



The Budget Trinity

Purpose

The budget will be the City's blueprint to enhance the quality of life for all citizens

Philosophy

The budget will be conservative to ensure healthy reserves and maintain high credit ratings

Standard of Excellence

To be the most innovative and effectively managed city in the United **States**



Operating Budgets

General Fund (GF)
Water & Sewer Fund (WS)

\$ 148,211,715 \$ 52,430,495

Total

\$ 200,642,210

Budgets and Funds



Reserve Funds for Future Improvements
Public Works Capital Fund
Public Safety Capital Fund
Amphitheater Clearing Fund
Alabama Trust Fund
Gasoline Tax Fund
CDBG – Disaster Recovery
Bond Proceeds



Highlights

General Fund

- \$1 residential garbage rate increase
- \$2 non-residential garbage rate increase
- 5% budget cuts for all departments
- Reduction of \$544,081 in agency funding*
- Contingency of \$282,514

Water & Sewer Fund

- 3% W&S rate increase
- 5% budget cuts for all departments

^{*2018} calendar year reduction total



Highlights

Salary Recommendation

- 1.1% Cost of living adjustment for all employees
- One full step increase for eligible employees (1.5%)
- One adjustment step increase for all Police & Fire Employees with 8 years of service or more (1.5%)
- Recommending a pay plan study
- Two new positions (21 requests across 7 Depts.)
 - Revenue Officer, Senior (Pay Grade 18)
 - Senior Planner (Pay Grade 18)
 - Will address short-term rentals



Highlights

Potential Plan Design Changes	Potential Savings
Enrollment in the Rx Specialty Program (Option 2 only)	\$ 72,420
Enrollment in the Source Rx Formulary Program	359,465
Increase specialist, ER and Rx co-payments (Option 1)*	150,000
Adjustments to deductibles, out of pocket maximums and co-insurance (Option 2)	101,000
Total Potential Savings	\$ 682,885

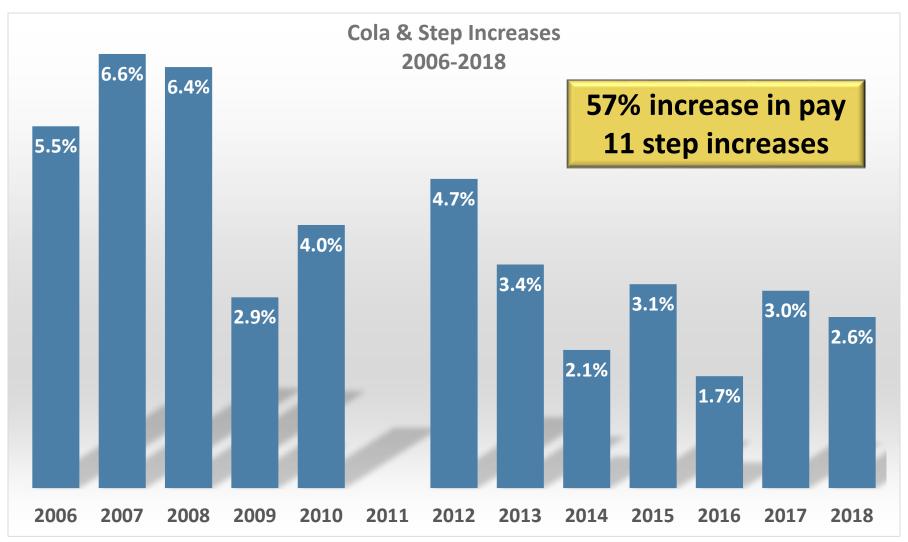
^{*}Increases specialist co-pay from \$35 to \$40

