



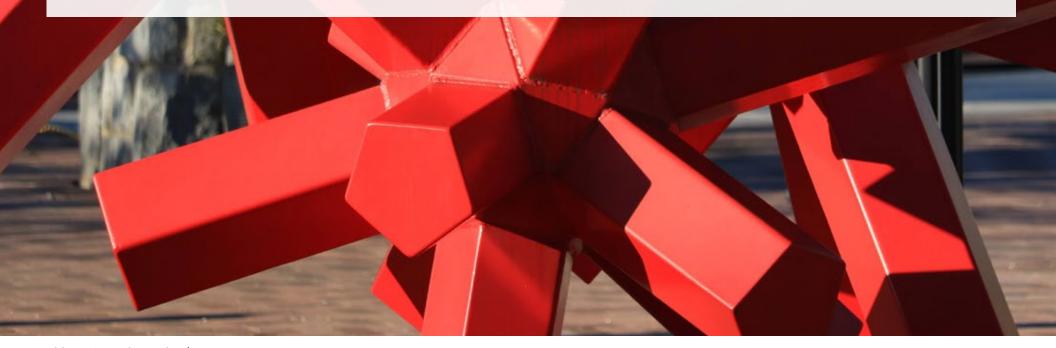
A Citizen's Guide to the Operating Budget

Producing an annual operating budget for the City of Suwanee is a challenging process. It requires input from many people, consolidation of information from numerous sources, and tough decisions. The result is a thorough document that reflects the City's vision and identifies priorities for the upcoming year. It is filled with useful information for those who helped produce the budget and work with it on a regular basis. For everyone else, at 400 pages and full of accounting terminology, it can be an overwhelming document to try to use. The purpose of the Citizen's Guide to the Operating Budget is to present citizens interested in their local government with an easy-to-read summary of Suwanee's operating budget. It explains where the City's money comes from and how it is spent.

An operating budget is a yearly plan for the City. It illustrates how much money is anticipated (revenues) and how that money will be spent (expenditures). It represents the City Manager's and City Council's commitment to meet the citizens' needs within the boundaries of available revenue funds. The budget is not just an accounting tool. City officials use the budget to determine which objectives have the highest priority and will produce a positive impact in the community. The budget is broken down by departments and, once adopted, the various City departments are able to plan day-today spending and make decisions within the boundaries of the annual operating budget. Because the budget is based on anticipated revenue, the City is able to track revenue over the course of the year and modify spending if revenues are different than expected.

With the collaboration of the Mayor, City Council and staff, an annual budget is developed and adopted every year. Elected officials stay in touch with community needs in order to provide appropriate and responsive government services while implementing the City's vision, anchor points, and goals. The budget year runs from July 1 to June 30 of the following year.

The City is required by law to produce a balanced budget; by definition revenues must equal expenditures. Throughout the year the budget is monitored and adjusted to ensure the City's resources are in line with its spending. The City of Suwanee is proud to present to our citizens the Citizen's Guide to the Operating Budget.





FY 2021 Highlights

Recap of FY 2021 adopted General Fund Budget

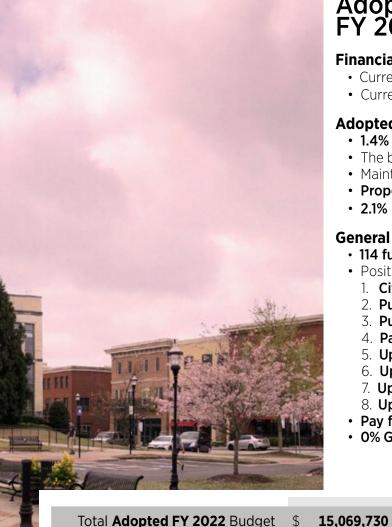
- Maintained the same millage rate as FY 2020 of 4.93 mills.
- 13.9% decrease in operating revenues as compared to FY 2020.
- Property tax revenues were anticipated to decrease by 6.6%.
- 3.3% decrease in operating expenditures as compared to FY 2020.
- 107 full-time and 16 part-time employees.
- Due to the pandemic, COVID-19 emergency, all revenue projections were reduced to recession activity performance using 2008-2012 data.
- Vacant positions were programmed to stay vacant in FY 2021.
- Pay for **performance increases** were put on hold for FY 2021.
- The 2% Employer 50% Matching 401A, program was put on hold for FY 2021.
- 6.4% Group health insurance renewal, approximately \$47,000.
- Most operating expenditure accounts are held at FY 2020 levels.
- Cyber security program, \$40,000.

FY 2021 Adopted Budget	\$	13,438,080
Budget adjustments:		
2nd Quarter budget adjustments		1,188,390
2nd Quarter capital transfers		1,008,670
4th Quarter budget adjustments		60,000
4th Quarter capital transfers		1,060,000
Final FY 2021 Budget	\$_	16,755,140

Note: The 2nd quarter budget adjustments include the CARES Act funding that the City received (\$2,747,060).







Adopted City Manager's FY 2022 General Fund Budget

Financial Status

- Current millage is 4.93 mills.
- Current fund balance is \$9,291,943.

Adopted FY 2022 Budget Highlights

- 1.4% decrease in operating revenues as compared to FY 2021 amended budget.
- The budget is balanced without using any budgeted fund balance.
- Maintain the same millage rate as FY 2021 of 4.93 mills.
- Property tax revenues are anticipated to increase by 16.6%.
- 2.1% increase in operating expenditures as compared to FY 2021 amended budget.

General Information

- 114 full-time and 14 part-time employees.
- Position requests:

16,755,140

(1,685,410)

-10.1%

- 1. City Engineer, \$123,230.
- 2. Public Works Special Projects Supervisor, \$78,380 (9 months funding).
- 3. **Public Works Crew Member, \$59,230** (9 months funding).
- 4. Part-time Code Enforcement Officer. \$33.610.
- 5. **Upgrade** part-time Business Services Specialist to full-time Administrative Assistant/Lead Bailiff, **\$14,270**.
- 6. **Upgrade** two Custodians to Public Works Crew Members, **\$9,110**.
- 7. **Upgrade** Public Works Administrative Assistant to Administrative Coordinator, **\$4,240**.
- 8. **Upgrade** Planning Administrative Secretary part-time to full-time, \$26,550.
- Pay for performance increases, approximately \$324.660.
- 0% Group health insurance renewal.

