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City Budget 101

May 21, 2015



Budget 101: Understanding The City Budget

Tonight's Syllabus:

- ❑ Section 1: General overview of the Budget
- ❑ Section 2: Discussion on the Budget process
- ❑ Section 3: Determining Budget priorities
- ❑ Section 4: Summary of the 2015 Budget



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Section 1: General overview of the Budget:

- ❑ How do we define the City Budget?
 - a) A general plan on how we allocate (spend) resources
 - b) All spending must be for a lawful public purpose
 - c) Adopted by the City Council
 - d) The Budget can be amended (modified) at any time



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Section 1: General overview of the Budget:

- ❑ Why does the City have a budget?
 - a) It's required under MN State Law
 - b) To ensure resources are allocated properly
 - c) To demonstrate transparency



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Section 1: General overview of the Budget:

- ❑ There are 2 primary budget categories
 - a) Restricted
 - b) Unrestricted
- ❑ There are 2 primary program/service categories
 - a) Property tax-supported
 - b) Non property tax-supported



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Section 1: General overview of the Budget:

- ❑ What role does the City Council & Staff play with the Budget?
 - a) City Council *establishes* the Budget
 - b) City Staff *manages* the Budget



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Section 1: General overview of the Budget:

❑ Before we move on to Section 2 . . . Any Questions?



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Section 2: Discussion on the Budget Process:

- ❑ The Budget process has 5 major components:
 - a) Citizen/Stakeholder input (community visioning, citizen survey, budget hearings)
 - b) Long-term planning (Council goal-setting, strategic plan, CIP)
 - c) Operational planning (budget priorities, program priorities)
 - d) Short-term planning (annual budget, work plans)
 - e) Results monitoring (financial reviews, performance measurement)



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Section 2: Discussion on the Budget Process:

- ❑ Budget component relationship:

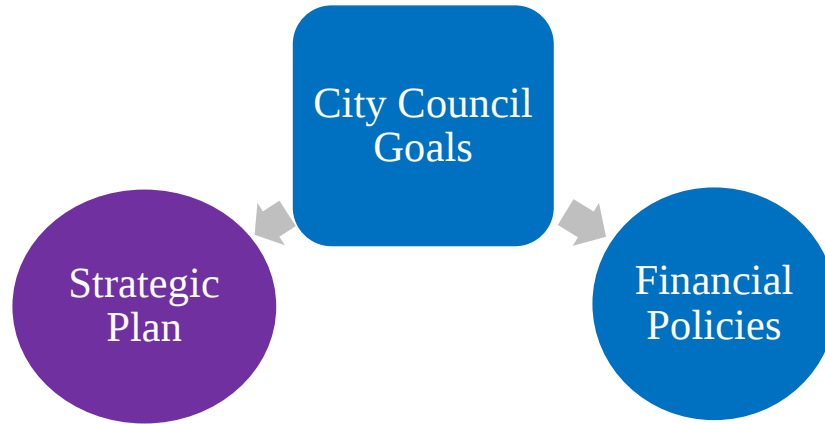




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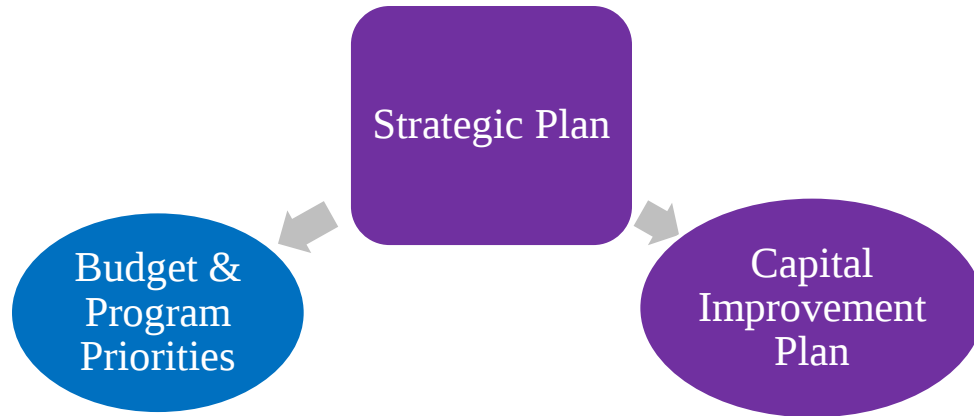




