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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: City Wide

SUBJECT:

City Council Worksession on the FY 2016 Proposed Budget

SUMMARY:

Staff presentation on the FY 2016 Proposed Budget focusing on, but not limited to, the following City Departments:

- A. Solid Waste Management
- B. Health

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The FY 2016 Proposed Budget was presented to the Mayor and City Council on August 6, 2015. The FY 2016 Proposed Budget reflects City Council policy direction and community priorities. The Budget decreases the City's property tax rate, increases funding to streets and sidewalks, and maintains public safety spending below 66% of the General Fund. Additionally, budgeted financial reserves are maintained at 15% of General Fund revenues. The budget proposal does not recommend any layoffs of uniform or civilian employees.

The Proposed Consolidated Annual Budget, comprised of all funds excluding transfers, totals \$2.5 billion. The General Fund budget is \$1.1 billion; restricted funds, including Aviation, Development Services, and Solid Waste, total \$780 million; and the FY 2016 Capital Budget is \$670 million.

Following the presentation of the proposed budget a series of city council budget worksessions are scheduled

from August 11 to September 9. 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 10 for the City's fiscal year that begins on October 1.

ISSUE:

A budget Worksession is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18, 2015 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 2016 Proposed Budget for Solid Waste Management Department and Health.

Solid Waste Management Department

The FY 2016 Proposed Budget for the Solid Waste Management Department (SWMD) is \$123,722,329 and supports 676 positions. The Solid Waste Management Department provides for the operations and management of solid waste, recycling, brush collection, and other related services as well as operations of heavy equipment repair and maintenance. Below is a summary of Solid Waste Management's funding and position counts that would be authorized in the FY 2016 Proposed Budget.

FUND	FY 2016 PROPOSED BUDGET	AUTHORIZED POSITIONS
Solid Waste Operating & Maintenance Fund	\$106,272,877	577
Fleet Services Fund	17,449,452	99
Total	\$123,722,329	676

The FY 2016 Proposed Budget continues to focus on implementing goals included in the Recycling and Resource Recovery Plan as adopted by City Council in June 2010 and amended in January 2013.

Recycling Plan

Department appropriations are guided by the Recycling and Resource Recovery Plan (Recycling Plan) approved by City Council in June 2010. The Recycling Plan sets the strategic goals of ensuring that all single-family and multi-family residents have access to convenient recycling programs, improving recycling opportunities for businesses and schools, and recycling 60% of all single-family residential curbside material collected by the Solid Waste Management Department by the year 2025.

Pay as You Throw

The next step to achieve a 60% recycling rate is to implement Pay as You Throw, also known as Variable Rate Pricing. The program would provide customers with a blue recycling cart, a green organics cart, and a choice between three brown garbage carts (small, medium, large). The smaller the brown cart, the lower the monthly rate for the cart. The program would incentivize customers to use smaller brown carts and place more recyclable material in the blue and green carts.

The FY 2016 Proposed Budget provides funding to begin conversion and expansion of the program to over half of Solid Waste customers. Those customers that are part of the new program will have a choice of a small, medium, or large garbage cart and the total monthly rate will be based on the size of the garbage cart instead of a single monthly fee. Non Pay As You Throw customers would continue to pay the current total monthly rate of \$20.93 per month.

Solid Waste Total Monthly Rate, FY 2012 - FY 2016 (Proposed)

Rate Analysis	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	
Garbage Cart Size	All Customers (96 gal cart size)				Non-PA Customo	PAYT Custome
Small (48gal)	\$19.43	\$19.43	\$19.93	\$20.93	\$20.93	\$20.43
Medium (64 gal)						\$20.93
Large (96 gal)						\$22.18

The FY 2016 program change detail for Solid Waste is included in Attachment I and the FY 2016 Revenue detail is included in Attachment II.

Health Department

The San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's purpose is to provide leadership and service for San Antonio and Bexar County to prevent illness and injury, promote Healthy behaviors, and protect against health hazards. The department's vision is for optimal health for the community and the environment.

The Proposed FY 2016 Budget for the Health Department includes funding from the General Fund, Federal and State Grants. Below is a summary of the funding and position counts that would be authorized by the FY 2016 Proposed Budget.

FUND	FY 2016 PROPOSED BUDGET	AUTHORIZED POSITIONS
General Fund	\$12,427,282	110
Federal Grants	\$27,194,194	260
State Grants	\$3,759,159	
Other Contributions	\$142,081	
Total	\$43,522,716	370

The Health Department's FY 2016 Proposed Budget includes \$11,336 in efficiencies realized from reallocating funding for two part time positions to temporary services to provide support for the Mayor's Fitness Council with no impact on services. The FY 2016 Reduction detail is included in Attachment III.

Also included in the General Fund Budget are additional revenues in the amount of approximately \$24,115 that include a new Health Inspection Consultation Fee and Food Re-inspection Fee. The FY 2016 Revenue detail is included in Attachment IV.

ALTERNATIVES:

This item is a scheduled worksession for the FY 2016 Proposed Budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is a presentation of major initiatives within Solid Waste Management Department and Health. The FY 2016 Budget is scheduled to be adopted by City Council on September 10, 2015.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is a worksession for discussion of the FY 2016 Proposed Budget and is for briefing purposes only.