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BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE

Councilor Judy W. Thomas - Chairperson

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen

Councilors: Jerry "Pops" Barnes, Tyson Begly, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, Bruce Huff and Toyia Tucker

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May 2, 2023 / 9:00 AM /
Council Chambers
C. E. "Red" McDaniel City Services Center - Second Floor
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, Georgia 31906

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Judy W. Thomas

PRESENT: Chairperson Judy W. Thomas, Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen, and Councilors Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, R. Walker Garrett (virtual / Microsoft Teams), Bruce Huff (arrived at 9:48 a.m.) and Toyia Tucker. Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III (arrived at 9:48 a.m.), City Manager Isaiah Hugley, Deputy City Managers Lisa Goodwin and Pamela Hodge, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, Finance Director Angelica Alexander, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis and Deputy Clerk Pro Tem Tameka Colbert.

ABSENT: Councilors Jerry "Pops" Barnes, Tyson Begly, and Glenn Davis were absent.

AGENDA

PRESENTATIONS:

1. FY24 Budget Overview - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director
2. FY24 Healthcare Update - Tammi Starkey, NFP Benefits Consultant
3. Infrastructure Update – Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager

4. Emergency Management/Homeland Security – Chance Corbett, Emergency (Cancelled)

5. Sheriff's Office – Greg Countryman, Sheriff

Chairperson Thomas began the meeting by reading Section 7.401 of the Charter. She said although the Charter states that the budget is prepared by the city manager, the mayor works very closely with the City Manager and the Finance Department to make sure that the budget represents the mayor's proposal to the city.

BUDGET SCHEDULE:

Chairperson Thomas provided an outline of the budget schedule as follows:

• May 9th	City Council Budget Review (Dept Presentations)
• May 16th	City Council Budget Review (Dept Presentations-Add/Delete List)
• June 6th	Advertise FY24 Recommended Budget Advertise Taxpayer Bill of Rights Public Hearings
• June 13th	1st Taxpayer Bill of Rights Public Hearing 9:00 a.m. (During Council Meeting) 2nd Taxpayer Bill of Rights Public Hearing 6:00 p.m. (In Council Chambers) First Reading – Budget Ordinance Advertise Taxpayer Bill of Rights Public Hearing Advertise 5-year History Tax Millage
• June 20th	3rd Taxpayer Bill of Rights Public Hearing 9:00 a.m. (Regular Meeting 9:00 a.m.) Second Reading - Budget Ordinance First Reading - Millage Ordinance
• June 27th	Second Reading – Millage Ordinance (Regular Meeting 5:30 p.m.)

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Thomas stated that Councilors Davis and Garrett are attending the meeting virtually. *(At a later time, it was determined that Councilor Davis was not present virtually.)*

City Manager Isaiah Hugley's FY 24 Budget Review Meeting Opening Statement:

City Manager Hugley thanked the Finance Director and her staff for their hard work in bringing together the proposed budget.

BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #1

FY24 RECOMMENDED BUDGET OVERVIEW:

Finance Director Angelica Alexander provided an overview of the power point presentation entitled *FY24 Recommended Budget. *A copy is on file in the Clerk of Council's Office.*

FY24 Recommended Budget

Agenda

- Budget Process/Schedule
- Overview
  - Operating Funds Summary (including Capital/CIP)
  - Agency Appropriations
  - Non-Operating Funds Summary
  - Other Local Option Sales Tax
  - Healthcare
- Department/Office Presentations

Budget Process

- Submitted to the Council by the Mayor no less than 60 days prior to the start of each fiscal year.
- Includes operating and capital expenditures accompanied by revenues.
- Shall be accompanied by a budget message from the mayor containing policy, major changes, general summary, and other information deemed appropriate.
- Made public by advertising in the newspaper and hearings for public comment.
- Budget and Millage Ordinances along with related ordinances must be approved by July 1st.

