

MEMORANDUM

August 12, 2014

TO: Mayor Manheimer and City Council Members

FROM: Gary W. Jackson, City Manager

SUBJECT: 2014-15 Adopted Annual Budget

I am pleased to present you with a copy of the 2014-15 Adopted Annual Budget Document. This document, which was prepared by the City's Budget & Financial Reporting staff, reflects the City's overall budget plan and policies as approved by City Council for the upcoming fiscal year.

The Fiscal 2014-15 Proposed Annual Operating Budget was presented to City Council on May 27, 2014. In accordance with the North Carolina Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, a summary of the Proposed Budget along with a notice of the Public Hearing was published on May 30 and June 6, 2014. City Council conducted a public hearing on the Proposed Budget on June 10, 2014. The Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget is balanced with an Ad Valorem tax rate of \$0.46 per \$100 of assessed value, which represents no change from the prior year tax rate. All essential City services are continued in the Adopted Budget.

There were three minor changes made to the Proposed Budget prior to its adoption by City Council on June 24, 2014. Those changes are summarized below.

- **Street Cut Utility Fund:** In order to more effectively meet customer service expectations in the street cut program, Public Works staff requested that two additional FTE positions be added for Fiscal 2014-15. The budget impact of these two additional positions is \$66,986. As a result of this change, the adopted Street Cut Utility Fund budget totaled \$1,650,800. The Street Cut Utility Fund budget is fully supported by charges to its users.
- **City Attorney's Budget:** After the Fiscal 2014-15 Proposed Budget was presented to City Council, staff reviewed the City Attorney Department budget and made changes to its plans for contracted legal services to accommodate the addition of one additional position (Associate City Attorney) within the original proposed budget. As a result, FTE positions in the City Attorney Department show an increase of one in Fiscal 2014-15.
- **Capital Improvement Program (CIP):** In the 2014-15 capital budget, \$100,000 was reallocated from the Town Branch Greenway project (\$50,000) and the Charlotte Street Pedestrian and Bike Improvement project (\$50,000) to fund the Neighborhood Sidewalk Program. This was a reallocation of funds only; there was no change to the budgeted total for 2014-15 CIP.

The FY 2014-15 budget numbers and all narrative in this document reflect the budget as adopted by City Council on June 24, 2014, including the changes noted above between the Proposed and Adopted Budgets. The City Manager's Budget Message, however, is included as it was presented with the Proposed Budget on May 27, 2014.