



FY 2020 Recommended Budget Budget Question

Board Question #: 9

BUDGET QUESTION: In regard to budget items requested but not included in the Recommended Budget, please help us understand why the public safety overtime and Utilities chemical treatment was not funded as requested. What is the consequence of not funding these?

RESPONDING DEPARTMENT/OFFICE: Finance

RESPONSE: Public safety overtime additions totaling \$588,341 were requested by Fire/Rescue, the Sheriff's Office, and the Budget Office for the FY 2020. As we were working through development of the County Administrator's Recommended Budget, it was necessary to make adjustments to arrive at a balanced budget absent tax rate increases. It was determined to keep \$300,000 of the requested \$588,341 in the budget, and remove \$288,341. The consequence of this is that actual overtime will likely exceed budgeted overtime in FY 2020, and the costs will need to be absorbed through budget savings elsewhere in the General Fund budget.

Department	Add'l Requested	Adjustment	Add'l Included in Recommended Budget
Fire/Rescue	\$275,207	(\$134,877)	\$140,330
Sheriff's Office	\$313,134	(\$153,464)	\$159,670
	\$588,341	(\$288,341)	\$300,000

Total overtime included in the Recommended Budget for these departments is as follows:

Sheriff – Courts =	\$77,225
Sheriff – Communications =	\$17,256
Sheriff – Law Enforcement =	\$659,885
Sheriff – Animal Control =	<u>\$50,647</u>
	\$805,013
 Fire/Rescue =	 \$695,357

As part of the budget development process, Budget staff makes recommendations to departments for base budget amounts based on typical spending patterns. Departments then have an opportunity to request changes to either add to or decrease the amount recommended by the Budget staff. If the requests for additions/decreases are outside typical spending patterns, those amounts are not included in the Recommended Budget. This is the case with the Chemical Treatment Supplies line item requests. If chemical costs were to exceed the amount in the budget, savings elsewhere within the Utilities Operating Fund budget would need to be shifted to cover the chemical cost overrun, or a budget adjustment

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could be requested from the \$150,000 reserve maintained within the Utilities Operating Fund budget.

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