

Charlene Way

From: Bonnie Welte <bonniewelte@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 8:39 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: 2021 Budget

Thank you for increasing the budget for Meridian Police and Fire. We love our "safe community" and it's a worthwhile investment in our future.

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Adrienne Weatherly

From: Erik bruce <C_D_Bruce@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 2:45 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: FY21 Budget Comment

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Please don't waste taxpayers' money on beautifying with flowers, irrigation, fancy signage, and maintenance staff , etc. on roundabout located on Pine Street, Meridian. This is an unusable space. Dollars from hard working citizens can be better put to use elsewhere, where the public may actually benefit.

Adrienne Weatherly

From: M Tewell <blaine777@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 8:06 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: FY21 Budget Comment

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Blaine Tewell
Meridian, ID 83646

Adrienne Weatherly

From: Todd Lavoie
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 4:34 PM
To: Chris Johnson
Cc: Adrienne Weatherly; Charlene Way; Emily Kane; Jenny Fields; Brad Purser; Robert Simison; Shandy Lam
Subject: RE: FY21 Budget Comment

Hello Chris,

We have the following reply for Blaine Tewell. If you could provide this information for the record, that would be great.

Thank you.

Hello Blaine Tewell,

Thank you for reaching out to the City about the FY21 Budget. We will answer your questions to the best of our ability.

What does the term 'transfers' mean?

The City uses the term 'transfers' to represent the costs provided by the internal service departments (i.e. Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology, Legal, and City Hall) to the departments that utilize their services instead of outsourcing the necessary services.

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The City is proposing to the citizens to utilize \$19,623,783 from savings (known as Fund Balance) to balance the FY21 budget. This need is created by the necessity to continue all active projects that were approved during the FY2020 Budget process (known as Carryforward) that will be completed in 2021. Similarly, all budgetary amounts associated with projects this current fiscal year that are not spent will be available next fiscal year via the fund balance. If the total Carryforward is removed from the equation, the FY21 budget is in balance with no shortfall.

A	B	C	BC
City of Meridian			
			FY2021
			Original Budget
6	Revenues		
7	Total Revenue		\$ 109,731,317
8			
9	Expenditures		
0	Total Personnel and Operating		\$ 78,338,270
1			
2	Total Capital		\$ 29,036,673
3			
4	Total Carryforward		\$ 21,989,158
5			
6	Total Expenditures		\$ 129,364,100
7			
8	Transfers		\$ -
9			
0	Total Expenditures with Transfers		\$ 129,364,100
1			
2	(Use)/Addition of Fund Balance		\$ (19,632,783)

Thank you for asking the questions about the budget and please let us know if we can answer any future questions for you regarding the FY21 Budget proposal.

Have a great day!

Todd Lavoie, CGFM | Chief Financial Officer

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From: Chris Johnson <cjohnson@meridiancity.org>

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 9:28 PM

To: Todd Lavoie <tlavoie@meridiancity.org>

Cc: Adrienne Weatherly <aweatherly@meridiancity.org>; Charlene Way <cway@meridiancity.org>

Subject: Fwd: FY21 Budget Comment

Todd,

We will add this to the record, but I thought you may want to have someone answer the citizen's question.

Thank you.

Chris

Begin forwarded message:

From: M Tewell <blaine777@gmail.com>

Date: August 12, 2020 at 8:06:02 PM MDT

To: City Clerk <CityClerk@meridiancity.org>

Subject: **FY21 Budget Comment**

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