

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE September 8, 2023

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **FY 2023-24 Budget – Results of Budget Amendment Discussion**

Thank you for your participation in the budget amendment discussion and straw poll process on Wednesday, September 6. Five amendments received majority support through the process and were incorporated into the budget ordinance prior to approval on First Reading. The approved amendments are attached. As required by the City Charter, the ordinance, including amendments, will be advertised in the City’s official newspaper as well as additional multicultural publications.

The table below provides a summary of amounts included in the budget ordinance and the impact on each from the approved amendments.

- The decrease in the General Fund is the result of three amendments that reduced expenses and lowered the property tax rate by 0.36¢. When added to the 0.65¢ reduction included in the City Manager’s recommended budget, there is a total tax rate reduction of 1.01¢ which lowers the current tax rate from 74.58¢ to the proposed rate for FY 2023-24 of 73.57¢ per \$100 valuation.
- The decrease in Grants, Trusts, and Other Funds is the result of \$1.0 million reduction for IT Governance projects offset by \$0.75 million increase for the Lawn Equipment Transition Program.
- The increase in Capital Funds is the result of moving funds from the General Fund into a Capital Fund to spend on additional Street Maintenance.

Fund	FY24 Proposed Budget	September 6 Approved Amendments	FY24 Amended Budget for First Reading
General Fund	\$1,844,634,000	(\$7,057,530)	\$1,837,576,470
General Obligation Debt	420,687,511	0	420,687,511
Enterprise Funds	1,401,626,306	0	1,401,626,306
Grants, Trust, and Other Funds	166,677,152	(250,000)	166,427,152
Capital Funds	794,619,446	2,500,000	797,119,446
Subtotal	4,628,244,415	(4,807,530)	4,623,436,885
Internal Service Funds	268,266,846	0	268,266,846
Employee Retirement Fund	6,673,227	0	6,673,227
Total	\$4,903,184,488	(\$4,807,530)	\$4,898,376,958

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The City Council may make additional amendments up to the point of final reading and approval of the budget on September 20. Please submit any new amendments to me and/or Mr. Broadnax by the end of day Thursday, September 14, and we will distribute them to all City Council Members on Friday, September 15.

During your September 20 meeting, (1) a tax rate public hearing will be held, (2) new amendments may be considered, and (3) a suite of budget-related items will be presented for your approval including the tax rate ordinance, budget ordinance, fee ordinance, and personnel classification action resolution.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Janette Weedon, Director of Budget and Management Services.



Jack Ireland
Chief Financial Officer

Attachment

c: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager
Tammy Palomino, Interim City Attorney
Mark Swann, City Auditor
Billierae Johnson, City Secretary
Preston Robinson, Administrative Judge
Kimberly Bizzor Tolbert, Deputy City Manager
Jon Fortune, Deputy City Manager
Majed A. Al-Ghafry, Assistant City Manager
M. Elizabeth (Liz) Cedillo-Pereira, Assistant City Manager
Dr. Robert Perez, Assistant City Manager
Carl Simpson, Assistant City Manager
Genesis D. Gavino, Chief of Staff to the City Manager
Directors and Assistant Directors

City Council Amendment - FY 2023-24 Budget

FY 2023-24 Budget Amendments - City Manager TC Broadnax - August 31, 2023

City Manager - TC Broadnax		Amendment Number	
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Source of Funds	Amount	Use of Funds	Amount
Court & Detention Services - Transfer eight Court & Detention Services (City Detention Center, City Marshal's Office, Lew Sterrett Jail Contract, Security Services, School Crossing Guard Program, Sobering Center, Marshal's Park Enforcement, and Environmental Crimes Division) and establish a new office - City Marshal's Office. The remaining services (Municipal Court Services and Parking Adjudication Office) will be focused on court services.	31,014,617	City Marshal's Office - Transfer eight Court & Detention Services (City Detention Center, City Marshal's Office, Lew Sterrett Jail Contract, Security Services, School Crossing Guard Program, Sobering Center, Marshal's Park Enforcement, and Environmental Crimes Division) and establish the City Marshal's Office (ongoing cost of \$31,537,330 in FY 2024-25). This new office will better support Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) certified officers.	31,014,617
Total Source of Funds	31,014,617	Total Use of Funds	31,014,617
City Council Action (yes/no/withdrawn)	Y	Difference	0

