

# Budget Engagement Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

---

**TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS** **DATE: MAY 13, 2021**  
**FROM: FINANCE DEPARTMENT** **WARDS: ALL**  
**SUBJECT: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2021/22 ANNUAL BUDGET**

## ISSUE:

Receive and provide input on the proposed Fiscal Year 2021/22 Annual Budget.

## RECOMMENDATION:

That the Budget Engagement Commission receive and provide input on the proposed Fiscal Year 2021/22 Annual Budget and potential adjustments.

## LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Several City Charter sections provide the procedural requirements for adoption of the budget by the City Council:

- **Article IV, Section 601(a-c)** requires the City Manager to keep the City Council advised of the financial condition of the City and annually prepare the City's budget and capital improvement plan (CIP) for review and adoption by the City Council.
- **Article VIII, Sec. 806(c):** Planning Commission; Make recommendations concerning proposed infrastructure improvements and redevelopment activities in support of planned land uses.
- **Article VIII, Section 808(c)** requires the Board of Library Trustees to consider the annual budget for library purposes during the process of its preparation and make recommendations with respect thereto to the City Council and the City Manager.
- **Article VIII, Section 809(b)** requires the Park and Recreation Commission to consider the annual budget for parks, recreation, parkways and street tree purposes during the process of its preparation and make recommendations with respect thereto to the City Council and the City Manager.
- **Article XI, Section 1101** requires that the City Manager shall provide the City Council with a proposed budget at least thirty-five calendar days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.

After review, the City Council shall determine the time for the holding of a public hearing for the budget adoption; the public notice of the budget hearing published no less than twenty days prior to said hearing. Additionally, copies of the proposed budget shall be available for inspection by the public in the office of the City Clerk and on the City's website at least twenty days prior to the public hearing.

- **Article XI, Section 1102 and 1103** requires the City Council to hold the public hearing for the proposed budget adoption, seek public input, and make any revisions to the budget it deems necessary. The City Council may adopt the budget after the public hearing or postpone the date of adoption no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Article XII, Section 1202(a)** requires the Board of Public Utilities to consider the annual budget for the Department of Public Utilities during the process of its preparation and make recommendations with respect thereto to the City Council and the City Manager.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The City adopted a biennial budget and five-year planning process in 2016 to provide a more informative, long-term outlook on City finances. Several circumstances have prompted the City to adopt a one-year budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021/22:

- The unprecedented and unpredictable impacts of the COVID-19 on City finances;
- The pending outcome of the legal challenge to the General Fund Transfer (GFT) from the Electric Fund and ongoing contingency planning efforts; and
- The planned implementation of Priority Based Budgeting (PBB) in the FY 2022-2024 biennial budget.

Through the adoption of a one-year budget, the City will focus on immediate fiscal challenges and balancing measures while fully transitioning to a multi-year phase-in PBB process for FY 2022-2024. The PBB budgeting methodology when fully implemented is expected to result in targeted and high-impact actions that will better align the City's limited resources with the City's strategic goals and resident City service needs and priorities. Riverside residents have told us that their City service priorities include public safety and public works services. Residents have also identified the following community priorities:

- Addressing homelessness
- Maintaining 9-1-1 response/police and fire/paramedic services
- Investigating and preventing property crimes
- Preparing for and recovering from public health emergencies
- Retaining local businesses
- Keeping public areas and parks clean and safe
- Preventing and preparing for wildfires

The budget development cycle begins in October with the preparation of baseline revenue and expenditure assumptions. Active Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) and a snapshot in time of personnel demographics are used to formulate the personnel expenditure budget, which is the largest expenditure in the General Fund. Baseline budgets for the General Fund and Measure Z are developed and provide the foundation for budget direction to City departments. The City Manager's direction to departments for the FY 2021/22 budget was to maintain a flat budget in non-personnel costs; exceptions included increases approved by the City Council during the current fiscal year and non-discretionary items such as election costs.

The FY 2021/22 baseline budgets for the General Fund and Measure Z were presented to the Budget Engagement Commission (BEC) on December 17, 2020 and to the Financial Performance and Budget Committee on January 8, 2021. Additional public meetings were or will be conducted as listed in the following table; these meetings provide numerous opportunities for community input in the budget process.

