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DEPARTMENT: Office of Management and Budget

DEPARTMENT HEAD: John Woodruff

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SUBJECT:

City Council Worksession on the FY 2017 Proposed Budget

SUMMARY:

Staff presentation on the FY 2017 Proposed Budget focusing on, but not limited to, the following City policies and initiatives:

A. Public Safety

B. Infrastructure

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

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The FY 2017 Proposed Budget was presented to the Mayor and City Council on August 18, 2016. The FY 2017 Proposed Budget reflects City Council policy direction, community priorities, and begins the implementation of the SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan. The Budget focuses on five key areas: 1) Fiscal responsibility, 2) Investing in streets and sidewalks, 3) Enhancing public safety and quality of life of city neighborhoods, 4) Promoting our world heritage site and preparing for the City's Tricentennial Celebration; and 5) Building a strong foundation to place San Antonio as a leader in "Smart Cities" initiatives.

The Proposed FY 2017 Consolidated Annual Budget, comprised of all funds excluding transfers, totals \$2.5 billion. The General Fund budget is \$1.14 billion; restricted funds, including Aviation, Development Services, Solid Waste and Hotel Occupancy Tax, total \$823 million; and the Capital Budget totals \$585 million. The Proposed Budget adds a net of 151 new positions for a total of 12,183 authorized positions.

The Proposed General Fund Budget is structurally balanced, keeps public safety spending at 65.9%, and maintains financial reserves at 15%. The budget supports a proposed general obligation bond program for 2017 to 2021 of \$850 million with no city property tax rate increase.

Following the presentation of the proposed budget a series of city council budget worksessions are scheduled from August 24 to September 7. At these sessions, City staff will review the budget proposals with the Mayor and City Council in detail. The budget is scheduled to be adopted on September 15 for the City's fiscal year that begins on October 1.

ISSUE:

A budget Worksession is scheduled for Wednesday, August 24 from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 PM at the Municipal Plaza "B" Room. At this session, the City Council will be presented with the FY 2017 Proposed Budget for the Fire, Police, and Transportation and Capital Improvements Departments.

Fire

The Proposed FY 2017 Budget for the San Antonio Fire Department includes funding from the General Fund and Grants. Below is a summary of the funding and position counts that would be authorized by the FY 2017 Proposed Budget.

FUND	FY 2017 PROPOSED BUDGET	AUTHORIZED POSITIONS
General Fund	\$308,337,955	1,797
Grants	\$1,421,699	7
Capital Projects	3,582,000	0
Total*	\$313,341,654	1,804

^{*}Does not include Aviation Fire Fighters.

The Fire Department's Budget includes funding for the purchase of engine exhaust removal systems at \$1.8 million to be installed at fire stations and a second set of bunker gear at \$1.9 million for personnel in fire suppression. Additionally, the budget includes \$491,663 for an EMS 12 hour peak unit and a fire services contract with the Emergency Services District related to the US 281 North Annexation. Details regarding the FY 2017 Program Changes are included in Attachment I and II.

Also included in the Proposed Budget are additional revenues in the amount of \$20,650. These revenues are generated by implementing new fees and revising existing fee to include Watercraft Boat Rescue Fee, Standby Paramedic Fee, and Prevention Re-Inspection Fee.

Police

The total FY 2017 Proposed Budget for the San Antonio Police Department is \$455,610,197.

FUND	FY 2017 PROPOSED BUDGET	AUTHORIZED POSITIONS
General Fund - SAPD	\$427,832,159	3,004
General Fund - Parks Police	15,043,782	173
Child Safety Fund	2,319,180	262
Confiscated Property Fund	1,841,106	0
Grants	7,165,470	57
Capital Projects	1,408,500	0
Total	\$455,610,197	3,496

The FY 2017 Proposed Budget reflects the City and Police Union mediated settlement agreement. It includes \$5,151,465 in improvements and \$1,552,777 in mandates to add 32 new police officer positions (25 through a COPS grant and 7 for the US 281 North Annexation area); 9 new parks police officer positions to provide security for parks, creekways and recently completed capital projects. Also included in the budget are 42 civilians for the 911 call center and 18 civilians for the Alarms Unit and Property Room. Details regarding the FY 2017 Program Changes are included in Attachment II and III.

