

Highlights

Expenditures By Category:

The chart below shows a comparison of General Fund expenditures by expenditure category for FY 06-07 Actual Expenditures, the FY 07-08 Amended Budget, the FY 08-09 and FY 09-10 Adopted and Projected Budgets.

General Fund Expenditures by Expenditure Category

	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Budget	2008-09 Adopted	2009-10 Projected
Personnel Costs	134,031,594	140,697,968	148,825,540	154,746,498
Maintenance & Operations	73,920,841	83,009,729	90,510,193	94,408,095
Debt Service	16,887,360	18,298,500	16,691,700	19,205,900
Capital Outlay	465,735	70,204	136,500	305,270
Total	225,305,530	242,076,401	256,163,933	268,665,763

The General Fund Budget contains a 5.8% increase in budgeted personnel costs. The fund shows a net increase of about sixty four FTE positions. Seventy-six positions, totaling approximately \$3.4 million in personnel costs, are associated with newly annexed areas. Controlling for these costs, personnel costs would be increasing by 3.4%.

Thirty positions have been deleted in the General Fund, pursuant to Council's directive that forty nine total positions be eliminated throughout the organization.

Budgeted maintenance and operations (m/o) expenditures are \$7.5 million, or 9.0%, above the budgeted level for FY 07-08. Controlling for expenditures added to the budget due to annexation, m/o expenditures would be increasing by 4.8%.

General Fund support provided to other fund activities, known as transfers to other funds, is categorized as a maintenance and operation expense. The General Fund contribution to the Solid Waste Management Fund is increasing by \$4.4 million to help underwrite a variety of facility maintenance projects at the White Street Landfill and help support increased costs at the Refuse Transfer Station.

The contribution to the Housing Partnership Fund is the equivalent of 0.6 cents (a reduction from 0.74 cents budgeted in FY 07-08) of property tax value, plus support for historic preservation. General Fund support for the Coliseum Fund is budgeted at \$1.8 million.

Factoring out the annexation related expenditures and the increased support for the Solid Waste Fund, General Fund maintenance and operations expenditures are actually *decreasing* by about \$385,000.

General Fund contributions to the Debt Service Fund will decrease from \$18.3 million to \$16.7 million in FY 08-09 as one of several budget strategies being employed to allow for no tax rate increase. Powell Bill funds will be used to augment the General Fund contribution.

The projected FY 09-10 General Fund Budget is \$12.5 million, or 4.9%, higher than the Adopted FY 08-09 budget. The preliminary budget includes an increase of \$2.5 million in General Fund support for debt service and approximately \$850,000 to provide for the opening of Gateway Garden and Keeley Park parks and recreation facilities.