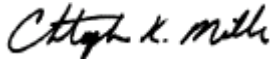


REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date: 03/28/11
Item No.: 13.b

Department Approval



City Manager Approval



Item Description: Discussion on the 2012 Budget & Tax Levy

BACKGROUND

At the February 28, 2011 City Council meeting, the Council directed Staff to prepare a budget scenario that depicts the impact on programs and services resulting from a tax levy reduction of 10%. A scenario involving a 10% reduction in the budget was also discussed. The Council further directed that budget reduction scenario reflect the Council priorities identified during the 2011 Budget process.

In accordance with these directives, Staff has developed a scenario that achieves approximately \$1.4 million in budget cuts – an amount comparable to a 10% reduction in the property tax levy. An additional \$500,000 in reductions would be necessary to achieve a 10% reduction in the property tax-supported budget.

In performing this exercise, Staff determined that many of the lower-ranked programs could not be fully eliminated or reduced due to contractual obligations or other important considerations. As a result, it was necessary to identify budget reductions within those programs that contained greater amounts of discretionary spending. This included programs that received relatively high rankings.

Based on the Council's directive and these considerations, the following program changes have been identified in the table below.

Budget			Program
Priority	Division	Program	Change
84	Bldg Maintenance	Custodial Services for public areas only	Reduction
80	Central Services	Supplies & Postage	Reduction
79	Bldg Maintenance	Energy use, repairs, & oversight	Reduction
78	Finance	Reception desk	Reduction
77	Rec Administration	Personnel management	Reduction
75	Miscellaneous	Fiber network buildout	Eliminate
71	City Council	Recording Secretary	Eliminate
69	Advisory Comm.	Ethics Commission	Reduction
66	City Council	Community support grants	Eliminate
62	Finance	Utility billing support	Reduction
61	Recreation Programs	** See Note A **	Reduction
56	Advisory Comm.	Human Rights Commission	Reduction
55	Recreation Maint.	** See Note B **	Reduction
54	Administration	General communications	Reduction
49	Streets	** See Note E **	Reduction
48	Police Patrol	IMPACT unit	Eliminate
47	Police Investigations	Less serious crimes would not be investigated	Reduction
38	Fire Fighting / EMS	Staffing and training programs	Reduction
37	Rec Administration	** See Note C **	Reduction
35	Police Administration	Partial closure of Police front reception desk	Reduce
34	Skating Center	** See Note D **	Reduce
25	Miscellaneous	Emerald Ash Borer	Eliminate
24	Police Administration	** See Note F **	Reduce
22	Street Lighting	Street light replacements	Eliminate
Notes - Program Listing			
A	Eliminate special events including: Summer Entertainment, Spring Celebration, Discover Your Parks, July 4th Celebration, Halloween Celebration, Holiday Carnival, Arts @ the OVAL, Rosefest, Rose Parade, Nature Center, Community Band, Big Band, Summer Playgrounds, Teen Program, Outdoor Rinks, Senior Programs, Volunteer Program, Puppet Wagon, Special Needs.		
B	Reduced pathway maintenance, eliminate Rosebrook Wading Pool, eliminate flower programs in parks, reduced mowing in general park areas, reduced vandalism and graffiti response times.		
C	Eliminate special events including: Summer Entertainment, Spring Celebration, Discover Your Parks, July 4th Celebration, Halloween Celebration, Holiday Carnival, Arts @ the OVAL, Rosefest, Rose Parade.		
D	Eliminate Skate Park, Novice Speedskating, Youth Bandy, In-Line Skate Program, Adult Speedskating.		
E	Reduced right-of-way maintenance, trash collection, and general street maintenance, Less streetscape supplies & maintenance. Eliminate Leaf Pickup Program, reduce pathway maintenance, reduce snowplow routes increasing completion time for snow events.		
F	Neighborhood Watch, Crime Free Multi-Housing, Senior Safety Camp, Life Saver Magnet distribution, Citizen Park Patrol, Citizen Police Academy, Residential & Business Security Checks, Night to Unite, Family Night Out, Safety talks to organizations, Shop with a Cop, New Americans forums, and child safety outreach programs.		

21 These program reductions would require the elimination of 13 full-time equivalent employee positions.
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23 Staff will be available at the Council meeting to address any questions or concerns.

24 **POLICY OBJECTIVE**

25 Not applicable.

26 **FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

27 Not applicable.

28 **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

29 Not applicable.

30 **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

31 For information purposes only. No Council action is requested.

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Attachments: A: Not applicable