward 3 resident and School Board Chair stated that he isn't going to get into everything that was already spoken about. He stated that during the many budget process meetings that were held, the Council mentioned that they were never told about the 1-Million-dollar shortage. Mr. Dow stated that on October 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2017, the Council was made aware of adequacy aid reduction of \$84,000 and the Superintendent had to freeze the budget. Even more was taken away the year before. On December 4<sup>th</sup> the Superintendent came forward and told the Council that the adequacy aid would be \$410,000 less than this year. The City Council was made aware of the shortages and shortfall but never asked for 1 Million dollars. He stated that the School Board is required to tell the Council where they stand. Mr. Dow mentioned several other dates when this information was made known. Mr. Dow stressed that this information was nothing new to the City Council and could have been resolved long before tonight. So tonight, taxpayers and citizens have to come out and defend what they want from the City Council and the City. Mr. Dow stated that only Councilor Olivia Zink wanted to get some sort of commitment back on May 9<sup>th</sup>. He also stated that Mayor Giunta did come up with the School's 4% shortfall last year and Mr. Dow was grateful for that. Coming out here in July and defending the school and teachers shouldn't have to be done this late in the year. Until the state changes the allocation, it's the City's responsibility to the students here by funding their education. He's hearing a lot about transparency and pointed out that whoever didn't know the superintendent, he was sitting in the audience. Mr. Dow also stated that the City Council was invited down to the school on November 6<sup>th</sup> to look at their budget and ask questions but he believes that no-one came down. The City Council wanted to know what has been achieved with some of the extra money that was given to the schools over the last few years. Mr. Dow stated that there was great work done by the dedicated teachers which moved the school off of the list of schools that Need Improvements. The school had been on that list since 2007. He explained other school improvements and academic achievements made with the extra money given. Combined cuts totaled over 1M and the City Council asked the school to make more cuts. Mr. Dow asked the Council if the City could cut 1M out of their budget. Mr. Dow expressed his irritation with the Council stating that 5 councilors neglected the students of Franklin when their vote was taken back and he wanted them to make good on the situation.

Mayor Giunta asked if there was anyone else that wanted to come forward. There were no further comments from the Public.

**Public Hearing Session closed at 8:49PM**

**Agenda Item I.**

Ordinance #02-19, proposing a change in Fees charged for services with regard to CD, Thumb Drives and Police VIN Verification Fees.

**Motion – Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council approve Ordinance #02-19, an amendment to the Franklin Municipal Code, Chapter 160 Fees, 160-1 Fee increase for services by a roll call vote.  
Seconded by Councilor Desrochers**

Mayor Giunta asked for discussion. There was none.

**ORDINANCE #02-19**

**AN AMENDMENT TO THE FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL CODE:**

**In the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen;**

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Franklin that the Franklin Municipal Code, Chapter 160, Fees, 160-1 Fees charged for service by the City of Franklin be changed as follows (bold additional language, strikethrough for deleted language):

	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Change To</u>
Copies, <b>CD</b>	\$0	\$5
Copies, <b>Thumb Drive</b>	\$0	\$10
Dig Permit	\$150	\$200
Fire Permit	\$5	\$0
Permit Parking (Franklin Street Parking Lot)	\$200/yr	\$0
<b>Police VIN Verification</b>	\$0	\$5
Transfer Station:		
Asphalt Shingles	\$127/ton	\$129/ton
Residential Construction & Demolition	\$127/ton	\$129/ton
Commercial Haulers & all others;		
Shingles, construction, demo materials	\$127/ton	\$129/ton
Commercial construction & demo		
Materials	\$127/ton	\$129/ton

**Fees to be effective July 1, 2018 by a roll call vote.**

**Roll Call:**

<b>Councilor Barton</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b>Councilor Desrochers</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b>Councilor Ribas</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>
<b>Councilor Brown</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b>Councilor Dzujna</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b>Councilor Trudel</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>
<b>Councilor Clarenbach</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b>Councilor Moquin</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b>Councilor Zink</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>

**All in Favor. Motion PASSED.**

**Agenda Item II.**

Resolution #01-19 – Proposed Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget.

**Motion – Councilor Desrochers moved that the Franklin City Council adopt Resolution #01-19 regarding the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget by a roll call vote. A summary of the Budget is as follows:  
Seconded by Councilor Trudel.**

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion.

Councilor Clarenbach wanted the public to be aware that tonight was required as a public hearing and that the actual bottom number of the City's Total Appropriations can't be changed this evening. He stated that there is no way to override the tax cap tonight due to the timing of the Need for Public Notice. There isn't adequate time for Public Hearing to further discuss appropriating money from one area to another. He continued stating that because it's July 18<sup>th</sup>, the City Manager's Budget would default and take effect before there was time to hold a Public Hearing. Councilor Clarenbach was saddened that we are here at this juncture. He concluded stating that he has assurances from other Councilors that the Council will work diligently on this issue starting in September. It is going to be difficult and tough decisions will need to be made in order to come up with a better plan for the entire community.