Date	Time	Meeting Body	Subject Matter
March 15	6:30 PM	Parks & Recreation Commission	Parks, Recreation & Community Services Dept preliminary budget
March 22	6:30 PM	Board of Public Utilities	Riverside Public Utilities preliminary budget
March 24	3:00 PM	Museum of Riverside Board	Museum Department preliminary budget
March 31	5:00 PM	Budget Engagement Commission	Department Presentations - Library; Museum; Parks, Recreation & Community Services; General Services; and Riverside Public Utilities departments
April 8	5:00 PM	Budget Engagement Commission	Department Presentations - Community & Economic Development; Public Works; Fire; and Police departments
April 12	5:00 PM	Board of Library Trustees	Library Department preliminary budget
April 15	5:00 PM	Budget Engagement Commission	Department Presentations - Mayor's Office, City Clerk's Office, City Attorney's Office, City Manager's Office, Finance, Human Resources, and Innovation & Technology departments
April 19	8:00 AM	City Council Budget Workshop	General Fund Overview and Department Presentations (all departments)
May 13	5:00 PM	Budget Engagement Commission	FY 2021-2022 Proposed Budget
May 18	1:00 PM	City Council – Afternoon Session	FY 2021-2022 Proposed Budget
May 27	9:00 AM	Planning Commission	Review proposed capital projects and their conformity with the City's General Plan 2025
June 10	5:00 PM	Budget Engagement Commission	FY 2021-2022 Final Budget
June 22	6:15 PM	City Council – Evening Session	Public Hearing and Adoption of the FY 2021-2022 Annual Budget

On April 19, 2021, the City Council received an overview of the preliminary budget for the General fund and preliminary department budget presentations from each City Department. Members of the City Council identified several priorities which staff has summarized in Attachment 2, *Potential Adjustments to the Proposed Budget*.

## **DISCUSSION:**

### **FY 2021/22 Budget Goals**

Two primary goals were established for the FY 2021/22 budget development cycle:

1. Address the General Fund structural deficit and the potential impacts of the pandemic on City finances.
2. Prepare a contingency plan in the event that the General Fund Transfer (GFT) from the Electric Fund is discontinued, in an amount to be determined.

Budget Overview – Citywide

The proposed FY 2021/22 annual budget totals approximately \$1.2 billion, comprised of \$1.1 billion in operating expenses and \$115.9 million in planned capital projects. These totals include all proposed balancing measures detailed later in this report. Attachment 1 details the FY 2021/22 proposed budget for all City funds, departments, and capital projects.

<b>CITYWIDE BUDGET SUMMARY - OPERATING</b>	
<b>Proposed FY 2021/22 Annual Budget</b>	
<b>Revenues &amp; Transfers In</b>	
Taxes	\$267,327,887
Licenses & Permits	13,476,723
Intergovernmental	37,169,822
Charges for Services	653,249,800
Fines & Forfeits	4,498,926
Special Assessments	12,357,034
Miscellaneous	24,742,148
Rents	2,409,000
Other Financing Sources	1,586,000
Operating Transfers In	127,532,449
<b>Total Revenues &amp; Transfers In</b>	<b>\$1,144,349,789</b>
<b>Expenditures &amp; Transfers Out</b>	
Personnel Services	\$370,890,223
Non-personnel Expenses	396,167,368
Special Projects	51,339,128
Equipment Outlay	4,871,599
Debt Service	218,610,092
Capital Outlay	1,509,760
Charges from Others	96,529,322
Charges to Others	(123,702,112)
Operating Transfers Out	85,778,149
<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Transfers Out</b>	<b>1,101,993,529</b>
<b>Net Operating Budget</b>	<b>\$42,356,260</b>

Capital projects are funded through available operating revenues, bond proceeds, grants, fund reserves, and other funding sources. Bond and grant revenues are not included in the proposed budget but are budgeted when the bond is issued or when a grant is awarded and approved by City Council for use on a capital project. Internal controls exist to ensure that capital projects do

not commence until funding is received or assured to become available.

Refer to *Capital Improvement Plan* in Attachment 1 for detailed listing of capital projects.

### CITYWIDE BUDGET SUMMARY - CAPITAL FY 2021/22 Proposed Capital Budget

#### Funding Sources

Electric Utility	\$48,309,930
Water Utility	21,501,562
Transportation Funds	18,265,833
Measure Z Capital	5,375,000
Sewer	22,000,000
Other	400,000
<b>Total Funding Sources</b>	<b>\$115,852,325</b>

#### Funding Uses

Electric	\$48,309,930
Municipal Buildings and Facilities	1,000,000
Parks, Recreation, and Community Services	300,000
Railroad	788,200
Sewer	22,000,000
Storm Drain	600,000
Transportation	21,352,633
Water	21,501,562
<b>Total Funding Uses</b>	<b>\$115,852,325</b>

#### Budget Overview – General Fund

The proposed FY 2021/22 General Fund budget totals approximately \$286.6 million with the incorporation of a \$10 million balancing measure spread proportionally among City departments as vacancy savings targets. The proposed budget is balanced, with total projected revenues equal to total proposed expenditures. The General Fund budget accounts for approximately 26% of the citywide operating budget.

