



CITY OF MILWAUKEE

City Hall, 200 E. Wells Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202 • www.city.milwaukee.gov

January 6, 2023

Department Heads:

On December 13, 2022, the Common Council adopted File No. 221185, which was subsequently signed by the Mayor. This resolution directs each department to begin preparing for scenarios in which its budget will be reduced by 15%, 20% and 25%.

This exercise will be essential for decision-makers in future budgets to fully grasp the impact for reductions in each department. It should be clear, this is not an attempt at fear-mongering or to demoralize staff, but to understand the reality before us. To that end, when making presentations departments should be clear in the number of positions that will need to be cut, but not directly name individuals.

Presentations will be made to the Steering and Rules Committee in the order as listed below:

- February 13 – Comptroller, City Clerk, Treasurer, City Attorney, Port
- March 6 – Election Commission, Assessor's Office, Department of Administration
- March 31 – Department of Neighborhood Services, Department of Employee Relations
- April 24 – Mayor's Office, Municipal Court, Milwaukee Public Library
- May 15 – Health Department, Fire Department, Fire and Police Commission
- June 5 – Emergency Communications, Police Department
- June 26 – Department of City Development, BOZA
- July 17 – DPW Infrastructure, Sewer Maintenance Fund, Transportation, Water
- July 27 (Special) – DPW Admin, DPW Sanitation, DPW Fleet, DPW Forestry

Your presentation to the committee should include the following information for each scenario:

- What is the dollar amount in savings for the forecasted cuts?
- How many positions would be eliminated and could this be accomplished through attrition?
(over what period of time? For example, by the end of 2025)
- What services do you suggest reducing or eliminating to realize budget savings benchmarks?



- What would the geographic impact to city residents be for the elimination of services or staff under these scenarios?
- Reductions to fee-supported services and programs may not realize budget savings, if revenue declines as well. If this is so, what changes would you instead suggest to achieve 100% cost recovery?
- Are there new revenue ideas or fee structures that could be implemented to offset the property tax burden for services your department provides to the public?


We thank you for your willingness to engage in these discussions that will assist us in making thoughtful, considered decisions while budgeting. It is our sincere hope that none of these scenarios become reality, but we also must be prepared if they do.

Please work with the Budget Office in the preparation of your presentation. Feel free to reach out to any of the Sponsors shown below with questions regarding what is to be expected at committee.

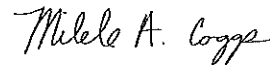
Regards,



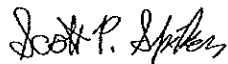
José G. Pérez
Alderman, 12th District



Marina Dimitrijevic
Alderwoman, 14th District



Milele A. Coggs
Alderwoman, 6th District



Scott P. Spiker
Alderman, 13th District



Russell W. Stamper, II
Alderman, 15th District