Capital Funding, \$382,550.

- Public Works small equipment (mowers, aeration equipment, gator vehicles), \$48,000.
- Public Works truck and bucket assembly (replacement), \$115.000.
- Police equipment (laptops, radios, audiolog, and in car video systems), \$26,800.
- Police three vehicles (replacement), \$162,750.
- Planning truck (replacement), \$30.000.

Capital Transfers

• Capital transfers \$235,000.

Note: The large difference in the adopted FY 2022 budget and the final FY 2021 budget is due to the CARES Act funding that the City received in FY 2021 (\$2,747,060).

Final FY 2021 Budget \$

Percent of Change

Difference

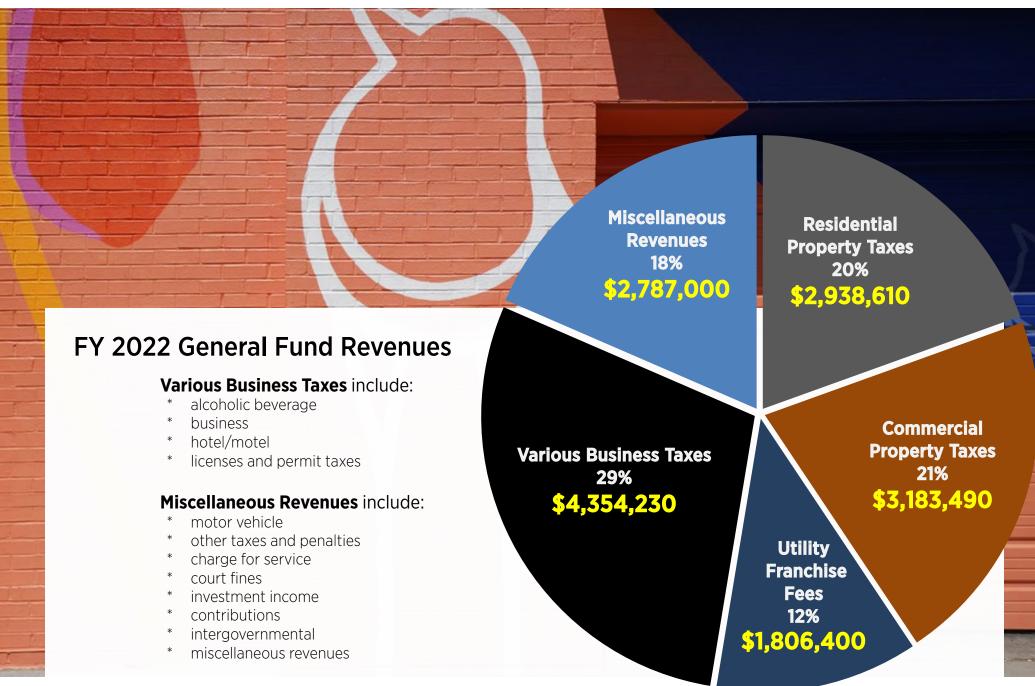


Summary of General Fund Revenues

	Actual		FY 2021 Final	FY 2021 FY 2022 Final Adopted		Change
Description	FY 2019	FY 2020	Budget	Budget	Amount	%
Property Taxes	\$ 4,939,667	\$ 5,510,867	\$ 5,761,060	\$ 6,715,600	\$ 954,540	16.6%
Franchise Taxes	1,790,469	1,847,505	1,768,670	1,806,400	37,730	2.1%
Alcoholic Beverage Taxes	808,436	827,969	775,000	880,600	105,600	13.6%
Business Taxes	2,344,213	2,289,848	1,788,360	2,612,300	823,940	46.1%
Other Taxes & Penalties	30,290	16,783	18,400	26,000	7,600	41.3%
Licenses & Permits	591,968	1,260,526	461,780	716,000	254,220	55.1%
Intergovernmental Revenues	633,949	751,115	3,543,010	557,000	(2,986,010)	-84.3%
Charges for Services	205,382	132,416	90,680	156,500	65,820	72.6%
Court Fines	1,387,121	1,008,573	850,000	1,350,000	500,000	58.8%
Investment Income	93,926	105,549	35,000	60,000	25,000	71.4%
Donations	16,360	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Miscellaneous Revenues	122,988	25,416	40,000	40,000	-	0.0%
Sale of Capital Items	7,185	-	10,000	13,000	3,000	30.0%
Transfer In	184,271	144,064	140,700	136,330	(4,370)	-3.1%
Total Revenues	13,156,225	13,920,631	15,282,660	15,069,730	(212,930)	-1.4 %
Other Financing Sources						
Budgeted Fund Balance*			1,472,480	-	(1,472,480)	n/a
Total Other Financing Sources	-	-	1,472,480_		(1,472,480)	n/a_
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	\$ <u>13,156,225</u>	\$ <u>13,920,631</u>	\$ <u>16,755,140</u>	\$ <u>15,069,730</u>	\$ <u>(1,685,410)</u>	<u>-10.1%</u>

^{*}The FY 2021 budget includes the intergovernmental revenues the City received from the CARES Act, \$2,747,060.





REVENUES



Property Taxes

Property taxes include taxes on real and personal property, motor vehicle, mobile homes, and intangible taxes. This category represents 44.5% of the total FY 2022 budgeted general fund revenues. These taxes are projected based on estimated growth of the State approved tax digest at millage rates adopted by Council. For fiscal year 2022 budget, we are anticipating an 16.6% increase in property tax revenue as compared to the amended FY 2021 budget. Some of this increase is due to the prior period assumption that the City would have a significant drop in collections. This projected drop in collections did not occur. Additional FY 2022 projection include \$170,779 that was added due to new construction growth completed in calendar year 2020. To determine the value added due to new construction growth, calendar year 2020 building permit activity was reviewed. Based upon this review, \$34,640,789 of assessed value was added to the current digest.

