# INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM 

TO:
Finance and Safety Committee
FROM: Peggy McCarthy, Finance Director
BY:
Vicky Carlsen, Deputy Finance Director
CC: Mayor Ekberg
DATE: $\quad$ November 1, 2017
SUBJECT: 2017-2018 Mid-Biennium Budget Amendments

## ISSUE

Approve the administrative 2017-2018 mid-biennium budget amendments.

## BACKGROUND

While amending the budget is only legally required when a fund, in total, is in danger of exceeding budget, it is practice to adjust the budget to keep departments in the general fund from exceeding budget as authorized through the biennial budget process. It is also practice to adjust budgets in other funds to reflect changes in financial plans that occur throughout the fiscal year.

Many of the proposed budget amendments have been reviewed and approved by the Committee and/or Council process as noted below in the discussion and in the Exhibit A. Budget amendments are being proposed for the following reasons:

- Add budget for departments or funds experiencing higher than expected costs and in danger of being over budget at year-end. For 2017, an adjustment is proposed for the Fire Department and several other funds.
- Add budget for revenue-backed expenditures such as grants and reimbursable services.
- Adjust budget for carryovers - initiatives budgeted in one year but expended in the next year.
- Add budget for new initiatives. In 2017, Council authorized the purchase of land, a contract for quality assurance related to the Public Safety Plan, and the Axon Body Camera program for the Police Department. Additional details on the initiatives are included below in the discussion and in exhibit A.
- Several administrative adjustments including debt service and compliance with the Reserve Policy.

The proposed amendments have been categorized into the following four groups:

| No | Category Name | Category Description |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1. | Existing Service <br> Levels \& Plans | Adjust budget to reflect changes needed to maintain existing service levels <br> and plans including departmental under and over expenditures. |
| 2. | Revenue Backed | Increase both expenditure and revenue budget for new programs or services <br> that have a dedicated funding source. |
| 3. | Carryovers | Move budget to or from budget years to mirror actual or planned spending and <br> revenue recognition. |


| 4. | Initiatives | Budget for new programs, enhanced service levels or system improvements. <br> (e.g. for 2017, The quality assurance contract for the Public Safety Plan). |
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The budget amendments are discussed below and are also listed in Exhibit A titled, "2017 Year End Budget Amendment Detail."

## DISCUSSION

## GENERAL FUND

## Category 1 - Existing Service Levels and Plans.

Departmental Expenditures Exceeding Budget. At the July 5, 2016 meeting, Council authorized the Fire Department to increase the total pipeline positions from three to five. These positions are unbudgeted and are intended to reduce overtime due to retirements. The Fire Department has been experiencing three retirements each year for the last several years. In 2017, only one retirement has occurred. Because the retirements did not occur as expected, $\$ 240$ thousand in labor costs were incurred that were not offset by a reduction in overtime. Additional details on the Fire Department budget is provided in Exhibit B. This item has been discussed at several Finance Committee meetings.

Another budget amendment in this category relates to the Public Safety Plan. The budget was drafted to include bond proceeds to be received in 2017 for costs associated with the Public Works Shops facility. It is not expected that the earliest the City will sell bonds for the Shops will be in 2018. Costs for preliminary siting work have been incurred in 2017. An operating transfer from the general fund into the City Facilities fund (fund 306) will need to be done to cover costs incurred.

The final amendment in this category is to transfer $10 \%$ of previous year one-time revenue from the general fund to the contingency fund. One-time revenue received in 2016 was related to construction sales tax.

## Category 2 - Revenue Backed

The most significant amendment in this category is for the Fire Department. In September, fire personnel were deployed to assist in recovery efforts from two hurricanes; one in Texas and the other in Florida. Approximately $\$ 125$ thousand in labor costs were incurred that will be reimbursed. Due to the lateness in the fiscal year that these events occurred, it is anticipated that funds will not be received until 2018.

The Fire Department also incurred emergency medical costs that will be reimbursed in 2017. Total costs and reimbursement is approximately $\$ 35$ thousand.

A grant was approved by Council at the October 23, 2017 special meeting for the Police Department. The grant, which requires a $10 \%$ match, is to fund a temporary position to maintain service levels in the Police Records Unit. Grant revenue is approximately $\$ 77$ thousand, and with the required match, expenditures will be approximately $\$ 77.5$ thousand.