^{*}Increases ER co-pay from \$50 to \$65

^{*}Increases Rx co-pay from \$15/\$40/\$55 to \$15/\$45/\$65

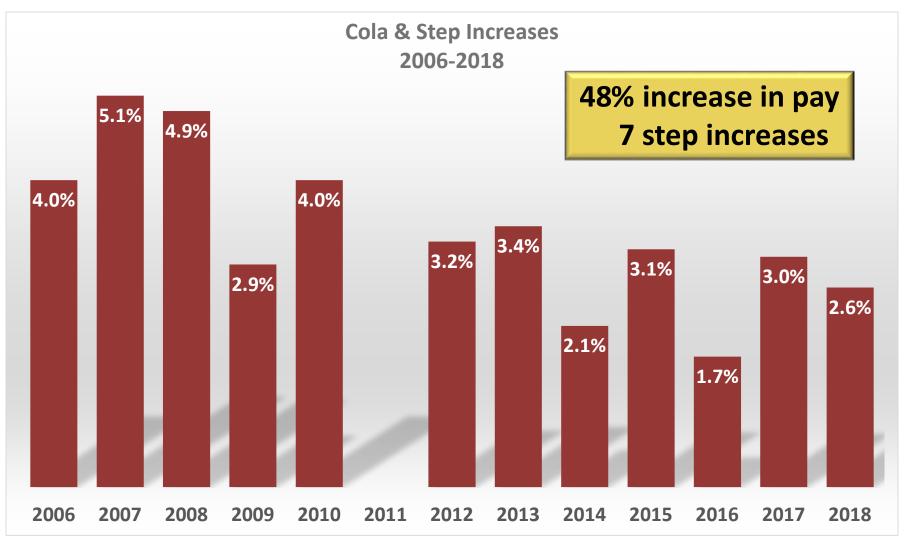


Salary Increase Trends Exempt/Public Safety





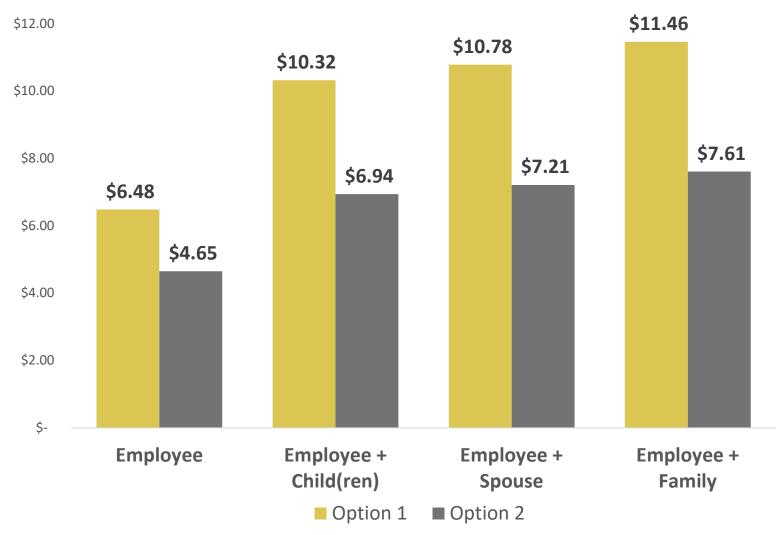
Salary Increase Trends Non-Exempt





Health Insurance Impact

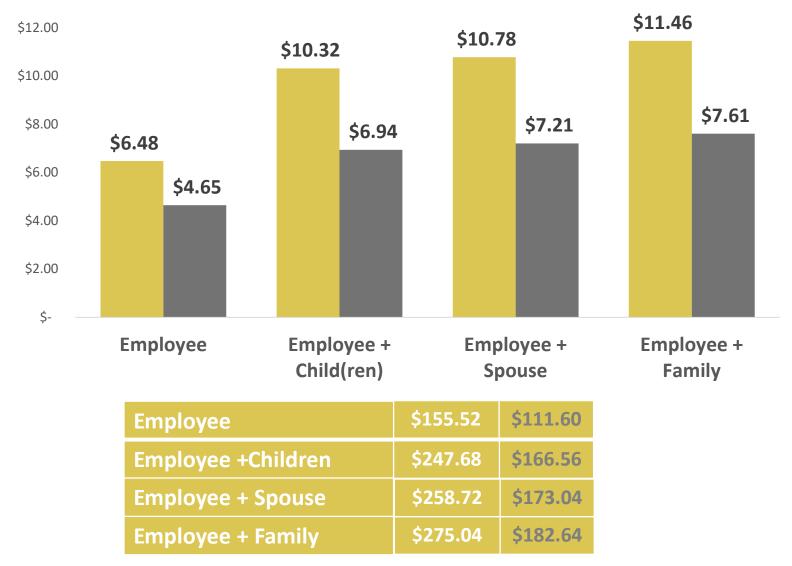
Bi-Monthly Employee Premium Increases



^{*}Option 2 is a lower premium plan with higher deductibles, out of pocket maximums and co-pays



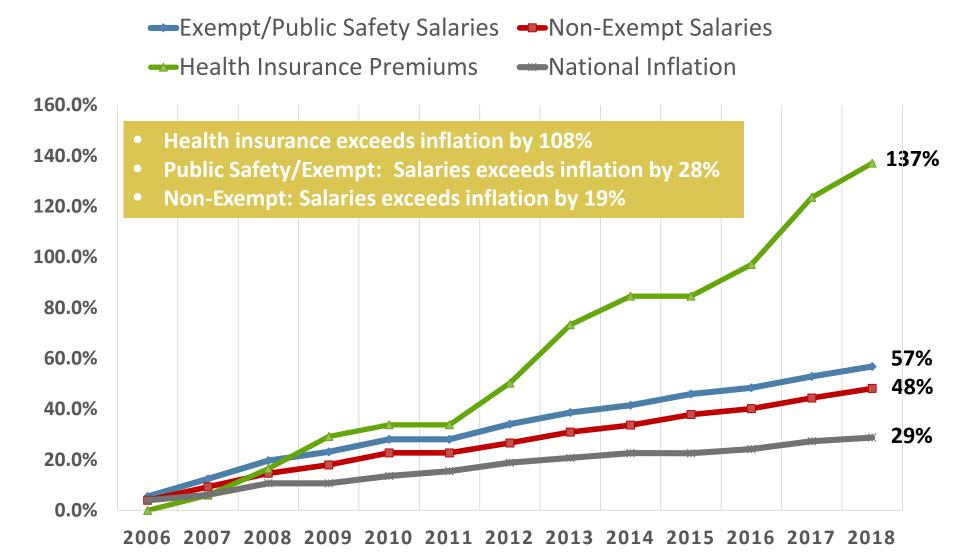
Health Insurance Impact



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Salary vs. Health Insurance vs. Inflation









Since 2006, the City's population has expanded by 22,976 which is a 30 percent increase





"Seeing and believing are both often wrong."

Robert McNamara

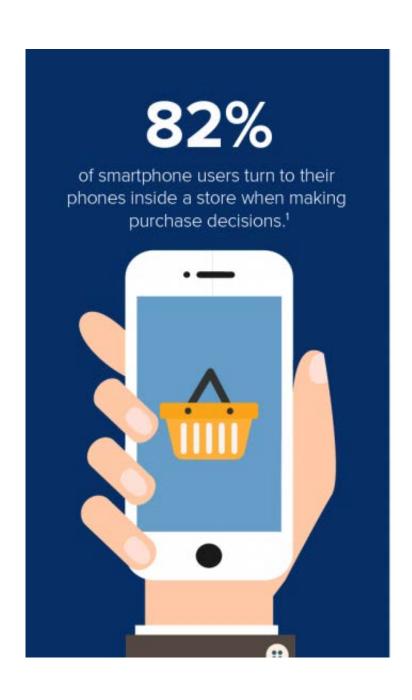


21st Century Economy 20th Century Revenue Code

E-commerce is growing by 23% annually



- 51% of Americans prefer to shop online
- 2 in 5 online shoppers say they couldn't live without online shopping
- 45% of all online sales are done through marketplaces such as Amazon



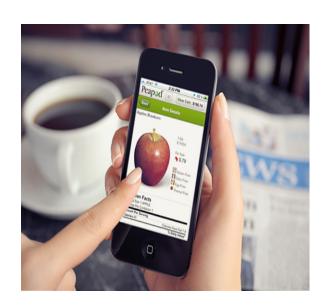
- Millennials (24-35) and Generation X(36-52) spend 6 hours per week shopping online
- Baby Boomers (53-71) spend
 4 hours per week shopping
 online
- Seniors(65 and older) spend
 2.5 hours per week shopping online
- 67% of Millennials and 56% of Generation X prefer to shop on online rather than instore.







