

## OTHER FUNDS

### Special Revenue Funds Highlights

#### **Cemeteries Fund**

Although this budget actually decreases by .9% over the previous year, the General Fund contribution of \$278,310 for FY 05-06 is significantly more than in previous years. Lot sales, in general, are down due to pre-need plots sold several years ago by private providers as well as increased use of cremation services. In addition, there has been a drop in interest revenues in recent years. The lack of available fund balance also contributes to the higher General Fund contribution.

#### **Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax Fund**

In FY 91-92, the City of Greensboro and the Greensboro Convention and Visitors Bureau began sharing a 3% Occupancy Tax levied on all hotel/motel rooms within the City limits. The City uses its proceeds to support debt service payments for various capital improvements at the Coliseum. Difficult economic times in the past several years have had a negative impact on fund revenues. After falling short of projections in FY 03-04, tax revenues were expected to meet budget in FY 04-05 and increase a modest 2% annually for several years.

#### **Nussbaum Housing Partnership Revolving Fund**

The Nussbaum Housing Partnership Revolving Fund receives proceeds from the property tax levy to fund affordable housing programs plus funds to offset the cost of the historic preservation district program. In FY 05-06, funds will be used to help 350 families maintain their current housing through emergency financial assistance, as well as the development of 46 affordable rental units.

The FY 05-06 budget contains a one-time \$200,000 decrease in the amount of General Fund dollars transferred to the Nussbaum Fund. Several recommended housing rehabilitation and homelessness prevention activities have been transferred to the CDBG Fund, where they will be fully funded. FY 05-06 budget revenues include a one-time deposit of \$478,398 in unused funds being returned from the Community Foundation of Greensboro for housing activities funded by the City and undertaken by Homeowners Model Experiment (HME), which is no longer operational.

#### **Municipal Service Districts Fund**

Beginning in FY 04-05, the downtown area became an official Business Improvement District (BID), levying an additional 9 cents of property tax on owners within the district. The generated funds are

used for efforts to revitalize the district through economic development initiatives.

A five cents Special District Tax is levied on property owners in the Aycock and College Hill Historic District neighborhoods for special public right-of-way improvements.

#### **State Highway Allocation "Powell Bill" Fund**

Revenues from the "Powell Bill," or State Gasoline Tax, are shared with municipalities that maintain City streets. GDOT used a large appropriation of Powell Bill fund balance to pay for projects in FY 04-05. The same level of fund balance will not be available in FY 05-06, resulting in a reduction in the CIP budget planned for next year. Planned projects include the rehabilitation of the Sixteenth Street Bridge, various road improvements, and sidewalk construction and/or improvements.

#### **Stormwater Management Fund**

The Stormwater Fund is decreasing by approximately \$824,000 in FY 05-06. The budget shows a decrease due to using \$1.2 million of fund balance to cover a transfer to the Stormwater Capital Fund for capital improvement projects in FY 04-05. No fund balance is used in FY 05-06. In addition to pay-as-you-go financing, future capital projects will be funded through revenue bonds supported by funds received from the rate restructuring that took place in FY 03-04.

#### **Street and Sidewalk Revolving Fund**

City Council temporarily suspended the SafeLight Red Light Camera program effective March 17, 2005. Red Light funds were accumulated in this fund until appropriated for use by the program.

#### **Guilford Metro 911 Fund**

In FY 04-05, Greensboro Emergency Communications was broken out of the Police Department and made into an independent City department. This separation was made in anticipation of consolidation with Guilford County's Emergency Communications. The fund is supported by wired and wireless 911 fees, funds from Guilford County, and transfers from both the Technical Services Fund and General Fund.

### Debt Service Fund Highlights

The Debt Service Fund will increase by nearly 7.9%, or approximately \$1.6 million, in FY 05-06 as the

City begins to repay new General Obligation Bonds issued in spring 2005.

### Enterprise Fund Highlights

#### **Bryan Park Golf Fund**

In January, 2003, management of Bryan Park Golf Operations was privatized and control was given to Bryan Park, LLC, a limited liability corporation. The operations that were assumed include the two golf courses, Bryan Enrichment Center, practice facility, pro shop and grill operations. The LLC and the City negotiated which operations and positions would be included in the contract. Employees who chose to remain in the City's employment were absorbed within the confines of the reduction in force (RIF) policy and placed in vacant positions in the organization. Only 1 full-time City employee and associated operational cost remains in the Bryan Park Golf Fund budget to provide routine building maintenance for the facility. FY 05-06 General Fund contribution is set at approximately \$232,000.

#### **Greensboro Area Transit Authority Fund**

FY 05-06 budget is 2.8% higher than the FY 04-05 budget and includes additional funds for expanded housekeeping at the Depot to support the inauguration of Amtrak service and \$200,000 from the General Fund to help address high service demand during peak travel times.

The FY 05-06 budget includes a tax rate for transit of 2.00 cents, an increase of 0.25, to help offset a potential loss of federal and state grant revenues. The tax rate should generate sufficient revenues to balance the proposed GTA budget in the absence of these revenues.

#### **Parking Funds**

Several City services, including Water Resources and the Police Department's Watch Operations Center, have moved from downtown offices to the City's new facility on South Elm-Eugene Street. Parking deck revenues, particularly in the Bellemeade and Greene Street parking decks, will decline as the City no longer receives parking fees for the staff, employee, and visitor vehicles associated with the services that have moved. A reduction in the capital budget and an increase in the General Fund's contribution to the decks will offset the reduction in parking fees.