The Mayor's Department secured a grant from the Port of Seattle to create marketing materials for business development and attraction. Resolution \#1888 was approved on August 15, 2017 supporting the City's efforts to obtain this grant. The total grant is $\$ 16,500$.

Other revenue backed amendments are for four grants received by the Recreation Department. A Wilderness Explorers grant, in the amount of $\$ 2,671$ was secured to support Camp Tukwilly. A grant from World Vision MOU, in the amount of $\$ 5,000$ was secured to support the 2017 Youth Action day. Amendments for these two grants is specific to 2017. The Recreation Department also secured a grant from the United Way to support summer playground sites. The grant is $\$ 3,000$ for 2017 and $\$ 3,000$ for 2018. The final grant is the At-Risk Afterschool Meals program, part of the Child and Adult Food Program.

Revenue for this grant was budgeted in both 2017 and 2018 at $\$ 4,000$ but the City will receive $\$ 9,000$. Expenditures were budgeted at $\$ 1,500$ each year but will match the revenue received.

## Category 3 - Carryovers

The Technology and Innovation Services Department has a capital budget of $\$ 43$ thousand. Planned purchases that were anticipated to occur in 2017 will be moved into 2018.

## Category 4 - Initiatives

Budget of $\$ 50$ thousand is being added to the Council's budget. At the June 26,2017 special meeting, Council approved a contract with Steven Golblatt to provide quality assurance for the Public Safety Plan. The contract extends through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed $\$ 250$ thousand.

## OTHER FUNDS

Budget amendments for other funds are proposed to --

- Add expenditure budget to ensure adequate coverage of actual 2017 expenditures in the hotel/motel (lodging tax 101) and drug seizure fund (109),
- Add expenditure budget to ensure adequate coverage of projected 2018 expenditures in the surface water fund (412) associated with the $42^{\text {nd }}$ Avenue South project,
- Add expenditure budget to purchase land in the land acquisition fund,
- Reflect budget changes in General Fund transfers as well as utility funds into the City Facilities fund (306) for the Public Works Shops facility.
- Replace the line of credit that is due in December 2017 with a new 5-year debt in the facilities fund (302),
- Carryover budget from 2017 projects in the residential streets (103) and arterial streets (104) funds, and
- Reflect additional Local Improvement District (LID) bond payments resulting from the early LID assessment payoffs that occurred in 2016.
- Streamline CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) process. Combine all LTGO (limited tax obligation bond fund budgets into one fund to streamline CAFR reporting.


## RECOMMENDATION

The Council is asked to approve the 2017 mid-biennium Budget Amendment ordinance and consider this item at the November 14, 2017 Committee of the Whole, and November 20, 2017 Regular Council Meeting.

## ATTACHMENTS

## Draft Ordinance

Reconciliation of 2017-2018 Budget Summary to Ordinance
Info Memo - Fire Department


> AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2515, WHICH ADOPTED AND AMENDED THE CITY OF TUKWILA'S BIENNIAL BUDGET FOR THE 2017-2018 BIENNIUM, TO ADOPT AN AMENDED MID-BIENNIUM BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2016, the City Council of the City of Tukwila adopted Ordinance No. 2515, which adopted the 2017-2018 biennial budget of the City of Tukwila; and

WHEREAS, a mid-biennium budget amendment was presented to the City Council in a timely manner for their review, in accordance with RCW 35A.34.130; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2017, following required public notification, the City Council conducted a public hearing on the proposed mid-biennium budget amendment;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Ordinance Amended. Tukwila Ordinance No. 2515 is hereby amended with the City Council's adoption of the document entitled "City of Tukwila 2017-2018 MidBiennium Budget Amendment," attached hereto and incorporated by this reference as if fully set forth herein, in accordance with RCW 35A.33.075.