- Estimated 60,000 residents in Tuscaloosa County are college age or younger (30% of population)
- Average amount (national) spent each year online: \$1,338. Using this analysis, City loses \$5,312,730 in revenues



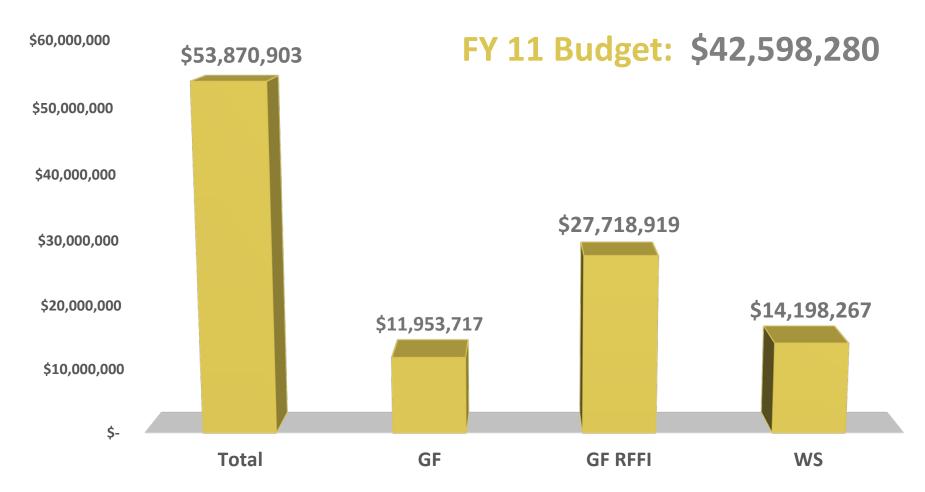
 Only \$415,000 received through Simplified Sellers Use Tax







Undesignated Reserves



Reserves are based on the FY 2016 and FY 2010 annual audits



Revenue Highlights

Environmental Services

- Recommending a \$1 per month rate increase for residential and a \$2 per month increase for nonresidential
- Each \$1 yields nearly \$275,000 annually in revenues to be used to offset increases in much needed operational expense

Proposed	Proposed
Residential	Non-Residential
\$20.35	\$30.35



If the monthly subsidy was eliminated:

Residential - \$27.42 (\$7.07)

Commercial - \$37.42 (\$7.07)

What rates are needed for Environmental Services to pay for itself?

Charges for services \$ 5,805,000

Operating expenses \$ 6,910,061

Vehicles/Equipment \$ 889,000

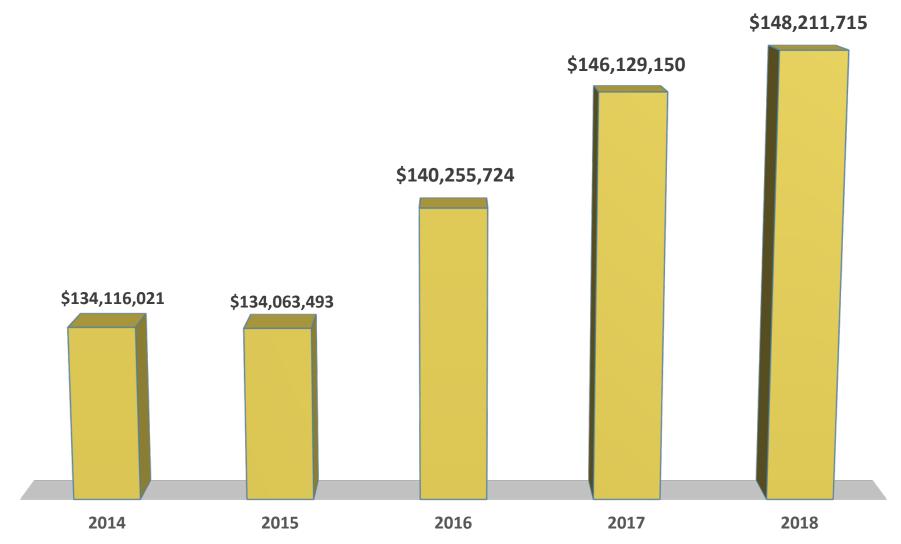
Total GF subsidy* \$ 1,994,061

Annual customer savings: \$84.85 annually

^{*} Does not include allocation of overhead costs for internal services provided

