



## Finance

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The attached schedules reflect proposed amendments to the 2021 proposed operating (attachment "2021.Operating.AmendedAttachment") and capital budgets (attachment "2021.CIP.AmendedAttachments").

The proposed amendments to the General Fund operating budget are as follows:

- Increase professional development funding for City Council.
- Correct wages/fringes for classified City Council staff to reflect 2021 wage rates per TMC 2101.
- Presented by Councilwoman Dr. Whitman, Councilwoman Dr. Adams and Councilwoman Williams, add funding for a youth program under Recreation, which would include a manager position and programming funds.
- Presented by Councilman Melden, add funding for radar equipment for the Police department to support the "Safe Streets, Strong Neighborhoods" initiative.
- Presented by Councilman Komives, add funding for a new homeless project initiative.
- In the Human Resources budget, increase funding for hiring a recruitment firm to assist with filling vacant director positions.
- Restore clerical position under the Fire & Rescue department to support the Bureau of Fire Prevention.
- In the Economic Development budget, add funding for the OpenCounter program, which will provide a platform to assist new business with navigating the start-up process.
- Presented by Councilwoman Gadus, increase funding for blight remediation activities by adding a Streets, Bridges & Harbor (SBH) crew (two full-time maintenance worker positions and 25% each for heavy equipment operator and foreman positions) and reducing funding in Code Enforcement contractual services since an SBH crew will be completing the work. Additionally, SBH's Assessed Fund budget will be reduced to reflect the change in funding for this crew and its equipment fuel/maintenance and support costs.



In addition to the items above, the amendment also includes a proposed reallocation of funds in the Information & Communications Technology (ICT) budget:

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- Add a project manager position to provide support across the organization during the implementation of upcoming ICT projects (ex. Fire timekeeping, HRIS, budget/planning solution), offsetting the cost for this position through salary savings from vacant positions and a reduction in the proposed consulting budget.

The proposed amendments to the Capital Improvement Fund (CIP) budget are as follows:

- Presented by Councilman Delaney, add funding for a timekeeping system for the Fire & Rescue department.
- Presented by Councilman Melden and district councilmembers, add funding for the District Improvement Program (DIP) for 2021.
- Expand Solid Waste Compactor project to include improvements to all Solid Waste equipment (no change in funding amount).