

# FY21 Budget Update Select Board Meeting January 6, 2020

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# Financial Review And FY21 Budget

- ✓ October 28 Meeting
  - Review FY19 Year End
  - Review of Key Financial Items
  - Preview of FY21 Budget
- November 18 Meeting
  - Tax Classification Hearing
    - Approve tax shift commercial/residential
    - Review residential bill
  - Capital Budget Review
    - FY21 Capital Overview
    - Departments to present specific capital items
- ✓ December Meetings
  - Continue update to revenue and expense projections
  - Continue review of Capital Budget requests
    - FY21 items
    - Overview of larger future projects
  - · Review of municipal operating budget
- January Meetings
  - Continued Overall Budget Updates
    - Operating and Capital Budgets
    - Updates to revenue projections
  - Preparation of FY21 proposed budget (Feb 1)



## FY21 Preliminary Overall Budget Summary

#### Preliminary FY21 Proposed Budget:

- ✓ Maintain high quality of services provided by Town and School departments
  - Approximately 3% operating budget increase
  - Continued moderate and sustainable operating budget growth.
- ✓ Continue high level of capital investment
  - Maintain <u>base</u> capital budget at FY20 Level \$2.33M
    - School Capital \$1.017M
    - Municipal Capital \$1.322M
  - Supplemental Capital Budget
    - Appropriation for additional capital as done in prior year
    - Fund with Free Cash/Meals Tax
    - Amount to be determined
  - Road Improvement Work
    - Implement important road safety and upgrades
    - Fund \$4.65M with long term bond.
- ✓ Continue progress on Liabilities/Reserves
  - \$125K transfer from Free Cash to Stabilization Fund keeps on target with financial policy
  - \$1.465M appropriation to OPEB trust fund keeps on target with required funding

## FY21 Overall Projection – Available Revenue

#### Revenue

Increase in Tax Revenue

Proposition 2 ½ formula

\$2.86M

- Taxes can increase:
  - Increase of 2 ½%
  - Add any new growth
  - Include unused tax levy from prior year available.

#### **Expenditures**

Fixed cost increases school/municipal employee benefits (\$15M total budget)

\$920K

- Includes Health Insurance and Payroll taxes/Other
- Increase in OPEB Fund/Other

#### **Net Available for Operating Budgets/Other**

\$1.94M

**Operating Budget Cost – Increase** 

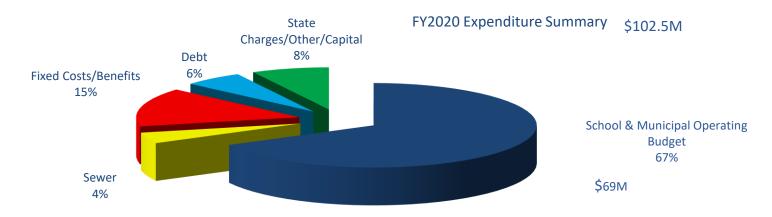
Each 1% \$687K 2.5% \$1.72M 3% \$2.06M

- Can fund approximately 3% increase to school and municipal operating budgets within Proposition 2 ½
- Consistent with 5 year forecast

# Largest Area of Spending is the Operating Budget

#### **Operating Budgets**

- Provide for core services to community
- Strive for operating budget stability for school and municipal budgets.
- Strive for sustainable budgets



- Each <u>1%</u> increase for school and municipal budgets approximately <u>\$687K</u>:
  - School (Budget \$46.5M) \$465K.
  - Municipal (Budget \$22.2M) \$222K.

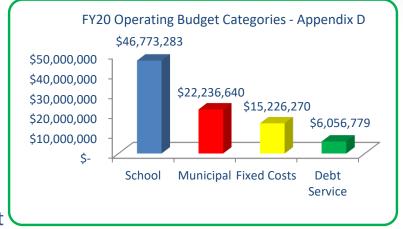
2.5% increase costs	\$1.72M
3% increase costs	\$2.06M
3.5% increase costs	\$2.4M.

## FY21 Preliminary Overall Budget Summary

#### Preliminary Base Budget

#### **Operating Budget**

- School and Municipal Budget 3% increase.
  - In line with five year forecast
  - Provides consistency to operating budget
  - Important that operating budgets have moderate growth and are sustainable.