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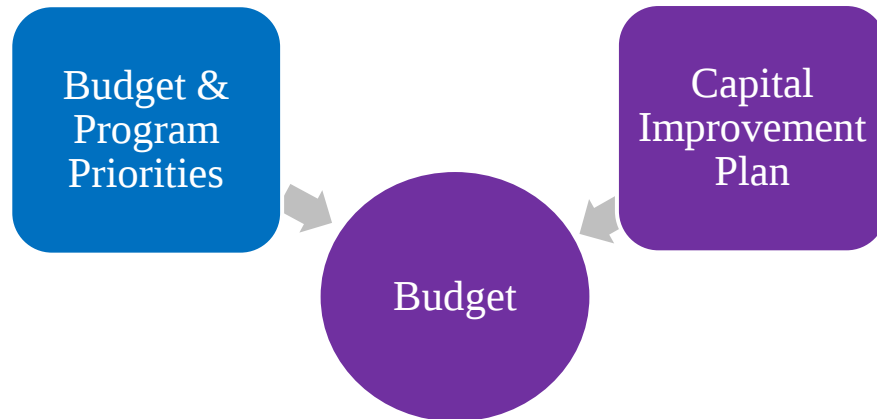




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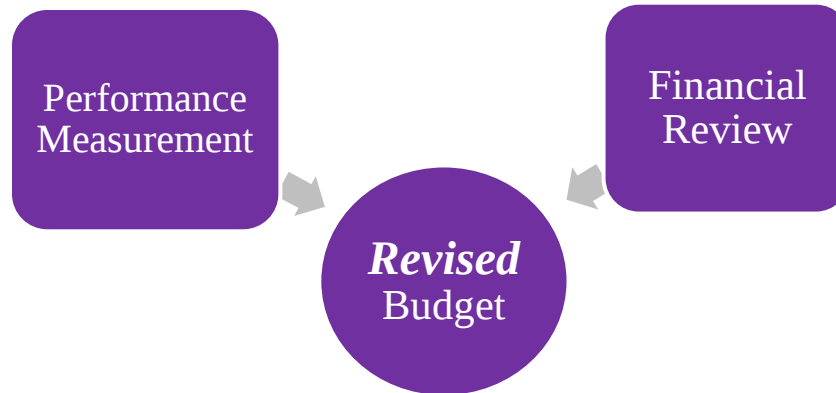




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Section 2: Discussion on the Budget Process:

❑ Before we move on to Section 3 . . . Any Questions?



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Section 3: Determining Budget Priorities:

- ❑ City Council begins by reviewing long-term budget goals
- ❑ Comprehensive assessment of capital replacement needs
- ❑ City Staff presents operational challenges and opportunities
- ❑ City Council determines higher-priority and lower-priority budget needs and sets budget targets accordingly
- ❑ City Staff presents a *recommended* Budget



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Section 3: Determining Budget Priorities:

- ❑ After the *recommended* Budget is presented, a budget hearing is held to solicit citizen/stakeholder input
- ❑ City Council reflects on citizen/stakeholder input and any new information that is available.
- ❑ Last step . . . City Council adopts the final budget



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Section 3: Determining Budget Priorities:

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Section 4: Summary of the 2015 Budget:

- ❑ 2015 citywide Budget is \$52 million
- ❑ 2015 property tax-supported budget is \$26 million ** (50% of total)

** 2015 property tax is \$18.3 million. Remainder is funded by other sources



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Section 4: Summary of the 2015 Budget:

☐ How is the Budget allocated? (Top 6 categories)

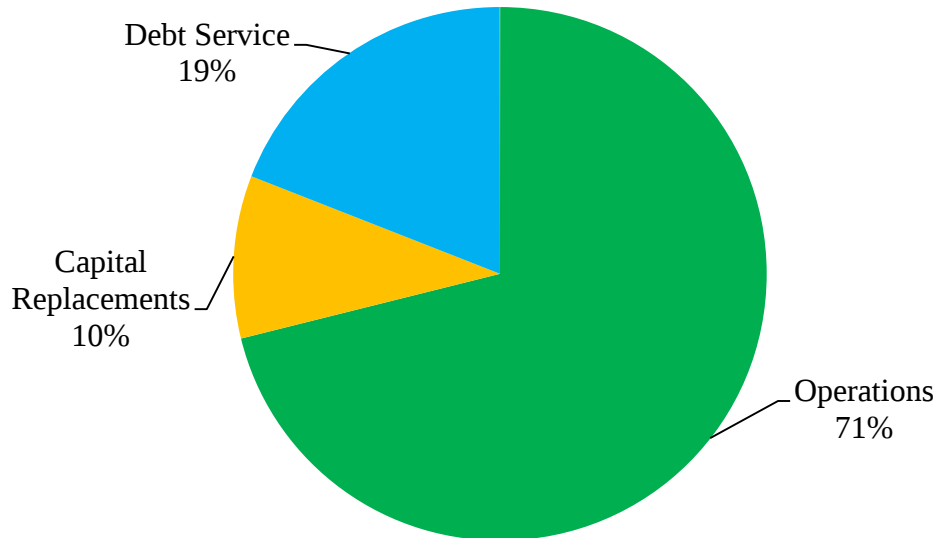
- a) 32% Water & Sewer
- b) 17% Public Safety
- c) 8% Capital replacements
- d) 7% Parks & Recreation
- e) 7% Debt Payments
- f) 5% Streets & Pathways