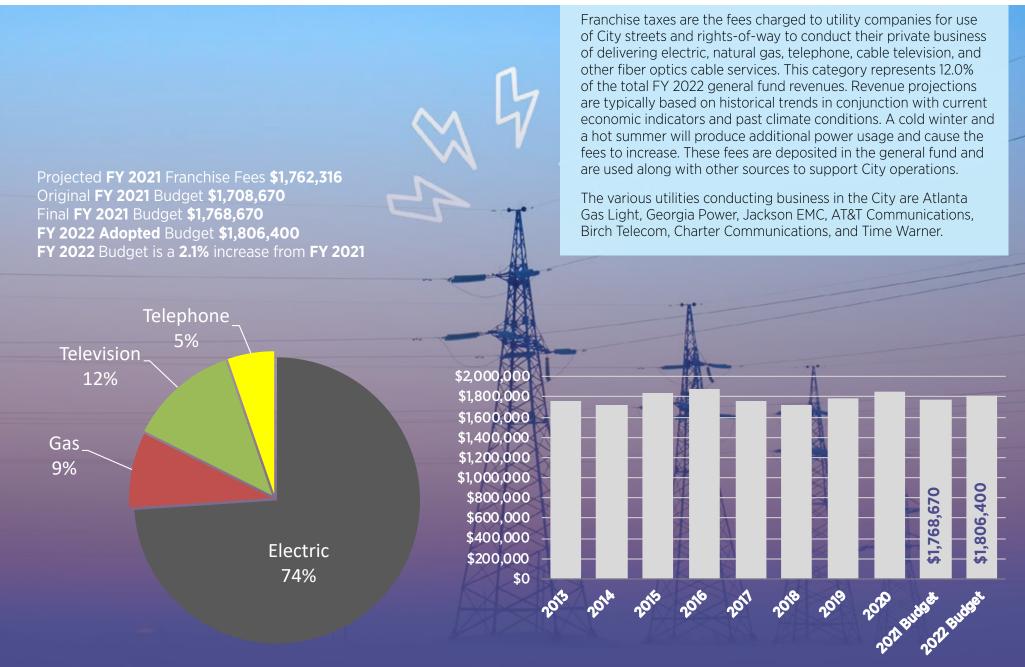
Change in accounting practice: During fiscal year 2014, Suwanee implemented a new accounting system. The new accounting system appropriately receipts property tax collections based on operating and debt service millage rates into the general fund and the debt service fund respectfully. Based on this change in technology, fiscal year 2014 budget was amended to remove the debt service millage rate receipts and transfer to the debt service fund. Comparisons to fiscal year 2013 include both operating and debt service millage rates. The reduction noted in fiscal years ending after 2014 is due to the technology change and not a decline in property tax values.

Real estate transfer tax revenues were projected using a rolling three year average of changed applied to the fiscal year 2020 collections. Motor vehicle used the lowest monthly collection value to predict a twelve month value. Title tax, included in other taxes and penalties, but combined with property taxes for budget analysis, used a 4.5% inflator to determine FY 2022 value. State law changed in July 2020 to increase the percentage of title tax that is transferred to local governments. This change in percentage was included in the 4.5% inflator. Motor vehicle taxes will continue to decline as new vehicles are purchased and the title tax is applied. In total motor vehicle revenues from title tax and ad valorem are increasing by \$195,000 from the final FY 2021 budget amounts.





Utility Franchise Fees



REVENUES



Alcoholic Beverage Taxes

Alcoholic beverage taxes are levied on the sale, distribution, or consumption of selected goods and services. Included in this category are taxes imposed on the distribution of distilled spirits, malt beverages, and wine. Taxes are also imposed on the sale of distilled spirits by the drink. This category represents 5.8% of the total FY 2022 general fund revenues. Revenue projections are based on historical trends in conjunction with current economic indicators. A rolling two year average was used in this projection.



\$200,000 \$100,000

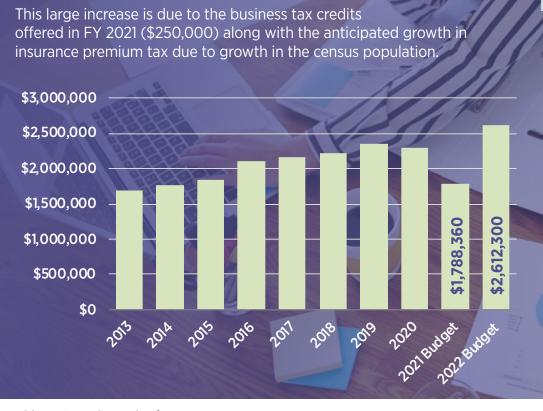
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Business Taxes

This category includes revenues realized from business and financial institutions' occupational licenses and excise taxes on insurance premiums written by insurance companies conducting business within the City. This category represents 17.3% of the total FY 2022 general fund revenues. Projections are based on historical trend analysis and economic indicators. FY 2021 revenues included \$500,000 in tax credit to help small business during this recession period. After accounting for the tax credit, a three year average was used for the projections.

Excise taxes on insurance premiums written by insurance companies conducting business within the City are allocated from the State to local governments based on current census data. Official Census data is updated every ten years. FY 2022 projection includes the anticipated growth from the updated 2020 census.



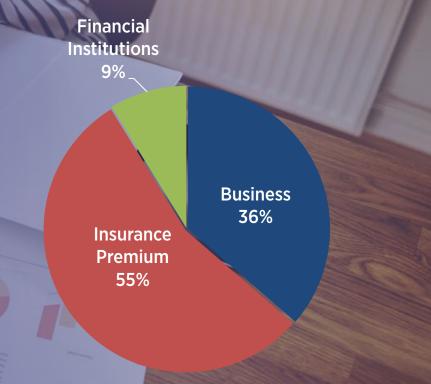
Projected FY 2021 Business Taxes Revenue \$2,128,356

FY 2022 Budget is a 46.1% increase from FY 2021

Original FY 2021 Budget \$1,728,360

FY 2022 Adopted Budget \$2,612,300

Final FY 2021 Budget \$1,788,360



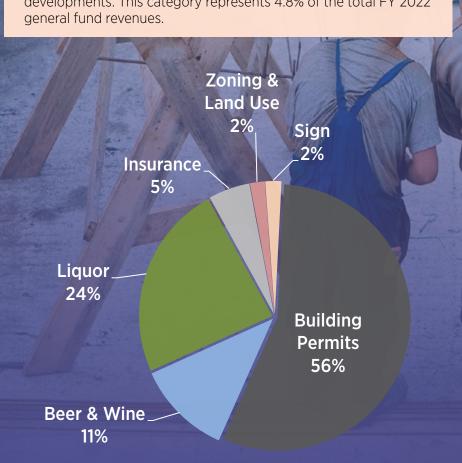
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Licenses and Permits