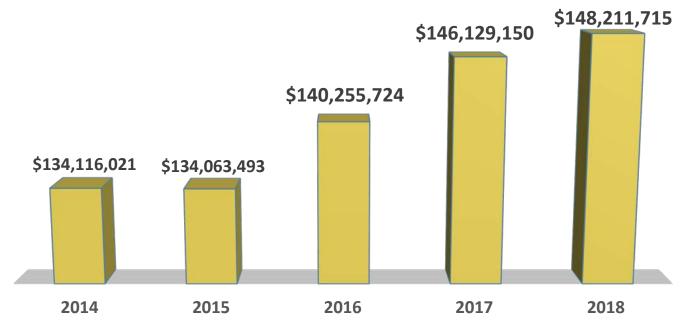


Revenue History





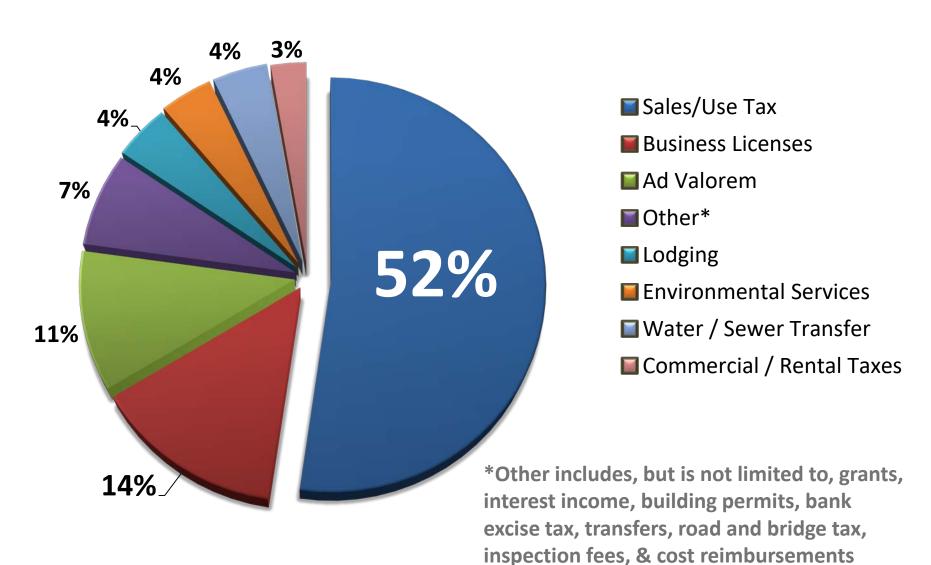
Revenue History



- GF increase is \$14,095,694 (10.5%)
- \$3.2 million is passed through to the Tuscaloosa City Schools (23%)
- \$2.9 million is WS capital reimbursement fee (\$580,000 annually)
- \$2.7 million in sales tax increases (\$540,000 annually)
- \$2.2 million in county sales taxes (\$440,000 annually)
- \$2.2 million in ad valorem (\$440,000 annually)



Revenue Sources



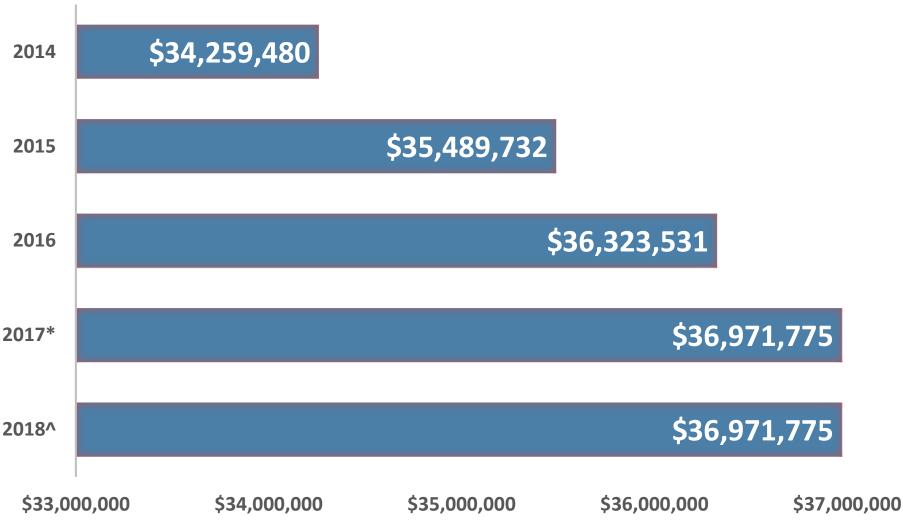


Major Discretionary Revenues

Discretionary Taxes	FY 2018 Proposed	FY 2017 Budget	Difference
City Sales Tax	\$36,971,775	\$36,464,000	\$507,775
Business License	\$19,090,000	\$19,300,000	(\$210,000)
County Sales Tax	\$16,273,000	\$16,400,000	(\$127,000)
Ad Valorem Tax	\$14,794,743	\$14,500,000	\$294,743
Water/Sewer Transfer	\$6,369,886	\$6,070,211	\$299,655
Rental License Tax	\$3,160,000	\$3,100,000	\$60,000
Use Tax	\$3,258,000	\$3,060,000	\$198,000
Liquor Tax	\$1,549,000	\$1,500,000	\$49,000
Total	\$101,466,404	\$100,394,211	\$1,072,193



City Sales Taxes



^{*}Projected collections per Accounting & Finance Department ^FY 2018 budget based on FY 2017 projections



How Does Our Sales Tax Compare?

- City sales tax represents
 25% of budgeted GF
 revenues and nearly 37%
 of major discretionary
 revenues
- If you include the City's share of the County-wide tax, then the City's rate is 2.57%
- The cities listed are city sales tax only and exclude either their county-wide sales taxes or occupational taxes they collect

City	Population	City Rate	Combined Rate
Mobile	192,904	5.00%	10.00%
Huntsville	193,079	4.50%	9.00%
Birmingham	212,157	4.00%	10.00%
Homewood	25,613	4.00%	10.00%
Dothan	68,468	4.00%	9.00%
Auburn	63,118	4.00%	9.00%
Decatur	55,072	4.00%	9.00%
Gadsden	35,837	4.00%	9.00%
Opelika	29,869	4.00%	9.00%
Bessemer	26,511	4.00%	10.00%
Phenix City	37,132	4.00%	9.00%
Enterprise	28,024	4.00%	9.00%
Montgomery	200,022	3.50%	10.00%
Madison	47,959	3.50%	9.00%
Florence	39,959	3.50%	8.50%
Prattville	35,606	3.50%	9.50%
Hoover	84,978	3.00%	8.00%
Vestavia	34,688	3.00%	9.00%
Alabaster	32,948	3.00%	9.00%
Tuscaloosa	99,543	2.00%	9.00%



How Does Our Sales Tax Compare?

