



FORT MYERS
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Highlights of the Proposed Annual Budget **Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

Preliminary Hearing
September 15, 2021

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About this document:

This document provides a summary of the highlights to the City of Fort Myers Fiscal Year 2022 Budget including revenues the City expects to receive and the planned areas for where the money will be spent.

This proposed budget is a deliberate balance of revenues and expenditures prepared in accordance with Florida's statutory Truth in Millage process and best serves the City's prioritization for provision of core services and Council initiatives. A Budget Retreat and several Budget Workshops were held during the past several months to provide the opportunity for City Council to discuss the budget.

General Fund Budget Highlights—Revenues:

- Incorporates the rolled-back millage rate of 7.5875, a reduction of .3768 mills from the 2020 millage rate of 7.9643 which is the sixth consecutive year of millage rate reductions.
- The City’s certified taxable property values increase \$841.1 million, or 10.77%, with \$371.0 million in new construction and average increases of 6.02% in existing properties. Using the tentative millage rate of 7.5875, provides an Ad Valorem revenue budget of \$63.0 million, an increase of \$3.4 million in revenue .

The chart below shows a 10-year trend in the City’s taxable property values and the respective millage rate.

Tax Year	Taxable Value	Millage Rate	Tax Revenue Budget
2012	4,065,886,024	8.7760	34,113,400
2013	4,200,257,846	8.7760	35,146,200
2014	4,556,320,495	8.7760	38,239,300
2015	4,976,882,235	8.7760	41,584,300
2016	5,481,213,852	8.7500	45,573,400
2017	6,122,141,000	8.6500	50,433,500
2018	6,637,122,000	8.4500	53,214,100
2019	7,138,074,466	8.2500	55,944,700
2020	7,807,388,308	7.9643	59,576,100
2021	8,648,494,796	7.5875	62,995,600

- General Fund reserves in the total amount of \$5.0 million are used to balance the budget. The ending reserve balance is projected to be \$24.1 million, representing 17.16% of the General Fund budget.
- Based on a calls for service study, the Fire Assessment Fee was reallocated among the property categories and was further increased to improve fire rescue services, providing firefighter positions and fire equipment resources to best serve the citizenry.

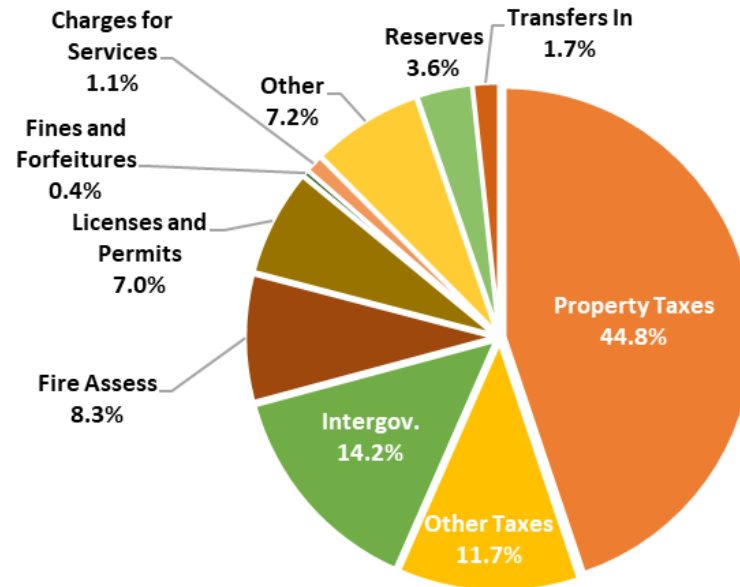
General Fund Budget Highlights—Expenditures:

- Adds the following positions: Parks & Recreation Director, 2 Parks Trades Workers, 30 Firefighters, Fire Inspector, Quartermaster and Service Worker for Code Enforcement
- Adds funds for repair and maintenance, equipment and contract mowing to Parks Division budget
- Increases funding for the Police Athletic League
- Provides for Police physical exams, DNA testing, True Blue campaign, Citiview security camera project and drone program
- Adds bunker gear and related equipment for added Fire positions as well as lease payments on a new engine, new mini-pumper and replacement ladder truck
- Provides for implementation of the Community Economic Development Strategy (Corridor Vision Plans)
- Adds funds to the Facility Management budget for repair and maintenance of City facilities and utilities for the City of Palms Stadium
- Adds funds for consultant fees pertaining to redistricting
- Funds the Rising STARS program position
- Health insurance cost increases 10%, offset by rebate received from insurance provider
- Adds funds for the Black History Society Cultural Center

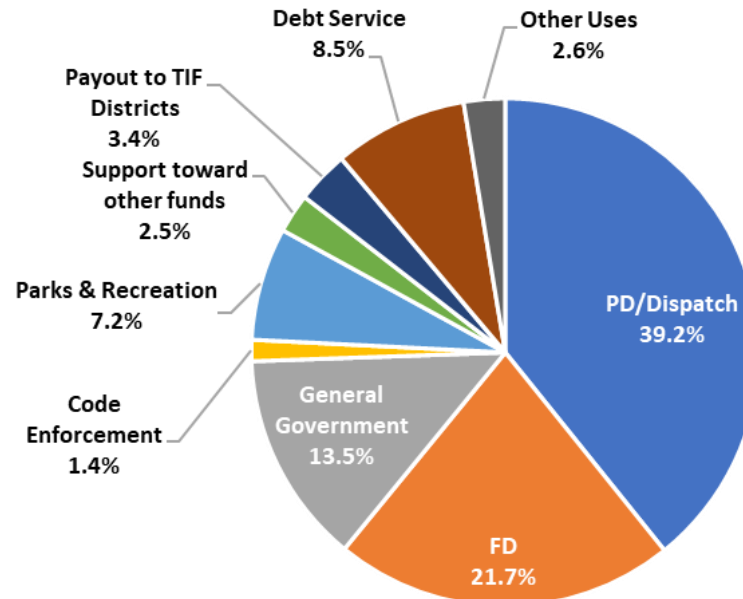
General Fund Budget at a Glance
(amounts are reported in millions)

	FY2021	FY2022	\$ Change	%
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 75.7	\$ 79.5	\$ 3.8	5.0%
Licenses & Permits	\$ 10.3	\$ 9.7	\$ (0.6)	-5.8%
Fire Assessment Fee	\$ 4.1	\$ 11.6	\$ 7.5	182.9%
Intergovernmental	\$ 18.3	\$ 20.0	\$ 1.7	9.3%
Charges for Services	\$ 2.0	\$ 1.6	\$ (0.4)	-20.0%
General Administration	\$ 6.4	\$ 6.6	\$ 0.2	3.1%
Miscellaneous	\$ 3.4	\$ 4.1	\$ 0.7	20.6%
Transfers from other funds	\$ 2.9	\$ 2.4	\$ (0.5)	-17.2%
Appropriated Reserves	\$ 8.5	\$ 5.0	\$ (3.5)	-41.2%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 131.6	\$140.5	\$ 8.9	6.7%
Expenditures				
General Government	\$ 18.7	\$ 19.0	\$ 0.3	1.6%
Public Safety				
Police/Dispatch	\$ 53.2	\$ 55.1	\$ 1.9	3.6%
Fire Department	\$ 25.8	\$ 30.5	\$ 4.7	18.2%
Code Enforcement	\$ 1.8	\$ 1.9	\$ 0.1	5.6%
Total Public Safety	\$ 80.8	\$ 87.5	\$ 6.7	8.3%
Physical Environment/ Transportation	\$ 8.7	\$ 9.4	\$ 0.7	8.0%
Recreation/Culture	\$ 4.3	\$ 4.2	\$ (0.1)	-2.3%
Debt Service	\$ 10.2	\$ 12.0	\$ 1.8	17.6%
Capital Funding	\$ 0.5	\$ -	\$ (0.5)	-100.0%
Transfers				
TIF Districts	\$ 4.2	\$ 4.7	\$ 0.5	11.9%
Other Fund Subsidies	\$ 1.8	\$ 1.4	\$ (0.4)	-22.2%
Total Transfers	\$ 6.0	\$ 6.1	\$ 0.1	1.7%
Insurance	\$ 2.4	\$ 2.3	\$ (0.1)	-4.2%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 131.6	\$140.5	\$ 8.9	6.7%

