

## RESEARCH & ANALYSIS SECTION – LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

### 2010 Proposed Budget Summary: City Revenues

#### 2010 Proposed Budget Expenditures

<u>Category</u>	<u>Total '09 Adopted</u>	<u>Total 2010 Proposed</u>	<u>Change from '09</u>
Total City Budget	\$ 1,410,635,405	\$1,445,083,765	\$34,448,360 (2.4%)
General City Budget	598,622,172	566,516,979	- 32,105,193 (-5.4%)

**The General City Budget (General City Purposes Fund) is the City's operating and maintenance fund that is used to pay the City's basic services such as public health, safety, public works and general administrative services. (It does not include pension costs.)**

1. The 2010 proposed general City purposes budget totals approximately \$566.5 million, a decrease of \$32.1million, reflecting the shift of funding necessary to cover the pension shortfall.
2. A variety of revenue sources support the general City purposes budget, including intergovernmental aid, vehicle registration fees, property taxes, payments in lieu of taxes, charges, miscellaneous revenues, the Tax Stabilization Fund, fines and forfeitures, licenses and permits, fringe benefit offset and cost recovery.
3. The 2010 Proposed Budget includes \$95.6 million in revenue from charges for services provided by City departments, an increase of \$8.5 million from 2009.
  - The 2010 proposed budget includes a revenue estimate for the Solid Waste Charge of \$32.3 million, an increase of \$3.75 million. This estimate assumes Common Council adoption of a resolution (File #090261) establishing the 2010 Local Solid Waste Charge at \$42.57 per quarter (\$170.28 per year), an increase of \$4.95 per quarter (\$19.80 per year). If the Common Council does not adopt a Solid Waste Charge amount necessary to generate the estimated revenue, the 2010 Budget will have to be adjusted accordingly, most likely through increasing the tax levy or a reduction in expenditures. (A list of the Administration proposed reductions can be found on Page 5 of the Plan and Budget Summary.)
  - The 2010 proposed budget includes a revenue estimate that assumes Common Council adoption of a resolution establishing a Snow and Ice Control Charge at \$0.6917 per foot of property frontage, a reduction of \$0.1239 from the amended 2009 rate of \$0.8156 per foot of property frontage. It is estimated the 2010 charge will generate \$6.5 million in 2010. The impact of the amended charge on the owner of a property with 40 feet of frontage is approximately \$27.67 or \$4.95 less than the

impact of the 2009 amended charge of \$32.62. If the Common Council does not adopt a Snow and Ice Control Charge amount necessary to generate the estimated revenue, the 2010 Budget will have to be adjusted accordingly, most likely through increasing the tax levy or a reduction in expenditures. (A list of the Administration proposed reductions can be found on Page 5 of the Plan and Budget Summary.)

- Leaf pick-up, street-sweeping, and tree pruning costs are recovered through the City's sewer maintenance fee. These costs are recovered through a \$12.2 million transfer from the Sewer Maintenance Fund
4. Intergovernmental revenues total \$270.3 million in the 2010 Proposed Budget. Of this amount, \$228.3 million is comprised of anticipated state shared revenues. This is a decrease of \$2.6 million, reflecting state budget cuts.
  5. Expenditure Restraint Aid is estimated at \$7.96 million for 2010, an increase of \$339,000 from 2009.
  6. Local Street Aids are expected be \$26.3 million in 2010, approximately the same amount as 2010.
  7. From 2003 to 2010, intergovernmental revenues decreased from \$284.6 million to \$270.3 million.
  8. The proposed Property Tax Levy will provide \$90.6 million for general City purposes in 2010. This is a decrease of \$33.1 million from 2009, reflecting the levy funding required to cover the pension shortfall. The proposed 2010 levy for all tax supported purposes is \$247.4 million, an increase of \$10.4 million from 2009 (4.4%).
  9. The 2010 proposed Budget includes an estimated \$15.2 million in revenue attributed to taxes and payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTs), an increase of \$1.1 million from 2009
  10. Revenue from Fines and Forfeitures is \$5.2 million in the 2010 Proposed Budget, a \$338,000 decrease from 2009.
  11. Miscellaneous Revenues include transfers from the Parking Fund and interest on investments, funds from the sale of surplus property, real estate property sales, various spending offset accounts, and other revenue not accounted for in other revenue categories. Miscellaneous Revenues are projected to total \$40.7 million in 2010, an increase of \$3.2 million from 2009. This \$3.2 million increase is primarily due to a new \$3 million transfer from the Water Works, a \$3.4 increase in the Parking Fund transfer and a \$150,000 increase in the Potawatomi payment, offset by a \$2.2 million decrease in investment earnings and the loss of the one-time \$1.5 million payment from New Berlin for sale of water.

12. Revenues from licenses and permits are estimated to be approximately \$12.7 million in 2010, a decrease of \$428,480. The decrease can be attributed to permits associated with construction activities, which have been impacted by the recession.
13. The balance in the Tax Stabilization Fund (TSF) totals approximately \$25.5 million. The proposed withdrawal for 2010 is approximately \$13 million. After the 2010 withdrawal and anticipated regeneration at the end of 2009, the Budget Office estimates the TSF should have a fund balance of approximately \$28.5 million.

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