DISCUSSION ON 07-26-22 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

General Fund

- The "Attorney" budget is being increased to cover charges related to the Disannexation Lawsuit and changes in the City Attorney contract.

- The "Mayor & Council Training" budget is being increased to cover TML Annual Conference registration costs. The Fredericksburg Conference partially depleted the fund, and it appears there will be a higher degree of participation in this year's TML Annual Conference.

- With the impending retirement of Building Official Reeves at the end of August, funds have been added to the Building Department "Contract Labor" budget to cover contract inspector charges during September.

- Funds have been added to the Animal Control "Repair & Maint - Equipt" budget to cover the costs associated with the recent failure and replacement of the Animal Control Center's HVAC unit.

- Funds have been added to Administration Department for an "Intern Program" recently approved by the Council.

- Funds have been added to the Non-Departmental Budget for the "Strategic Plan" recently approved by the Council.

- The Non-Departmental "Water" budget was increased to cover the costs of a major leak on the River Walk encountered at the end of 2021 and to cover increased water usage at City Hall and the River Walk due to the drought.

- To acquire office furniture and equipment to support the new Intern Program, the Non-Department "Office Equip/Furn" budget has been increased.

- To cover the above budget increases, budget decreases are proposed for the Historic Preservation "Grant Match – Nrhp" budget which won't be used this year and to the Street and Parks "Paving" budget, as no paving projects other than the Tuscan Village project were developed this year.

- Police Chief Martin has asked that $2,934 of his Department's funds be reallocated from "Training" and "Travel" (Officer Ramirez already had some of the training that had been budgeted for our new Officer) to equipment to allow for the purchase of an AR-15 patrol rifle, a hand held radar, and a 12 gauge shotgun for Officer Ramirez.

The proposed increases and decreases are balanced, leaving the budget totals unchanged.

Utility Fund

- In the WWTP budget, increases are proposed for the "Overtime WWTP" and "Utilities" budgets. In addition to their regular weekend duty overtime, WWTP staff often respond to other call outs. Due to this overtime in some other departments is running below budgeted levels, while overtime in the WWTP is running over budgeted levels. The "Utilities" budget is being increased due to increases in the cost of electricity. This account is served by the Coop, so the rate is not locked in as it is in all of the accounts served by TNMP.

The above increases are offset by a reduction in the sewer "Capital Improvements" budget, where there are unused funds due to a project coming in under budget.