Section 2. Estimated Revenues and Appropriations. The totals of the estimated revenues and appropriations for each separate fund and the aggregate totals are as follows:

|  | FUND | EXPENDITURES | REVENUES |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| 000 | General | $\$ 142,679,203$ | $\$ 142,679,203$ |
| 105 | Contingency | $\$ 5,894,563$ | $\$ 5,894,563$ |
| 104 | Arterial Street | $\$ 39,473,923$ | $\$ 39,473,923$ |
| $2 X X$ | Debt Service | $\$ 9,922,528$ | $\$ 9,922,528$ |
| 302 | Facility Replacement/Urban Renewal | $\$ 10,271,906$ | $\$ 10,271,906$ |
| 305 | Public Safety Plan | $\$ 25,160,000$ | $\$ 25,160,000$ |
| 306 | City Facilities (Public Works Shops) | $\$ 29,913,000$ | $\$ 29,913,000$ |

Section 3. Copies on File. A complete copy of the amended budget for 2017-2018, as adopted, together with a copy of this amending ordinance, shall be kept on file in the City Clerk's Office, and a copy shall be transmitted by the City Clerk to the Division of Municipal Corporations of the Office of the State Auditor and to the Association of Washington Cities.

Section 4. Corrections by City Clerk or Code Reviser. Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and the code reviser are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including the correction of clerical errors; references to other local, state or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations; or ordinance numbering and section/subsection numbering.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance or its application to any person or situation should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to any other person or situation.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance or a summary thereof shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force and effect five days after passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, at a Regular Meeting thereof this $\qquad$ day of $\qquad$ , 2017.

## ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Christy O'Flaherty, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY:

Rachel B. Turpin, City Attorney

Allan Ekberg, Mayor

Filed with the City Clerk: Passed by the City Council: Published: Effective Date: Ordinance Number:

Attachment: City of Tukwila 2017-2018 Mid-Biennium Budget Amendment

Exhibit A

2017-18 Mid-Biennium Budget Amendment Detail -- Spreadsheet

|  |  |  | 2017 Increase (Decrease) |  |  | 2018 Increase (Decrease) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Dept Sponsor | Explanation | Expense | Revenue | Effect on EFB | Expense | Revenue | Effect on EFB |
| GENERAL FUND |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| POLICE DEPARTMENT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Category 2 - Revenue Backed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $1{ }^{-}$ | $\begin{gathered} \overline{\mathrm{PD}} \begin{array}{c} \text { inichardso } \\ \text { in } \\ \end{array} . \end{gathered}$ | 'Grant funded temporary $\overline{\mathrm{F}} \overline{\mathrm{E}}$ to maintain level of service 'in the Police Records Unit. Grant was approved by Council at the October 23, 2017 special meeting. |  |  |  | 86, $\overline{0} 2 \overline{9}$ | 77,426 | $(\overline{8}, 603)$ |
|  | I | Police Department Total | - | - | - | 86,029 | 77,426 | $(8,603)$ |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Category 1 - Existing Service Levels or Plans |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | FD Carlsen | Funding to cover costs associated with two additional pipeline positions approved by Council at the July 5, 2016 meeting. | 240,000 |  | $(240,000)$ | 240,000 |  | $(240,000)$ |
