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### FY 2017 City Council Budget Priorities

# January 27, 2016 Committee on Budget and Government Efficiency Item Number 8

# Proposed FY 2017 Budget Priorities



- IBA Report 16-03 identifies fiscal and policy items prioritized in a majority of Councilmember memoranda
- For FY 2017, Councilmember priorities focused on the following major themes:
  - Funding to support public safety
  - Greater investment in infrastructure
  - Funding for a variety of community investments:
  - Youth programs and services
  - Arts and culture
  - Economic development

- Climate Action Plan (CAP)
- Code enforcement
- Programs for the Homeless

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Included in Report 16-03:

- Priorities receiving majority support (five or more) from City Councilmembers are highlighted as budget priorities
- Priorities mentioned by four Councilmembers are also included for discussion purposes

## **Budget Priorities: Public Safety**



- Support for Civilian Positions—Police (CDs 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9)
  - Addition of non-sworn positions: Dispatcher and Police Investigative Service Officer positions
- Support for Police Officer Retention (CDs 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9)
- Firefighter Staffing (CDs 1, 2, 5, 6, 7)
  - Additional staff to convert the South University City Fast Response Squad to a temporary fire station

# Budget Priorities: Public Safety (cont'd)



- Support for Lifeguard Five-Year Plan (CDs 1, 2, 4, 8, 9)
  - Addition of Lifeguard Division positions
  - Request by a significant number of Councilmembers that permanent lifeguard staff receive the same or similar presumptive medical coverage as sworn public safety staff
- Significant public safety funding priorities for discussion:
  - Funding for additional staffing/contractual support for the Citizens Review Board
  - Additional support for a community-oriented policing plan
  - Feasibility study to replace the Traffic Division modular facility with a permanent building

### **Budget Priorities: Infrastructure**



- Park Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Projects (CDs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9)
  - Projects include the creation of new parks or improvements to existing equipment and facilities
- Pedestrian and Cycling Safety (CDs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9)
  - Prioritizing infrastructure funding in corridors identified as part of Vision Zero
  - Traffic calming measures
  - Safety upgrades in high collision corridors
- ADA Improvements (CDs 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9)
- Streetlight Installation, Maintenance, and Repair (CDs 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9)

## Budget Priorities: Infrastructure (cont'd)



- Storm Drain Maintenance (CDs 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9)
- Sidewalk Maintenance, Repair, and Installation (CDs 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9)
  - Significant support for continued funding of the Market Street sidewalks, and the design of the sidewalk project in Paradise Hills
- Street Maintenance and Repair (CDs 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9)
- Construction or Upgrade of Public Safety Facilities (CDs 1, 2, 4, 8, 9)
  - Fire station construction or repair
- Other significant infrastructure funding priorities for discussion: traffic signal optimization upgrades especially along Friars Road in Fashion Valley

# Budget Priorities: Community Investments



- Youth Programs and Services
  - Funding for the CONNECT2Careers Program (CDs 1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9)
  - Restoration of Swimming Pool Hours (CDs 1, 4, 7, 8, 9)
  - Community and Youth Library Programs (CDs 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9)
- Penny for the Arts (CDs 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9)
  - Increase in 'Blueprint' funding as a percent of TOT
- Economic Development, Support for Small Businesses (CDs 2, 4, 6, 8, 9)
  - Addition of a Community Development Specialist position
  - Online portal for access to the City's business services
  - Establish a Small Business Bonding Assistance Program

# Budget Priorities: Community Investments (cont'd)



- Climate Action Plan (CDs 1, 3, 4, 8, 9)
  - Funding for an implementation plan and Phase 1 activities
  - Significant support:
    - Planting 2,000 trees in 2017
    - Restoration of the Tree Warden position
    - Require that trees be included as an element of street projects
- Code Enforcement Program (CDs 1, 3, 4, 8, 9)
  - Analysis of program capacity and funding for additional needs
  - Programs for the Homeless (CDs 1, 3, 4, 8, 9)

# Budget Priorities: Community Investments (cont'd)



- Parks and Libraries (CDs 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9)
  - Upgrades to Park & Recreation and Library departments' facilities
  - Increased recreation center hours
  - Significant support to fully fund the Library Ordinance and for additional park maintenance staff
- Other significant funding priorities for discussion:
  - 311 customer service system
  - Administrative and other support for the Council Administration Department

### **Requested Actions**



The IBA recommends that the Committee review and discuss the budget priorities highlighted in this Report

#### Actions:

- 1. Accept/modify IBA Report 16-03
- 2. Forward the Report with any modifications to City Council for formal adoption of the FY 2017 Budget Priorities Resolution