Budget Schedule

- May 2023
  - Budget Review Sessions
    - May 2nd – Overview, Operating Funds, Agency Appropriations, Non-Operating Funds, OLOST, TSPLOST, Healthcare, Department/Office Presentations
    - May 9th – Department/Office Presentations
    - May 16th – Department/Office Presentations, Add/Delete List
- June 2023
  - Notices in the newspaper for public comment
  - Public Hearings for Taxpayer Bill of Rights
  - First and Second Reading – Budget and Millage Ordinances

FY24 Operating Funds

- Revenues $ 322,297,849
- Expenditures $ 332,818,834
- Use of Fund Balance $ 10,520,985

- Note: $4 million of Fund Balance Total is due to the one-time capital purchases, $3 million for Fire/EMS contingency plan, and $1.8 million to provide support to the Integrated Waste Fund and related services.

FY24 Assumptions

- No change in the total Millage Rates from FY23
  - USD #1 = 17.51 mills
  - USD #2 = 11.53 mills
  - USD #4 = 10.63 mills
- 2% Increase in the Digest
- 99% Collection Rate
- No subsidy to Civic Center
  - E911 subsidy - $253,689
  - Integrated Waste subsidy - $1,200,000
- $100k subsidy for Oxbow Creek, no subsidy for Bull Creek Golf Course
- Value of one mill (Operating) = $4,885,427
- Value of one mill (Debt) = $5,246,769
- COLA included of 1.0% for active employees and 0.5% for retirees effective July 2023 (excluding Elected Officials)
- Health Insurance – Continued contribution share strategy of 73/27 (was70/30 prior to FY23) for active employees, Rates remains unchanged for Wellness Participation.

Millage Summary

	USD #1		**USD #2**		**USD #4**	
	FY23	FY24	FY23	FY24	FY23	FY24
Total Gen and Urban	8.18	8.18	6.13	6.13	5.98	5.98
METRA	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.82
Total subject to cap	**9.00**	**9.00**	**6.95**	**6.95**	**6.80**	**6.80**
Stormwater	1.24	1.24	0.20	0.20	N/A	N/A
Paving	3.44	3.44	0.55	0.55	N/A	N/A
Medical Center	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
Economic Development	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
Debt Service	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.83
TOTAL	**17.51**	**17.51**	**11.53**	**11.53**	**10.63**	**10.63**

FY24 Recommended Operating Budget

• General	54.8%
• Other LOST	13.6%
• Stormwater	2.1%
• Paving	5.3%
• Indigent Care	3.6%
• Integrated Waste	4.7%
• E-911	1.3%
• Economic Development Authority	0.7%
• Debt Services	4.8%
• Transportation	5.5%
• Trade Center	1.2%
• Bull Creek	0.6%
• Oxbow	0.2%
• Civic Center	1.6%

FY24 Revenues (Sources of Revenue)

• Charges for Services	12.4%
• Fines & Forfeitures	0.8%
• General Property Taxes	28.9%
• Intergovernmental	4.4%
• Investment Income	0.2%
• Franchise Fees	5.8%
• Licenses & Permits	0.9%
• Miscellaneous	1.2%
• Business & Other Taxes	9.9%
• Sales & Use Taxes	27.5%
• Transfers In	4.8%
• Fund Balance	3.2%

FY24 Expenditures

• Recreation & Culture	6.8%
• Public Safety	38.5%
• Criminal Justice	5.2%
• Statutory, Boards & Commissions	1.7%
• Capital Improvements	2.2%
• Non-Departmental	10.3%
• Debt Service	4.9%
• Mass Transit	5.4%
• Management Operations	7.6%
• Community Services	6.9%
• Public Works	10.4%

FY24 Operating Budget by Type

- Personnel Services 56.8%
- Operating 36.5%
- Capital Outlay 4.1%
- COLA/Pay Adjustment 0.4%
- CIP 2.2%

