

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE September 11, 2020

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **FY 2020-21 Budget Approved on First Reading**

Thank you for your participation in Wednesday's discussion of the FY 2020-21 budget. As a reminder, your vote earlier this week set the property tax rate ceiling at \$0.7765 per \$100 in valuation, a reduction from the current tax rate. The City Council may adopt this rate or a lower rate on Wednesday, September 23.

This tax rate is included in our required public notice, along with the no-new-revenue (\$0.8459) and voter-approval (\$0.8523) tax rate. The Dallas County Tax Office calculated the latter two rates using "certified estimates" from three of the four appraisal districts.

Attached is a list of amendments to the City Manager's recommended budget from your work on September 2 and 9. These amendments were incorporated into the budget ordinance you approved on September 9 on first reading. If an amendment left specific cuts up to the City Manager, the attachment provides those details.

The amendments supported thus far reduce the tax rate to \$0.7764, which would make FY 2020-21 the fifth consecutive year you have lowered the tax rate. It is important to remember we still do not have certified values for Collin and Denton appraisal districts. We anticipate we will receive them mid-September or later, and we will provide an update at that time.

The briefing agenda on September 16 will not include further discussion of the budget, but you will have a final opportunity to discuss and amend the budget prior to adoption on second reading on September 23. If you have additional amendments for consideration on that date, please submit them to Chief Financial Officer Elizabeth Reich by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 18. An [electronic version](#) of the spreadsheet for submitting amendments is located on the [Upcoming Budget](#) page of the Financial Transparency website and was provided to City Council staff on August 14.

As before, staff will conduct a technical review of the proposed amendment and follow up with Council members if needed before distributing all submitted amendments to the full City Council before consideration on September 23. Thank you for your continued commitment to the budget process.

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Please let me know if you have any questions.


M. Elizabeth Reich
Chief Financial Officer

[Attachment]

c: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager
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City Council Amendments Incorporated Into FY 2020-21 Budget

City Manager T.C. Broadnax		Amendment Number 1	
Source of Funds	Amount	Use of Funds	Amount
General Fund		General Fund	
General Fund - reduce property tax revenue based on certified property value from Dallas Central Appraisal District	1,774,059	General Fund Non-Departmental - reduce Tax Increment Finance (TIF) expense paid from General Fund	1,774,059
Planning and Urban Design - reduce line-item expense for property insurance	283,821	Police Department - increase line-item expense for property insurance	283,821
Total Source of Funds	2,057,880	Total Use of Funds	2,057,880
Debt Service Fund		Debt Service Fund	
Debt Service - reduce property tax revenue based on certified property value from Dallas Central Appraisal District	646,841	Debt Service - reduce Tax Increment Finance (TIF) expense paid from Debt Service Fund	646,841
Total Source of Funds	646,841	Total Use of Funds	646,841
ECO Multi-Year Funds		ECO Multi-Year Funds	
Economic Development (ECO) - increase various multi-year funds based on final Dallas Central Appraisal District and Public Improvement District data including \$13.5 million in FY21 and \$16.5 million in FY22	13,544,299	Economic Development - increase appropriations for various Public Improvement District and other Economic Development multi-year funds	13,544,299
Total Source of Funds	13,544,299	Total Use of Funds	13,544,299
SAN Capital Construction Fund		SAN Capital Construction Fund	
Sanitation - operating transfer to Sanitation capital construction fund (FY22 = \$9,555,790)	10,529,001	Sanitation - increase appropriations in capital construction fund SAN capital projects (for both FY 21 and FY22).	10,529,001
Total Source of Funds	10,529,001	Total Use of Funds	10,529,001
City Council Action (yes/no/withdrawn)	Yes	Difference	0

City Manager T.C. Broadnax		Amendment Number 2	
Source of Funds	Amount	Use of Funds	Amount
Park and Recreation - Eliminate 12 vacant positions in the Facilities division	443,868	Park and Recreation - Add funding for nine community pools including 54 positions	797,675
Park and Recreation - eliminate 9 vacant positions in the Golf division	244,954		
Park and Recreation - reduce service level at all aquatic facilities from 10 weeks to 8 weeks	108,853		
Total Source of Funds	797,675	Total Use of Funds	797,675
City Council Action (yes/no/withdrawn)	Yes	Difference	0

