



CITY OF AUGUSTA'S

FY2022

WORK

SESSION

Presented by

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GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENT VARIANTS

As we continue to put the finishing touch on the FY2022 budget recommended by the Administrator; the Commission has expressed additional interest in our office providing further detail in any driving forces that require increases that might be considered significant in various budgets at the department and or fund level compared to the current budget year (FY2021). In response to the Commission request, this correspondence provides General fund variance changes that are 3% or greater.

As illustrated via the data below, key areas of change within the general fund (GF) are related to contractual obligations, increased cost of healthcare, legislative service requirements (e.g. elections) or FY2021 decisions that impact FY2022 obligations. Additional areas of interest include:

GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENT VARIANTS

GENERAL FUND	2021 BUDGET	2022 COMMISSION RECONSIDERATIONS	VARIANCE	% INCREASE
MAYOR/MBK (SEPARATE IN 2021)	\$522,080	\$554,020	\$31,940	6.12%
ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE	\$1,224,570	\$1,361,050	\$136,480	11.15%
BOARD OF ELECTION	\$655,570	\$943,420	\$287,850	43.91%
ELECTION EXPENSES	\$398,030	\$621,200	\$223,170	56.07%
FINANCE DEPARTMENT	\$1,715,780	\$1,943,190	\$227,410	13.25%
LICENSING	\$1,004,120	\$1,061,160	\$57,040	5.68%
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	\$6,638,050	\$7,155,633	\$517,583	7.80%
HUMAN RESOURCES	\$1,899,210	\$2,063,290	\$164,080	8.64%
HUMAN RESOURCES-TRAINING	\$17,420	\$25,300	\$7,880	45.24%
EMPLOYEE FUNCTIONS	\$15,600	\$22,000	\$6,400	41.03%
EMPLOYEE INCENTIVES AWARD PROG	\$16,800	\$95,000	\$78,200	465.48%
TAX COMMISSIONER	\$3,914,970	\$4,039,630	\$124,660	3.18%
BOARD OF APPEALS/EQUALIZATION	\$12,620	\$24,500	\$11,880	94.14%
SUPERIOR COURT	\$829,870	\$866,110	\$36,240	4.37%
CIVIL COURT	\$1,886,220	\$1,998,360	\$112,140	5.95%
JUVENILE COURT	\$1,339,510	\$1,563,700	\$224,190	16.74%
PUBLIC DEFENDER-JUVENILE CT	\$145,900	\$171,740	\$25,840	17.71%
PUBLIC DEFENDER-SUPERIOR CT	\$2,708,050	\$2,880,300	\$172,250	6.36%
PUBLIC DEFENDER-STATE CT	\$953,160	\$1,021,620	\$68,460	7.18%
SECURITY-JUDICIAL CENTER	\$886,660	\$993,340	\$106,680	12.03%
CORONER / MEDICAL EXAMINER	\$864,260	\$977,030	\$112,770	13.05%
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$226,410	\$243,200	\$16,790	7.42%
HIGHWAY&STREET ADMINISTRATION	\$996,190	\$1,598,040	\$601,850	60.42%
LITTER PATROL	\$402,170	\$426,910	\$24,740	6.15%
TRAFFIC ENGINEERING	\$2,740,760	\$3,275,270	\$534,510	19.50%
FORESTRY	\$16,320	\$17,480	\$1,160	7.11%
COST ALLOCATION	\$660,000	\$750,000	\$90,000	13.64%

GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENT VARIANTS CONT'D.

- Mayor/MBK (separate accounts under Mayoral control in FY2021) -- amount from MBK absorbed into Mayor budget 2022 (program eliminated), upgrade part-time position to full-time
- Administrator's Office -- \$80,000 new programs /full year for 2 commission approved positions in 2021 (Open Records; Economic Development – funded by NOU with AEDA)
- Board of Election -- director's severance / increased postage / 2 new positions - ARP funded (assist with elections; adhere to CDC requirements)
- Election Expenses -- increase in temp workers / increased R&M Equipment (state legislative changes)
- Finance Department -- 3 new positions - funded by ARP
- Licensing -- 1 new auditor funded by revenue from returns (revenues net positive versus expenses)
- Information Technology -- licensing fees for software
- Human resources -- comp & pay study \$75,000 / deputy director position
- Human Resources-Training -- education & training / software
- Employee Functions -- supplies & materials