**Revenues and Transfers In:** Total Revenues and Transfers In are projected approximately \$5.8 million (2.2%) higher than the FY 2020/21 pre-pandemic projections and balancing measures. When developing revenue projections, staff considered the ongoing impact of the pandemic and potential recovery period for individual revenues, projecting some revenues below FY 2018/19 actuals – the City’s most recent “normal” year. Other revenues have remained steady or demonstrated growth despite the pandemic, such as sales tax which is currently up nearly 4% as compared to FY 2019/20. The Measure Z transfer to the General Fund is maintained at \$18.3 million for the third consecutive year. Utility Users Tax and the General Fund Transfer (GFT) are based on electric and water revenue projections with no contingencies for the legal challenge to the Electric GFT. Contingency planning will continue separately from this budget process while the final legal decision is pending.

**Expenditures and Transfers Out:** Proposed Expenditures and Transfers Out are approximately \$15.2 million higher than the FY 2020/21 budget primarily due to the reduction or elimination of

expenditure balancing measures that had been adopted in the FY 2020/21 budget. Personnel costs are \$6 million higher primarily due to the reduction of the vacancy savings balancing measure from \$15.6 million in FY 2020/21 to \$10 million in FY 2021/22. Non-Personnel costs are \$7 million higher than FY 2020/21, which included a \$7 million managed savings target for anticipated cost savings from the issuance of a Pension Obligation Bond. The other significant change to the expenditure budget as compared to the prior year budget period is a reduction of Charges to Others. Charges to Others represents General Fund costs charged to other funds or capital projects for services rendered by General Fund personnel or for other reimbursable General Fund costs. Charges to Others was reduced by \$2.6 million based on historical trends and known factors.

**Balancing Measure:** A \$10 million vacancy savings target has been incorporated into the proposed budget to address the General Fund's structural deficit. Departments were given the option to reduce non-personnel budgets in lieu of vacancy savings to meet their target. The change in departments' vacancy savings targets in the FY 2020/21 adopted emergency budget as compared to the FY 2021/22 proposed budget are shown in the table below, as well as vacancies as of April 22, 2021 with their associated FY 2021/22 budget value. This vacancy snapshot from the City's Human Resources system counts positions that are in the process of recruitment or finalizing new employee onboarding as vacancies.

GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTAL SAVINGS TARGETS FY 2020/21 Proposed Budget							
Department	FY 2020/21		FY 2021/22				
	Amount	FTE Reduction	Amount	FTE Reduction	Other Methods	Vacancies as of April 22, 2021 with 2022 Budget \$	
Mayor	\$105,864	1.00	\$-	-	\$-	0.25	\$8,570
City Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
City Manager	646,414	5.00	214,084	3.00	-	6.00	485,478
City Clerk	-	-	60,853	-	60,853	-	-
City Attorney	302,349	2.50	298,094	3.00	70,470	4.00	656,197
Human Resources	158,331	2.00	181,179	2.00*	-	4.00	263,411
General Services	222,649	3.00	175,207	3.00*	-	5.00	325,279
Finance	1,184,789	12.00	322,060	4.00	-	13.00	1,165,740
Innovation & Technology	1,094,486	8.00	434,094	5.00*	-	6.00	722,944
Community & Economic Development	2,272,556	21.00	660,881	7.00*	-	23.75	2,485,185
Police	4,260,438	35.00	4,012,599	31.00	806,573	58.00	7,172,187
Fire	1,928,713	14.00	2,006,427	-	2,006,427	15.00	2,012,747
Public Works	1,559,811	16.00	785,296	12.00*	-	33.00	2,907,576
Library	757,995	8.00	265,500	3.00	-	14.50	1,105,524
Parks, Recreation, & Community Services	857,662	9.00	507,293	6.00	-	17.75	1,492,173
Museum	302,441	3.00	76,433	3.00*	-	3.00	214,946
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$15,654,498</b>	<b>139.50</b>	<b>\$10,000,000</b>	<b>82.00</b>	<b>\$2,944,323</b>	<b>203.25</b>	<b>\$21,017,957</b>

\*Includes partial unfunding of some or all FTE via delayed recruitment.

Positions identified to be unfunded are indicated in *Citywide Personnel* in Attachment 1. Partial savings intended to be achieved by other methods are described below.

**Mayor's Office:** The Mayor's Office was not assigned a vacancy savings target due to the ongoing transition to a new Mayor during departmental budget development. Incoming staff analyzed the goals and staffing needs of the new Mayor, resulting in a personnel reorganization and updated employee demographics (changes in compensation and benefits as compared to previous staff) that saved approximately \$40,000 which has been incorporated into the proposed budget.

**City Clerk:** The City Clerk has no current vacancies, but some staff have turned over since the development of the personnel budget. The difference in compensation and benefit elections of the new employees as compared to those included in the proposed budget will result in sufficient savings to meet the department's target.