Council Member Lead - Kleinman		Amendment Number 21	
Source of Funds	Amount	Use of Funds	Amount
Police Department - reduce School Resource Officer Program by eliminating expense and 2 School Resource Officers that are not funded through reimbursement from Richardson ISD	246,892	General Fund - Tax Rate Reduction (0.017¢)	246,892
Total Source of Funds	246,892	Total Use of Funds	246,892
City Council Action (yes/no/withdrawn)	Yes	Difference	0

Council Member Lead - Kleinman		Amendment Number 26	
Source of Funds	Amount	Use of Funds	Amount
Human Resources - reduce expense from FY21 proposed budget back to FY20 forecast amount (Hold at 2019-20 forecast)	94,308	General Fund - Tax Rate Reduction (0.006¢)	94,308
Total Source of Funds	94,308	Total Use of Funds	94,308
City Council Action (yes/no/withdrawn)	Yes	Difference	0

Council Member Lead - Bazaldua		Amendment Number 43	
Council Member Co-Sponsor(S): Medrano, Blewett, Blackmon, West, Atkins, Narvaez			
Source of Funds	Amount	Use of Funds	Amount
Police Department - reduce overtime funding	7,000,000	Transportation - modify/reduce Special Event Parking Permit Fee to \$100 and reduce revenue	27,000
		Transportation - increase funding for bike lanes	500,000
		Police - add funding for 42 civilian FTE per KPMG study	1,656,500
		Transportation - add funding for Signal System (expense line item 4820)	2,000,000
		Transportation - add funding for street lights pursuant to the Mayor's Taskforce on Safe Communities Recommendations	1,000,000
		Office of Arts and Culture - add funding for Bishop Arts Theater	150,000
		Mayor and City Council - add funding for miscellaneous expense	25,000
		Various departments - increase wage of part-time employees to \$14 per hour (311 \$41,600; Courts \$2,391; Library \$36,804; OAC \$17,472; Park \$341,733)	440,000
		Office of Arts and Culture - increase funding for COP Organizations	500,000
		Office of Environmental Quality - add funding for Electric Vehicle Fleet study	100,000
		Housing - add staff and resources for the 1000 Affordable Housing Challenge and Mix-Use Income Housing Bonus Program	250,000
		Office of Environmental Quality - add funding for community solar program	250,000
		Public Works - increase funding for street repair program	101,500
Total Source of Funds	7,000,000	Total Use of Funds	7,000,000
City Council Action (yes/no/withdrawn)	Yes	Difference	0

Council Member Lead - Bazaldua		Amendment Number 44	
Council Member Co-Sponsor(S): Medrano, Blewett, Blackmon, West, Atkins, Narvaez			
Source of Funds	Amount	Use of Funds	Amount
Fire-Rescue - decrease funding for overtime	1,500,000	Building Services - add funding for maintenance of DFR facilities	1,500,000
Total Source of Funds	1,500,000	Total Use of Funds	1,500,000
City Council Action (yes/no/withdrawn)	Yes	Difference	0

Council Member Lead - West		Amendment Number 54	
Council Member Co-Sponsor(S): Blewett, Blackmon, Atkins			
Source of Funds	Amount	Use of Funds	Amount
Office of Sustainable Development and Construction (Enterprise Fund) - use fund balance from construction plan review and permitting service fees	210,000	Office of Sustainable Development and Construction (Enterprise Fund) - add 2 FTE concierge positions for mixed-income developments	210,000
Total Source of Funds	210,000	Total Use of Funds	210,000
City Council Action (yes/no/withdrawn)	Yes	Difference	0

Council Member Lead - West		Amendment Number 56	
Council Member Co-Sponsor(S): Blackmon, Blewett			
Source of Funds	Amount	Use of Funds	Amount
City Attorney's Office - reduce 4 FTE/positions	311,502	Public Works - increase funding for street repair	311,502
Total Source of Funds	311,502	Total Use of Funds	311,502
City Council Action (yes/no/withdrawn)	Yes	Difference	0

Council Member Lead - West		Amendment Number 57	
Council Member Co-Sponsor(S): Blewett			
Source of Funds	Amount	Use of Funds	Amount
Judiciary - reduce personnel expense through reduction of part-time employees	100,000	Public Works - increase funding for street repair	100,000
Total Source of Funds	100,000	Total Use of Funds	100,000
City Council Action (yes/no/withdrawn)	Yes	Difference	