Transportation and Capital Improvement

The FY 2017 Proposed Budget for Transportation and Capital Improvements is funded from the General Fund and Restricted Funds. Below is a summary of the funding and position counts included within the FY 2017 Proposed Budget. The presentation scheduled for Wednesday, August 24 will focus on Streets, Sidewalks and Stormwater.

FUND	FY 2017 PROPOSED BUDGET	AUTHORIZED POSITIONS
General Fund	\$89,121,021	338
Advanced Transportation District Fund	17,552,280	24
Right of Way Fund	3,439,157	40
Stormwater Operating Fund	49,613,352	275
Stormwater Regional Facilities	6,265,584	12
Capital Management Services Fund	19,169,205	164
Capital Projects	330,221,911	0
Total	\$515,382,510	853

General Fund

The Transportation and Capital Improvements General Fund FY 2017 Proposed Budget is \$89,121,021. This budget funds maintenance of the City's major infrastructure including streets, traffic signals, street signs, and pothole repair. The Proposed Budget maintains the FY 2016 funding level for street maintenance at \$64 million.

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Advanced Transportation District Fund

The FY 2017 Proposed Budget includes \$17,552,280 to fund the Advanced Transportation District (ATD) program which delivers projects that increase mobility, reduce traffic congestion, improve neighborhood connectivity, leverage resources, and provide coordinating planning. This fund is supported by a 1/4 cent sales tax that was approved by voters in November 2004.

The Proposed Budget includes \$15 million for sidewalk improvements, \$5 million of which is funded through the ATD program and \$10 million through the capital program. Additionally, there is \$1 million dedicated for bike projects and \$1 million is dedicated to help improve traffic flow at street intersections.

Right of Way

The FY 2017 Proposed Budget for the Right of Way Fund is \$3,439,157. This fund is supported by the Right of Way Fees, which are paid by right-of-way users (those who cut through City streets to access underground utilities) including, but not limited to, SAWS, CPS and telecommunication companies.

The Proposed Budget includes \$1,079,152 to fund the transfer of 12 positions from other divisions within the TCI Department for a total of 14 for the Fiber Inspections Team dedicated to address the high speed fiber network planned for construction throughout the City.

Storm Water Operating Fund

The FY 2017 Proposed Budget for the Storm Water Operating Fund is \$49,613,352. The Proposed Budget includes \$34.2 million for operational services including street sweeping, vegetation management, flood control, and compliance with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality permit requirements.

The Proposed Budget includes \$1,367,024 to complete an underground infrastructure assessment and provides funds for related equipment. Additionally, \$234,753 and four positions are included to maintain an additional 45 acres of TxDOT downtown right of way.

Storm Water Regional Facilities

The Storm Water Regional Facilities Fund provides for development plan review and overall regional detention planning. The fund utilizes a Fee In-Lieu-of (FILO) payment system for developers in-lieu-of onsite detention as a storm water mitigation option. With these funds, the City manages and constructs regional detention ponds to ensure the protection and quality of the regional water supply in development areas. The FY 2017 Proposed Budget is \$6,265,584.

Capital Improvements Management Services

The Capital Improvements Management Services Fund FY 2017 Proposed Budget of \$19,169,205 provides resources necessary to complete and deliver the 2012 - 2017 Bond Program and major capital projects such as the Consolidated Rental Car Facility at San Antonio International Airport, and Alamodome renovations.

The FY 2017 Proposed Budget includes \$804,508 in efficiencies and transfers 10 positions to the Right-of-Way fund for the Fiber Inspections team.

Details regarding the FY 2017 Program Changes are included in Attachment VI.

Capital Budget and Debt Plan

The six-year Capital Improvements Plan includes 306 projects and represents the City's long range physical infrastructure development and improvements plan. The FY 2017 Proposed Capital Budget allocates \$585 million to major infrastructure improvements in San Antonio with 22% dedicated to streets and sidewalks.

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ALTERNATIVES:

This item is a scheduled worksession for the FY 2017 Proposed Budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This presentation provides a briefing on the major initiatives within the Fire, Police, and Transportation & Capital Improvement Departments. The FY 2017 Budget is scheduled to be adopted by City Council on September 15, 2016.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is a worksession for discussion of the FY 2017 Proposed Budget and is for briefing purposes only.