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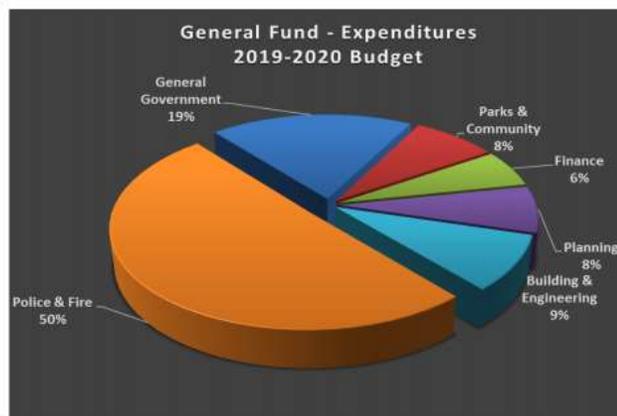
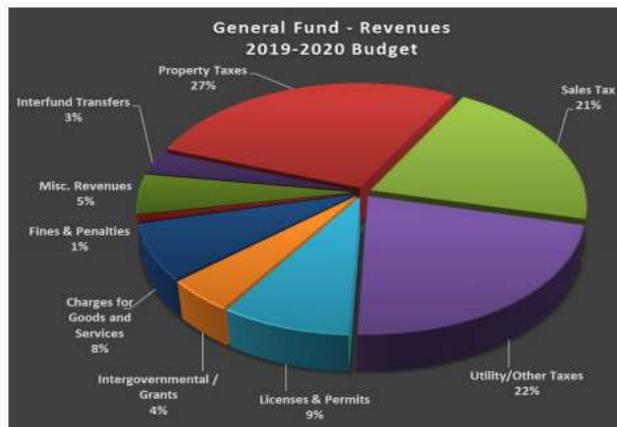
Mayor Ockerlander Presents Duvall's First Biennial Budget Budget reflects core priorities & services with an eye toward the future

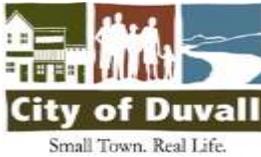
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DUVALL, Wash. – In a Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday October 2nd Mayor Amy Ockerlander presented the City Council with Duvall's first biennial, or two-year, budget. Coming in at just under \$49 million for the biennium the budget addresses financing of unfunded mandates, seeks to achieve appropriate staffing levels, and funds long deferred maintenance of city facilities and equipment.

The presentation detailed that in 2008 and at a population near 5,900 the city had 49.5 full time employees. Compare that to 2018 with ten years of growth in infrastructure & facilities, a population over 7,600, and 42.75 current full-time employees. Many existing challenges were identified through a new inclusive budgeting process where, for the first time, nearly all staff has participated or provided input at some level. Mayor Ockerlander noted that “we, as a city have reached a point that we can no longer do more with less and we will work diligently to put policies in place that will inch us forward to long-term, sustainable solutions.”

Toward that end, and with a slowing real estate market in mind, the budget assumes a conservative amount of revenue will be generated by new home construction and associated permit fees. As a major source of revenue for the





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City's budget a conservative estimate will reduce the likelihood that proposed budget priorities, projects or programs will be cut during the biennium. Additionally, revenue enhancements including a 1% property tax increase (\$18,000 in 2019) as allowed by State Law, which will fund a turf field replacement reserve for the future; and a 1% increase (\$108,000 for the biennium) to the City's utility tax will strengthen the City's financial health. The proposed enactment of a \$20 car tab fee to fund the City's Transportation Benefit District would also provide a consistent source of funding, raising \$198,000 in this biennium for the maintenance and repair of city streets. The proposed budget also supports maintenance of a strong police department, construction of sidewalks & infrastructure, and continues to support popular community events and human services programs. While the budget and associated revenue enhancements have been proposed by the Mayor to support a sustainable budget, the City Council will make the final determinations and enact the necessary legislation after careful review and consideration.

This overview was just the beginning in a budget review and approval process that is expected to wrap up in early November. Departmental presentations by Public Works and the Police Department are scheduled for October 9th and 11th at the Duvall Visitor's Center and Police Department respectively. Additional budget discussions are scheduled for October 16th and 23rd with an additional meeting on the 30th if necessary. The public is welcome to attend any of the presentations or budget meetings. Additionally, budget material will be made available on our website and video will be posted to the City's YouTube channel.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Budget Overview and Departmental Presentations

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JRo51doQH10>

2019/2020 Proposed Budget

http://www.duvallwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5123/2019_2020-Proposed-Budget

Finance Department Budget webpage

<http://www.duvallwa.gov/356/Budget>