General Fund

- Revenues $176,523,366
- Expenditures $182,360,395
- Difference $5,837,029
- General Fund accounts for normal "day to day" activities (i.e. Police, Fire, Public Works, Parks & Recreation, courts, etc.) Primarily funded from sales tax, property taxes and franchise fees.
- Personnel
  - Reclassifications/Pay Adjustments
    - Inspections & Codes – Electrical Inspector Coordinator G122 to Electrical Inspector III G122 (Title Change Only)
    - Inspections & Codes – Plumbing/Mechanical Coordinator (G122) to Plumbing/Mechanical Inspector I G120
    - Inspections & Codes – Building Inspector Coordinator G122 to Building Inspector III G122 (Title Change Only)
    - Sheriff – Deputy Sheriff PS1 to Accounting Clerk G113
    - Sheriff – (5) Deputy Sheriff PS1 to (5) Sheriff Correctional Officers C1
    - Sheriff – (5) Deputy Sheriff PS1 to (5) Investigator PS2
    - Sheriff – Deputy Sheriff FTO P2-6 to Sergeant PS3
    - Sheriff – Director of Community Affairs G130-3 to Director of Community Affairs PS7
  - Deletions
    - Sheriff – Administrative Support Specialist II – PT G113
- Capital/CIP = $0

General Fund – Fund Balance

Reserve Days	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23 (est. projection)	FY24 (est. projection)
Traditional Funds	34.28	59.20	68.50	86.54	82.45	74.64
OLOST Funds	46.95	43.47	50.24	45.79	46.80	40.74
TOTAL General Fund	81.23	102.67	118.74	132.33	129.25	115.38

Storm Water Fund

- Revenues $5,935,897
- Expenditures $6,991,007
- Difference $1,055,110
- Stormwater Fund accounts for activities restricted for stormwater and drainage. Primarily funded from property taxes.
- Millage Rate remains the same at 1.24 for USD #1 and 0.20 for USD #2.
- Use of Fund Balance is due to the one-time capital purchases.
- Personnel
    - No Adjustments

- Capital = $1,055,110
    - Engineering = $382,500
        - IBAK SD E350 Truck with Equipment (Replacement) = $341,000
        - 8 Passenger Van (Replacement) = $41,500
    - Public Works = $672,610
        - Eductor Truck (New) = $260,000
        - Excavator (Replacement) = 175,000
        - Full-Size F250 Crew Cab 4WD Truck (Replacement) = 40,778
        - 7 Yd Dump Truck (Replacement) = $108,132
        - Portable Crawler Pipe Inspection Camera (New) = $75,000
        - Angled Broom Detachment for Skid Steer (New) = $8,500
        - 2 Hand Tamps (New) = $5,200
- CIP = $1,045,705

Paving Fund

- Revenues $16,487,894
- Expenditures $17,614,761
- Difference $ 1,126,867
- Paving Fund accounts for maintenance and improvements to roads and bridges. Primarily funded by property taxes.
- Millage Rate remains the same at 3.44 in USD #1 and 0.55 in USD #2.
- Use of Fund Balance is due to the one-time capital purchases.
- Personnel
    - No Personnel Adjustments
- Capital = $1,126,867
    - Engineering = $63, 660
        - Full-Size Explorer SUV 4WD (Replacement) = $56,700
        - (2) Lenovo X1 Extreme G5 Touch (Replacement) = $6,960
    - Public Works = $1,063,207
        - Crew Cab Pothold Patch Truck (Replacement) = $280,000
        - (3) Street Sweepers with Maintenance Package = $783,207
- CIP = $0

Mayor Henderson FY 24 Budget Review Meeting Opening Statement:

Mayor Henderson thanked Finance Director Angelica Alexander and her staff for all the hard work they put into generating the budget. He said this was a tough budget. He said the Council made a bold move, one that had to be made to implement a pay plan that would allow competitiveness moving forward in the labor force. He said there are some budgetary challenges with regard to integrated waste and environmental changes in how emergency medical services are provided. He also mentioned that there are alternative funding methods that the citizens recently voted to allow such as: SPLOST and ARP monies. He said, all in all, the budget is sufficient and takes care of the essential resources of the city.