| Category 2 - Revenue Backed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | FD Carlsen | Firefighter deployment to assist with recovery efforts from hurricanes in Texas and Florida. Information on the deployment was presented to Council at the October 23, \|2017 C.O.W. meeting. | 125,000 | 125,000 | - |  |  |  |
| 4 |  | Expenses related providing emergency medical \|services. The City was able to receive an additional \$35 thousand in reimbursement for incurred costs. | 35,000 | 35,000 | - |  |  |  |
|  | i i | \|Fire Department Total | 400,000 | 160,000 | $(240,000)$ | 240,000 | - | $(240,000)$ |
| MAYOR |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Category 2 - Revenue Backed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | Mayor Speck | Port of Seattle grant to create marketing materials for 'business development and attraction. Resolution 1888 was approved on August 15, 2016 supporting the City's efforts to obtain this grant. | 16,500 | 16,500 | $(240,000)$ |  |  |  |
|  |  | Mayor Total | 16,500 | 16,500 | - | - | - | - |
| PARKS \& RECREATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Category 2 - Revenue Backed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | Rec 「Gallaway | Wilderness Explorers grant to support Camp Tukwilly. | 2,671 | 2,671 | - |  |  |  |
| 7 | Rec Gallaway | 'United $\overline{\text { Way }}$ grant $\overline{\text { do support summer playground sites. }}$ | 3,000 | 3,000 | - | 3,000 | 3,000 | - |
| 8 | Rec Gallaway | World Vision MOU to support 2017 Youth Action day. | 5,000 | 5,000 | --- |  |  |  |
| 9 | Rec Gallaway <br>   | At-Risk Afterschool Meals program, and is part of the Child and Adult Food Program. When budget was drafted, $\$ 4,000$ in revenue was budgeted expected Irevenue is not $\$ 9,000$ each year. Only $\$ 1,500$ in lexpenditures was budgeted but total funds to be spent is | 7,500 | 5,000 | $(2,5 \overline{00})$ | 7,500 | 5,000 | $(\overline{2}, 500)$ |
|  |  | Parks \& Recreation Total | 18,171 | 15,671 | $(2,500)$ | 10,500 | 8,000 | $(2,500)$ |
| COUNCIL |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Category 4 - Initiatives |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | Humphrey | Steve Golblatt Quality Assurance for Public Safety Plan. \|This contract was approved at the June 26, 2017 special ¡meeting. The contract extends through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed $\$ 250,000$. | 30,000 |  | $(30,000)$ | 60,000 |  | (60,000) |
|  | i | 'Council Total | 30,000 | - | $(30,000)$ | 60,000 | - | $(60,000)$ |
| TECHNOLOGY SERVICES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Category 3 - Carryovers |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | T ${ }^{\top}{ }^{-1 / T o d d ~}$ | 'Planned capital and other purchases will not occur until 2018. | ( 43,000 ) |  | $\overline{43}, \overline{00}$ | 43,000 |  | (43, 000 ) |
|  | i i | Technology Services Total | $(43,000)$ | - | 43,000 | 43,000 | - | $(43,000)$ |
| TRANSFERS, REVENUE \& OTHER |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Category 1 - Existing Service Levels or Plans |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | Carlsen | 'Expenditures associated with the P $\overline{\mathrm{W}}{ }^{-} \bar{W}^{-}$orks $\overline{\text { Shops }}$ 'facility. The budget was drafted to include bond proceeds. However, bonds will not be sold until at least 2018. An operating transfer is necessary to cover 2017 I costs until bonds are sold. | 210,000 |  | $(210,000)$ |  |  |  |
| 13 | Carlsen | Transfer $10 \%$ of previous year one-time revenue \|(construction sales tax) to Contingency fund per Reserve |Policy. | 138,515 |  | $(138,515)$ |  |  |  |
|  | ! | Transfers, Revenue \& Other Total | 348,515 | - | $(348,515)$ | - | - | - |
| Total General Fund 000 |  |  | 770,186 | 192,171 | $(578,015)$ | 439,529 | 85,426 | $(354,103)$ |

