Memorandum



DATE December 11, 2020

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT Sales Tax Receipts

We budgeted \$296.3 million in sales tax revenue for FY 2020-21, which is a 9 percent decrease from the FY 2019-20 budget of \$325.6 million and a 4.6 percent decrease from FY 2019-20 actual collections of \$310.7 million. As you know, we adjusted the sales tax revenue budget because the Coronavirus pandemic and subsequent economic crisis affected sales tax receipts and will continue to do so.

The October 2020 sales tax receipts from the State Comptroller's Office are \$25,607,902, which represents an 8.4 percent decrease in total collections compared to the same reporting period last year. Over the most recent 12 months, sales tax receipts have decreased by 2.5 percent.

While sales tax is underperforming relative to the same time last year, it exceeded the projected monthly budget by 12.5 percent, highlighting the difficult nature of revenue forecasting in this economic environment.

October 2019 actual \$27,942,608

October 2020 budget \$22,757,735

October 2020 actual \$25,607,902

October's receipts represent the first month of FY 2020-21 collections. We will update the forecast as more data becomes available; however, I do not anticipate completing an update until we have at least one quarter's worth of data.

Thank you for your support. Please contact me with any questions.

M. Elizabeth Reich

Chief Financial Officer

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Sales Tax

as of October 2020

Month	Actual FY 2019-20	Budget FY 2020-21	F	Actual FY 2020-21	Υ	TD Variance FY 2020-21 Actuals versus FY 2019-20 Actuals (\$)	YTD Variance FY 2020-21 Actuals versus FY 2019-20 Actuals (%)	-	Y 2020-21 tuals versus Budget (\$)	FY 2020-21 Actuals versus Budget (%)
October	\$ 27,942,608	\$ 22,757,735	\$	25,607,902	\$	(2,334,706)	-8.4%	\$	2,850,167	12.5%
November	\$ 26,805,867	\$ 22,339,564								
December	\$ 35,274,527	\$ 30,546,181								
January	\$ 27,074,542	\$ 22,334,940								
February	\$ 23,738,211	\$ 21,368,002								
March	\$ 26,900,241	\$ 27,992,061								
April	\$ 19,483,347	\$ 22,902,432								
May	\$ 22,615,759	\$ 23,621,251								
June	\$ 27,891,265	\$ 28,031,574								
July	\$ 24,568,195	\$ 23,753,049								
August	\$ 23,433,307	\$ 23,262,607								
September	\$ 25,009,630 ¹	\$ 27,414,969								
Total	\$ 310,737,499	\$ 296,324,365	\$	25,607,902	\$	(2,334,706)	-8.4%	\$	2,850,167	12.5%

1 FY 2019-20 revenue reduced due to a one-time repayment to the State of \$3,393,027.