- Employee Incentives Award Prog -- new program - city wide training
- Tax Commissioner -- salary and benefit increases existing staff (FY2021 change)
- Superior Court -- Retirement pay for former Chief Judge (FY2021 action)
- Civil Court -- Judge Emeritis position (first Emeritis role; new cost)
- Juvenile Court -- added Juvenile Court judges - partially funded by grant (FY2021 state legislation)
- Public Defender-Juvenile Ct -- increased salaries
- Public Defender-Superior Ct -- 4 new positions - funded by ARP
- Public Defender-State Ct -- increased salaries & contract labor

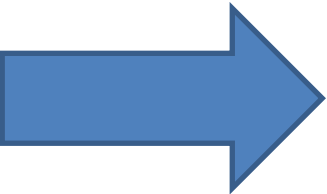
- Security-Judicial Center -- increased salaries & health insurance
- Coroner / Medical Examiner -- physicians / professional services / electricity
- Emergency Management -- communication equipment / hazardous materials
- Highway & Street Administration -- increased salaries & health ins - retention plan
- Litter Patrol -- increased salaries & health insurance
- Traffic engineering -- Increased salaries & health Ins - retention plan / new program - traffic calming devices \$250K (Commission directive)
- Forestry -- supplies & equipment
- Cost Allocation -- allocation to internal service funds per required cost allocation study

RICHMOND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

As presented on October 19th the Sherriff's office has requested funding in support of staff retention, the proposal brought forth acknowledges and addresses this request in line with public safety serving as one of the Commission's six (6) key priorities.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE	2021 BUDGET	2022 COMMISSION RECONSIDERATIONS	VARIANCE	% INCREASE
POLICE TRAINING	\$1,220,480	\$1,386,450	\$165,970	13.60%
CONTINGENCY	\$(4,588,030)	\$(1,906,440)	\$2,681,590	58.45%

SPECIAL REVENUE AND INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS



The variances presented below offer greater detail regarding Augusta’s special revenue and internal service funds, augmenting the information presented on October 19th and 26th.

- Traffic Mitigation is an expanded program to be fully covered by fees charged
- Drug Court -- expanded program funded by projected revenues
- Federal Drug Forfeitures -- federal forfeitures under Sheriff's control
- State Drug Forfeitures -- state forfeitures under Sheriff's control

- ARPA - City – recording of accepted federal funding allocations (Augusta receives a city and county allocation)
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- Urban Services District -- increased use for Transit and Fire Protection
- Convention Center -- increase is to support operating levels and eliminate the current year deficit

- TAD 3 -- Augusta reimburses the developer based on the amount of property taxes collected
- Promotion Richmond County -- hotel motel tax collections pass thru to the Coliseum Authority and Augusta CVB
- Employee Health Benefits Fund -- internal service fund to record benefit costs -offset by ARP in individual funds
- Unemployment Fund -- experiencing increase as State begins to catch up on billing

SPECIAL REVENUE AND INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS

SPECIAL REVENUE AND INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS WITH INCREASES OVER 8%	2021 BUDGET	2022 COMMISSION RECONSIDERATIONS	VARIANCE	% INCREASE
TRAFFIC MITIGATION	\$152,000	\$235,240	\$83,240	54.76%
DRUG COURT	\$99,290	\$150,400	\$51,110	51.48%
FEDERAL DRUG FORFEITURES	\$200,000	\$250,000	\$50,000	25.00%
STATE DRUG FORFEITURES	\$380,000	\$500,000	\$120,000	31.58%
ARPA - CITY	\$1,500,000	\$21,506,000	\$20,006,000	1333.73%
ARPA - COUNTY	-	\$19,668,000	\$19,668,000	n/a
URBAN SERVICES DISTRICT	\$10,140,540	\$11,197,400	\$1,056,860	10.42%
CONVENTION CENTER	\$1,400,000	\$1,645,000	\$245,000	17.50%
TAD 3	\$465,420	\$513,300	\$47,880	10.29%
PROMOTION RICHMOND COUNTY	\$4,636,400	\$5,243,200	\$606,800	13.09%
EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS	\$34,501,300	\$37,690,250	\$3,188,950	9.24%
UNEMPLOYMENT FUND	\$102,500	\$171,250	\$68,750	67.07%

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