Council Member Lead - Resendez		Amendment Number 61	
Source of Funds	Amount	Use of Funds	Amount
Various departments - reduce funding for temporary staffing (CCO \$16,013; Secretary \$3,867; Code \$10,992; Courts \$13,810; DAS \$62,438; DFR \$9,207; Police \$107,227; Housing \$55,241; OCC \$14,852; Park \$6,353)	300,000	Office of Community Care - increase funding to address the Drivers of Poverty	600,000
Various departments - reduce funding for memberships as follows: (1) City Controller's Office - Government Finance Officers Association and American Payroll Association (\$12,301) (2) Non-Departmental - TEX-21, US Conference of Mayors, National League of Cities, and Texas Municipal League (\$161,099) (3) Office of Economic Development - North Texas Commission, North American Strategy for Competitiveness, and Tech Titans (\$64,100) (4) Transportation - Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition and National Association of City Transportation Officials (\$62,500)	300,000		
Total Source of Funds	600,000	Total Use of Funds	600,000
Straw Vote Action (yes/no/withdrawn)	Yes	Difference	0

Council Member Lead - McGough		Amendment Number 74	
Source of Funds	Amount	Use of Funds	Amount
Management Services - Office of Integrated Public Safety Solutions - reduce Behavioral Health Services	500,000	Police Department - add funding for full year implementation of Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement (ABLE) & department Training & Serve as Lead Ambassador Agency in Texas	300,000
		General Fund - Tax Rate Reduction (0.013¢)	200,000
Total Source of Funds	500,000	Total Use of Funds	500,000
City Council Action (yes/no/withdrawn)	Yes	Difference	0

Council Member Lead - Gates		Amendment Number 81	
Source of Funds	Amount	Use of Funds	Amount
Management Services - Office of Integrated Public Safety Solutions - reduce Mobile Crisis Response	500,000	Public Works - increase funding for street improvements	2,000,000
Management Services - Office of Integrated Public Safety Solutions - reduce Violence Interrupters	250,000		
Management Services - Office of Community Care - reduce Financial Empowerment Centers	500,000		
Management Services - Office of Community Care - reduce direct assistance referrals	750,000		
Total Source of Funds	2,000,000	Total Use of Funds	2,000,000
City Council Action (yes/no/withdrawn)	Yes	Difference	0

Council Member Lead - Kleinman		Amendment Number 85	
Council Member Co-Sponsor(S): Mendelsohn			
Source of Funds	Amount	Use of Funds	Amount
Public Private Partnership (Office of Economic Development) - transfer additional DWU PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) funds to General Fund instead of Economic Development Public Private Partnership Fund	250,000	Office of Homeless Solutions - add funding for homeless encampment resolution dedicated to DWU managed property, primarily creeks and watershed near residential neighborhoods. Not for areas managed by the LGC or the Trinity Forest. (Pilot Program)	250,000
Total Source of Funds	250,000	Total Use of Funds	250,000
City Council Action (yes/no/withdrawn)	Yes	Difference	0

Council Member Lead - McGough		Amendment Number 86	
Source of Funds	Amount	Use of Funds	Amount
North Central Texas COG grant funds	500,000	Transportation - increase funding for bike lanes (to be added on receipt of grant)	500,000
Total Source of Funds	500,000	Total Use of Funds	500,000
City Council Action (yes/no/withdrawn)	Yes	Difference	0

Council Member Lead - Gates		Amendment Number 89	
Council Member Co-Sponsor(S): Mendelsohn			
Source of Funds	Amount	Use of Funds	Amount
General Fund - additional property tax revenue that may become available once Collin and Denton Central Appraisal Districts certify the values within those counties. This amendment will require the additional revenue to be known prior to City Council's final adoption of FY 2020-21 budget on September 23, 2020 in order to be added into the budget ordinance.	TBD	Substitute motion by CM Kleinman - Park and Recreation (PKR) - first \$106,765 of additional revenue will fund encampment resolution teams and match \$106,765 that PKR will reallocate from maintenance and horticulture funds	TBD
		Public Works - increase funding for street improvements with additional revenue if in excess of \$106,765	TBD
Total Source of Funds	0	Total Use of Funds	0
City Council Action (yes/no/withdrawn)	Yes	Difference	0

Council Member Lead - McGough		Amendment Number 90	
Source of Funds	Amount	Use of Funds	Amount
General Fund - restore tax rate prior to Council Member Kleinman's amendment #21	246,892	Police Department - fully fund school resource officer program with DPD as included in City Manager's original budget proposal	246,892
Total Source of Funds	246,892	Total Use of Funds	246,892
City Council Action (yes/no/withdrawn)	Yes	Difference	0