

City of Fayetteville
Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Questions
Group 5

3.8 Cent Tax Increase Scenario

71. How is the 3.8 cent tax increase allocated among the service enhancement areas?

A. If the proposed 3.8 cent tax increase were allocated among the three major areas based upon FY15 through FY18 expenditures/revenues, the tax increase would be split as follows:

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| • Police Department | 3.48 cents |
| • Economic & Business Development Department | 0.15 cents |
| • Development Services Department | 0.17 cents |

Support Services and Administration Portfolio

72. On page G-6 in the budget document, it is reported that the FTEs for the City Attorney's Office are increasing from 6 to 9. Does that reflect the transfer of two positions from the Police Department and the additional assistant city attorney?

A. Yes.

73. On page G-13 in the budget document, there is a reported reduction of FTEs in the City Manager's Office from 9 to 8.

- **Does that reflect the transfer of the special projects director position to the Economic and Business Development department?**
- **Who is the current incumbent of the position?**
- **Does that account for the 4.9% or \$69,500 reduction in the department budget?**
- **Why is the change not reflected as a transfer of funds to other funds?**

A. The reduction in the FTE count for the department is due to the elimination of the special projects director position that is being transferred and reclassified to become the economic and business development director.

Current special projects director Craig Hampton will be retiring at the fiscal-year end.

The transfer of the position funding is one contributing factor to the overall budget reduction for the department.

The budget impact for the transfer of the position is reflected in the expenditure budget projections for each of the two General Fund departments. There is no impact to interfund transfers as both departments are components of the General Fund.

74. Why is the projected funding for the Parks and Recreation bond referendum split between Corporate Communications (\$75,000) and City Council (\$150,000)?

- A. The \$75,000 that was planned for the education campaign was included in the Corporate Communications department budget as the duties would be managed by this staff. The \$150,000 for the cost of the actual bond referendum was projected in the Mayor, Clerk and City Council budget, consistent with past practice for recording election costs.

75. As reported in the budget document on page G-30 for the Finance Department, there is an increase of \$74,660 for operating expenses and \$22,187 for personnel.

A. What is included for the treasurer position?

B. What accounts for the increase in operating expenses?

- A. There is \$72,932 included in the recommended budget for the salary and benefits for the treasurer position. The position was included in the fiscal year 2014 budget and is not an added position for fiscal year 2015.

An itemization of operating expenditures by object account is shown on page J-32 of the budget document. Other costs including items such as insurance are projected to be higher in fiscal year 2015.

76. On page G-39 of the budget document, the total budget for the Human Resources Development department is almost \$913,000 higher than the prior fiscal year. If pay raises and new hires are budgeted in each of the departments, what accounts for the increase in this budget?

- A. In fiscal year 2015, there are planned transfers of \$1.2 million from the Risk Management fund to other funds for interfund loans. There were no interfund loans from the Risk Management fund in the original adopted budget for fiscal year 2014. The original expenditure budget for the Risk Management fund for fiscal year 2014 included \$472,000 to offset revenues from the repayment of a previous interfund loan which would be returned to fund balance. In combination, these two changes explain \$728,000 of the budget increase.

Community Investment Portfolio

77. What are the salary grade assignments for the new commercial redevelopment manager and marketing and business development manager positions?

- A. Personnel cost projections for these positions were prepared based upon preliminary pay grade assignments to pay grade 218.

Capital Improvement Plan

78. How much is planned to be transferred from the General Fund to the Stormwater fund or stormwater projects for fiscal year 2015?

- A. There is no planned General Fund support for stormwater operations or projects in fiscal year 2015. The stormwater program is supported by the stormwater fees, other associated revenues and accumulated fund balance in the Stormwater Fund.

79. How much is planned to be transferred from the General Fund for sidewalks and street improvements for fiscal year 2015?

- A. The table below reflects all planned funding transfers from the General Fund to the Transportation Capital Project Fund for fiscal year 2015:

Project	Fiscal Year 2015 Planned Funding
Downtown Streetscape	\$ 425,000
Langdon Street Widening	700,000
Legend Avenue Relocation	75,000
Public Street Development	250,000
Ray Avenue Extension	300,000
Sidewalk Improvements	356,134
Street Resurfacing	3,725,000
Thoroughfare Street Lighting	125,000
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