

## 2022 – Preliminary Budget Highlights

### 001 General Fund

#### • Revenues

- Property Taxes (split between General Fund, Streets, Cemetery)
- Utility Taxes & Franchise Fees – new franchise with Comcast
- State Shared Taxes & Fees
- Permits & Licenses
- Grants – Stonegarden, Dept of Commerce, FEMA, ARPA, WCIA
- Charges for Services
  - Passports & Fingerprints
  - Facility rentals (see parks below)

#### • Parks (budget considerations)

- Slight increase to park user fees in 2021, slow recovery from COVID shut down, expect increase in revenue with completion of Grandstand project
- Summer Help – 1 position in 2021, budgeting for 2 positions in 2022
- **Spray Park** – 95% complete, wrapping up in 2022 (DOC grant funds)
- **Howard Bowen Event Center Project** – underway, expected completion in 2022 (DOC grant funds)
- **New Sidewalks/Trails Project** – extension of sidewalks/trails from Sumas Ave thru Howard Bowen park to foot bridge, new sidewalk along Columbia St from Sumas Ave to foot bridge, paving pathway thru City Park between Second & Third St (DOC grant funds)

#### • Expenses

- New agenda software
- New Police vehicle in 2022
- Proposed projects for 2022
  - Paint interior of the Senior Center (cost split w/ Whatcom Co Parks Dept)

### 101 Streets

#### • Revenues

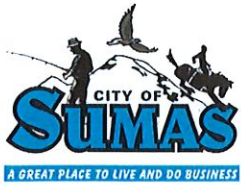
- Property Taxes (split between General Fund, Streets, Cemetery)
- Local Fuel Tax (2020 reduced 50% due to COVID-19 Border Closure; continued into 2021, 2022?)
- State Shared Motor Vehicle Fuel Taxes

#### • Expenses

- 2022 Street Improvements:
  - **Kneuman Rd & Sumas Ave Overlay** – Storm Damage 2017 (FEMA funding)
  - **Sidewalk repairs** – repairing various damaged sections around town, completing missing segments as we can afford
  - **Mitchell St & Lawson St Overlay** – adjacent to new elementary school (TIB funding, partnership with NVSD)
  - **Hovel Rd Culvert** – Superbowl Flood 2020 – A&E study underway to determine FEMA coverage of repairs

### 103 Cemetery

- Property Taxes (split between General Fund, Streets, Cemetery)
- routine maintenance anticipated in 2022



#### 104 Econ Dev. Fund

- **Economic Development Loan Funds available**  
Funds use to promote business retention in Industrial and Commercial districts

#### 401, 410, 411 - Utilities

- **Storm Sewer**
  - Rate was increased in 2021
  - Added new catch basins and cleaned out storm water ponds and ditches in 2021
  - Routine maintenance anticipated in 2022
- **Water**
  - Water Comp Plan Update in 2022
  - 2021 SCADA system installed
  - 2022 – adding water storage tank telemetry system
- **Sewer**
  - 2021 – SCADA system installed at several lift stations
  - 2022 – complete panel upgrades at 2 more lift stations, and replace pumps at lift station #7
- **Light**
  - Purchased power-new rate beginning Oct 2021-impact to us approx. 12.5% increase
  - Monitoring light fund in 2022 to determine if our rate to our customers is necessary
  - Bob Mitchell upgrades 2021-2022 – 2-year project
  - Replace bucket truck
- **All Utilities** experience aging infrastructure, our goal is to budget for anticipated maintenance/repairs and factor those capital costs into our rate structures while trying to keep rates low for our customers

#### Other Items

- **Salaries/Benefits**
  - **COLA**
    - Social Security benefit increase for 2022 is **5.9%**
    - WA Minimum Wage increases 5.83% in 2022 = \$14.49
    - **Proposed increase of 5.9% for City Employees** factored into preliminary budget estimates
  - **Medical Insurance Premiums**
    - Rate increase for 2022 medical plans
      - Kaiser increased 7.3%; Regence increased 5.8%
    - Rate increase for 2022 dental plans
      - Delta Dental increased 0%; Willamette Dental increased 10.1%
    - Vision rates for 2022 did not change
- **City's Liability/Property Insurance for 2022**
  - Liability rate increase 19.4%
  - Property rate increase 4%
  - Auto rate increase 3%