FY 2023-24 Budget Amendments - Council Member Ridley - September 1, 2023

Council Member Lead - Ridley		Amendment Number	
		14	
Source of Funds	Amount	Use of Funds	Amount
Human Resources - Reduce the budget to the 2022-23 budget plus required contractual salary, benefit, and pension increases.	126,501	Decrease the tax rate.	126,501
Total Source of Funds	126,501	Total Use of Funds	126,501
City Council Action (yes/no/withdrawn)	Y	Difference	0

Council Member Lead - Ridley		Amendment Number	
		15	
Source of Funds	Amount	Use of Funds	Amount
Public Works - Reduce the budget for the Real Estate division within Public Works to forecast 2023 level, plus required contractual salary, benefit, and pension increases.	95,599	Decrease the tax rate.	95,599
Total Source of Funds	95,599	Total Use of Funds	95,599
City Council Action (yes/no/withdrawn)	Y	Difference	0

Council Member Lead - Ridley		Amendment Number	
		18	
Council Member Amendment: Willis			
Source of Funds	Amount	Use of Funds	Amount
Communications, Outreach, & Marketing - Reduce the budget to the 2022-23 forecast plus required contractual salary, benefit, and pension increases.	611,965	Public Works - Increase contribution to street maintenance	611,965
Retained \$100,000 for crisis communication, and \$100,000 for equitable language access.			
Total Source of Funds	611,965	Total Use of Funds	611,965
City Council Action (yes/no/withdrawn)	Y	Difference	0

FY 2023-24 Budget Amendments - Council Member Bazaldua - September 6, 2023

Council Member Lead - Bazaldua		Amendment Number	
		28A	
Source of Funds	Amount	Use of Funds	Amount
Public Works - Reduce allocation for Sidewalk Mater Plan Improvements.	1,000,000	Public Works - Add funding for PW 50/50 Sidewalk for City Side (using \$1M from Sidewalk Master Plan Improvements). #2 One-Time.	1,000,000
Non-Departmental - Eliminate Internal Contingency - use for items #42 & #43	1,000,000	City Attorney's Office - Add funding for CAO Short-term rental ordinance legal support. #7	36,770
Mayor and City Council - Eliminate one-time funding for Mayor Pro Tem/Deputy Mayor Pro Tem mid-election cycle office swaps. One-Time.	20,000	Code Compliance Services - Add funding to Code Compliance, 3 positions for Keep Dallas Beautiful Program. #12	400,000
Mayor and City Council - Remove funding for Council Member Mileage Stipend.	168,000	Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability - Add funding for Lawn Equipment Transition Program. One-Time.	750,000
Code Compliance - Eliminate additional demolition funding.	250,000	Office of Homeless Solutions - Add funding for solicitation of Sanction Encampment partnership. One-Time.	1,000,000
Non-Departmental - Eliminate funding for the IT Governance committee to use for the General Fund portion of Citywide IT projects.	1,000,000	Public Works - Add funding for street maintenance and resurfacing. One-Time.	2,500,000
Dallas Police Department - Reduce the number of Officers hired from 290 to 250 officers - ending FY24 with 3,144 officers. Reduce the class 398 and 399 from 42 to 22 - no change to remaining classes. One-Time.	3,150,200	Small Business Center - Add funding for Mobile Unit Refurbishment. One-Time.	349,000
Various - Eliminate [147] positions that have been vacant for 12+ months.	6,895,000	Dallas Police Department - Add funding for 80 flock cameras; add gun detection system. One-Time.	450,000
		Non-Departmental - Increase contracts with state lobbyists.	143,000
		Non-Departmental - Increase contracts with federal lobbyists (last increase 2008).	19,000
		Decrease the tax rate by 0.35 cents = total 1 cent reduction.	6,835,430
Total Source of Funds	13,483,200	Total Use of Funds	13,483,200
City Council Action (yes/no/withdrawn)	Y	Difference	0