Snow & Ice Adjustment

	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	Proposed FY21
School	5.3%	4.9%	3.4%	3.4%	3.5%	3%
Municipal	5.2%	3.7%	3.6%	3.1% *	3.5%	3%
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Additional University Station Funding



# Review of FY21 Preliminary Municipal Operating Budget

# **Current FY 20 Municipal Budget Summary**

FY20 Budget	Function	% of Total
\$ 2,769,734	General Government	12%
\$ 9,478,780	Public Safety	43%
\$ 1,153,935	Community & Eco Dev	5%
\$ 5,511,560	Public Works	25%
\$ 815,346	Human Services	4%
\$ 2,507,285	Library, Recreation, Others	11%
\$ 22,236,640	_	100%

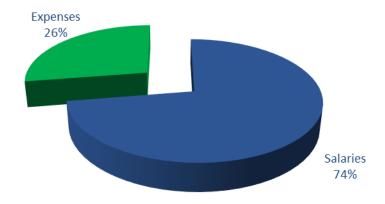
The Municipal Budget has to accommodate a wide variety of services, offering services to residents of all ages in the community.



# FY20 Overall Budget Summary

#### Budget is salary driven

- Projects and services are delivered by our staff
  - Largest staffing areas: Public Safety, DPW, Library



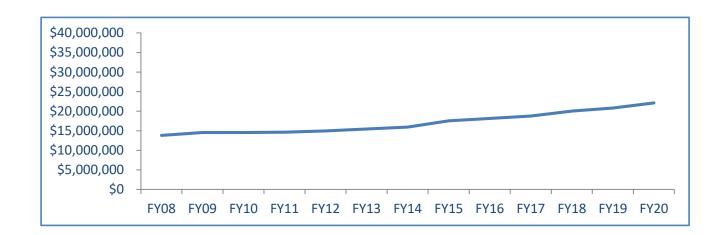
FY20		
Budget	Function	% of Total
\$ 16,427,118	Salaries	74%
\$ 5,809,522	Expenses	26%
\$ 22,236,640		100%

#### Recent Improvements to Staffing Levels

- Significant work done since FY13 to supplement staffing for improved service levels
- Public Safety staffing has significantly improved
  - Fire Staffing 14 new positions (from 30 to 44)
  - Police Staffing 9 new positions (from 35 to 44)
  - Funded with University Station revenue as per direct impact plan.

# FY20 Municipal Budget

Municipal Budget has had relatively modest growth over the past several years.



		% Change in Budget										
	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
Municipal Budgets	5.4%	0%	.6%	2.3%	3%	3.2%	3.4%	5.2%	3.7%	3.6%	3.1%	3.5%

• Have <u>also</u> used University Station revenue to supplement Public Safety staffing

# Preliminary FY21 Municipal Budget

	Current FY20	Proposed FY21		Difference			
Category	Budget		Budget		\$	%	
Salaries	\$ 16,427,118	\$	16,950,190	\$	523,072	3.2%	
Expenses	5,809,522		6,230,805	\$	421,283	7.3%	
Total	\$ 22,236,640	\$	23,180,995	\$	944,355	4.25%	

Overall Municipal budget increase is approximately 3.2%

	FY20	FY21	\$ Increase	% Increase
General Government	\$2,769,734	\$2,900,209	\$130,475	4.7%
Public Safety	\$9,478,780	\$9,761,695	\$282,915	3.0%
Community & Eco Dev	\$1,153,935	\$1,195,730	\$41,795	3.6%
Public Works	\$5,511,560	\$5,856,880	\$345,320	6.3%
Human Services	\$815,346	\$844,081	\$28,735	3.5%
Culture & Recreation	\$1,951,685	\$1,999,035	\$47,350	2.4%
Other	\$555,600	\$623,365	\$67,765	12.2%
Total	\$22,236,640	\$23,180,995	\$944,355	4.25%

- 2 Items in DPW budget are driving the increase to 4.25%
  - Solid Waste & Recycling
  - Building Maintenance

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- Base Budget salary increase is 3.2%
  - No new positions included
  - The requested FY21 base municipal budget includes contractual salary obligations, as well as continuation of any adjustments made in FY20.
- Expense Increase
  - Main two drivers for the expense increase:
    - Building Maintenance: total increase \$90K
      - Important to increase our commitment to maintaining new Town buildings.
    - Solid Waste and Recycling: total increase \$138K
      - Continued pressure on recycling budget (22% increase)

## Next Steps in Budget Cycle

#### January Time Frame:

- Continue to review capital budget articles with Select Board
- Continue operating budget review School and Municipal
- Review FY21 Municipal budget requests
  - Base budget
  - Requested new positions/programs.
- Continue update and review of FY21 revenue projections.
- FY21 State aid
  - Governor's budget at end of January.
  - Preview at MMA meeting January 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Select Board Proposed FY21 Budget Document produced February 1
  - Municipal Budget Document
  - Overall Budget Summary
  - Capital Budget Articles
- Present proposed FY21 budget to Finance and Warrant Commission February 11.