#### **Solid Waste Management Fund**

The Solid Waste Management Fund budget reflects a 14.9% decrease in FY 05-06 over the current year budget. The City's Refuse Transfer Station was originally budgeted to open in FY 04-05, however the project fell behind schedule due to environmental delays and will not open until the

beginning of the FY 06-07 budget year. A 32.5% increase over FY 05-06 is expected in FY 06-07 to offset the additional costs incurred by waste hauling and disposal through the Refuse Transfer Station.

The General Fund transfer to Solid Waste increased in FY 04-05 in order to replace the roll-out container user fee to residents that is no longer being charged. An increase of \$4.4 million from the General Fund is expected in FY 06-07 to offset the costs of operating the Transfer Station.

The Transfer Station will be located near the Piedmont Triad International Airport on Burnt Poplar Road and will serve as an alternative to the White Street Landfill. Construction and demolition debris and yard waste will continue to be accepted at the White Street facility.

#### **War Memorial Coliseum Complex Fund**

The War Memorial Coliseum Complex is scheduled to receive General Fund transfers of \$1.8 million in FY 05-06 and \$2 million in FY 06-07 to support ongoing operations. Programming highlights for 05-06 include both the Men's and Women's Atlantic Coast Conference Basketball Tournaments, first and second round NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Tournament Games and a Best of Broadway Series that will include "The Producers", "Chicago" and "Tap Dogs."

#### **Water Resources Enterprise Fund**

The Water Resources Fund shows a \$6.77 million, or 10.9%, increase in FY 05-06 as compared to FY 04-05. The budget reflects a 10% rate increase beginning January 2006 to help offset debt service expenses, the costs of purchased water, and the ongoing costs of meeting increasingly stringent environmental regulations. The FY 05-06 budget reflects a \$1.9 million increase in debt service payments and an increase of approximately \$1.5 million in the transfer to Water & Sewer Capital Improvement Fund.

Increasing by 4% from FY 05-06, the FY 06-07 budget includes \$17.3 million for debt service on revenue bonds. These bonds will fund a variety of system improvements, including upgrades to the Mitchell and Townsend Water Treatment Plants; upgrades to North Buffalo and T. Z. Osborne Wastewater Treatment Plants; and transmission lines to receive water from the Randleman Reservoir.

## Internal Service Fund Highlights

### **Capital Leasing Fund**

All costs associated with the lease-purchase of capital by the City are budgeted in the Capital Leasing Fund. Lease-purchase financing is secured from private lenders and the capital items to be purchased are budgeted in this fund along with the capitalization of items such as computers that are leased. Funds that utilize capital leasing for equipment purchases, such as the Equipment Services Fund, provide revenue for the principal and interest payments associated with this equipment.

### **Telecommunications Fund**

In FY 03-04, the City began providing its own telephone service through fiber optic computer cable. The Voice-Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) system has significantly reduced service time and costs for users over the past 2 years.

### **Equipment Services Fund**

The transfer of custodianship of rolling stock to Equipment Services began in FY 94-95. Equipment Services has taken full responsibility for the maintenance and replacement of most motorized equipment as well as trailers, snow plows and other non-motorized equipment.

The Equipment Services Fund budget for FY 05-06 is 7% lower than in FY 04-05. The FY 04-05 budget included funds for the purchase of new vehicles and equipment needed to provide services to newly annexed areas. No city-initiated annexations are currently planned for FY 05-06.

### **Graphic Services Fund**

The Graphic Services Fund operates as a self-sufficient entity, providing printing services to City of Greensboro and Guilford County departments. In FY 03-04 the City's Supply and Mailroom functions were merged into the Graphic Services Fund.

The FY 05-06 Graphic Services adopted budget is 3% higher than last year and includes capital funds

for the purchase of replacement equipment. All of this fund's expenses are charged back to user departments.

### **Insurance Funds**

The General Insurance Fund is a self insurance fund established to accumulate claim reserves and to pay claims and administrative fees for general liability and workers compensation, including vehicle, public official and law enforcement liability. The Employee Insurance Fund was established to account for employee health and dental insurance. In FY 05-06, the Employee Insurance Fund is increasing by \$2.9 million, or 11%, as double digit annual increases are expected both in health insurance costs and in worker's compensation costs. Levels of contributions and any necessary increases will continue to be evaluated as trends in the insurance industry emerge.

These funds were established in FY 94-95 as internal service funds, in accordance with new accounting policies under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Previously, these funds were treated as trust funds for which State law does not require annual budget appropriations.

### **Technical Services Fund**

The Technical Services Division of Guilford Metro 911 designs, installs and maintains communications and security equipment systems for the City and provides services to Guilford County, the Town of Gibsonville, the City of Burlington and other public safety and general government agencies.

The Technical Services Fund budget for FY 05-06 represents a 9.5% increase as compared to FY 04-05. The budget also includes second year funding of a five year plan for City/County 800 MHz radio system software and microwave upgrade at a cost of approximately \$1 million per year. Guilford County will pay a 50% share of this cost. Appropriated fund balance of \$1,367,178 is also included.