



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Office of Management and Budget

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Chad Tustison

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: City Wide

SUBJECT: Budget Amendments to the FY 2016 General Fund Budget

SUMMARY:

An ordinance amending the City's Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 General Fund Adopted Budget by increasing appropriations in several city departments. This action will maintain a balanced General Fund Budget for FY 2016 as required by law.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

City Council adopted a balanced budget on September 10, 2015 for the City's fiscal year that began October 1, 2015. A list of City Council requested amendments to the General Fund were provided on September 4, before the adoption of the FY 2016 Budget. The Mayor and City Council deferred the adoption of amendments to the General Fund with the anticipation that a collective bargaining agreement with the Police Union would be tentatively agreed on by early October and that funding for the amendments could potentially be needed for a tentative agreement.

The City began meeting with the police union to negotiate a new collective bargaining contract in January 2014. Significant progress was made during the month of September 2015; however on September 30, the Police Union notified the Mayor and City Council of their decision to cease contract negotiations. As a result of this, the Mayor has requested that the amendments to the FY 2016 General Fund Budget, deferred in September, move forward to the City Council for consideration and approval.

Consistent with previous discussions with the City Council, the funds included in the budget for wage increase for the police officers and firefighters along with the lump sum payment offered to the police officers has been allocated to pay for the legacy healthcare plan of uniform employees and their dependents.

ISSUE:

The City council will consider a list of potential budget amendments to the FY 2016 General Fund Adopted Budget. This list reflects input from the Mayor and City Council provided during the August and September

work sessions, and input from residents at the budget open houses and budget public hearings. The amendments will increase appropriations in several city departments within the general fund. The specific list of budget amendments is included in Attachment I.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council could consider changes to the list of potential amendments to be presented at the October 14 “B” Session, or could consider not approving any of the budget amendments.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Budget Amendments to the FY 2016 Adopted Budget adjusts appropriation levels within the General Fund and are proposed to be funded partially from funds set aside for Collective Bargaining Lump Sum Payment for Police Officers and from additional revenues received in FY 2015 over final estimates used to develop the FY 2016 Adopted Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the list of budget amendments to the FY 2016 Budget to be presented to the City Council at the October 14 “B” Session.