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Section 4: Summary of the 2015 Budget:

Tax Levy
by Category

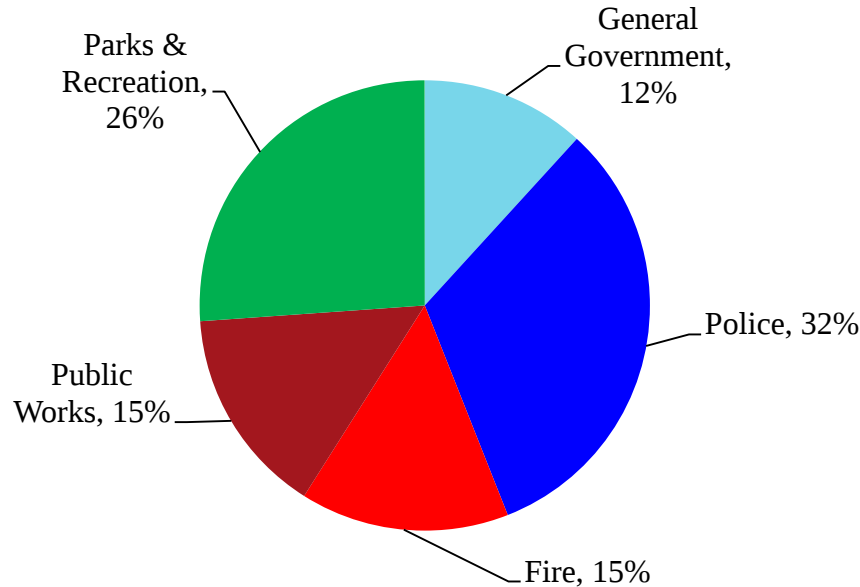




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Tax Levy
by Function





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Section 4: Summary of the 2015 Budget:

- ❑ 2015 citywide Budget is \$52 million.
 - a) Question: How does this compare to previous years? Is the City spending responsibly?
- ❑ Over the past 5 years, *operational* spending for core services (police, fire, streets, parks & recreation) has increased 2% per year
- ❑ If we include *capital* core service spending has increased 4% per year . . . In other words, we're currently in a reinvestment period which requires higher spending



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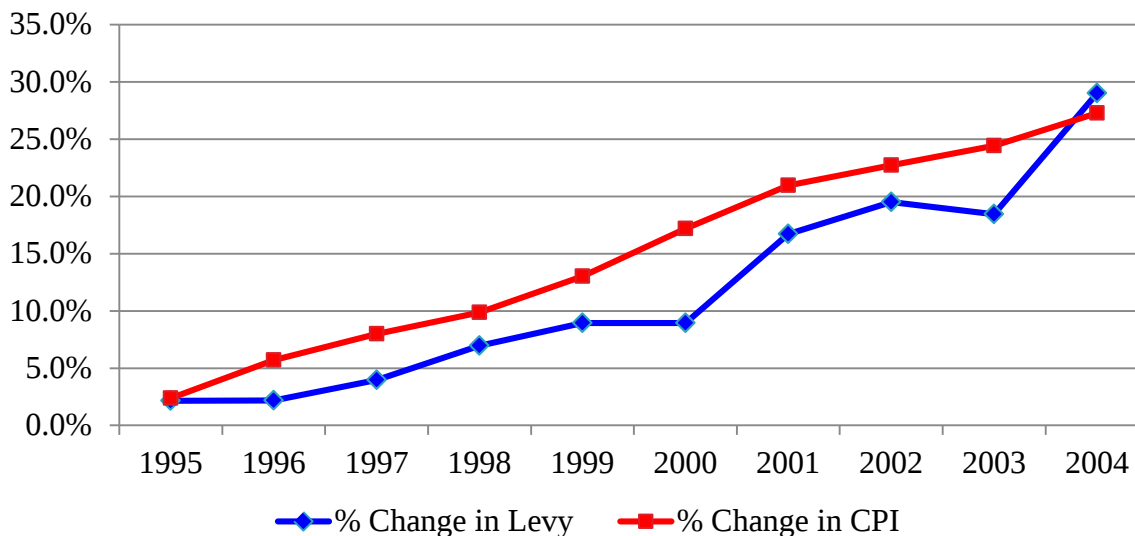
- ❑ 2015 property tax levy is \$18.3 million.
 - a) Question: How does this compare to previous years?
 - b) Answer: To provide the complete picture, we must look back 20 years



