

Budget Update

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT APRIL 13, 2020

Purpose

Update on COVID-19 Financial Impacts

- Overall Economic Impacts
- FY 2020 General Fund Budget Outlook
- FY 2021 General Fund Budget Outlook
- FY 2021 Challenges

Annual Strategy Meeting Priorities



Impact of COVID-19

- Rapidly evolving situation
- Impact is wide, touching every community in our city
- Constant communication and collaboration with partners
- Key to a balanced response is understanding our financial outlook

Financial Strength of the City



AAA Bond Rating for 42 years in a row



Large, diverse tax base



Strong and robust financial policies and practices



Disciplined financial management



General Fund
Reserve =
2 months
operating costs

Economic Impacts of COVID-19



Unemployment



16.8 million unemployment claims filed in the last three weeks, estimated Unemployment Rate 15% nationally



GDP



Estimated decline in GDP of 30% for Q2 2020



Consumer Confidence



General market volatility and uncertainty



Federal Stimulus



Expanded unemployment benefits, small business relief, early tax credit

COVID-19 City Tax Revenue Impacts

Type of Tax	General Fund	General Capital	Transit Fund	Hospitality Funds
Property Tax	Low	Low	NA	NA
Sales Tax	High	High	High	NA
Occupancy Tax	NA	NA	NA	Very High
Food and Beverage Tax	NA	NA	NA	Very High

Above table does not reflect revenue impacts associated with fees and services.

FY 2020 General Fund Revenue Forecast Due to COVID-19

\$729.9

FY 2020 Mid-Year General Fund Projection Due to COVID-19				
Revenues by Source	FY 2020 Budget (millions)	FY 2020 Projection (millions)		
Property Tax	\$390.2	\$391.7		
Sales Tax	\$117.7	\$120.0		
Utility Franchise Sales Tax	\$55.8	\$55.2		
All Other	\$164.0	\$163.0		

\$727.7

Total Revenues

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Sales Tax	\$117.7	\$120.0	\$111.1	
Utility Franchise Sales Tax	\$55.8	\$55.2	\$53.3	
All Other	\$164.0	\$163.0	\$158.9	
Total Revenues	\$727.7	\$729.9	\$714.0	

(\$13.7 Million)

FY 2020 General Fund Expenditure Reductions Unlikely to Offset Revenue Loss



Possible Use of General Fund Balance in FY 2020



Opportunities to minimize use of financial reserves in FY 2020

- \$2-4 Million expenditure surplus anticipated prior to COVID-10
- Citywide non-essential hiring freeze
- Continuous review of all spending
- Utilization of CARES Act where possible

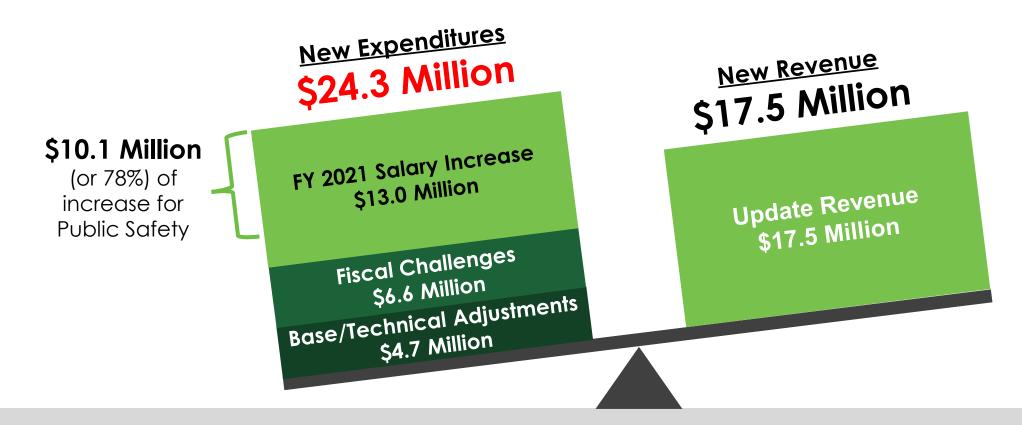
Stresses causing use of financial reserves in FY 2020