## Exhibit A

2017-18 Mid-Biennium Budget Amendment Detail -- Spreadsheet


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## 2017-18 Mid-Biennium Budget Amendment Detail -- Spreadsheet



| Reconciliation of 2017-2018 Budget Summary to Ordinance |  |  | ORIGINAL BUDGET |  |  |  | AMENDED BUDGET |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2017 | 2018 | $201$ | Total | Mid Biennial | Amendment | Tot |
| EXPENDITURES | Expenditures | Expenditures | Fund Balance | Expenditures | 2017 | 2018 | Expenditures |
| 000 General | \$ 62,639,570 | \$ 68,168,105 | \$ 11,593,932 | \$ 142,401,606 | \$ 192,171 | \$ 85,426 | \$ 142,679,203 |
| 101 Hotel/Motel | 440,700 | 423,914 | 1,536,261 | 2,400,875 | - | - | 2,400,875 |
| 103 City Street | 9,353,000 | 5,425,000 | 887,431 | 15,665,431 | - | - | 15,665,431 |
| 104 Arterial Street | 29,137,579 | 9,803,218 | 533,126 | 39,473,923 | (11,000,000) | 11,000,000 | 39,473,923 |
| 105 Contingency | - | - | 5,756,048 | 5,756,048 | 138,515 | - | 5,894,563 |
| 109 Drug Seizure Fund | 45,000 | 45,000 | 491,635 | 581,635 | - | - | 581,635 |
| 2XX LTGO Debt Service |  |  |  |  | 3,343,607 | 6,578,921 | 9,922,528 |
| 200 LTGO Bonds | 691,150 | 2,940,000 | 133,546 | 3,764,696 | $(824,696)$ | $(2,940,000)$ |  |
| 208 LTGO Bonds - 2017 (Public Safety Plan) | - | 492,000 | - | 492,000 | - | $(492,000)$ | - |
| 209 LTGO Bonds - 2017 (Residential Street) | - | 672,000 | - | 672,000 | - | $(672,000)$ | - |
| 211 Limited Tax G.O. Refunding Bonds, 2008 | 809,900 | 809,100 | 416 | 1,619,416 | $(810,316)$ | $(809,100)$ | - |
| 212 Limited Tax G.O. Bonds, 2009A | 427,461 | 428,288 | 2 | 855,751 | $(427,463)$ | $(428,288)$ | - |
| 213 UTGO-2107 | - | 2,681,000 | - | 2,681,000 |  |  | 2,681,000 |
| 214 Limited Tax G.O. Bonds, 2010A | 581,191 | 575,153 | 33,972 | 1,190,316 | $(615,163)$ | $(575,153)$ | - |
| 2172011 Refunding Bonds | 552,300 | 549,250 | 539 | 1,102,089 | $(552,839)$ | $(549,250)$ | - |
| 2182014 Facility | 113,130 | 113,130 | - | 226,260 | $(113,130)$ | $(113,130)$ | - |
| 206 LID Guaranty | - | - | 670,151 | 670,151 |  |  | 670,151 |
| 2332013 LID | 721,830 | 702,655 | 855,923 | 2,280,408 | - | - | 2,280,408 |
| 301 Land Acquisition, Recreation \& Park Dev. | 1,139,000 | 581,000 | 2,378,123 | 4,098,123 | - | - | 4,098,123 |
| 302 Facility Replacement | 1,860,000 | 6,086,000 | 225,906 | 8,171,906 | 2,100,000 | - | 10,271,906 |
| 303 General Government Improvements | 290,794 | 294,593 | 149,962 | 735,349 |  |  | 735,349 |
| 304 Fire Improvements | - | - | 727,831 | 727,831 | - | - | 727,831 |
| 305 Public Safety Plan | 14,187,000 | 9,599,000 | 357,000 | 24,143,000 | 1,017,000 | - | 25,160,000 |
| 306 City Facilities | 6,150,000 | 2,302,000 | 21,041,000 | 29,493,000 | 420,000 | - | 29,913,000 |
| 401 Water | 8,841,590 | 6,898,434 | 2,386,537 | 18,126,561 | - | - | 18,126,561 |
| 402 Sewer | 11,168,523 | 8,618,352 | 6,695,216 | 26,482,091 | - | - | 26,482,091 |
| 411 Foster Golf Course | 1,850,949 | 1,887,168 | 67,157 | 3,805,274 |  |  | 3,805,274 |
| 412 Surface Water | 8,133,869 | 8,729,475 | 3,809,484 | 20,672,828 | - | - | 20,672,828 |
| 501 Equipment Rental | 3,952,966 | 4,227,493 | 4,698,217 | 12,878,676 |  |  | 12,878,676 |
| 502 Insurance Fund | 6,842,617 | 7,150,807 | 4,589 | 13,998,014 |  |  | 13,998,014 |
| 503 Insurance - LEOFF 1 Fund | 606,299 | 623,714 | 516,872 | 1,746,884 |  |  | 1,746,884 |
| 611 Firemen's Pension | 72,727 | 76,491 | 1,162,401 | 1,311,619 |  |  | 1,311,619 |
| Total | \$ 170,609,146 | \$ 150,902,340 | \$ 66,713,277 | \$ 388,224,762 | \$ (7,132,314) | \$ 11,085,426 | \$ 392,177,875 |

Shaded rows indicate debt fund budgets being combined into one fund for reporting purposes.