FY24 RECOMMENDED BUDGET OVERVIEW (CONTINUED):

Indigent Care Fund

- 2.5 mills projected at $ 12,091,432.
- Indigent Care Fund accounts for funding health care services for medically indigent residents of Muscogee County to include certain services for inpatient and outpatient care for inmates at the Muscogee County Jail.

Integrated Waste

- Revenues $14,966,647
- Expenditures $15,645,647
- Difference $ 679,000

- Integrated Waste accounts for refuse collection and disposal, recycling, and landfill operations.
- Residential Rate = $18/month (no change since FY19)
- Operating budget includes debt service payment on existing capital leases for equipment ($2,149,453 for existing leases)
- Revenues include subsidy from General Fund = $1.2 million
- Use of fund balance to continue privatization of yard waste collections with a 3-month phase out.
- Personnel
    - No Adjustments
- No Capital or CIP

E911 Fund

- Revenues $4,343,689
- Expenditures $4,343,689
- Difference $0

- E911 accounts for telephone subscriber surcharges and collection for emergency dispatch. Primarily funded with landline, wireless and prepaid phone charges.
- Revenues include subsidy from Public Safety OLOST = $253,689

Economic Development

- Budget = $2,418,286
- Economic Development Fund accounts for 0.50 mills used for attracting quality companies, broadening the tax base, job creation and retention.
- Development Authority (0.25 mills) = $1,209,143
- NCR / BC/BS project commitment = $800,000 (Year 9 of 10)
- Mercer project commitment = $100,000 (Year 5 of 5)
- Dev Auth Robotics Initiative = 150,000 (Year 1 of 3)
- Reserves = $159,143

Debt Service Fund

• Revenues	$ 15,898,027
Expenditures	$ 15,898,027
• Difference	$0

- Debt Service accounts for accumulation and disbursement of principal and interest payments.
- Millage Rate remains unchanged at 0.83 mills. (FY22=.33, FY21=.34, FY20/FY19=.47, FY18=0.60, FY17/FY16/FY15=0.70, FY14=0.79)

Metra Fund

• Revenues	$ 18,451,236
• Expenditures	$ 18,451,236
• Difference	$0

- METRA Fund accounts for the operations of the public transportation system. Primarily funded from property taxes, federal and state grants, service charges, and TSPLOST.
- Personnel
  - New
    - (4) Bus Operators (No-CDL) G116
  - Reclassification
    - Transit Security Specialist G113 to Transit Security Specialist G116

- Capital = $8,894,521

($2,875,224 – FTA , $1,000,000 – TSPLOST, $19,297 – CARES, $5,000,000 – (CDS) Congressional Discretionary Spending)

Trade Center Fund

- Revenues $ 3,935,301
- Expenditures $ 3,935,301
- Difference $0

- Trade Center Fund accounts for the operations of the facility. Primarily funded from event proceeds, beer tax ($680k) and Hotel/Motel Tax ($725k)
- Personnel
  - New
    - Trade Center Operations – Events Attendant Crew Leader G115
    - Trade Center Operations – Events Attendant I G112
    - Trade Center Operations – (4) Custodians G111
  - Reclassification
    - Trade Center Maintenance – Facilities Maintenance Supervisor G121 to Operations Manager G124
  - Deletion
    - Trade Center Operations – (2) Events Attendants I – PT G112

- Capital = $323,262

Golf Courses

- Bull Creek $1,915,000
  - No General Fund Subsidy
  - Personnel Adjustments
    - Add Maintenance Intern
    - Reclass Grill Server to Grill Server Manage
  - Capital - $0
- Oxbow Creek $595,000
  - General Fund Subsidy $100,000
  - No Personnel Adjustments
  - Capital – $5,000

Civic Center Fund

- Revenues $ 5,336,074
- Expenditures $ 5,336,074
- Difference $ 0
- Civic Center Fund accounts for the operations of the facility. Primarily funded from event proceeds and Hotel/Motel Tax ($1.45M)
- No General Fund Subsidy
- Personnel Adjustments
  - Delete Food & Beverage Coordinator G119
  - Add Event/Cultural Affairs Coordinator G119
  - Reclass Event Services Manager G124 to Civic Center/Cultural Affairs Assistant Director G131

Health Care Fund

- Total = $25,108,531
- Continued contribution strategy of 73/27 for active employees (was 70/30 prior to FY23)
- No premium increases for 2024 with wellness incentive option.
- Options/adjustments to be discussed by benefits consultant, NFP.