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Section 4: Summary of the 2015 Budget:

1995 - 2004 Cumulative Increase

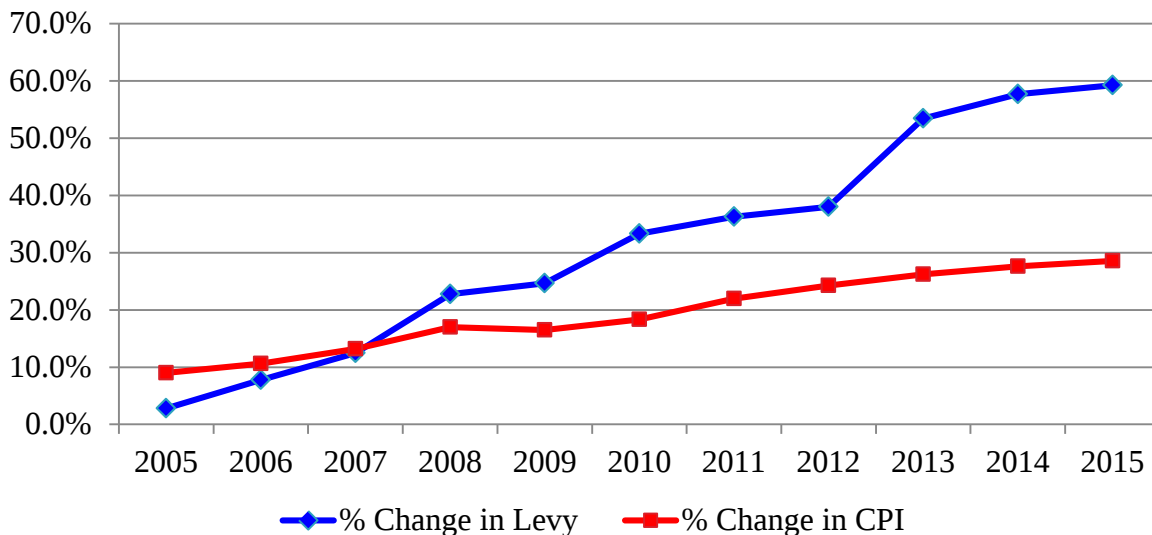




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Section 4: Summary of the 2015 Budget:

2005 - 2015 Cumulative Increase





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Section 4: Summary of the 2015 Budget:

- ❑ Question: What did we learn from the past 20 years of imposing property taxes?
 - a) We affirmed that cities, including Roseville, move in cycles . . .
 - b) Emergence & Growth period (1950's - 1970's)
 - c) Stabilization period (1970's - 1990's)
 - d) Reinvestment period (2000's - ???)



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Section 4: Summary of the 2015 Budget:

- ❑ Question: What did we learn from the past 20 years of imposing property taxes?
 - a) Infrastructure is expensive and eventually requires reinvestment
 - b) The longer you delay reinvestment, the more abrupt the impact will be
 - c) Establishing a City's unique identity requires *added* investment



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Section 4: Summary of the 2015 Budget:

- ❑ Question: What can we do to reduce property taxes?
 - a) Identify non-tax revenue sources (** this effort is on-going)
 - b) Foster innovation, create efficiencies (this too is on-going)
 - c) Reduce or eliminate programs and services . . . but which ones?
 - d) Public Safety? Streets? Parks & Recreation?



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Section 4: Summary of the 2015 Budget:

- ❑ How is my utility bill impacted by the Budget?
 - a) Roseville's water and sewer systems are 100% funded by water and sewer rates (fees that appear on your quarterly water & sewer bill)
 - b) Unlike other cities, Roseville does not use property taxes or special assessment to pay for these services



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Section 4: Summary of the 2015 Budget:

- ❑ Utility rate changes are driven by operating and capital replacement costs including:
 - a) Costs to purchase water from St. Paul
 - b) Wastewater treatment costs paid to the Met Council
 - c) Costs to maintain and replace water and sewer mains



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Section 4: Summary of the 2015 Budget:

- ❑ Budget challenges for 2016 & beyond:
 - a) Replacing assets at the end of their useful lives
 - b) Achieving financial sustainability for core services and programs
 - c) Establishing funding mechanisms for new initiatives



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Section 4: Summary of the 2015 Budget:

❑ Any questions?

Thank You

- Next Sessions – Two sessions on May 28

- **Finance Department 5:30 p.m.**

Property Tax 101 Understanding Your City
Property Tax Bill

- **Police Department 6:30 p.m.**

Identify Theft and Fraud; Substance Abuse



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Thank You!

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