City of Tukwila 2017-2018 Mid-Biennium Budget Amendment

| REVENUES | 2015 Beginning Fund Balance | $2017$ <br> Revenues | $2018$ <br> Revenues | Total Revenues | Mid Biennial Amendment |  | Total Revenues |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | 2017 | 2018 |  |
| 000 General | \$ 11,500,000 | \$ 62,665,691 | \$ 68,235,916 | \$ 142,401,606 | \$ 192,171 | \$ 85,426 | \$ 142,679,203 |
| 101 Hotel/Motel | 906,875 | 736,000 | 758,000 | 2,400,875 |  |  | 2,400,875 |
| 103 City Street | 833,331 | 9,397,500 | 5,434,600 | 15,665,431 |  |  | 15,665,431 |
| 104 Arterial Street | 3,786,923 | 25,398,000 | 10,289,000 | 39,473,923 | (11,000,000) | 11,000,000 | 39,473,923 |
| 105 Contingency | 5,716,048 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 5,756,048 | 138,515 | - | 5,894,563 |
| 109 Drug Seizure Fund | 461,635 | 60,000 | 60,000 | 581,635 |  |  | 581,635 |
| 2XX LTGO Debt Service |  |  |  |  | 3,343,607 | 6,578,921 | 9,922,528 |
| 200 LTGO Bonds | 133,546 | 691,150 | 2,940,000 | 3,764,696 | $(824,696)$ | $(2,940,000)$ | - |
| 208 LTGO Bonds - 2017 (Public Safety Plan) | - | - | 492,000 | 492,000 | - | $(492,000)$ | - |
| 209 LTGO Bonds - 2017 (Residential Street) | - | - | 672,000 | 672,000 | - | $(672,000)$ | - |
| 211 Limited Tax G.O. Refunding Bonds, 2008 | 416 | 809,900 | 809,100 | 1,619,416 | $(810,316)$ | $(809,100)$ | - |
| 212 Limited Tax G.O. Bonds, 2009A | 2 | 427,461 | 428,288 | 855,751 | $(427,463)$ | $(428,288)$ | - |
| 213 UTGO - 2107 | - | - | 2,681,000 | 2,681,000 |  |  | 2,681,000 |
| 214 Limited Tax G.O. Bonds, 2010A | 33,972 | 581,191 | 575,153 | 1,190,316 | $(615,163)$ | $(575,153)$ | - |
| 2172011 Refunding Bonds | 539 | 552,300 | 549,250 | 1,102,089 | $(552,839)$ | $(549,250)$ | - |
| 2182014 Facility | - | 113,130 | 113,130 | 226,260 | $(113,130)$ | $(113,130)$ | - |
| 206 LID Guaranty | 669,151 | 500 | 500 | 670,151 |  |  | 670,151 |
| 2332013 LID | 898,764 | 702,111 | 679,533 | 2,280,408 |  |  | 2,280,408 |
| 301 Land Acquisition, Recreation \& Park Dev. | 2,713,123 | 716,000 | 669,000 | 4,098,123 |  |  | 4,098,123 |
| 302 Facility Replacement | 370,706 | 3,486,600 | 4,314,600 | 8,171,906 | 2,100,000 | - | 10,271,906 |
| 303 General Government Improvements | 334,349 | 200,500 | 200,500 | 735,349 |  |  | 735,349 |
| 304 Fire Improvements | 645,631 | 32,100 | 50,100 | 727,831 |  |  | 727,831 |
| 305 Public Safety Plan | - | 23,843,000 | 300,000 | 24,143,000 | 1,017,000 | - | 25,160,000 |
| 306 City Facilities | - | 6,150,000 | 23,343,000 | 29,493,000 | 420,000 | - | 29,913,000 |
| 401 Water | 4,178,561 | 6,905,000 | 7,043,000 | 18,126,561 |  |  | 18,126,561 |
| 402 Sewer | 9,009,091 | 8,674,000 | 8,799,000 | 26,482,091 |  |  | 26,482,091 |
| 411 Foster Golf Course | 23,174 | 1,864,550 | 1,917,550 | 3,805,274 |  |  | 3,805,274 |
| 412 Surface Water | 4,273,828 | 7,413,000 | 8,986,000 | 20,672,828 |  |  | 20,672,828 |
| 501 Equipment Rental | 5,592,380 | 3,141,319 | 4,144,977 | 12,878,676 |  |  | 12,878,676 |
| 502 Insurance Fund | 1,175,682 | 6,173,727 | 6,648,605 | 13,998,014 |  |  | 13,998,014 |
| 503 Insurance - LEOFF 1 Fund | 1,210,204 | 268,340 | 268,340 | 1,746,884 |  |  | 1,746,884 |
| 611 Firemen's Pension | 1,170,891 | 69,687 | 71,041 | 1,311,619 |  |  | 1,311,619 |
| Total | \$ 55,638,823 | \$ 171,092,757 | \$ 161,493,183 | \$ 388,224,762 | \$ (7,132,314) | \$ 11,085,426 | \$ 392,177,875 |