Risk Management Fund

- Total = $6,231,702

- Risk Management Fund accounts for general liability, vehicle claims and worker's compensation.

CDBG Fund

- Revenues $1,777,400
- Expenditures $1,777,400
- Difference $ 0
- CDBG Fund accounts for grant monies received from the Department of Housing and Urban Development under the Community Development Block Grant Program.
- Personnel
  - No Personnel Adjustments

Agency Appropriations

	FY22	FY23
River Valley Regional	$206,992	$205,617
New Horizons	$144,932	$144,932
Health Department Services	$502,012	$502,012
DFACS	$41,500	$41,500
Airport Commission	$40,000	$40,000
TOTAL	**$935,366**	**$934,061**

Non-Operating Funds

- Funds not for the general operations of the government
- Restricted for a specific purpose
- Must be budgeted annually
- Each maintained in a separate fund
- Urban Development Action Grant $10,000
- HOME Program $1,071,257
- Multi-Governmental Grants $9,498,437
- Hotel/Motel Tax Fund $5,800,000
- Police Forfeiture Fund $100,000
- County Drug Abuse Treatment Fund (DATE) $85,000
- Vice/Special Operation Forfeiture Fund $300,000
- County Penalty/Assessment $1,200,000
- Sheriff Forfeiture Fund $50,000
- TAD#1 – Benning Technology Park $25,000

- TAD#2 – 6th Ave/Liberty District $300,000
- TAD#3 – Uptown District $1,000,000
- TAD#4 – 2nd Ave/City Village $415,000
- TAD#5 – MidTown West $748,000
- TAD#6 – MidTown East $25,000
- TAD#7 – Midland Commons $60,000
- TAD#8 – South Columbus River District $2,000
- Law Library Fund $300,000
- 2021 Sales Tax Proceeds Fund $43,000,000
- Capital Projects Fund $21,535,117
- TSPLOST $55,350,000
- 1999 SPLOST $4,729,190
- Columbus Building Authority Lease Revenue Bonds Series 2003A $445,000
- Columbus Building Authority Lease Revenue Bonds Series 2003B $4,581,804
- Columbus Building Authority Lease Revenue Bonds Series 2018 $130,000
- Columbus Building Authority Lease Revenue Bonds Series 2022A $9,497,288
- Columbus Building Authority Lease Revenue Bonds Series 2022B $105,457
- 2021 SPLOST Project Fund $33,201,349
- G.O. Sales Tax Bonds Series 2022 $150,038,947
- Family and Youth Coalition Fund $52,500
- American Rescue Plan Fund $50,033,989

OLOST FUND

- Revenues $43,400,000
- Expenditures $45,222,979
- Difference $1,822,979
- OLOST Fund is a sub-fund of the General Fund. However, sales tax proceeds are segregated with 70% of proceeds allocated to Public Safety and 30% allocated to Infrastructure.
- Use of Fund Balance due to one-time capital purchases.

Core Objective:
Funding the primary mission of Public Safety Departments within the Consolidated Government.

Funding Priorities:
Includes:
- Improve response time of emergency services.
- Increase Public Safety presence in community.
- Expand crime prevention programs.
- Improve non-emergency Public Safety services.
- Decrease length of time for adjudication of criminal cases.

