

Mayor Cavalier Johnson's Public Hearing on the **2024 Requested Budget** August 31, 2023

Presentation Goals

- 1. Give a general background on Milwaukee's finances- pre and post ACT 12
- 2. Provide information about the City of Milwaukee's budget structure & budget process
- 3. Summarize 2024 departmental budget requests

Did you know...

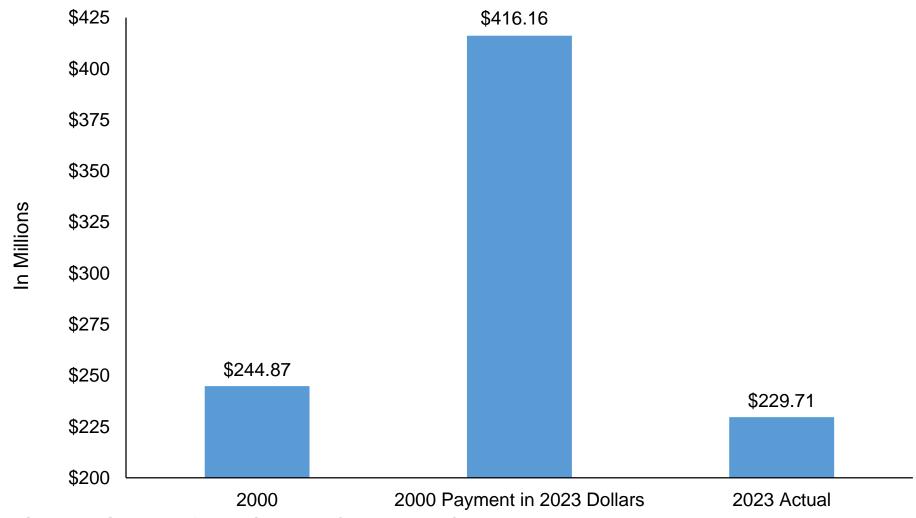
- The City of Milwaukee has an annual budget
 - From January 1 to December 31
- The City budget is required by law to be balanced
 - Expenditures cannot exceed revenues
- The City of Milwaukee was founded in 1846
 - Two years before the State of Wisconsin
- Milwaukee City Hall was the tallest occupied building in the world when completed in 1895





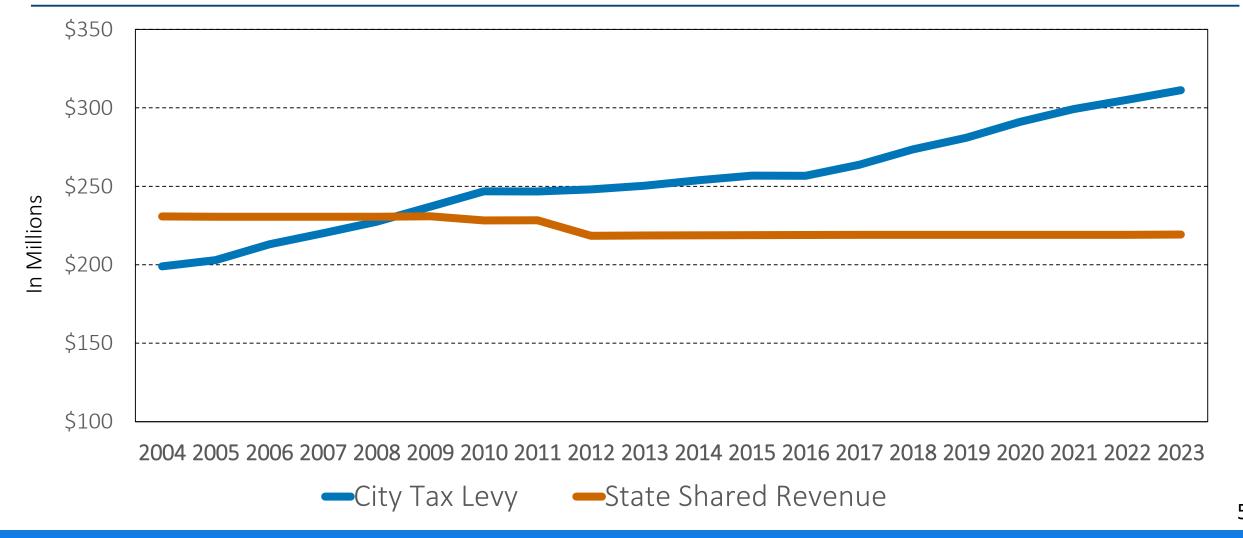
Shared Revenue from State Stagnant Since 2000