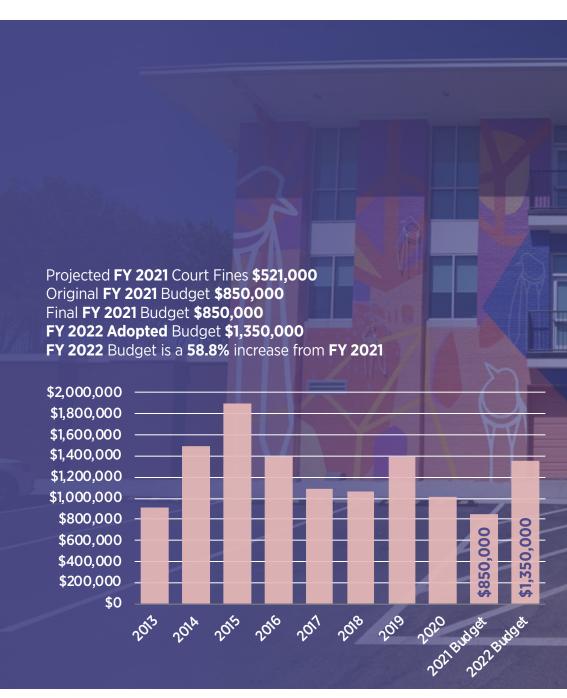
Licenses and permit fees include revenues realized from alcoholic privilege licenses, peddler license fees, fees for issuance of licenses to insurance companies that sell policies within the City, fees received from applications for zoning amendments, site plan reviews, special use and variance, and fees for sign permits.

Regulatory fees charged for building permits and inspections also are included in this section. These revenue projections are based on known development growth that should be permitted in the next twelve months. Building permit revenues vary from year to year based on the economic environment and size of planned developments. This category represents 4.8% of the total FY 2022 general fund revenues.









Intergovernmental

This category includes the annual negotiated settlement from Gwinnett County regarding service delivery. These payments are annual payments and will continue until calendar year 2070. The current projected amount of \$550,000 is a decrease of \$238,950 from fiscal year 2021 budgeted. FY 2022 estimates are based on the new agreed upon revenue share agreement with Gwinnett County. This new agreement goes into effect in February 2022 and is predicting a \$200,000 reduction in revenues received as compared to the previous agreement. The new agreement is based on a formula of population and calls for services. Revenues received cannot exceed actual expenditures.

This category represents 3.7% of the total FY 2022 general fund revenues.

Court Fines

Revenues in this category consist of fines and charges imposed by the City's Municipal Court. This category represents 8.9% of the total FY 2022 general fund revenues. Council sets some of the charges while others are mandated by the State and adopted by Council. Projections are based on rates set by the City Council and current economic conditions. FY 2021 revenues declined due to the pandemic. Police ticketing activity declined as resources were needed in other areas along with court sessions being canceled for several months due to the pandemic. Data trends from 2016 thru 2019 were used to predict FY 2022 revenues.





General Fund Expenditures by Department

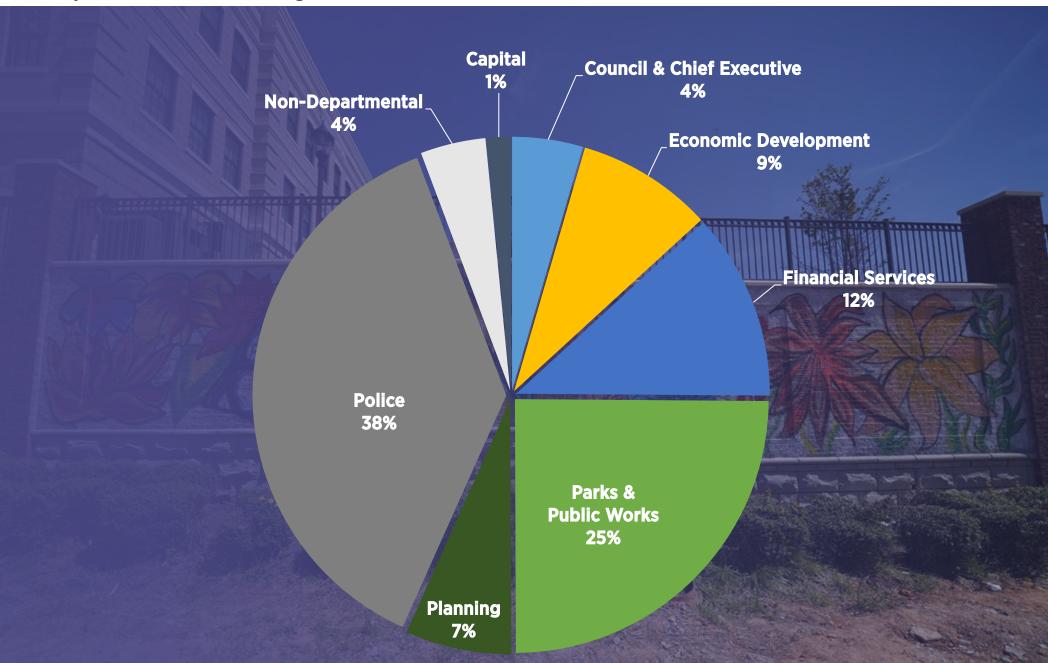
	Actual		FY 2021 Budget		FY 2022 Adopted	FY 2022	Change
Description	FY 2019	FY 2020	Original	Final	Budget	Amount	%
Council & Chief Executive*	\$ 584,114 \$	584,830 \$	630,620	\$ 623,260	\$ 679,890	\$ 56,630	9.1%
Administrative Services*	285,906	284,973	334,310	203,830	-	(203,830)	n/a
Business Services*	882,254	844,090	915,770	-	-	-	n/a
Economic Development	915,006	811,942	863,550	954,060	1,309,770	355,710	37.3%
Financial Services*	608,850	603,509	610,080	1,672,280	1,795,560	123,280	7.4%
Parks & Public Works	2,726,811	2,889,945	2,958,540	4,091,950	3,740,460	(351,490)	-8.6%
Planning	878,501	860,289	899,740	904,840	1,018,440	113,600	12.6%
Police	5,084,133	5,094,302	5,440,120	5,450,900	5,664,010	213,110	3.9%
Non-Departmental	499,360	503,685	625,550	625,550	626,600	1,050	0.2%
Total Operating	_12,464,935	12,477,565	_13,278,280	14,526,670	14,834,730	308,060	2.1%
Capital Transfers**	768,996	159,736	159,800	2,228,470	235,000	(1,993,470)	89.5%_
Total Expenditures & Transfers	\$ <u>13,233,931</u> \$	12,637,301	13,438,080	\$ <u>16,755,140</u>	\$ <u>15,069,730</u>	\$ <u>(1,685,410)</u>	<u>-10.1%</u>

^{*}Several organizational changes were made to department teams. Administrative Services was split between Council & Chief Executive and Financial Services. Business Services was moved to Financial Services.