Definition: Public Safety
Includes:

- Police Department
- Fire and EMS Department
- Sheriff's Office
- Muscogee County Prison
- Addt'l Correctional Officers (Metra, Public Works, and Parks & Recreation)
- Coroner's Office
- District Attorney
- Public Defender
- Associated Court personnel
- Other Public Safety agencies, programs and functions

Public Safety Expenditures

Includes:

- Personnel costs including salary and benefits.
- Personal equipment such as clothing, weapons, cars, etc.
- Operating expenses of Public Safety departments.
- Capital expenditures associated with Public Safety functions.
- Funding allocated and administered by the City for community-based programs designed to reach young children, at-risk youth, and those who are returning to the community after serving time in prison.

Definition: Infrastructure

Includes:

- Roads and bridges.
- Storm water and flood abatement projects.
- Technology.
- Capital projects to include construction, maintenance and renovation of buildings and facilities to support quality of life improvements and to house governmental operations.

Infrastructure Improvements:

Includes:

- "Pay as you go" projects that are funded from proceeds of current sales tax collection to include road resurfacing, park maintenance and improvements, and government facilities maintenance and improvements.
- "Long term" projects that are funded from bonds using sales tax proceeds to pay debt service to include major road improvements, flood abatement, and construction of facilities such as the City Services Center, Natatorium, and Ice Rink

OLOST – Public Safety

- Current Personnel
- Police Department
    - 12 Sergeants
    - 14 Corporals
    - 114 Police Officers
    - 9 E911 Technicians
- Fire Department
    - 20 Firefighters

- Muscogee County Prison
    - 4 Correctional Officers
    - 1 Sergeant
- Sheriff
    - 25 Deputy Officers
    - 3 Sergeants
    - 9 Correctional Officers
    - 3 Lieutenants
- Crime Prevention
    - 1 Crime Prevention Director
- Solicitor General
    - 2 Asst. Solicitor Generals
    - 1 Deputy Clerk II
- District Attorney
    - 2 Asst. District Attorneys

- Clerk of Superior Court
    - 1 Deputy Clerk II
- Recorder's Court
    - 2 Deputy Clerk II
- Municipal Court Clerk
    - 2 Deputy Clerk II
- Probate Court
    - 1 Deputy Clerk II
- $5,121 Annual Supplement for CPD, $3,121 for other Sworn Public Safety Officers (excludes Elected Officials)
- E911 Subsidy = $253,689
- 800 MHz Radio System Upgrade = $842,490 (Year 9 of 10)
- Warning Siren Maintenance = $104,376 (Year 8 of 9)
- Crime Prevention Grants = $750,000
- Court Management System Debt Service = $122,359 (Year 5 of 5)
- Court Management System Annual SaaS/Maintenance Fees =$1,018,255
- Debt Service for Existing Capital Equipment Leases = $1,764,595
- Transfer for Debt Service = $2,894,090
    - CBA 2019 Refunding Bonds $124,552
    - CBA 2022C Revenue Bonds $1,004,939 (Sheriff's Admin Building)
    - GMA Lease #4 $52,988 (1 Fire Truck – FY16)
    - GMA Lease #9 $346,898 (5 Fire Trucks – FY17)
    - GMA Lease #10 $283,253 (4 Fire Trucks (refinanced #6) – FY17)
    - GMA Lease #15 $263,478 (30 Pursuit Vehicles for Police – FY19)
    - GMA Lease #17 $696,970 (80 Pursuit Vehicles for Various Agencies – FY20)
    - GMA Lease #18 $121,012 (1 Ladder Truck – FY22)

