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Date: February 24, 2020  
To: Council President Matt Cherry and Members of City Council  
Through: Catherine Crosby, Chief of Staff  
Thomas C. Skrobola, Director of Finance  
From: Melanie Campbell, Budget Commissioner  
Subject: Amended Budget Items for 2020

Please find attached a schedule of proposed amendments to the 2020 proposed operating budgets. The schedule includes the proposed amendments, a brief summary of the change and the department and fund affected.

Regarding the operating budget, when proposed in November of last year, the general fund budget projected a \$7.0 million spend-down of fund balance, from approximately \$24.0 million to approximately \$17.0 million. Although 2019 fiscal year-end entries are still in process, and revenues and expenditures are unaudited, at this time certain revenue items are projected to exceed the amended 2019 budget estimates as outlined below (in millions):

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Projected</u>	<u>Positive Variance</u>
Income Tax Revenues	\$185.1	\$189.4	\$4.3
Photo Enforcement Revenues	5.4	6.7	1.3
Investment Earnings	<u>0.7</u>	<u>2.2</u>	<u>1.5</u>
Total	\$191.2	\$198.3	\$7.1

With these projected positive year-end variances in 2019, the estimated ending fund balance for 2020 will be higher than originally presented last November. Additionally, the proposed schedule of 2020 operating budget amendments reduces General Fund expenditures by approximately \$0.4 million. The impact of these two items is reflected in the change in projected fund balance as follows (in millions):

	<u>2020 Projected in</u> <u>November Proposed</u>	<u>2020 Projected in</u> <u>Amended Proposed</u>
Beginning Fund Balance	\$24.0	\$31.1
Change in Fund Balance	<u>(7.0)</u>	<u>(6.6)</u>
Ending Fund Balance	\$17.0	\$24.5

Regarding the capital budget, a revised list of proposed capital improvement projects is attached for your review. This attachment also includes a brief project detail summary.

Regarding City Council general fund and CIP budget amendments, the following are proposed for your consideration:

Interns

Included in the proposed budget amendment

Conferences and Professional Development

Included in the proposed budget amendment

Discretionary Reserve Fund

Hold and reconsider for mid-year or next year's budget.

Host Conference in Toledo

Request Council partner with city departments that may already be planning and have funds budgeted for various conferences, for example, lead awareness activities through the Department of Neighborhoods.

Regional High Speed Rail Transit System Feasibility Study

Included in proposed budget amendment.

Housing Intervention Assistance Program

The city, through the Department of Neighborhoods, annually provides funding to the Toledo Homelessness Board, which provides housing stabilization services.

Bus Stop Improvements

Will be addressed by existing staff resources at Streets, Bridges & Harbor as needed.

Driggs Dairy Area Neighborhood Poverty Study

Will be addressed through Department of Neighborhoods consolidated planning.

Diversity/Disparity Study

Will be a priority if income tax increase is approved.

20/40 Plan Update Professional Services Contractor

The city has committed to funding \$70,000 for the Strategic Framework Plan through a funding agreement with the Lucas County Land Bank (approved last year, but not spent; included in proposed amendment).

Additional DART Officer Position

Hold and reconsider for mid-year or next year's budget.

Restore District Improvement Grant Program (CIP)

Include in proposed CIP amendment.

Council Staff and Chamber Furniture Replacement (CIP)

Included in proposed CIP amendment.

Council Vehicle Replacement (CIP)

Will be added to city's Enterprise Lease Management program.

Parks & Recreation Funding

Will be a priority if income tax increase is approved.

Ottawa Park & Jermain Tennis Courts

Will be a priority if income tax increase is approved.

Driggs Dairy Site Cleanup

The Department of Neighborhoods is working on this project as part of the consolidated plan.

Also included with this memo is an amended budget ordinance and budget policies attachment. These budget policies were included in the November budget document. This change includes them with the budget legislation.

Please contact the Finance Department, Budget Office with any questions you may have regarding the attached schedules.