- Possible revenue shortfall of \$13.7 million
- Special pay incentive
- COVID-19 related staffing and operating costs

FY 2021 General Fund Outlook: Annual Strategy Meeting

(\$6.8 Million)

Budget Challenge with FY 2021 Salary Increase
AS OF JANUARY 2020



FY 2021 General Fund Outlook: Last Budget Workshop (March 4)

General Fund Budget Challenge from Annual Strategy Meeting (\$6.8 Million)

Improved Property Tax Projection from Assessor +\$2.5 Million

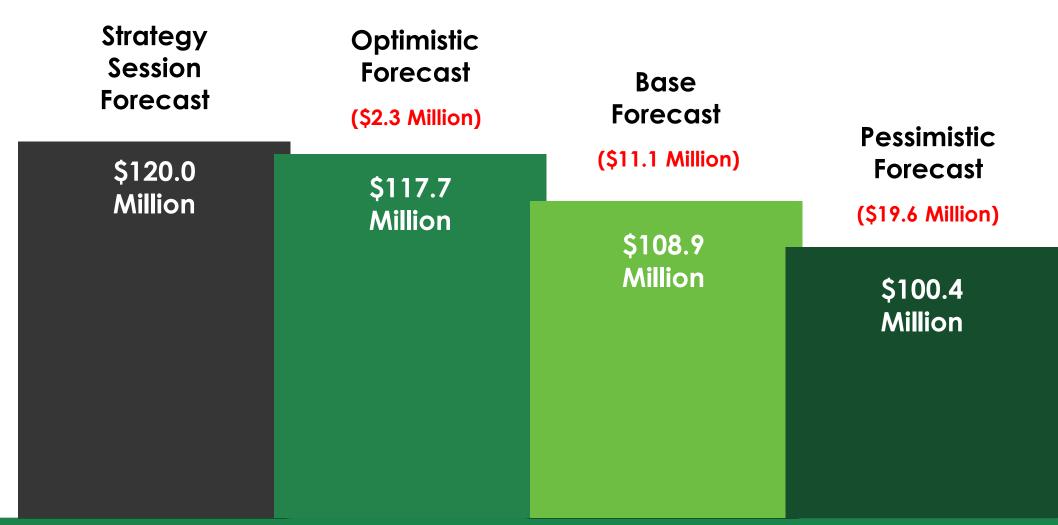
Continued Strong Sales Tax Performance +\$1.5 Million

Combined Positive Projection from Other Revenues +\$0.5 Million

General Fund Budget Challenge as of March 4 (\$2.3 Million)

As of March 4, the city's General Fund budget was on track to both be structurally balanced and maintain service levels in FY 2021.

Range of FY 2021 Sales Tax Impacts



FY 2021 General Fund Revenue Forecast Due To Covid-19

FY 2021 General Fund Projection Due to Covid-19 Revisions			
Revenues by Source	FY 2020 Budget (millions)	FY 2021 January Projection (millions)	
Property Tax	\$390.2	\$399.0	
Sales Tax	\$117.7	\$120.0	
Utility Franchise Sales Tax	\$55.8	\$56.4	
All Other	\$164.0	\$169.8	
Total Revenues	\$727.7	\$745.2	

+\$17.5 Million

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Property Tax	\$390.2	\$399.0	\$399.8	
Sales Tax	\$117.7	\$120.0	\$108.9	
Utility Franchise Sales Tax	\$55.8	\$56.4	\$55.8	
All Other	\$164.0	\$169.8	\$164.7	
Total Revenues	\$727.7	\$745.2	\$729.2	
		+\$17.5 Million	+\$1.5 Million	