**City Attorney's Office:** The City Attorney's Office terminated the lease of a portion of their office space for annual savings of \$70,470.

**Police:** The Police Department will manage overtime and other costs to achieve the balance of the vacancy savings target (20%) not accommodated through planned vacancies. Although the department identified ten (10) Police Officer positions to keep vacant, this number represents the average number of vacant officer positions per pay period; therefore, the planned vacancies would be naturally achieved through officer turnover without a deliberate reduction in total Police Officer staffing levels.

**Fire:** Due to the mandated staffing level requirement present in the Riverside Firefighters' Association MOU, the Fire Department was unable to meet its proportional General Fund vacancy savings target of approximately \$2 million. The Department recommended reallocating Measure Z fire vehicle replacement funding for this purpose. As a result, fourteen (14) firefighter positions have been moved from the General Fund to Measure Z in the proposed FY 2021/22 budget, fully offset by the reallocation of funding.

**Future Considerations:** Contingency funds of \$1.8 million have been budgeted to offset potential ongoing impacts of the pandemic on General Fund subsidies to the Convention Center Fund, Entertainment Fund, and other funds should the need arise. The proposed budget does not include contingency funding for the potential impacts of expiring and renegotiated Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs). The MOUs for all of the City's bargaining groups will expire in FY 2021/22; any cost increases will require mid-year balancing measures. The proposed budget does not include contingency funding for the potential loss of the Electric GFT; contingency planning is ongoing, and outcomes will require a mid-year budget adjustment.

### *GFT Contingency Planning*

**Please note:** This section is for informational purposes only to ensure understanding of potential impacts due to the potential loss of some of the Electric GFT.

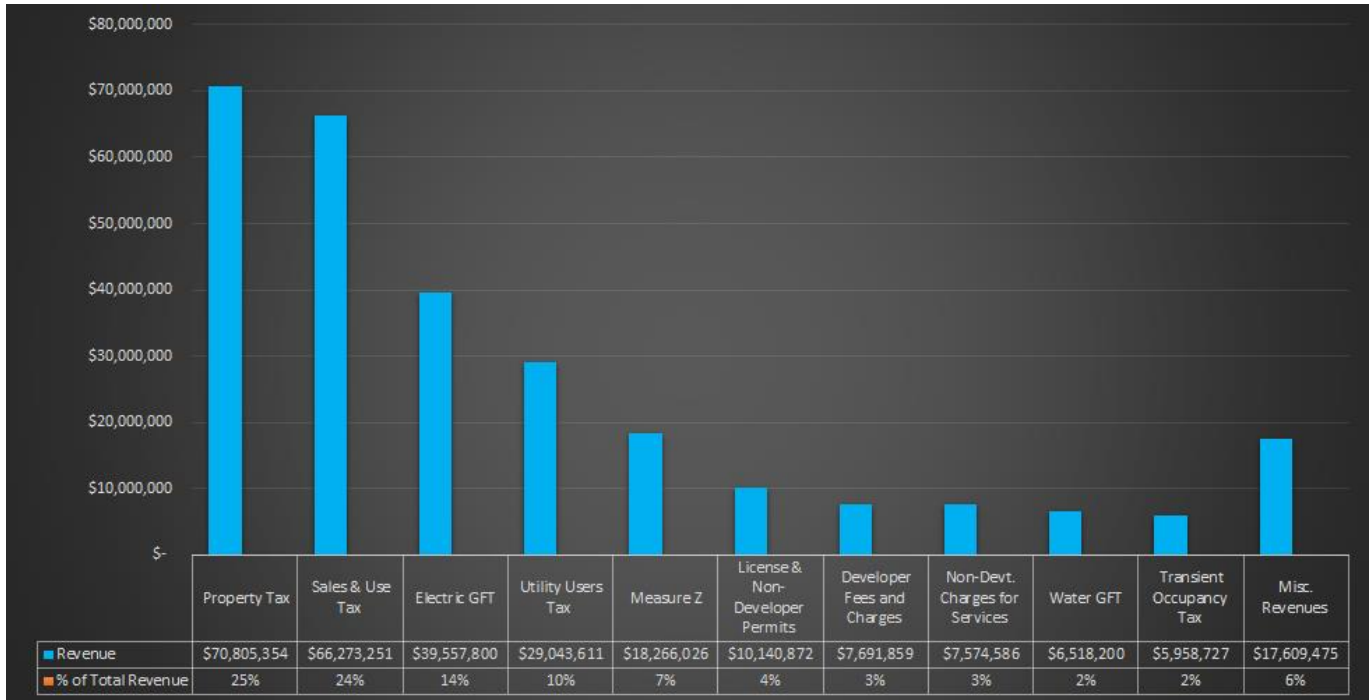
Riverside Municipal Code Article XII, Section 1204 provides for the payment of 11.5% of gross operating revenues generated by each City utility (i.e. electric and water) to the General Fund. The trial court recently ruled in the first phase of a trial that a portion of the transfer from the Electric Fund to the City's General Fund is invalid. The trial court has not yet determined damages, which is the subject of the second phase of the trial. The court has tentatively indicated that possibly \$19 million to \$32 million of the estimated \$40 million electric transfer is invalid but has not yet issued a ruling on this issue. The trial court has also not yet determined a remedy. The trial court judgment, once issued, would still be subject to appeal. The City is currently assessing the financial impact of the trial court's ruling, which will not be certain until the judgment is final.