^{**}FY 2021 capital transfers includes transfers for FY 2020 and FY 2021 capital improvement program pre-funding. Pre-funding the capital improvement program allows for pay-as-you-go financing for capital projects.



Department % of Budget



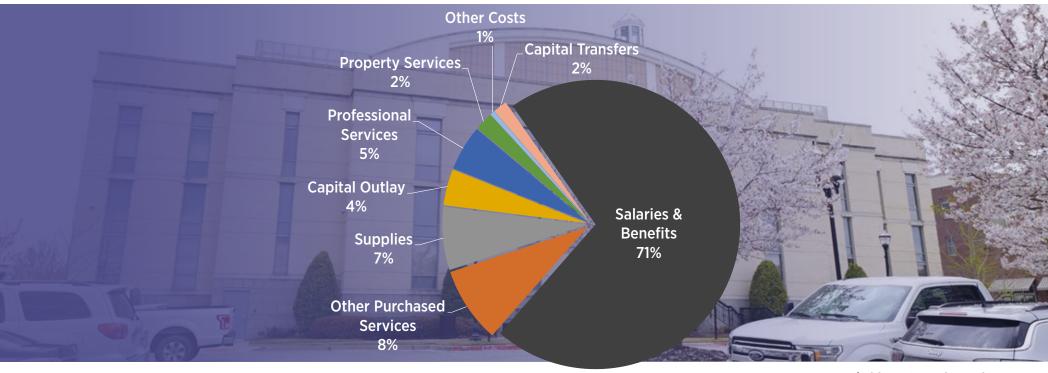


General Fund Expenditures by Category

	Act	tual	FY 2021 Budget		FY 2022 Adopted	FY 2022 Change	
Description	FY 2019	FY 2020	Original	Final	Budget	Amount	%
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 8,903,593	\$ 8,608,211	\$ 9,618,880	\$ 8,748,860	\$ 10,727,970	\$ 1,979,110	22.6%
Other Purchased Services	1,041,325	933,469	1,161,650	1,199,170	1,274,030	74,860	6.2%
Supplies	940,922	918,685	1,028,840	1,032,990	1,066,540	33,550	3.2%
Capital Outlay	646,694	378,211	371,990	418,530	610,440	191,910	45.9%
Professional Services	543,250	545,748	699,950	713,050	765,600	52,550	7.4%
Property Services	296,655	271,784	323,970	332,470	309,150	(23,320)	-7.0%
Other Costs*	92,496	821,457	73,000	2,081,600	81,000	(2,000,600)	-96.1%
Capital Transfers**	768,996	159,736	159,800	2,228,470	235,000	(1,993,470)	89.5%
Total	\$ <u>13,233,931</u>	\$ <u>12,637,301</u>	\$ <u>13,438,080</u>	\$ <u>16,755,140</u>	\$ <u>15,069,730</u>	\$ <u>(1,685,410)</u>	-10.1%

^{*} FY 2021 other costs includes expenditures related to the pandemic.

^{**}FY 2021 capital transfers includes capital funding for FY 2020 and FY 2021 capital improvement program.





FY 2022 General Expenditures Summary

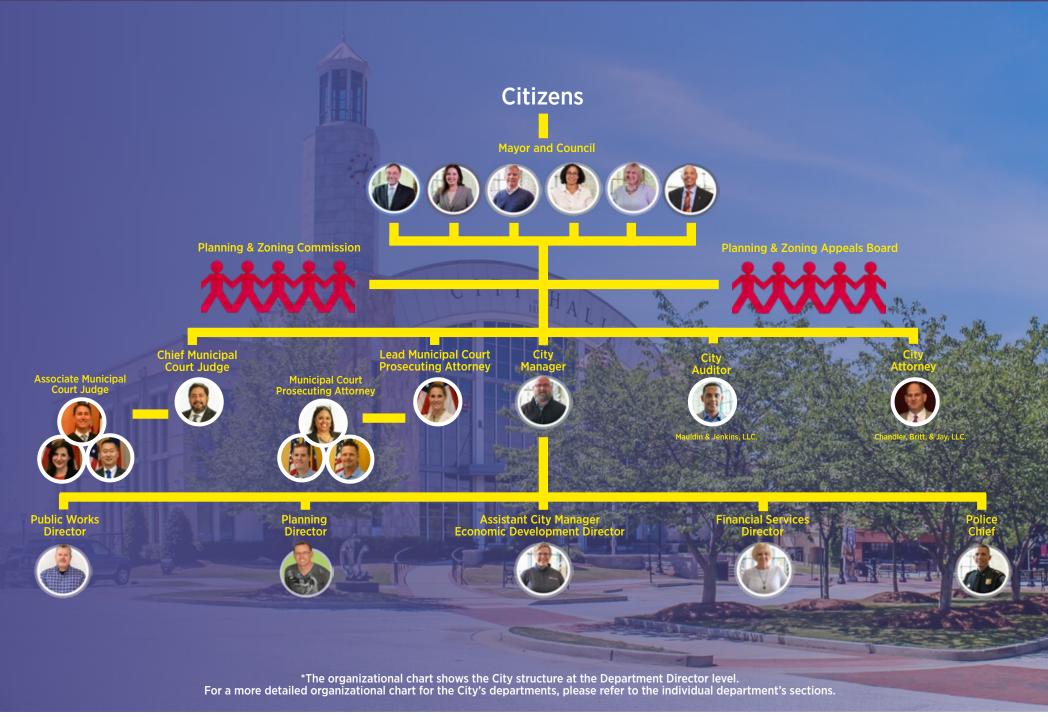
During the budget forecast process, all department directors submit their performance and expenditure requests for the next fiscal year. Based on this information, the budget development team reviewed all departmental operations and budget requests in order to propose a recommended City Manager budget to City Council.