"If we had their current city sales tax rate, then we would have an additional \$_____ to invest across the City annually1"

Mobile (5%): \$55.5 million

Huntsville (4.5%): \$46.2 million

Auburn (4%): \$37.0 million

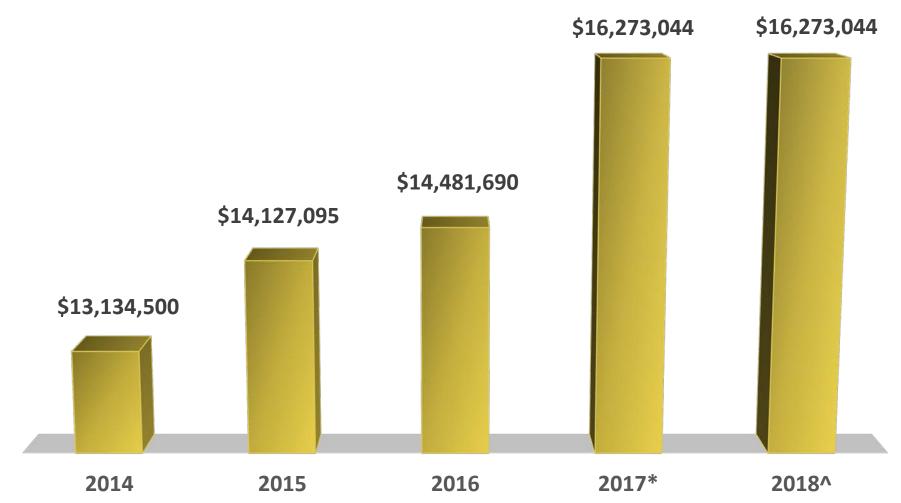
Montgomery (3.5%): \$27.7 million

Hoover (3%): \$18.5 million

¹Based on the City's sales tax rate that 1 percent equals \$18.5 million for FY 2018



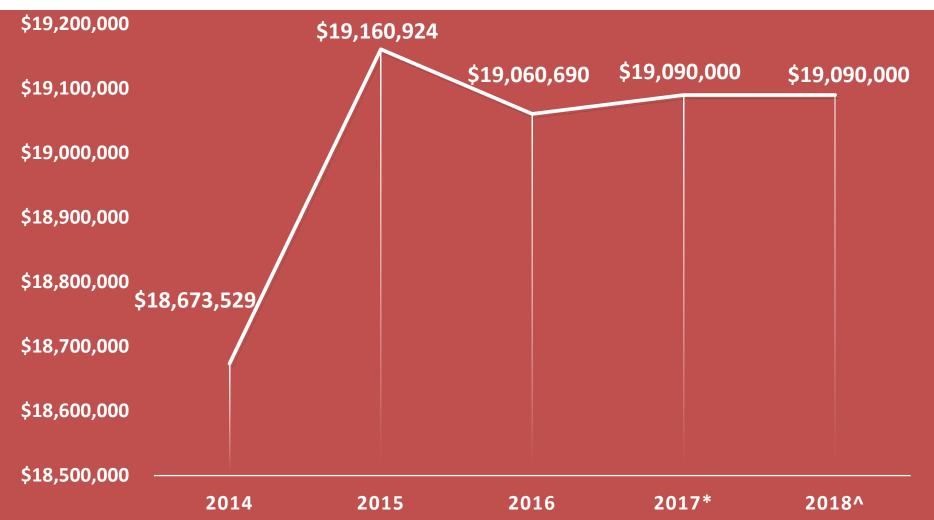
County Sales Tax



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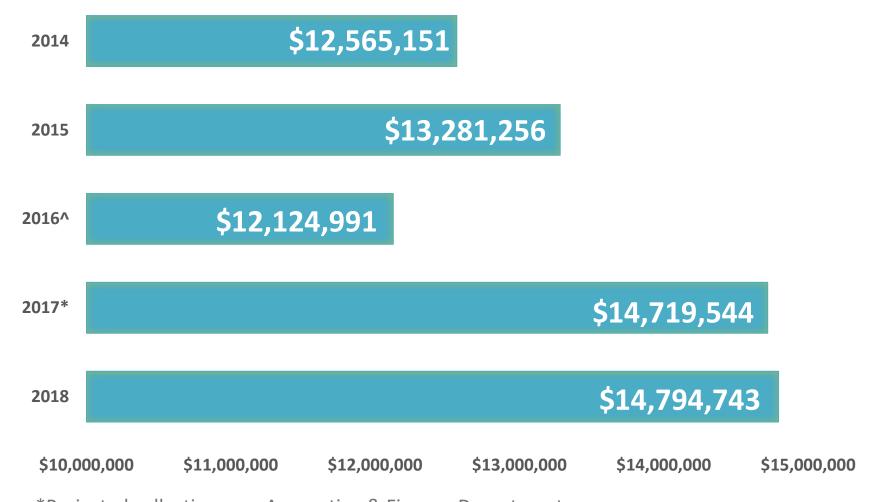
Business Licenses