The Electric General Fund Transfer at risk for loss represents between 6.7% and 11.4% of total FY 2019/20 revenues.

This Electric GFT has been a revenue source funding public infrastructure and services in the City of Riverside since 1907. The City Council referred to the Charter Review Committee’s March 17, 2021 meeting for its review and consideration, a proposed Charter amendment to reauthorize the Electric GFT for a potential November 2021 election. Riverside voters have already acted on similar measures on four previous occasions.

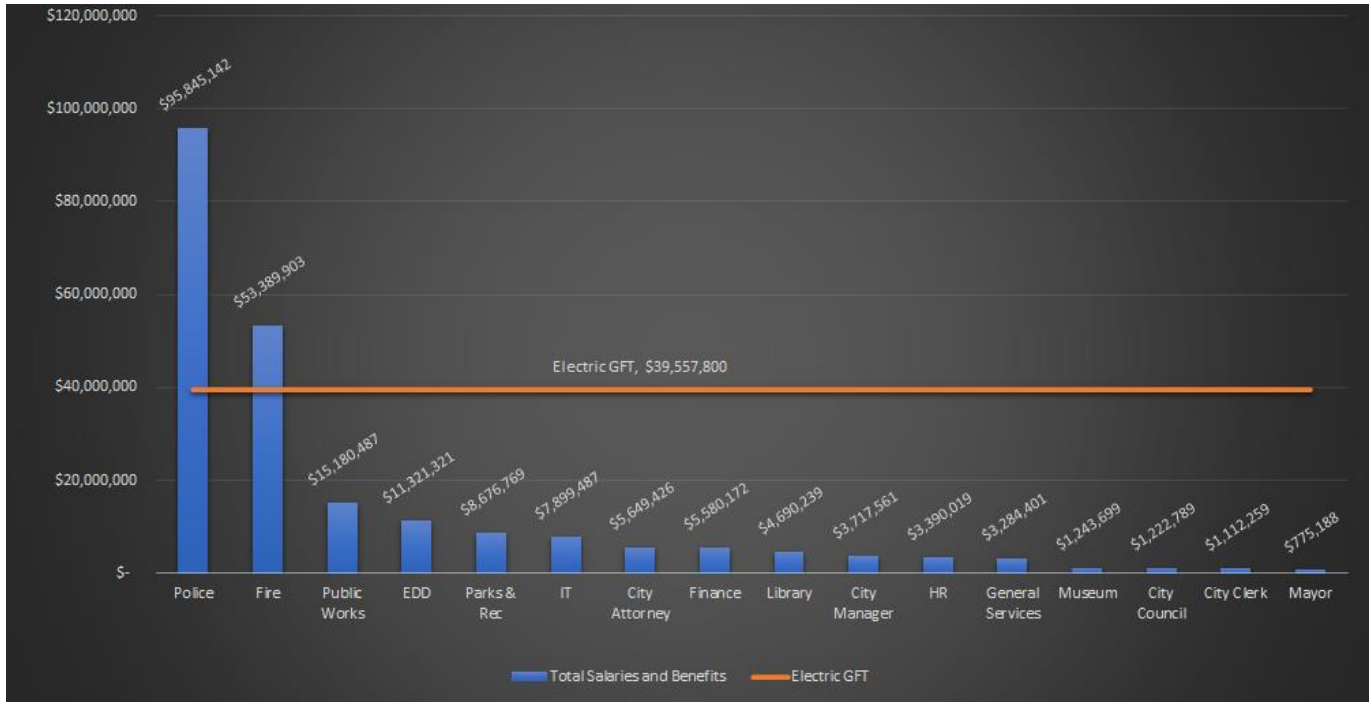
A monthly accrual of the ongoing liability of approximately \$2.6 million per month occurs until the issue is resolved. As November 2021 is the next general election at which voters could consider a ballot measure, the City will be well into FY 2021/22 before ballot measure results (should the City Council place a measure on the ballot) are received. Accordingly, the City must contemplate a potential loss of \$32 million in GFT funding in the proposed FY 2021/22 budget. The City is contingency planning to address a loss of the Electric GFT should one occur. As illustrated in the graphs below, the Electric GFT is an integral part of the City’s annual revenue and provides for a significant portion of general fund services.

