



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 21-084

Date: September 9, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

From: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

Re: Fiscal Year 2022 Tentative General Fund Budget Additions and Rebalancing

At the first public hearing of the FY 2022 Tentative Budget held on September 8, 2021, the City Commission requested a proposal outlining the adjustments that would be recommended if sixteen (16) additional Fire Rescue positions were included in the FY 2022 General Fund Budget.

Sixteen (16) Additional Fire Rescue Positions - \$848,742 in FY 2022

Due to the amount of time that it will take to recruit, train, and hire these positions, funding is slated to begin in April 2022. The total cost of adding ten (10) Paramedic/Firefighters, three (3) Driver-Engineers, and three (3) Fire Captains is \$848,742 in FY 2022. The annual impact for adding these positions is estimated to be approximately \$2,000,000 beginning in FY 2023.

Rebalancing of the FY 2022 Tentative General Fund Budget - \$1,467,748 Reduction

To ensure that the budget remains structurally balanced, I recommend restructuring the way that the City finances the procurement of the LifePak 15 Advanced Life Support (ALS) Defibrillators. The FY 2022 Tentative Budget envisioned cash funding the equipment at a cost of \$1,767,748. To rebalance the budget, I recommend financing this purchase over a seven (7) year period at an estimated cost of \$300,000 per year.

Transfer of Savings to the General Fund Balance - \$619,006

Adjusting the LifePak financing and increasing the Fire Rescue staffing will result in a savings of \$619,006 to the General Fund.

At the first public hearing of the FY 2022 Tentative Budget there was a discussion on the increasing nonprofit funding. Any such increases would offset the savings to the General Fund.

Exhibit 1 contains additional details regarding the proposal. A change list will be published for consideration and discussion as a part of the second budget hearing scheduled for September 13, 2021.

I look forward to receiving your feedback in advance of the final Budget Hearing which will take place on Monday, September 13, 2021. While Monday's hearing focuses on the initial adoption of the structurally balanced FY 2022 Budget, the City's budget is a living document adjusted throughout the fiscal year to respond to the ever-evolving needs of our community.

Attachment:

Exhibit 1 - FY 2022 Changes Since Tentative Budget

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CHANGES TO FY 2022 TENTATIVE BUDGET - GENERAL FUND
Since September 8, 2021

FY 2022 Tentative Revenues \$401,085,336	FY 2022 Tentative Expenditures \$401,085,336
Revenue Adjustments Since Tentative Budget	Expenditure Adjustments Since Tentative Budget
	Increase in funding for Ten (10) Firefighters, Three (3) Driver-Engineers, and Three (3) Captains including Helmets, SCBA, and Bunker Gear Fire Rescue Department 848,742
	Decrease in funding for the Purchase of LifePak 15's Fire Rescue Department (1,767,748)
	Increase funding for LifePak 15's Financing over Seven (7) Years Debt 300,000
	Increase in Transfer to Fund Balance 619,006
TOTAL REVENUE ADJUSTMENTS \$	TOTAL EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS \$
FY 2022 Final Revenues \$401,085,336	FY 2022 Final Expenditures \$401,085,336