

2021 Department Operating Budget Year End Adjustments

In conjunction with the approval of the Department Year-End Carryover Requests and to incorporate the finalization of departmental year end budget adjustments as required by the City Code of Ordinances Sec. 2-324 (d) the following explanations are provided:

The Police Department exceeded its 2021 budget by \$119,983.68. The majority of the overruns were due to incidents that significantly impacted the overtime expenses in 2021, including several homicide investigations and the resumption of Oktoberfest. There were also unusually high payouts of sick and vacation leave due to retirements and resignations.

The Fire Department exceeded its 2021 operating budget by \$146,386.76. This was mainly due to mandatory overtime while providing emergency services during the pandemic with minimum staffing levels. There were also unusually high payouts of sick and vacation leave due to retirements and resignations.

The Planning Department exceeded its 2021 operating budget by \$4,015.19 due to the hiring of an outside appraisal firm valuing commercial properties, resulting from an unfilled vacancy.

The Parks Department exceeded its 2021 operating budget by \$69,297.08. The majority of the overruns were due to unbudgeted rental expense for the Community Connections Center, unforeseen increased maintenance on pools due to 2020 inactivity, unplanned Harry J Olson Senior Center operational and repair expenses, and unforeseen expenses for services to the unsheltered in Houska Park.

The source of the necessary budget adjustments to correct and balance each of the above department deficits has been identified to come from the General Expense budget surplus in addition to General Fund departments with budget surplus who did not submit 2021 Carryover requests.