### ELECTRIC GFT AND THE GENERAL FUND FY2019-20





## IMPACT ON THE GENERAL FUND



### Budget Overview – Measure Z

Measure Z is budgeted in two funds: an operating fund and a capital fund. The traditional line-item budget includes the planned expenditure of debt proceeds, while the spending plan combines the two funds and only lists items utilizing Measure Z’s operating revenues. The spending plan provides a transparent program-budgeting based view of the allocation of operating revenues to individual spending initiatives. In the FY 2021/22 proposed budget in the Spending Plan, projected revenues exceed proposed expenditures by \$5.8 million. The five-year Spending Plan has been extended (see *Measure Z Spending Plan* in Attachment 1) and applies the assumption that items not specifically identified as one-time costs when approved would continue through FY 2025/26.

**Revenue:** Measure Z revenue is projected at approximately \$64.8 million, a conservative 1% growth rate over FY 2020/21 updated revenue projections based on revenue performance through February 2021. The prior year budget included a 10% contingency revenue reduction, but FY 2020/21 revenues have remained stable throughout the pandemic and are currently trending 2.3% higher than FY 2019/20 actuals.

**Expenditures:** Proposed expenditures in the Measure Z Spending Plan total approximately \$57.6 million and are approximately \$7 million lower than the FY 2020/21 budget. The prior year spending plan included a \$6 million one-time transfer to the General Fund; this was a one-time balancing measure to offset the impacts of the pandemic on General Fund revenues and is not included in the FY 2021/22 proposed budget. A \$1 million (50%) reduction in the Technology line item accounts for the balance of the expenditure reduction; this reduction was programmed into the spending plan published with the City’s 2016-2018 Biennial Budget. The Spending Plan includes a reallocation of approximately \$2 million from the # 14 - Fire Vehicle Replacement Plan (#14) to #9 which has been retitled from “Reinstate Fire Squad” to “Maintain Firefighter Staffing Level” to meet the Fire Department’s proportional General Fund vacancy savings target of approximately \$2 million. As with the General Fund, the proposed budget for Measure Z does not include contingency funding for the potential impacts of expiring and renegotiated Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs). Any increases affecting the 89 Safety and 44.26 non-Safety full-time equivalent (FTE) personnel funded by Measure Z and subject to MOU provisions will reduce the

annual surplus and unallocated fund reserves projected in the Spending Plan.

### Major Enterprise Funds

The proposed operating budgets for the City's major enterprise funds listed in the follow table account for 53% of the citywide operating budget. The Refuse and Public Parking funds are projected to operate in a deficit position in FY 2021/22.

<b>MAJOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS – OPERATING</b>			
<b>Proposed FY 2021/22 Annual Budget</b>			
	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>
Electric	\$404,115,800	\$401,869,290	\$2,246,510
Water	85,043,500	77,863,871	7,179,629
Refuse	29,894,417	30,855,904	(961,487)
Sewer	71,086,253	66,443,526	4,642,727
Public Parking	6,196,851	7,119,830	(922,979)

**Refuse Fund:** The Refuse Fund is projected to operate at a deficit in FY 2021/22. Unanticipated cost increases for the processing and disposal of recycled materials due to changes in the recycling market are expected to present a permanent increase in the funds' operating expenditures. Anticipated revenue increases from the commercial and residential solid waste rate increase approved by the City Council on September 15, 2020 have also been included in the proposed budget's revenue projections. Staff anticipates that the residential and commercial collection rates approved through 2025 will generate sufficient revenue to maintain waste hauler operations and offset increased recycling costs beginning in FY 2023/24. There are sufficient fund reserves to cover the projected deficit in FY 2021/22.

**Public Parking Fund:** The Public Parking Fund is projected to operate at a deficit in FY 2021/22 due to the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Although the Regional Stay at Home Order was lifted on January 25, 2021, downtown parking operations have not experienced significant increases that would help offset lost revenues. Business closures and the cancellation of large gatherings have resulted in less traffic in the downtown area. However, as more vaccines are administered and the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, business and visitor traffic in the downtown area may return to pre-pandemic levels as early as the second quarter of FY 2021/22. There are insufficient fund reserves to cover the projected FY 2020/21 and FY 2021/22 operating deficits; however, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) includes local government relief for revenues losses resulting from the pandemic. If ARP funding is not allocated to the Public Parking Fund, the General Fund would likely need to subsidize the operating losses via an interfund loan until parking rates are adjusted to make the fund fiscally sustainable. The General Fund's proposed budget includes a \$1.8 million contingency for ongoing effects of the pandemic on fund subsidies.