The following is a summary of larger dollar items (\$10,000 and above) for FY 2022 that were included in the City Manager's adopted budget.

Department	Description	Amount	Department	Description	Amount
All	Salaries	\$ 6,936,000	Parks & PW	Park site improvements	23,000
All	Overtime	297,000	Parks & PW	Stormwater management program	90,000
All	FICA	450,000	Parks & PW	Electricity outdoor lighting (street Lights)	260,000
All	Medicare	106,000	Parks & PW	Park water usage	48,000
All	Retirement	527,000	Parks & PW	Solid waste disposal	25,000
All	Group health	1,807,000	Parks & PW	Public Works small equipment	50,000
All	Other employee benefits	94,000	Parks & PW	Public Works large equipment	115,000
All	Worker's compensation	175,000	Parks & PW	Public Works contracted services	52,000
All	Gasoline fuel usage	160,000	Planning	Professional services (planning)	70,000
All	Property/casualty insurance	310,000	Planning	Right-of-way permitting	12,000
Council & Chief	GMA/GwMA City contribution	29,000	Planning	Professional services (inspections)	25,000
Council & Chief	Dues and fees (Geek Space)	12,000	Planning	Inspection's truck (new)	30,000
Council & Chief	Studies, cost estimates, and appraisals	19,000	Police	Police equipment	27,000
Economic	Newsletter production & printing	69,000	Police	Dispatch software fees	71,000
Economic	Events	175,000	Police	Police software fees	31,000
Economic	Suwanee Youth Leadership program	10,000	Police	Code Red	12,000
Economic	Partnership Gwinnett	20,000	Police	Police training	277,000
Economic	Artworks! Gwinnett Master Plan	10,000	Police	3 Police Vehicles (replacement)	163,000
Economic	Volunteer Program	15,000	Police	Fleet repairs	65,000
Economic	Downtown Suwanee funding	133,000	Police	Police station operating cost	63,000
Finance	GMA telecom consultants	10,000	Non-departmental	Annual attorney fees	40,000
Finance	Annual audit	45,000	Non-departmental	Information technology consulting	110,000
Finance	Human Resources consultants	10,000	Non-departmental	Software annual license fees	61,000
Finance	Court operating costs	29,000	Non-departmental	Software and server support	68,000
Finance	Online Business License renewal software	25,000	Non-departmental	Cyber security	15,000
Parks & PW	Landscape maintenance	331,000	Non-departmental	City Hall operating costs	198,000
Parks & PW	Repairs (Public Works)	99,000	Non-departmental	Capital projects transfer	235,000
Parks & PW	Park repairs	53,000		Summary Total \$	14,192,000
				TOTAL BUDGET \$	15,069,730
				% of Budget	94%

