

Agenda Item 9: FY 20 Budget Amendment

Council will recall that an amendment was necessary to account for the transfer of funds necessary for the firehall purchase and other changes to the FY 20 budget. Two public hearings have been scheduled, and both were cancelled due to various reasons. The following proposed amendment accounts for the firehall purchase, previously discussed changes and an accounting for a predicted loss of revenue due to the Coronavirus crisis.

FY 2020 Budget Amendment					
Revenues	Source	approved budget	proposed amendment	variance	notes
104001.0125	PERS PROPERTY TAX	\$195,000	\$219,000	\$24,000	More collections than predicted
104001.0500	MEALS TAX	\$1,000,000	\$900,000	-\$100,000	Shortfall caused by COVID 19 closures
104010.0200	BUSINESS LICENSE	\$128,000	\$90,000	-\$38,000	
104010.0600	TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX	\$1,210,000	\$1,120,000	-\$90,000	
104401.0201	SARBANES GRANT	\$450,000	\$594,000	\$144,000	More work was awarded
104601.0300	VPA GRANT	\$99,000	\$0	-\$99,000	Grant application not successful
104701.0400	XFR FROM RAMP REPAIR FUND	\$33,000	\$75,000	\$42,000	Drawn for 2 ramp projects
104701.1000	XFR FROM GEN FUND SAVINGS	\$35,000	\$603,497	\$568,497	For purchase of firehall
104701.1100	XFR FROM GEN FUND SAVINGS (MC SUB)	\$18,000	\$25,000	\$7,000	
	TOTAL Revenue	\$3,168,000	\$3,626,497	\$458,497	
General Government					
		approved budget	proposed amendment	variance	
105010.2101	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$52,718	\$46,000	\$6,718	
105030.3401	LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$133,000	\$145,434	-\$12,434	Audit resulted in higher premium
105030.5101	ATTORNEY/CONSULTANTS	\$50,000	\$20,089	\$29,911	
105030.3701	TRANSFER TO CIVIC CENTER	\$110,000	\$91,667	\$18,333	less TOT collected (COVID)
105030.3705	MEALS TX TO CTR AND CHAMBER	\$100,000	\$91,470	\$8,530	
105090.9704	PROPERTY ACQUISITION RESERVE	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	
105090.9705	PROPERTY ACQUISITION	\$0	\$603,497	-\$603,497	for purchase of firehall
	Total Gen Govt	\$495,718	\$998,157	-\$502,439	
Emergency Services					
105110.2101	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$73,332	\$64,908	\$8,424	premium reduction
Public Works					
106010.1001	SALARIES	\$298,186	\$357,701	-\$59,515	added staffing
106090.9108	MUN CTR SIDEWALK REPAIRS	\$11,000	\$0	\$11,000	not needed
106090.9110	FLOATING DOCK - REED PARK	\$132,000	\$0	\$132,000	did not receive grant
106090.9301	SARBANES WORK	\$409,000	\$540,000	-\$131,000	more work awarded
106090.9600	MUNICIPAL CENTER PARKING	\$42,000	\$5,682	\$36,318	seal coated in lieu of overlay
	TOTAL	\$892,186	\$903,383	-\$11,197	
Police Dept					
107010.1001	SALARIES/OFFICERS	\$596,156	\$549,441	\$46,715	
	Total Expenses	\$2,057,392	\$2,515,889	-\$458,497	
	Balance			\$0	

Council is asked to consider approval of the amendment for advertisement and a public hearing for adoption.

Please note that the FY 21 Final draft was approved for advertisement in the March 10, 2020, Budget & Personnel Committee/Budget Workshop. There are two courses of action as to how to handle adoption of that budget: 1) Attempt to predict losses in revenue and impacts caused by the COVID pandemic and modify the budget with another workshop, or 2) Advertise the current form of the budget with the understanding that a budget amendment will be likely necessary after the pandemic and our economy stabilizes. In talks with the County, they proceeded with the latter option and held a budget hearing on March 30, 2020.

Agenda Item 10: Economic Hardship Relief

In response to financial hardships that will inevitably be caused by the COVID pandemic, staff has been considering ways in which the Town might be able to provide some relief. It is proposed that water bills may be paid up to 60 days late without penalty or interest. 90 days would be more difficult because in many cases, it would involve two billing cycles. If Council agrees with this proposal, an emergency policy can be drafted.

Real estate taxes and personal property taxes, if delinquent, were in that status prior to the pandemic and therefore, no relief is proposed.

Relief from meals tax and transient occupancy tax is also not proposed, since these taxes are held in trust by the various businesses.

The collection of fees for boat ramps and the dog park use were suspended until April 30, 2020, with the closing of the Town office. Staff has not arrived at a plan to resume the collection of those fees after that date, since sales will produce many contact situations.