

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE September 10, 2019

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **FY 2019-20 Budget Amendment Process**

Thank you for your continued work on the FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21 biennial operating and capital budget. On Monday, August 26, and Wednesday, September 4, you considered 93 amendments that had been submitted. Through your thoughtful deliberation, amendments to the City Manager’s recommended budget have been finalized and incorporated into the budget.

As a result of the amendments, the property tax rate for FY 2019-20 is reduced from 78.00¢ to 77.66¢ per \$100 valuation. This is below the current year property tax rate of 77.67¢ per \$100 valuation.

Below is a consolidated list of amendments that you approved as part of the FY 2019-20 budget on “first reading.” You will notice that some of the “source of funds” may have a zero-dollar amount and/or include a note regarding a reduction in FY 2020-21. These reductions are necessary to maintain a balanced budget for the second year of the biennial.

Source of Funds	Amount	Use of Funds	Amount
Public Affairs (MGT) – Eliminate offsite City Council meetings, eliminate one public engagement specialist position, and reduce professional services funding	\$193,201	Tax rate reduction – Reduce the proposed rate from 78.00¢ per \$100 valuation to 77.66¢.	\$4,786,000
Business Diversity (MGT) – Eliminate new Manager III position	\$88,469	Fire-Rescue – Add 15 firefighters for ladder truck at Fire Station #18 (\$2.2M); partially offset by \$400,000 reduction to overtime spending	\$1,800,000
Fair Housing (MGT) – Reduce funding for staffing	\$42,298	Park and Recreation – Youth access programs	\$975,000
Resiliency (MGT) – Eliminate intern position and reduce contract services	\$50,000	Park and Recreation – After-school programs	\$500,000
Innovation (MGT) – Reduce contract services for Data Academy	\$50,000	Park and Recreation – Subsidy for HBCU football game at State Fair	\$150,000
Strategic Partnerships (MGT) – Eliminate one position	\$50,000	Sustainable Development – Add three Senior Planners	\$210,000
Homeless Solutions (MGT) – Systems Enhancement Homelessness (funding category swap)	\$100,000	Homeless Solutions (MGT) – Unaccompanied youth homelessness (funding category swap)	\$100,000

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Welcoming Communities (MGT) – Eliminate one position	\$109,091	Planning and Urban Design – Urban Land Use Planning and Charrette(s)	\$200,000
Code Compliance – Reduce funding for demolition of substandard structures	\$558,941	Library – Expand hot spot initiative by adding 600 more for a total of 900 devices throughout the city	\$238,000
Courts – Lew Sterrett Jail Contract - Cost will be lower than anticipated	\$687,000		
Human Resources – Reduce funding for graduate intern program	\$80,000		
Public Works – Eliminate MOWmentum program	\$100,000		
Transportation – Eliminate total funding for LED signs around Fair Park	\$3,000,000		
Non-Departmental – DPD Hiring Reserve – Reduce FY20 from \$2.25M to \$1.0M and eliminate \$1.0M planned for FY21	\$1,250,000		
Non-Departmental – IT Governance/Technology Projects – Reduce FY20 from \$4.5M to \$3.0M and reduce FY21 from \$4.5M to \$1.0M	\$1,500,000		
Non-Departmental – Salary & Benefits Reserve – Reduce FY20 from \$3.5M to \$2.5M and reduce FY21 from \$3.5M to \$2.0M	\$1,000,000		
City Attorney's Office – Reduce funding	\$100,000		
Homeless Solutions (MGT) - Eliminate portion of Inclement Weather program by \$600,000 in FY21 (maintains \$400,000 in FY21)	\$0		
Equity (MGT) – Eliminate one Equity Analyst position planned for FY21	\$0		
Economic Development – Eliminate one Contract Compliance Administrator position planned for FY21	\$0		
Sustainable Development – Since three planners are being added in FY20, eliminate the two planners proposed for FY21	\$0		
Transportation – Eliminate one planned GIS Analyst in FY21	\$0		
Total Source of Funds	\$8,959,000	Total Use of Funds	\$8,959,000

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The remaining steps in the budget development process include the second public hearing on the property tax rate on Wednesday, September 11. The public hearing is still based on a tax rate proposal of 78.00¢ since that is the highest rate you can adopt on September 18. The final step in the process will occur on Wednesday, September 18, when City Council will approve the budget on second and final reading, the property tax rate, and other budget-related items. The new fiscal year will begin on October 1.

If you have questions, please contact me or Jack Ireland, Director of the Office of Budget.



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