



Community Budget Questions May 20 - May 29, 2020

Summary

Each year, staff tracks comments on the City's budget. The City Manager's Trial Budget was scheduled to be presented to the City Council on March 17, 2020, with budget hearings scheduled to begin April 2, 2020. However, due to current restrictions on public gatherings, the City unfortunately had to cancel normal and customary community budget hearings and the Trial Budget is being revised due to the economic downturn.

Based on the revised budget adoption schedule discussed at the March 26, 2020 City Council Policy Session, staff returned with additional information on April 2 and April 6 to walk the City Council through four different budget scenarios modeling the impact of COVID-19 on our General Fund revenues. On April 13, staff presented the 2020-21 Revised Trial Budget, focusing on the City's proposed response efforts to the current economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 public health crisis. On May 5, staff presented the City Manager's Proposed budget. On May 19, the proposed budget was approved by City Council.

We very much value the feedback and community engagement received in our community budget hearings. Unfortunately, this year it will be necessary to use a different format and a compressed schedule to accomplish this goal. Once those decisions have been made we will update the calendar on the website. As always residents can continue to provide feedback by calling 602-262-4800 or email us at budget.research@phoenix.gov. Additionally, Budget and Research continues to promote the FundPHX interactive budget tool, available at phoenix.gov/FundPHX.

Attachment A transmits a summary of the electronic and voice mail comments regarding the budget for May 20 - May 29, 2020.

Responsible Department

This item is submitted by City Manager Ed Zuercher and the Budget and Research Department.

ATTACHMENT A



City of Phoenix

To: Ed Zuercher
City Manager

Date: May 29, 2020

From: Jeff Barton
Deputy City Manager

Subject: BUDGET QUESTIONS SUMMARY MAY 20 – MAY 29, 2020

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Residents can access additional information at phoenix.gov/Budget.

SUMMARY MINUTES
VOICEMAIL, ELECTRONIC, AND WRITTEN BUDGET COMMENTS
Responded to May 20 – May 29, 2020

1. Walt Gray sent an email informing residents to provide public input on the budget.
2. Missy Lopez sent an email in support of providing funding for relief for undocumented people and civilian oversight.
3. Michael Hyde sent an email in support of spending less money on the police budget and reallocating half their budget to the Public Works, Streets, Human Services, Prosecutor's and Courts.
4. Salome Valdez (Santa Barbara, CA) left a voicemail requesting that people held in jails and detention centers be released to reduce their risk of COVID-19 exposure and asking the city to focus on LGBTQ individuals.
5. Luis (last name unknown) left a voicemail requesting a budget that reflects the health of the community instead of the criminality/discrimination of the community. The budget should be inclusive of undocumented immigrants. He requests that the Police Department budget be cut instead of departments such as Neighborhood Services, Human Services and Parks and Recreation.
6. Fernanda (last name unknown) left a voicemail the same as #5.
7. Candice Fremouw sent an email requesting the city to not fund the Office of Accountability and Transparency until they ensure financial resources exist to implement and support it.

Respectfully Submitted,

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