State Shared Revenue/ERP Payments to Milwaukee 2000 and 2023



Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics: CPI-U Tables; City Budget Documents; WI Legislative Fiscal Bureau.

Flat State Aids Forced Increases to Property Taxes



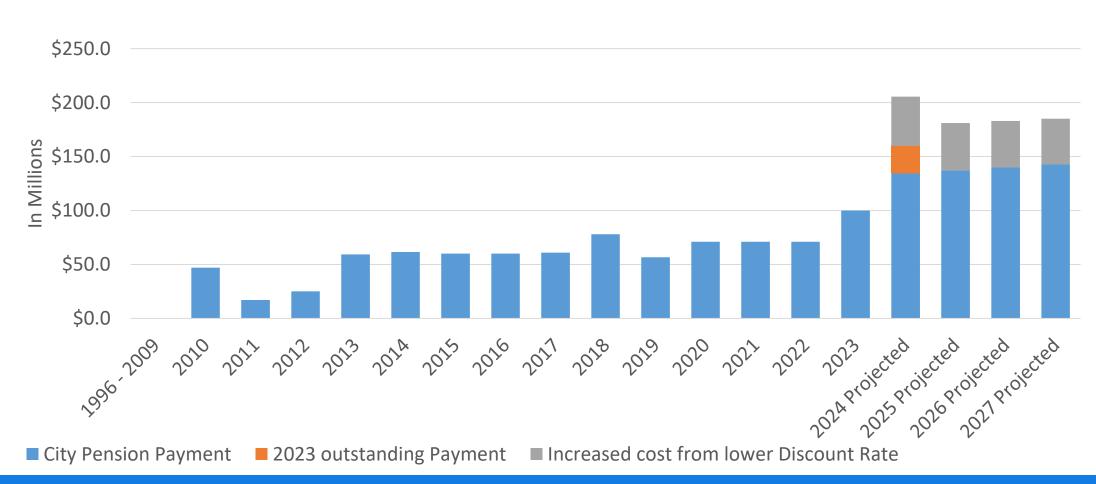


City Efforts to Reduce Costs

- 1. Reduced over 1,000 positions since 2000
 - Estimated annual savings of over \$80 million
- 2. Eliminated salary step system for General City Employees in 2011
 - Estimated total savings of approximately \$40 million
 - Did not include Police & Fire subject to negotiations
- 3. Require Employees to Contribute into Pension System
 - \$24 million in 2022
- 4. Require Employees & Retirees to pay Health Care Premiums
 - An average of about \$21 million annually
 - An average of \$16 to \$18 million in plan design change savings annually
- 5. Improving employee safety programs
 - \$5 million in reduced workers compensation expenditures



Escalating Pension Costs





ACT 12 Improves City Fiscal Outlook

- 1) Immediate 10% increase in 2024 State Shared Revenue
 - ~ \$21.7M
 - ~ 3% annual increase in future years
 - 15% penalty if public safety staffing reduced
- 2) Opportunity to enact 2% sales tax in City
 - ~ \$190.2M
 - Enacted by City Council and Mayor in July, will begin in 2024
 - Requires new employees to be part of the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS)
- 3) Reduce City of Milwaukee's Employee Retirement System (CMERS) discount rate from 7.5% to 6.8% (aligns with WRS)
 - Short term, annual pension costs will increase by ~\$45M