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# INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM 

TO: Finance Council Committee
FROM: Peggy McCarthy, Finance Director and Jay C Wittwer, Fire Chief
BY: Vicky Carlsen, Deputy Finance Director
CC: Mayor Ekberg
DATE: October 11, 2017
SUBJECT: Fire Department Budget Update and Proposed Budget Amendment

## ISSUE

The discussion below encompasses the Fire Department budget, pipeline positions, retirements, and lessons learned.

The Fire Department is currently projected to exceed the 2017 adopted budget, which is largely due to additional pipeline positions authorized by the Council in mid-2016 and fewer than anticipated retirements in 2017. Additionally, budget was exceeded due to deployment of fire personnel to assist with hurricane recovery efforts in Texas and Florida. While most of the deployment costs will be reimbursed, the City does not expect to receive that funding until 2018.

## BACKGROUND

## History of Pipeline Positions

Pipeline positions were initially introduced to the fire department in February of 2014. City Council approved up to three pipeline positions in 2014 and two additional pipeline positions in June of 2016. Two pipeline employees were hired in 2014 and only one of them completed the academy. When the department suffered an unexpected departure of an employee in 2014, the pipeline employee filled that open slot thus leaving no pipeline employees available. 3 more pipeline employees started post-academy in early 2016 and 3 more were hired in 2017.

The intent of pipeline positions is to keep staffing levels at or above the minimum of 13 to reduce overtime caused by employee departures. When staffing is at least 15 , the aid car is placed in service. In 2015, when no pipeline employees existed, the aid car was in service for 31 shifts. In 2016, there were 3 pipeline employees and the aid car was in service for 81 shifts. For 2017, the aid car has been in service for over 100 shifts (and still counting) with 5 pipeline employees.

## History of Fire Department Staff Departures

The Fire department's staff enjoys a significant amount of longevity. At least 17 firefighters have been on staff for at least 28 years. All are eligible to retire now. In addition to the 17 noted above, there are 5 other fire department personnel that are able to retire with less than 28 years of service in the system. $33 \%$ of the Fire department members will be able to retire at this point, and as the months pass by, more will be added to this list. With longevity, comes retirements and other departures.

Retirements have averaged three a year since 2012. However, through the end of October, there has only been one retirement. It was anticipated that there would be up to three retirements in 2017 and that at least one pipeline position would transfer into an existing position.

## 2017-2018 Budget Preparation

The budget was prepared in the fall of 2016 just as the new Fire Chief, Jay Wittwer, was beginning his tenure with the City. The Finance Department is responsible for budgeting salaries, benefits, liability insurance, and fleet costs. Finance does not budget facilities costs such as utilities nor does it determine budget for dispatch services (Valley Comm.).

A total of 67 positions are included in the budget. Existing staff were budgeted at their current salary and benefits. Vacant positions were budgeted at step 1 with benefits based on entry level salary. All pipeline positions are unbudgeted; each pipeline position has an average annual cost of $\$ 125$ thousand.

## DISCUSSION

## Salaries

During the first half of 2017, all five pipeline positions, as authorized by City Council, have been filled. Because the intent of pipeline positions is to reduce overtime, they are unbudgeted. Through the end of June, salaries are over budget by $\$ 198$ thousand, or $2 \%$ of allocated budget.

Budgeted salaries were increased $2 \%$ over 2016 salaries as a place-holder for cost-of-living (COLA) adjustments. Because labor contracts have not been settled yet, actuals do not reflect COLA increases.

## Pipeline Positions

The primary intent of pipeline positions is to reduce overtime costs. Minimum staffing in the Fire Department is 13. A and $C$ shifts have 20 staff assigned positions and $B$ shift has 19 assigned positions. Labor contracts allow for a total of four positions to be off for Kelly day or vacation each shift. Pipeline positions provide a cushion for each shift to allow for sick leave without dropping below minimum staffing. An additional benefit of the pipeline positions is if minimum staffing for a shift is 15 , the aid car is placed in service, thereby increasing service levels to the City.