### Personnel

The FY 2021/22 budget includes 2,555.91 FTE, an increase of 6.26 FTE as compared to the FY 2020/21 budget. Refer to *Citywide Personnel* in Attachment 1 for a comprehensive listing of personnel schedules and explanation of changes from the prior year. The following summarizes net increases and decreases in total FTE at the fund and department level:

- **General Fund: 14.25 decrease in FTE**

- *Mayor (Add 0.50 FTE):* A 0.50 FTE International Affairs & Protocol Officer has been added, funded by a department reorganization with no net increase to the department's budget. The net salary and benefit savings resulting from the department's reorganization is approximately \$40,000.
- *City Manager's Office (Delete 1.00 FTE):* The Performance and Audit Manager (1.00 FTE) position has been deleted and the budget transferred to non-personnel to outsource this function.
- *City Clerk (Add 1.00 FTE):* In FY 2020/21, a Deputy City Clerk (1.00 FTE) was added to the City Clerk's Office to assume clerk responsibilities of the Budget Engagement Commission and Board of Public Utilities. In FY 2021/22, the position will also assume the clerk duties of the Airport Commission and several other bodies funded by the General Fund. The position is allocated based on the historical number of agenda items, with 12% of the costs remaining in the General Fund.
- *Human Resources (Add 1.0 FTE):* Add Employee Relations Officer (1.00 FTE) funded by Public Utilities.
- *Community & Economic Development (Add 0.25 FTE):* A 0.25 FTE Real Property Agent has been added, funded by department reorganization with no impact to the department's budget.
- *Police (Delete 1.0 FTE):* Delete a Police Detective (1.00 FTE) that was funded by the Riverside Auto Theft Interdiction Detail (RAID) grant which the department no longer receives.
- *Fire (Transfer Out 14.00 FTE, Delete 1.00 FTE):* Fourteen (14) firefighters were transferred from the General Fund to Measure Z to meet the Fire Department's General Fund vacancy savings target. An Inventory Control Specialist (1.00 FTE) that was approved by City Council as a partially funded grant position has now moved to a fully funded Urban Search & Rescue (USAR) grant position. Grants are not budgeted through the annual budget process but are appropriated upon receipt of the grant award.

- **Measure Z: 18.26 Increase in FTE**

- *Fire (Transfer In 14.00 FTE):* Fourteen (14) firefighters were transferred from the General Fund to Measure Z to meet the Fire Department's General Fund vacancy savings target.
- *Parks, Recreation and Community Services (Add 4.26 FTE):* In FY 2019/20, the City Council approved the reallocation of Youth Innovation Center furniture, fixtures and equipment funding to operating costs of the Youth Innovation Center which included 4.26 FTE comprised of: Recreation Leader (2.13 FTE) and Instructor (2.13 FTE). As a result of the pandemic and closure of the Youth Innovation Center, the unused funding allocation will be requested to be carried over to fund these positions in FY 2021/22, resulting in no fiscal impact in the FY 2021/22 proposed budget.

- **Electric Funds: 2.25 Increase in FTE**
  - *Administration:* Delete net 0.75 FTE as a result of a minor reorganization; refer to *Citywide Personnel* in Attachment 1 to review the multiple positions impacted.
  - *Electric:* Add net 3.00 FTE to focus on critical engineering distribution activities and to support the increased pace and number of substation equipment infrastructure replacement projects; refer to *Citywide Personnel* in Attachment 1 to review the multiple positions impacted.
- **Sewer Fund: 1.00 Increase in FTE**
  - *Public Works:* Add 1.00 Environmental Compliance Inspector II FTE that will be 50% funded by the Sewer Fund and 50% funded by National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Fund.
- **Central Garage Fund: 1.00 decrease in FTE**
  - *General Services:* Delete Building Services Manager (1.00 FTE) as a result of a reorganization.
- **Central Stores Fund: Net zero change in FTE** with oversight of Central Stores transferred from Public Utilities to Finance-Purchasing.
  - *Finance Department:* Increase 8.00 FTE
  - *Public Utilities-Central Stores Department:* Decrease 8.00 FTE

### American Rescue Plan Act

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which provided additional relief to both individuals and businesses suffering from the impact of the pandemic. The City expects to receive one-time funding of approximately \$79 million from ARPA, subject to audit and validation that the funds are used for approved purposes as outlined in the ARPA and implementing guidelines issued by the United States Department of the Treasury (US Treasury). Funds may be used to offset revenue losses resulting from the pandemic as compared to FY 2018/19 actual revenues, as well as expenditures incurred as a result of the City's response to the pandemic. Additional uses of ARPA funding are still being finalized by the US Treasury with definitive guidelines expected to be issued in mid-May. The guidelines stated within ARPA for local government relief are as follows:

- For costs incurred to respond to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19 or its negative economic impacts.
- To respond to workers performing essential work during the pandemic by providing premium pay to eligible workers.
- For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to COVID-19 relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year. (FY 2018/19 will be the baseline year for the City.)
- To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

A proposed expenditure plan for the one-time ARPA funds will be developed and considered by the City Council separate from consideration of the proposed FY 2021/22 budget, taking into account all eligible expenditures.