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART









COUNCIL & CHIEF EXECUTIVE

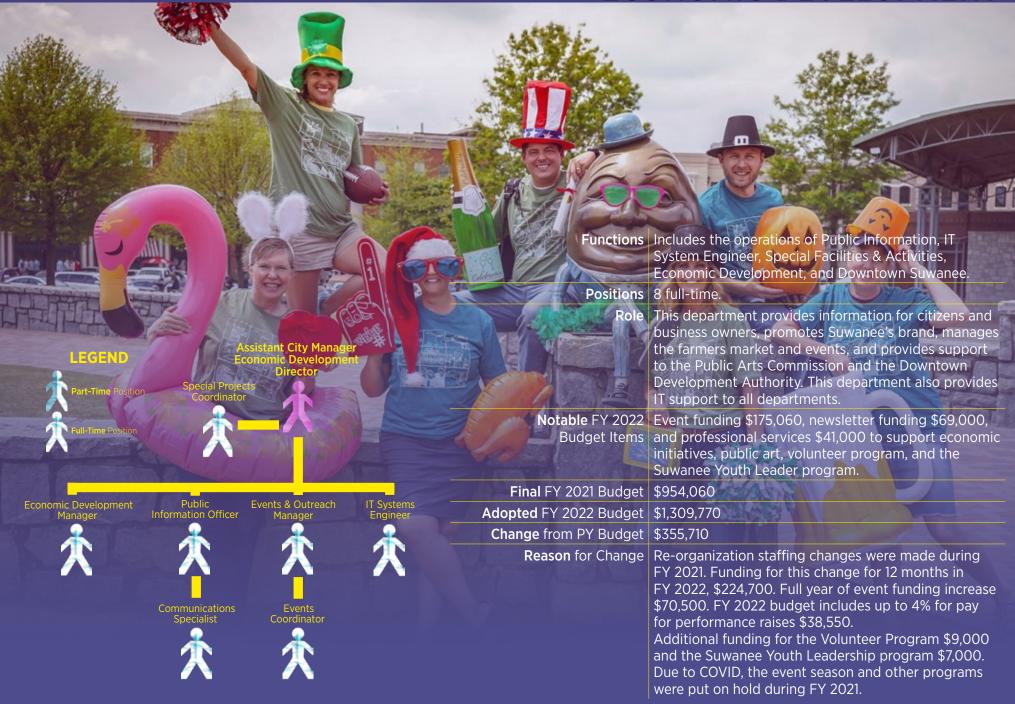






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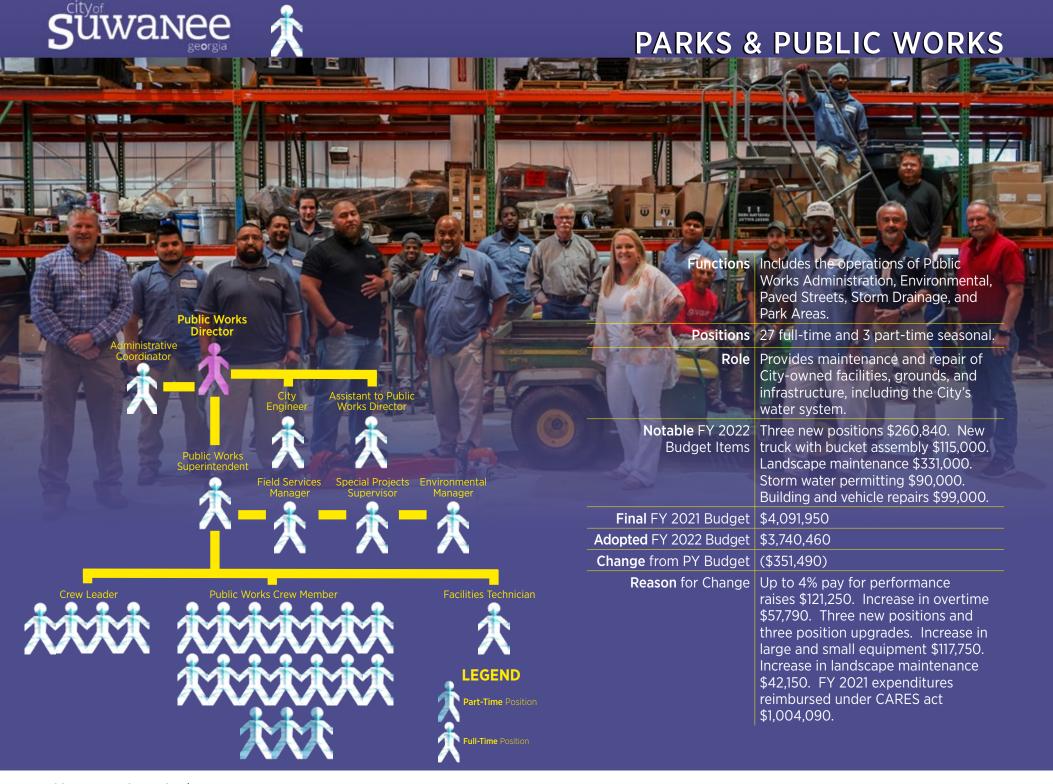
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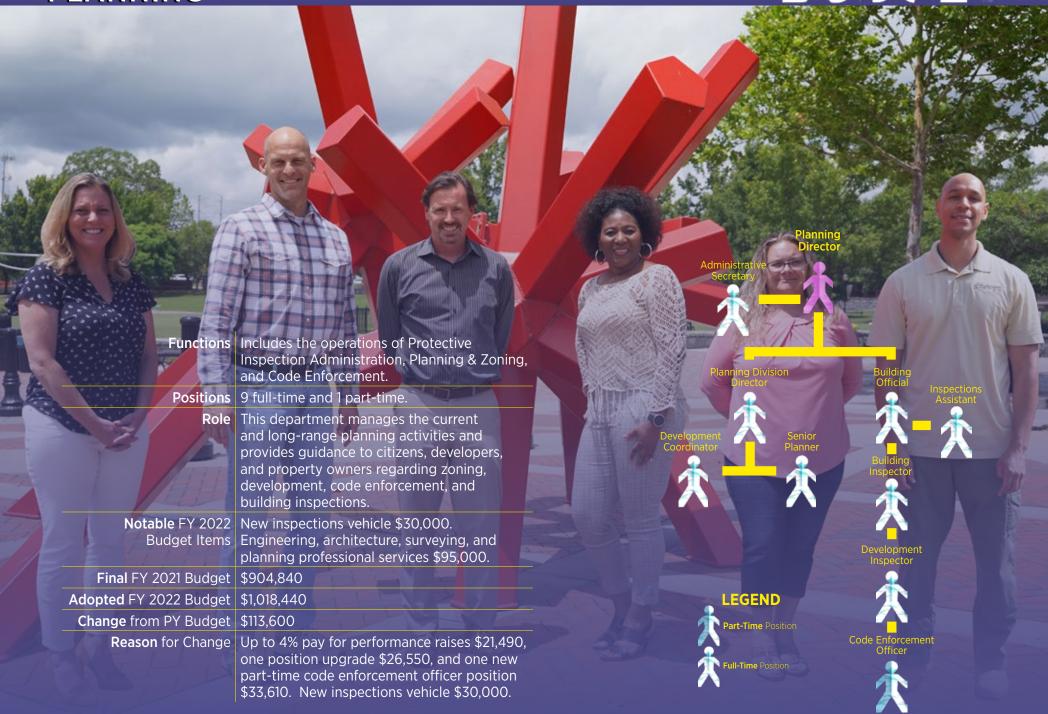




