





Date: August 24, 2015

To: Patrick H. West, City Manager 

From: John Gross, Director of Financial Management 

For: Members of the Budget Oversight Committee

Subject: **Responses to Questions from the August 11, 2015 Budget Oversight Committee Meeting**

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This memo provides responses to the questions raised by members of the Budget Oversight Committee (BOC) that were not answered on the floor during the August 11, 2015 BOC meeting.

### **Fiscal Year 2016 Proposed Budget and Mayor Garcia's Recommendations**

#### **1. What are the total assessments on BIDs Citywide?**

Of the ten Citywide BIDs, four are property-based (Uptown, Magnolia Industrial, Downtown, and the newly created Midtown) with assessments paid by property owners rather than merchants. The total assessment for these property-based BIDs in FY 15 is \$2.6 million. The City, as property owner in these four BIDs, will pay approximately \$548,000 in assessments for FY 15. This is approximately 21 percent of the total assessment for the property-based BIDs.

#### **2. How much of the Fleet acquisition budget did we spend in FY 15?**

The Fleet Services Bureau anticipates spending all of its FY 15 acquisition budget. The planned vehicle purchases will be made in FY 15 and some in FY 16 due to timing issues. The money for these purchases are accumulated from across numerous funds for the replacement of vehicles and is not available for other uses. A recently completed study by an outside consultant has reviewed the City's acquisition practices and has concluded that all the collected funds would be required to replace the City's aging fleet.

The FY 16 proposed acquisitions budget is funded in the same way through the collection of money across numerous funds for the sole purpose of vehicle replacement. Approximately 90 percent of the requested appropriations are for the replacement of equipment for the Police and Fire Departments, and for critical heavy-duty vehicles (i.e. sweepers and refuse trucks) at approximately \$250,000 or more each. By replacing aging equipment with a newer, more fuel efficient fleet, the City will achieve ongoing savings in numerous funds, including the General Fund.

If you have any questions, please contact Budget Manager Lea Eriksen at 8-6533.

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