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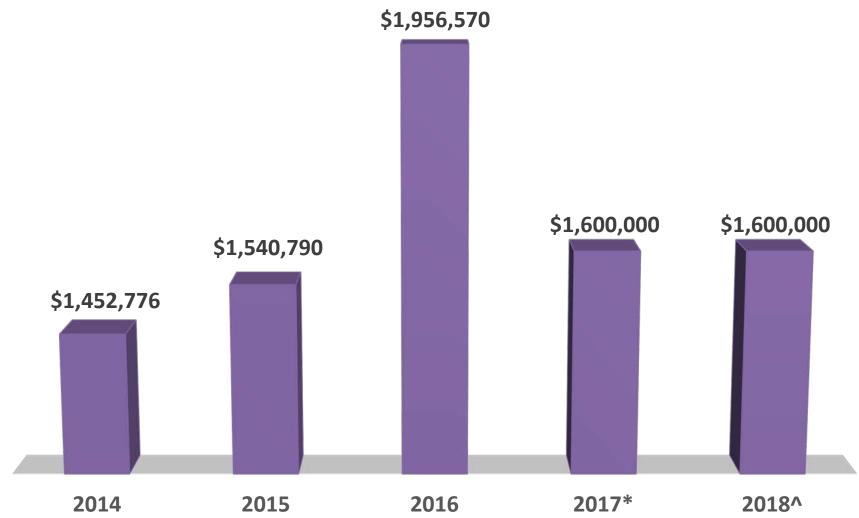
Ad Valorem Tax



^{*}Projected collections per Accounting & Finance Department ^FY 2016 amount lower due to annual audit accrual



Building Permits



^{*}Projected collections per Accounting & Finance Department ^FY 2018 budget based on FY 2017 projections



Expenditure Highlights

Every department reduced non-personnel operating budgets by 5% (\$1,055,451 in reductions)

Recommending a 9 month hiring freeze beginning January 1, 2018 (\$1,500,000 in estimated savings)

The following agencies were reduced by 5%:

- PARA (\$227,983 decrease)
- BOE (\$153,650 decrease)
- IDA (\$22,000 decrease)
- TPL (\$96,963 decrease)
- TTSC (\$53,485 decrease)



Expenditure Highlights

Pay plan study with an estimated cost is \$138,000

Open Enrollment Portal with an estimated cost of \$50,000

Workers' compensation increased by \$300,000

Tuscaloosa Regional Airshow is April 2018 has an estimated cost of \$269,365

City's **bicentennial** costs are an estimated **\$200,000** *tourism bid fee funds to cover the City's share of the cost



Expenditures By Department

Infrastructure & Public Services	\$ 33,245,775	22.4%
Police	\$ 31,071,099	21%
Other Operating ¹	\$ 28,104,507	19%
Fire & Rescue	\$ 22,584,215	15.2%
Agencies	\$ 12,607,414	8.5%
Information Technology	\$ 5,018,714	3.4%
Accounting & Finance ²	\$ 4,244,005	2.9%
Office of Urban Development	\$ 3,907,269	2.6%
Human Resources ³	\$ 2,478,858	1.7%
Office of the City Attorney ⁴	\$ 1,748,967	1.2%
Mayor/Clerk/Communications	\$ 1,176,956	0.8%
Municipal Court	\$ 1,036,490	0.7%
Federal Programs	\$ 666,457	0.4%
Council	\$ 320,988	0.2%

¹Includes debt service and intergovernmental tax pass through

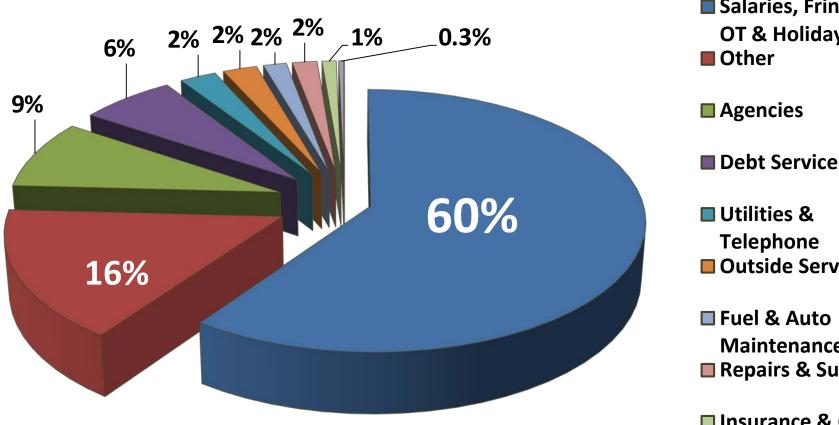
² Includes all property and liability insurance for the City

³ Includes workers' compensation claims

⁴ Includes damage claims and judgements



Expenditures By Type



Other expenses include, but are not limited to, contingency, maintenance contracts, auditing, etc.

For FY 2018, \$88,607,050 is allocated towards salaries, fringes, holiday and overtime

■ Salaries, Fringes, OT & Holiday

- Outside Services
- **Maintenance**
- **■** Repairs & Supplies
- Insurance & Claims
- Training



How Much Has Really Changed?

	2007	2018
Salaries, Benefits, & Overtime	60%	60%
Other	22%	21%
Agencies	11%	9%
Debt Service	4%	6%
Utilities & Telephone	1%	2%
Auto Fuel & Maintenance	2%	2%



Vehicles & Equipment

GF – lease payments
FY 2017 police salary savings
TRA de-obligated funds
Public Safety Capital Fund

Total

\$ 326,940

\$ 500,000

\$ 1,203,890

\$ 839,014

\$ 2,869,844







Tuscaloosa County





- E-911 contribution FY 18 is \$51,250 less than FY 17
- City share (42.5%) of capital expenses for new building: \$586,468
 - \$117,000 in debt service (5 years)
 - Strategic Re-Alignment
 - Reduce personnel cost by \$205,000
 - Reduce non-emergency calls into E-911
 - Enhance medical dispatching





History

Fiscal Year	Budgeted Revenues	Budgeted Expenses
FY 2018 ¹	\$49,470,412	\$52,430,495
FY 2017	\$47,833,814	\$52,842,063
FY 2016	\$47,952,451	\$52,309,169
FY 2015	\$44,490,855	\$47,384,869
FY 2014	\$41,774,826	\$45,610,511
FY 2013	\$41,066,667	\$44,550,301