Even with 5 pipeline positions spread across all three shifts, overtime is on par with allocated budget rather than below allocated budget. The existence of pipeline positions in the first nine months of 2017 offset 117 shifts of overtime. The approximate value of that offset is $\$ 175 \mathrm{~K}$.

Many shifts have incurred overtime above minimum staffing levels of 13. This is due, in a small part, to not having a trained driver for apparatus on shift. If the driver is the one that calls in sick, even with minimum staffing, overtime will be incurred to bring in a driver to fill the position.

It should be noted that the five pipeline positions add $\$ 600$ thousand in unbudgeted expenditures, however, the department was able to absorb $\$ 360$ thousand without exceeding budget.

## Looking Forward / Lessons Learned

Administration and the Fire Department are committed to making operational adjustments in order to keep Fire within authorized budget, as directed by policy.

In 2017, the Fire Department expended additional overtime to train drivers. The department currently faces a shortage of drivers, and at times, will incur overtime even when staffing is at, or above, the minimum of 13 when a driver is absent. Driver's training should be completed in the Z:ICouncil Agenda ItemsICommunicationsIInfo Memo - Fire Budget 11.1.17.docx
next few months. This effort, along with balancing the shifts with fire fighters that have been trained to drive, should reduce the anticipated overtime budget by approximately $\$ 80$ thousand.

The City has the option to keep the department within budget by reducing minimum staffing. This could be done on a global level, or on days where vacation, sick and Kelly Day usage requires someone to be called in on overtime. The Department could determine that they can run below the minimum staffing of 12 . On these days one engine would be "browned out" (i.e. placed temporarily out of service) and an aid unit would be placed in service. Minimum staffing of 11 would cause one unit (engine or ladder truck) to be browned out and the ladder would operate with four personnel. This would also cause a station to be browned out for that day. If minimum staffing is reduced to 10 , the ladder would remain in service with a total of three personnel.

As mentioned above, Administration and the Fire Department is committed to keeping the Fire budget below the adopted budget. Ongoing meetings will occur each month, overtime will continue to be monitored on a daily basis, and budget reviewed each pay period. At these meetings, issues can be promptly identified and corrective action taken.

## Proposed Budget Amendment - Fire Department

Staff is recommending a budget amendment of $\$ 400$ thousand for the Fire Department consisting of the following three elements:

1. Costs associated with the two additional pipeline positions authorized in June 2016. Costs for each pipeline position is approximately $\$ 120$ thousand including wages, benefits, equipment, and training for a proposed amendment of $\$ 240$ thousand. This element of the amendment will be requested for both 2017 and 2018.
2. Additional EMS levy funds to account for costs for providing emergency medical services. The City has requested, and will receive, an additional $\$ 35$ thousand in EMS levy funds that is expected to be received this year. Both revenue and expenditure lines will be adjusted by $\$ 35$ thousand.
3. Expenditures associated with the deployments related to the hurricanes. Approximately $\$ 128$ thousand in costs were incurred to deploy fire personnel. These costs are revenuebacked, so the budget amendment would not only include an adjustment to overtime and related benefits, but to revenue as well. Since the deployments occurred later in the year, the City will most likely not receive reimbursement until 2018.

## RECOMMENDATION

This memo is for information only. However, the full budget amendment will go to the Committee of the Whole on November 13 where this information will also be shared for Council deliberation on the budget amendment.

Budget amendment request due to:
Unbudgeted pipeline positions
Revenue backed EMS levy funds
Natural disaster deployments
Pipeline positions
Three pipeline positions created in February of 2014
Two added in June of 2016 due to anticipated retirements
Pipeline positions are unbudgeted

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Four staff deployed to Texas for Harvey
Five staff deployed to Georgia for Irma relief
All but one staff members' time will be
reimbursed
Reimbursement not likely until 2018; hence
need for budget amendment
Budget amendment: \$128,000


Moving forward Reduce pipeline positions back to three
with coming retirements
-Driver's Training to increase driver
-Balancing shifts with drivers

[^1]Current process to track daily activities：

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Fire budget amendment requested:



[^0]:    Shaded rows indicate debt fund budgets being combined into one fund for reporting purposes.

[^1]:    Monthly meetings to review budget, overtime and take corrective action if
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