City of Phoenix

Report

Community Budget Questions June 1 - June 17, 2020

Summary
Each year, staff tracks comments on the City's budget. The City Manager's Trial Budget was scheduled to be presented to the City Council on March 17, 2020, with budget hearings scheduled to begin April 2, 2020. However, due to current restrictions on public gatherings, the City unfortunately had to cancel normal and customary community budget hearings and the Trial Budget is being revised due to the economic downturn.

Based on the revised budget adoption schedule discussed at the March 26, 2020 City Council Policy Session, staff returned with additional information on April 2 and April 6 to walk the City Council through four different budget scenarios modeling the impact of COVID-19 on our General Fund revenues. On April 13, staff presented the 2020-21 Revised Trial Budget, focusing on the City's proposed response efforts to the current economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 public health crisis. On May 5, staff presented the City Manager's Proposed budget. On May 19, the proposed budget was approved by City Council. On June 3 and June 8 staff presented the Tentative Budget and it was approved by City Council.

We very much value the feedback and community engagement received in our community budget hearings. Unfortunately, this year it will be necessary to use a different format and a compressed schedule to accomplish this goal. Once those decisions have been made we will update the calendar on the website. As always residents can continue to provide feedback by calling 602-262-4800 or email us at budget.research@phoenix.gov. Additionally, Budget and Research continues to promote the FundPHX interactive budget tool, available at phoenix.gov/FundPHX.

Attachment A transmits a summary of the electronic and voice mail comments regarding the budget for June 1 - June 17, 2020.

Responsible Department
This item is submitted by City Manager Ed Zuercher and the Budget and Research Department.

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To: Ed Zuercher
City Manager

Date: June 17, 2020

From: Jeff Barton
Deputy City Manager

Subject: BUDGET QUESTIONS SUMMARY JUNE 1 – JUNE 17, 2020

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Residents can access additional information at phoenix.gov/Budget.

SUMMARY MINUTES
VOICEMAIL, ELECTRONIC, AND WRITTEN BUDGET COMMENTS
June 1 – June 17, 2020

Emails from 6/1 to 6/17

We received 749 emails requesting defunding of Phoenix PD, demanding the release of body cam footage, and to stop releasing protesters in custody to ICE.

We received 1578 emails requesting to reconsider the proposed $944,680,555 allocated to our Public Safety Departments for the 2020-21 fiscal year, redirect the funds to programs that heal and educate our community, and redirect the funds to increase the proposed $24,760,742 and $26,837,014 budgets for Community Development and Community Enrichment.

We received 8 emails requesting allocation of $3 million to the Civilian Review Board and Office of Accountability and Transparency.

We received 33 emails requesting to cut the police budgets and invest in more community services, education, and health.

We received 7 emails in support of Phoenix Police department and funding them in the budget.

Voicemails from 6/1 to 6/17

We received 16 voicemails requesting to reconsider the proposed $944,680,555 allocated to our Public Safety Departments for the 2020-21 fiscal year, redirect the funds to programs that heal and educate our community, and redirect the funds to increase the proposed $24,760,742 and $26,837,014 budgets for Community Development and Community Enrichment.

We received 2 voicemails requesting allocation of $3 million to the Civilian Review Board and Office of Accountability and Transparency.

We received 4 voicemails requesting to cut the police budgets and invest in more community services, education, and health.

Respectfully Submitted,

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