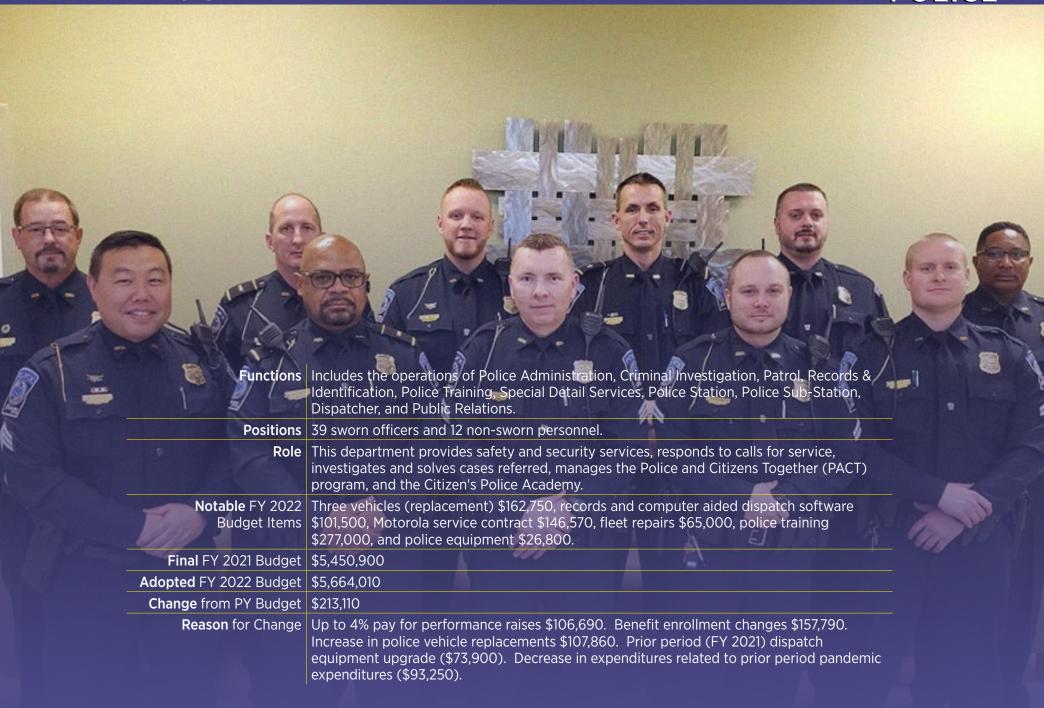


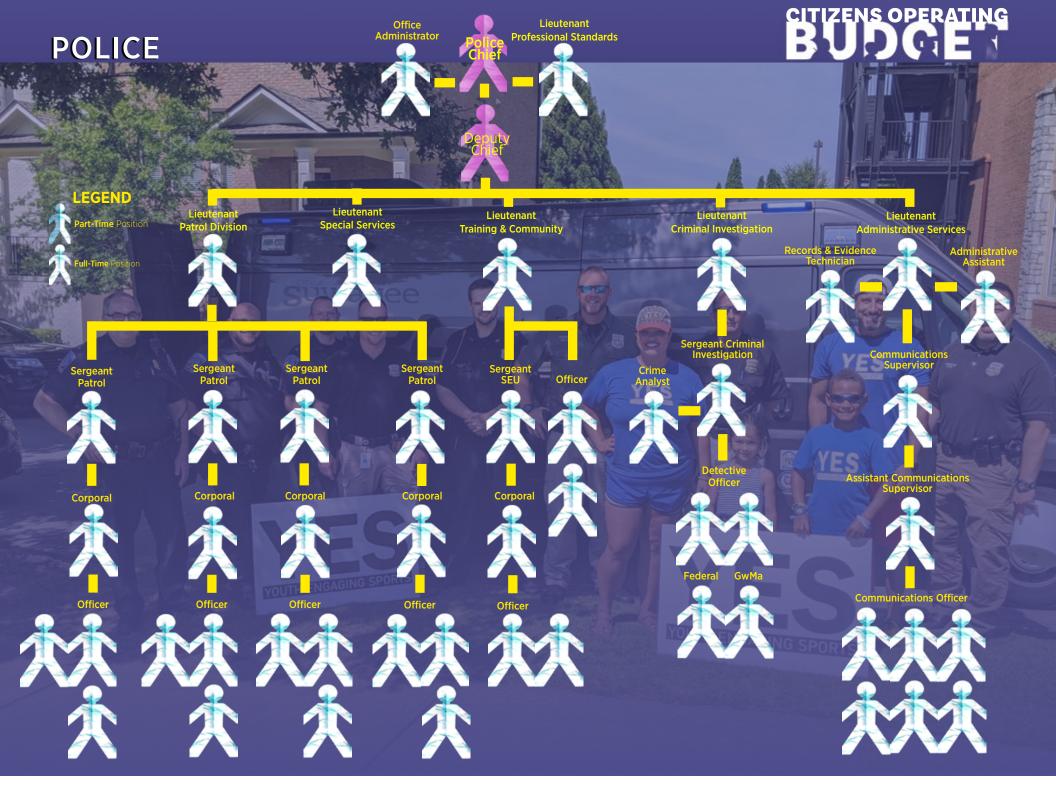
PLANNING











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Law **Role** To provide timely and effective advice and professional representation to City's officials. The City Attorney has the responsibility of responding to requests for advice and answering lawsuits in a manner as to eliminate or minimize legal difficulties and damages before decisions are made which might create legal problems. Final \$45,000 FY 2021 Budget Adopted \$40,000 FY 2022 Budget Change (\$5,000)from PY Budget **Data Processing Role** To provide secure, efficient, innovative, and cost effective data communication services that will support and enhance the daily business operations of the City and enable staff to better serve citizens. Final \$258,150 FY 2021 Budget Adopted FY 2022 Budget \$270,000 Change from PY Budget \$11,850

General Government Building

Role To manage building operations and maintenance activities for the City's facilities so that employees and visitors have a clean and comfortable environment. It is the responsibility of this function to maintain City facilities, including minor renovations as necessary.

Final FY 2021 Budget

\$322,400

Adopted FY 2022 Budget

\$316,600

Change from PY Budget

(\$5,800)

Capital Contributions

Role Accounts for the general fund transfer for local funding of capital needs or pay-as-you-go financing.

Final FY 2021 Budget

\$2,228,470

Adopted FY 2022 Budget

\$235,000

Change from PY Budget

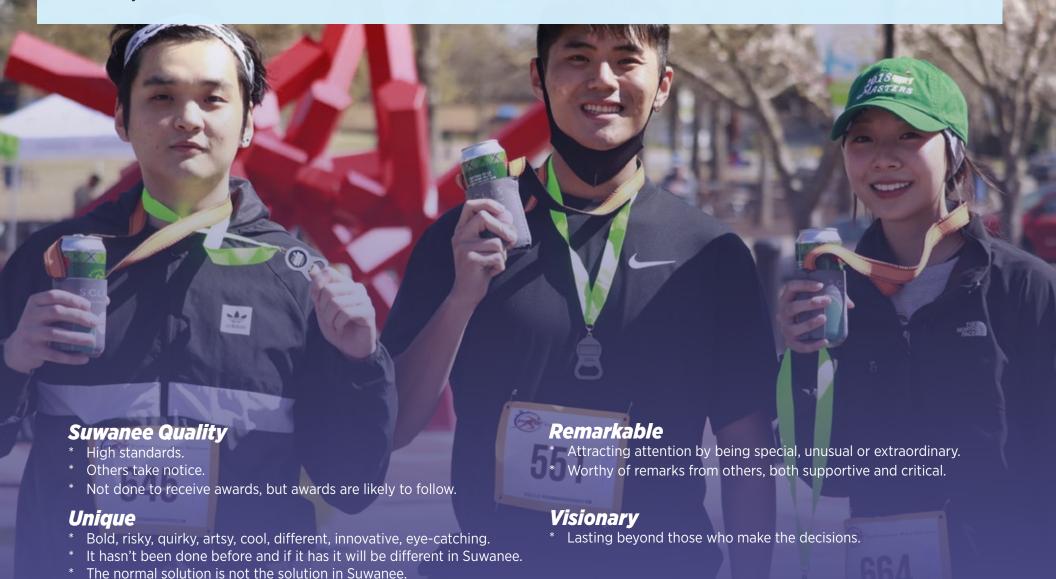
(\$1,993,470)



Conclusion

The City appreciates any comments from citizens relative to the budget. All citizens are invited and encouraged to attend budget hearings held in June of each year.

Anyone interested in attending or receiving additional information, should contact the Financial Services Department at 770-945-8996.



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