Components of General Fund Revenues:



Components of General Fund Expenditures:



Other City Funds Operating Budget Highlights:

- Creates a budget in the amount of \$2.0 million for the first phase of the Choice Neighborhood Initiative, acquiring land on Cleveland Avenue for affordable housing, funded with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The City has been allocated a total of \$15.8 million from ARPA.
- Adds equipment resources (Mini Dump Truck and Excavator) in the Street Maintenance Fund
- No change in the Stormwater Assessment Fee
- Creates a new, Utility Director position
- No change in Water and Sewer rates
- Reclaimed water rates increase by 10%, from \$1.07 to \$1.18 per 1,000 gallons
- Solid Waste rates increase by 3%; residential assessment increases from \$228.96 to \$235.83
- Building, Permitting and Plan Review fees are reduced 25% for a period of one year
- Adds a Network Security Administrator position to the Information Technology Services Fund, along with funds to complete the physical access control system and a citywide document management system
- Increases Fleet Maintenance budget for parts, contract services and fuel

Citywide Budget at a Glance
(amounts are reported in millions)

By Fund Type			\$	%
	FY2021	FY2022	Change	
General Fund	\$ 131.6	\$ 140.5	\$ 8.9	6.8%
Utility Fund	\$ 121.0	\$ 170.0	\$ 49.0	40.5%
All Other Enterprise Funds	\$ 43.8	\$ 50.6	\$ 6.8	15.5%
Debt Service Funds	\$ 19.3	\$ 36.3	\$ 17.0	88.1%
Capital Improvement Funds	\$ 21.1	\$ 25.7	\$ 4.6	21.8%
Internal Service Funds	\$ 25.6	\$ 26.6	\$ 1.0	3.9%
CRA	\$ 13.0	\$ 11.9	\$ (1.1)	-8.5%
Special Revenue Funds	\$ 9.5	\$ 10.9	\$ 1.4	14.7%
Trust & Agency Funds	\$ 39.7	\$ 38.1	\$ (1.6)	-4.0%
TOTAL CITYWIDE BUDGET	\$ 424.6	\$ 510.6	\$ 86.0	20.3%

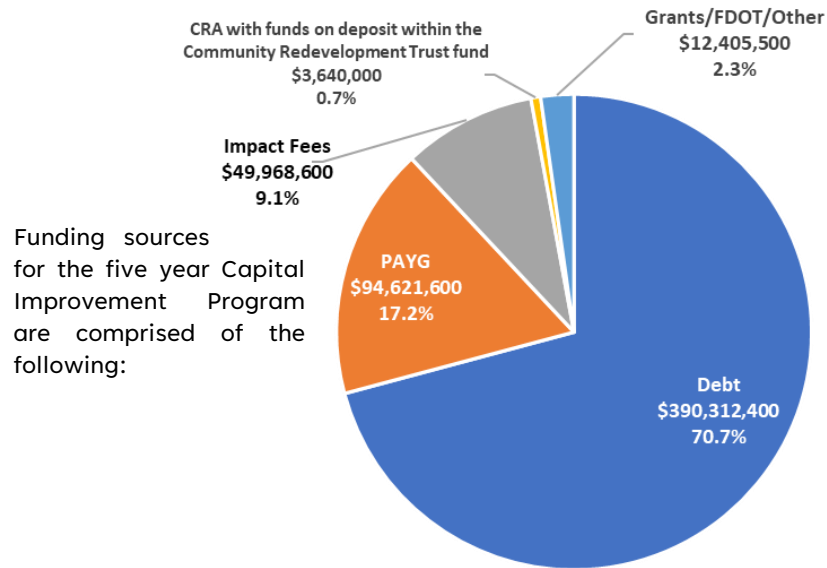
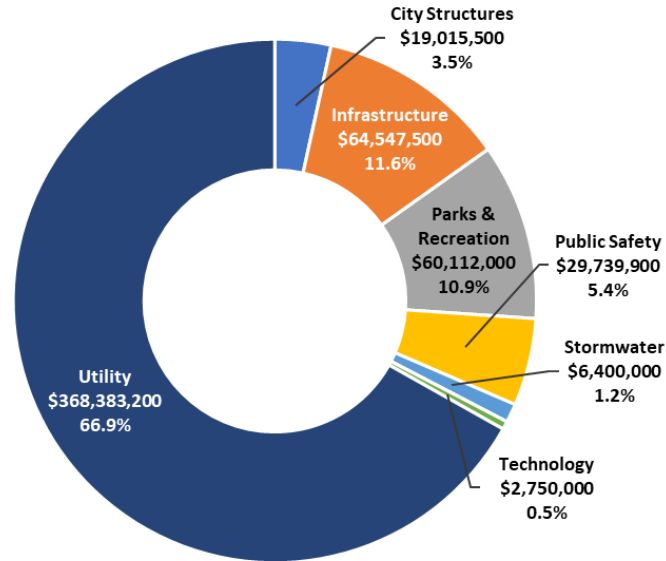
By Function