- Capital = $2,221,841

    - Police = $479,252
        - Axon Taser 7 Replacement Program = $115,242

        - Firearms Training Simulator = $12,000
        - (42) Getac In-Car Video Systems = $332,010
        - Real Time Crime Center Updates = $20,000
    - Fire/EMS = $917,800
        - Station Calling Alert System = $145,000
        - (2) Ambulances = $772,800 MCP = $112,879
    - MCP = $187,644
        - (2) 15 Passenger Vans (Replacements) = $103,636
        - F250 Crew Cab Truck (Replacement) = $40,778
        - Pursuit Tahoe (Replacement) = $43,230
    - Sheriff = $584,686
        - Axon Officer Safety Plan 7 = $272,015
        - (13) Fireproof Filing Cabinets (New) = $28,990
        - Shredder/Printer (New) = $1,770
        - (9) Verkada Systems w/ TV's (New) = $35,100
        - Autoclear X-Ray Machine (New) = $17,200
        - iPad Pro (New) = $800
        - (105) Ballistic Vests (Replacements) = $128,820
        - (10) Handguns (Replacements) = $4,280
        - Commercial Washer (Replacement) = $31,000
        - Commercial Dryer (Replacement) = $24,000
        - Convection Oven (Replacement) = $25,126
        - Buffalo Chopper (New) = $8,750
        - Walkthrough Metal Detector (New) = $6,835
    - Coroner = $52,459
        - Ford Cargo Van (New) = $48,701
        - Mortuary Cot (Replacement) = $3,758

OLOST – Infrastructure

- Roads/Bridges = $1,200,000
- Flood Abatement/Stormwater = $2,000,000
- Technology Improvements = $746,183
    - Computer Equipment = $300,000
    - City Fiber Upgrade = $200,000
    - Finance/Payroll/HR System Upgrade = $246,183
- Facility Improvements = $2,200,000
- Debt Service = $5,805,364
    - CBA 2019 Refunding Bonds = $5,494,905
    - CBA 2019 Series A Bond = $310,459
- 800 MHz Radio System Upgrade = $260,480 (Year 9 of 10)
- Court Management System Debt Service = $800,000 (Year 5 of 5)

TSPLOST

- Discretionary Project Funding = $3,500,000
- Additional project information to be discussed during FY24 Infrastructure Update.

BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #2

HEALTHCARE UPDATE:

NFP Benefits Consultant Tammy Starkey, provided an overview of the power point presentation entitled *Columbus Consolidated Government FY24 Healthcare Budget Recommendations. *A copy is on file in the Clerk of Council's Office.*

Recommendations

1) FY24 Total projected Cost-9% Increase Non-Wellness Contribution
2) CY24 projection – City funding 73.3% of active employee cost
3) No increase in contributions for employees if they participate in wellness.

BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #3

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT UPDATE:

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge provided an overview of the power point presentation entitled *FY24 Budget – Transportation, Stormwater and SPLOST Projects. *A copy is on file in the Clerk of Council's Office.*

Deputy City Manager Hodge provided the breakdown for the FY24 Budget – Transportation of $6,700,000; Stormwater - $3,045,705 for pipe rehabilitation; SPLOST of $20,727,000 for Pay As You Go Projects. She also provided a list of 2021 SPLOST Projects for the amount of $400,000,000, as well as the FY24 SPLOST Allocation Pay As You Go Projects for Year 2.

Councilor Tucker requested that Deputy City Manager Hodge provide a breakdown of the projects that are included in the $2,000,000 allocated to Carver Park.

Deputy City Manager Hodge informed Councilor Tucker that it has not been decided how the funds would be appropriated, but there is a consultant working on a masterplan. She said after evaluating and assessing the park, the consultants will come back with recommendations and estimated cost. She also clarified that the total amount of funds allocated to Carver Park is $5,000,000.

BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #4

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/HOMELAND SECURITY:

Emergency Management Director Chance Corbett cancelled his appearance before the Budget Review Committee.

BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #5

SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

Sheriff Gregg Countryman came forward with the following requests.

Request(s)

- Increase of $90,000 in travel funds for training
- Increase of $20,000 for non-sworn Bailiff pay increase from $15/hr. to $20/hr.

ADD LIST: Request $90,000 in travel funds for training (Councilor Huff placed on the Add List.)

ADD LIST: Request $20,000 for non-sworn Bailiff pay increase from $15/hr. to $20/hr. (Councilor Garrett placed on the Add List.)

With there being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Thomas adjourned the May 2, 2023 Budget Review Committee Meeting, at 11:51 a.m.

Tameka Colbert
Deputy Clerk Pro Tem