**RESOLUTION #01-19**

**A resolution relating to Appropriations and Estimated Revenues for Fiscal Year 2019.**

**In the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Eighteen.**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by The City Council of the City of Franklin that the following appropriations and revenues be made for Fiscal Year 2018-2019:

**MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS**

**APPROPRIATIONS:**

General Operations (MS-232):	
General Government	\$1,683,062
Public Safety	5,716,678
Highways & Streets	1,420,512
Sanitation	823,843
Health	194,462
Welfare	141,402
Culture & Recreation	1,052,604
Conservation & Development	105,000
Debt Service	299,585
Capital Outlay	0
Interfund Operating Transfers Out	347,014
Transfer to School District	164,260
Total General Operations Appropriations	<u>\$11,948,420</u>
Other Funds:	
Parks & Recreation Appropriations	\$15,500
Outside Police Detail Appropriations	10,354
Water Appropriations	1,773,460
Sewer Appropriations	1,579,734
Capital Projects Appropriations	1,000,000
Pass Through Grant Appropriations	535,000
Total Municipal Appropriations	<u><u>\$16,862,468</u></u>

**ESTIMATED REVENUES:**

General Operations (MS-434):	
City Revenues General Fund	\$4,140,652
Use of Fund Balance	\$147,760
Interfund Operating Transfers In	24,292
Local Taxation	7,635,716
Total General Operations Estimated Revenues	<u>\$11,948,420</u>
Other Funds:	
Parks & Recreation Estimated Revenues	\$15,500
Outside Police Detail Estimated Revenues	10,354
Water Estimated Revenues	1,773,460
Sewer Estimated Revenues	1,579,734
Capital Projects Estimated Revenues	1,000,000

Pass Through Grant Estimated Revenues	535,000
Total Municipal Estimated Revenues	<u>\$16,862,468</u>

**SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

**APPROPRIATIONS:**

General Operations	\$18,571,401
Food Service	0
Total School Department Appropriations	<u>\$18,571,401</u>

**ESTIMATED REVENUES:**

General Operations	\$12,561,906
Transfer from Municipal	164,260
Use of Fund Balance	260,000
Transfer from Capital Reserve	149,041
Food Service	0
Local & State Taxation	5,436,194
Total School Estimated Revenues	<u>\$18,571,401</u>

**MERRIMACK COUNTY**

Estimated Tax to be Raised	\$1,652,070
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**INDUSTRIAL PARK TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT**

Estimated Tax to be Raised	\$41,000
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**FRANKLIN FALLS MIXED USE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT**

Estimated Tax to be Raised	\$40,082
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**VETERAN'S  
CREDITS**

Estimated Tax to be Raised	\$144,825
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**OVERLAY**

Estimated Tax to be Raised	\$31,000
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**Roll Call:**

Councilor Barton	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Desrochers	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>Yes</u>
Councilor Brown	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>Yes</u>
Councilor Clarenbach	<u>No</u>	Councilor Moquin	<u>No</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>No</u>

**6 in favor. Motion PASSED.**

**Agenda Item III.**

Other Business:

- 1) City Manager Milner addressed the City Council requesting to set a Public Hearing on August 6th for Resolution #03-19, Proposing a change in the Listed Agent Fee for Fire Alarms to \$50.00 by a roll call vote.

Councilor Ribas so moved. Councilor Clarenbach seconded.  
All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

**ORDINANCE #03-19**

**AN AMENDMENT TO THE FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL CODE:**

**In the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen;**

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Franklin that the Franklin Municipal Code, Chapter 160, Fees, 160-1 Fees charged for service by the City of Franklin be changed as follows (**bold additional language**, strikethrough for deleted language):

	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Change To</u>
<b>Fire Alarm Listed Agent Fees:</b>		
Initial Application	\$0	\$50
Annual Fee	\$0	\$65
Franklin Fire Dept Onsite at Master Box	\$0	\$25
<b>Violation Fees:</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> offense	\$0	\$25
2 <sup>nd</sup> offense	\$0	\$50
After 2 <sup>nd</sup> offense	\$0	\$100

**Fees to be effective July 1, 2018 by a roll call vote.**

- 2) Recycling Program Update – When this program began, we were getting paid but now the program is costing the City almost double the cost of trash elimination. Other reasons for suspending are due to China closing the market for receiving recyclables from the United States and also because recyclables have been very dirty. The RRA Recycling facility requested that we keep up the program because they believe the market will come back. We are still doing some recycling at the Transfer Station and separating glass and metals is still required. This will be reevaluated every quarter. The message to residents is to continue to separate acceptable recyclables using the green bin at home for curbside pick-up and bringing all glass and metal to the Transfer Station separately.

**Motion to adjourn by Councilor Desrochers.**  
**Seconded by Councilor Ribas**

**All in Favor. Motion PASSED.**

**Meeting closed at 8:59PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

Audrey Lanzillo