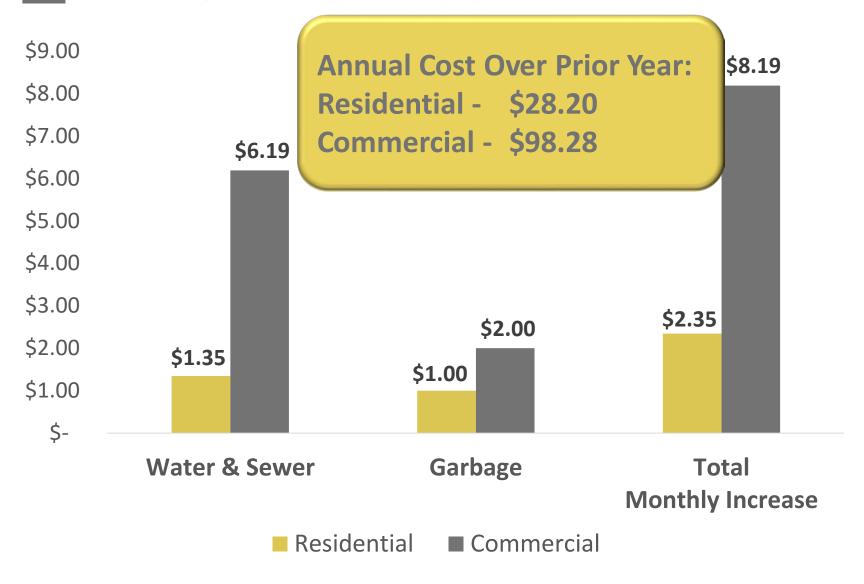
Revenue Highlights

Recommending a 3% WS rate increase

- o Each % yields about \$450,000
- Results in an additional \$1,350,000 in revenues that will continue to provide for much needed capital repairs and operating expenses
- Average monthly residential WS bill is \$44.84*
- Average monthly commercial WS bill is \$206.39*

^{*}Does not include garbage rates

How Do These Rate Increases Impact Our Customers Each Month?





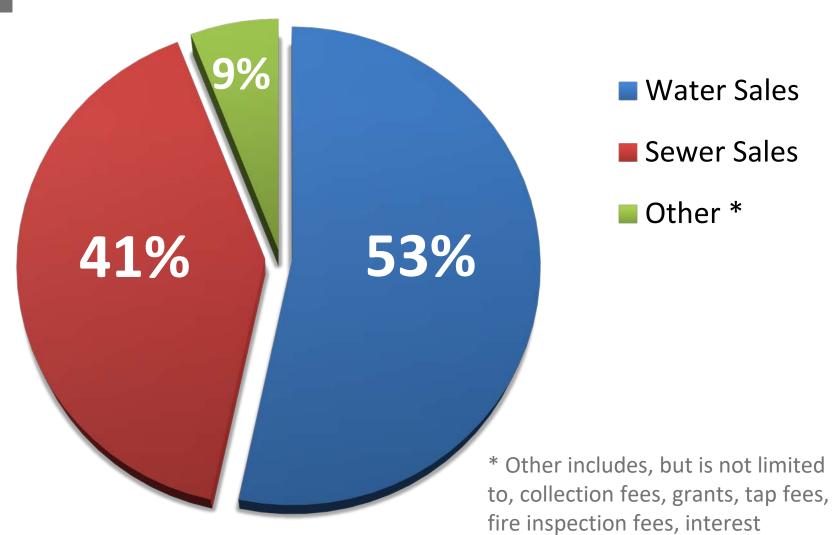
Revenue Comparison

Revenues	FY 2017 Budget	FY 2018 Budget	Change	% Change
Use of Property	\$20,000	\$26,000	\$6,000	0.0%
Charges for Services	\$47,813,674	\$47,993,674	\$1,584,854*	3.3%
Interfund Transfer	\$50,140	\$45,384	(\$4,756)	(9.5%)
Other Revenues	\$ -	\$500	(\$500)	100%
Total	\$47,883,814	\$49,470,412	\$1,586,598	3.3%

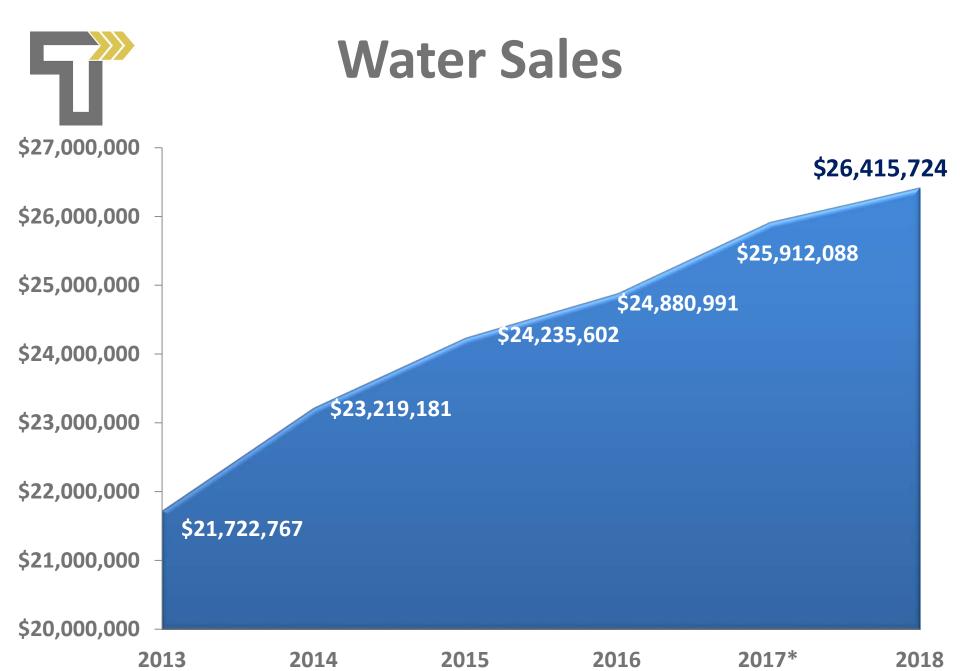
^{*}Increase from FY 2017 budget mainly due to a 3% rate increase