### Potential Adjustments to the Proposed Budget

In response to the feedback received at the April 19, 2021 City Council Budget Workshop, staff has summarized the cost of several items that Councilmembers identified as funding priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. The impact of the adjustments is summarized below; please also refer to Attachment 2 for details.

- **General Fund: No net impact to proposed budget**
  - Reclassify vacant Deputy City Manager position to Intergovernmental Affairs Officer (1.0 FTE): \$133,574 position cost, fully offset with no net increase to the department's budget.
  - Increase Public Utilities contribution for legislative affairs: \$20,000 revenue increase.
- **Measure Z: \$3,965,000 expenditure increase**
  - Add funding for Public Works vehicles and equipment (refer to detailed replacement plan in Attachment 2a): \$2,000,000 plus additional one-time funding through FY 2024/24
  - Add funding for one-time needs in Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department (see details in Attachment 2): \$1,965,000
- **Grants and Restricted Programs Fund: No net impact to proposed budget**
  - Add Principal Management Analyst (1.00) to help identify, apply for, and manage grants. Fully offset by charges to awarded grants: \$0 net impact
- **Electric Fund: \$20,000 expenditure increase**
  - Increase Public Utilities contribution for legislative affairs: \$20,000 revenue increase

All internal service departments in the General Fund are cost-allocated to other City funds and departments. If the funding of the Intergovernmental Affairs Officer in the City Manager's Office is approved, it will result in an immaterial increase to the expenditure budgets of all City funds and departments when the cost allocation plan is recomputed.

In addition, staff is exploring implementation of a Park Ranger program based on models currently in place in other jurisdictions. Funding for the program would require General Fund and/or Measure Z resources. Details on the program will be included in the June reports for the final budget presentation to the BEC and City Council.

## Next Steps

On May 18, 2021, staff will orally report to the City Council any changes recommended by the BEC as a result of this report. Changes requested by the City Council will be incorporated into the proposed budget, and staff will bring the final proposed budget back to the BEC on June 10, 2021. With Council approval, a public hearing on the proposed budget will be scheduled for June 22, 2021, during which staff will present the final proposed budget inclusive of any changes previously requested by Council and request adoption of the proposed FY 2021/22 Annual Budget. The line-item budget will be uploaded to the City's Budget Portal for public access by July 1, 2021. The development of formal budget publications will follow; when complete, those publications will be made available in hard-copy format in the City Clerk's Office and City libraries, and in electronic format at the City's Budget website (<https://riversideca.gov/finance/budget.asp>). Immediately following the conclusion of the current budget process, staff will turn their attention to transitioning the City to a Priority Based Budget methodology for the next budget cycle.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the Council recommendations included in this report. With Council approval, a public hearing will be held on June 22, 2021, followed by adoption of the proposed budget which currently totals approximately \$1.2 billion citywide, inclusive of capital projects.

The proposed budget incorporates the potential ongoing impacts of the pandemic on City revenues. In March 2021, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) was passed by Congress and includes funding for state and local governments. ARP funding may improve the outlook for several City funds that required either balancing measures or are projected to operate at a deficit in the proposed FY 2021/22 budget, including the General Fund, Refuse, and Public Parking funds.

The proposed FY 2021/22 budget does not include the potential fiscal impacts of two significant issues that will affect the City's FY 2021/22 budget:

1. Potential impacts of MOU negotiations which will affect all City funds with personnel budgets; and
2. The potential loss of the Electric GFT, the amount and impacts of which are yet to be determined.

These two major issues will need to be addressed during the budget year and may require mid-year adjustments to the adopted budget and the implementation of additional balancing measures in the General Fund should they materialize.

Prepared by: Kristie Thomas, Assistant Chief Financial Officer  
Certified as to  
availability of funds: Edward Enriquez, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer  
Approved by: Moises Lopez, Deputy City Manager  
Approved as to form: Kristi Smith, Interim City Attorney

Attachments:

1. Proposed FY 2021/22 Annual Budget
2. Potential Adjustments to the Proposed Budget
  - a. Public Works Vehicle and Equipment Requirements
3. General Fund and Measure Z – 5 Year History
4. Presentation