General Government	\$ 66.9	\$ 72.6	\$ 5.7	8.5%
Public Safety	\$ 108.7	\$ 114.9	\$ 6.2	5.7%
Physical Environment	\$ 87.2	\$ 100.7	\$ 13.5	15.5%
Transportation	\$ 6.2	\$ 8.2	\$ 2.0	32.3%
Economic Environment	\$ 11.1	\$ 13.4	\$ 2.3	20.7%
Culture/Recreation	\$ 12.5	\$ 12.8	\$ 0.3	2.4%
Other Uses	\$ 2.4	\$ 2.3	\$ (0.1)	-4.2%
Capital Projects	\$ 89.0	\$ 128.8	\$ 39.8	44.7%
Transfers	\$ 31.6	\$ 51.5	\$ 19.9	63.0%
Expense Reserves	\$ 9.0	\$ 5.4	\$ (3.6)	-40.0%
TOTAL CITYWIDE BUDGET	\$ 424.6	\$ 510.6	\$ 86.0	20.3%

Five-Year Capital Improvement Program

The Capital Improvement Program consists of projects for the five year period ending September 30, 2026, totaling \$550.9 million.

Expenditures by category are provided below:



**Major projects in the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program
(amounts reported in thousands)**

Project Description	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Five Year Total
Billy Bowlegs Recreation Facility	0	1,500	1,500	0	0	3,000
Curved Pier	2,300	0	0	0	0	2,300
East Water Reclamation Facility	1,000	1,000	1,000	20,000	20,000	43,000
Eastwood Golf Course Renovation	3,625	0	0	0	0	3,625
First & Second St Improvements- Phase I	2,775	0	0	0	0	2,775
Forum Neighborhood Park - Phase I	0	1,500	1,500	0	0	3,000
Injection Well (Back up)	11,535	0	0	0	0	11,535
Midtown Water/Sewer Evans-MLK-Edison	0	8,705	8,705	8,705	8,705	34,820
New Police Department Facility	15,000	4,000	0	0	0	19,000
Reuse Facility at South Plant SWWTP	41,970	0	0	0	0	41,970
Roberto Clemente Park Community Center	200	5,400	5,400	0	0	11,000
STARS Complex Expansion Phase I	0	635	8,750	8,750	0	18,135
Stormwater Projects	1,065	3,470	825	800	240	6,400
Water Treatment Plant/Wellfield Expansion	15,000	7,000	6,800	6,800	6,000	41,600
All other Infrastructure Projects	467	20,217	24,370	6,700	10,019	61,773
All other Utility Projects	30,783	51,099	34,151	52,312	27,113	195,458
All other Projects	3,070	7,413	9,257	10,392	21,426	51,557
Total CIP	128,790	111,939	102,258	114,459	93,503	550,948



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