Mitigating FY 2020 and FY 2021 Impacts

FY 2020 Actions

- Non-essential hiring freeze
- Consolidation of duties
- Utilization of federal relief wherever possible

FY 2021 Budget Principles

- Protect existing employees
- No new programs
- Maintain structural balance
- Minimize impact to current services

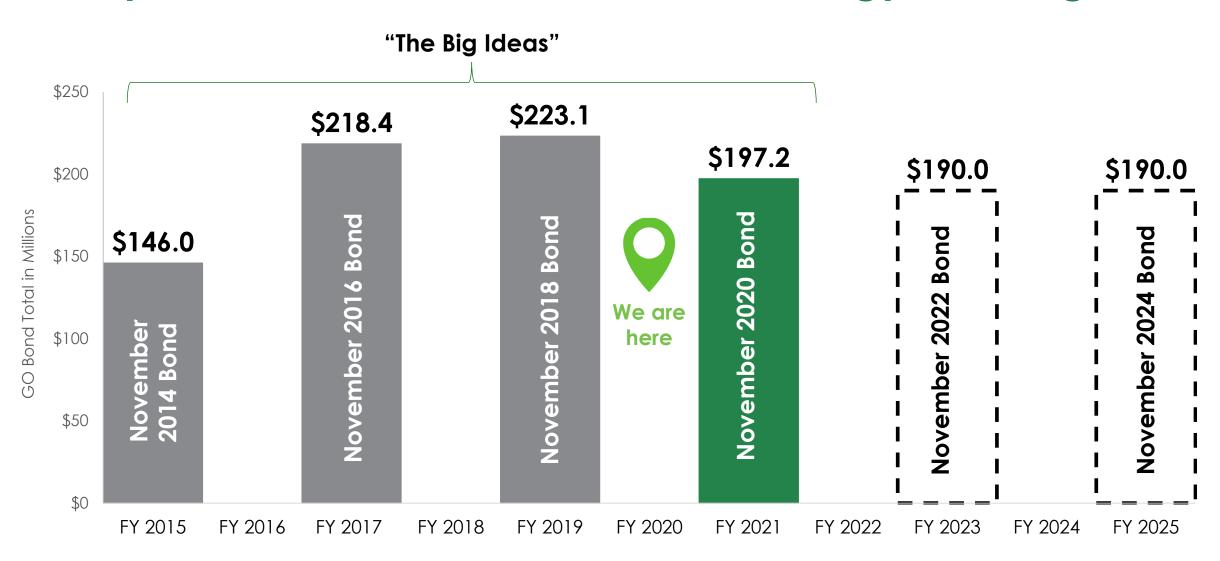
FY 2021 Actions

- Elimination of vacant positions
- No enhancements or new programs
- Continuous review of expenditures





Capital Investment Plan: Annual Strategy Meeting



Key Revenue Impacted: Hospitality Taxes

- Recent rating agency national analysis projects hospitality based tax revenues to drop by 85% thru mid-summer, with a gradual return to normal by April 2021
- ⊲Impact of revenue losses will depend on:
 - Duration
 - Degree to which restrictions continue or heighten
 - Economic mix (i.e., tourism vs. business travel)
 - Consumer confidence
 - Willingness to travel

Enterprise Fund Impact from COVID-19

Description	CHARLOTTE DOUGLAS ** INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT	CHARLOTTE AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM	CHARLOTTE	Charlotte-Mecklenburg STORM WATER Services
Main Revenue Source	Service Fees	Sales Tax	Water Bill	Stormwater Bill
Revenue Impact	Very High	High	Low	Low
Operations Impact	High	High	Medium	Medium
Direct CARES Act Assistance	Yes	Yes	No	No
Recovery Period	Slow	Slow	Fast	Fast

Moving Forward

- FY 2021 Budget will be presented on May 4
- Staff are working through this unprecedented situation
- Awaiting final guidance on CARES Act initiatives

Questions?