Revenue Sources



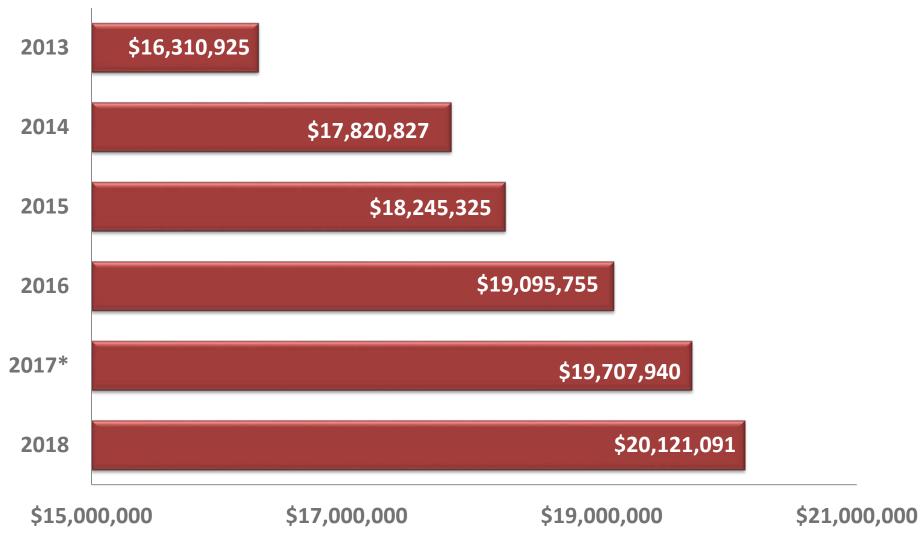
income, transfer, cost reimburse



^{*}Projected sales per Accounting & Finance Department



Sewer Sales



^{*}Projected sales per Accounting & Finance Department



Expenditure Highlights

Every department reduced non-personnel operating budgets by 5% (\$635,072 in reductions)

No hiring freeze for Water & Sewer employees

\$650,000 budgeted for vehicles & equipment

Decision to lease certain vehicles and equipment resulted in stretching funds used for capital investments further

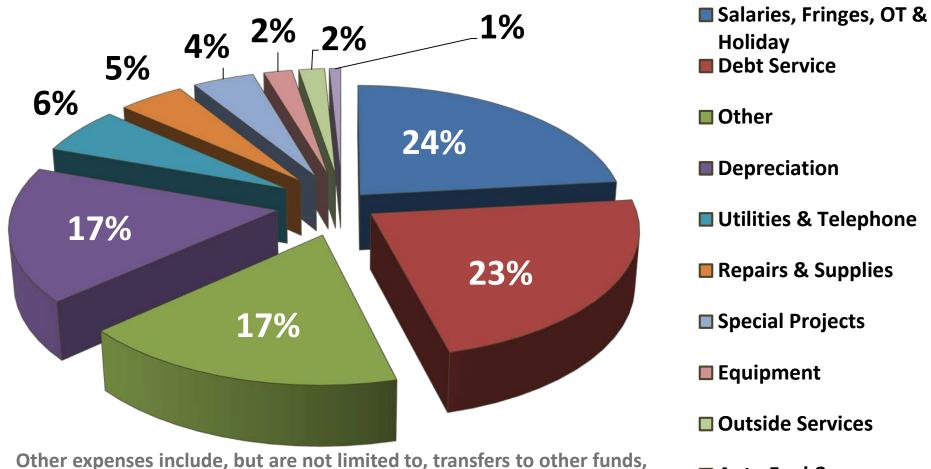


Expenditures by Department

Other Operating	\$ 2	27,362,008	52%
Infrastructure & Public Services		23,622,274	45%
Office of Urban Development		941,991	2%
Accounting & Finance	\$	504,222	1%



Expenditures By Type



■ Auto Fuel &

Maintenance

For FY 2018, \$11,920,314 is allocated towards salaries, fringes, holiday and overtime.

chemicals, tip fees, and auditing etc.



How Much Has Really Changed?

	2007	2018
Salaries, Benefits, & Overtime	27%	24%
Other	34%	44%
Debt Service	30%	23%
Utilities & Telephone	7%	6%
Equipment	1%	2%
Auto Fuel & Maintenance	1%	1%



Vehicles & Equipment

Lease Payments
Process Equipment
Capital Repairs
Vehicle Allocation

Total





\$ 126,570

\$ 258,500

\$ 833,580

\$ 650,000

\$ 1,868,650





Budget Team



Walt Maddox Mayor

Mike Wright
Chief Financial Officer

Susan SnowdenDeputy Chief Financial Officer

Katy Metcalfe
Director of Budgets &
Strategic Planning

Ashley PriceBudget Manager



2017 Budget Hearing Schedule Daugherty Conference Room

Friday, August 25, 2017

8:00am – 8:30am Overview

8:30am – 9:30am Police

9:30am – 10:30am Fire

10:30am – 11:30am Urban Development

11:30am – 12:15pm Accounting & Finance



2017 Budget Hearing Schedule Daugherty Conference Room

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

8:15am - 8:45am

8:45am - 9:15am

9:15am - 10:15am

10:15am - 10:45am

10:45am - 11:15am

11:15am - 11:45am

Federal Programs

Mayor/Clerk/Council & Communications

Human Resources

Municipal Court

Office of the City Attorney

Agency Funding



2017 Budget Hearing Schedule Daugherty Conference Room

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

8:00am - 10:00am

Infrastructure & Public Services

10:00am - 11:00am

Information Technology

11:00am - 12:00pm

Vehicles & Equipment

12:00pm - 12:30pm

Budget Wrap Up