What the Sales Tax changes

- It gives the City revenue options for the first time in over a generation
- Prevents drastic service cuts
- Stabilizes our pension costs long-term
- Tourists/Commuters help pay for services
- Immediate relief from the looming fiscal cliff we were facing, but still have a long rocky road ahead

Key considerations for the 2024 budget

- For the first time in decades, cost-to-continue budgets likely in all departments
- Increasing police and fire sworn personnel to ensure ACT 12 compliance
- Increasing Office of Equity and Inclusion(OEI)/Office of African American Affairs(OAAA) budgets to reflect Mayor and Council priorities
- Reversing decades long depletions of reserves and deferring of needed capital improvements
- Budgeting for more competitive wages in critical positions
- Catching up on full pension payment for 2023
- Budgeting for increased pension costs resulting from the ACT 12 mandate that lowered our discount rate



What's ahead?





2024 Budget Process Calendar

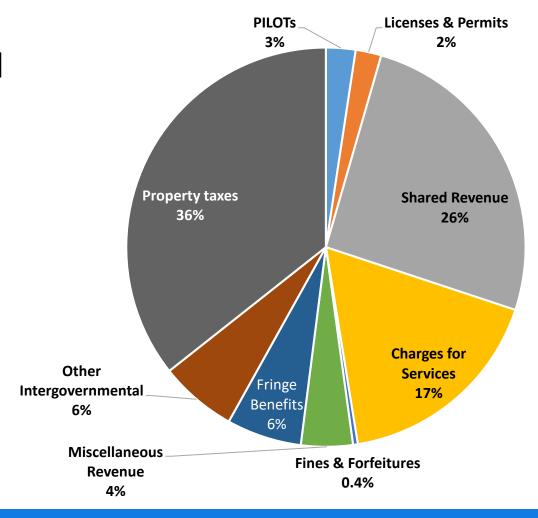
May 9	Department Budget Requests		
May to September	Executive Budget Development		
August 31	Mayor's Public Budget Hearing		
September 19	Mayor submits Proposed Budget		
September 29 – October 16	Finance and Personnel Committee reviews Proposed Executive Budget		
October 2	Joint Public Hearing on the Budget		
November 3	Estimated date for Budget Adoption		

Where the Money Comes From

City of Milwaukee General Fund Revenues

Three Main Sources of Revenue:

- ➤ Charges for Service
- ➤ Property Taxes
- **≻**Intergovernmental



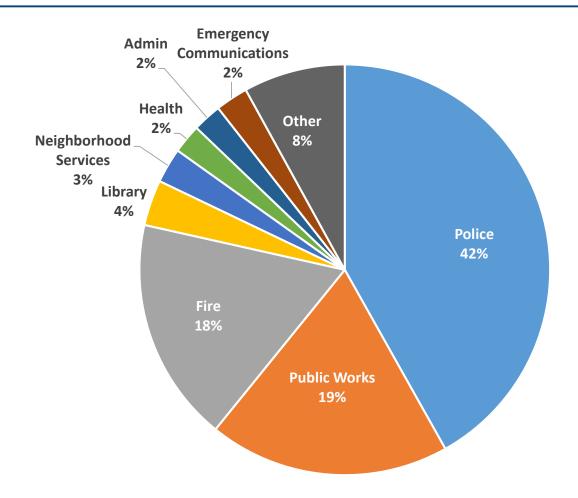


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Where the Money Goes

City of Milwaukee Departmental Operating Budget Allocations

- Police & Fire combined makes up 60% of General Fund Departmental Budgets
- Each year, the cost of providing the same level of service as the year before increases
- The City must increase revenue, decrease services, or do both each year to balance the budget
 - ➤ With new revenue in 2024 from the sales tax and increased shared revenue, we won't have to decrease services for the first time in decades





Budget Structure: 2024 Requests

2024 Budget Request =\$1.91 billion

Property Tax
Supplemented Funds
\$1.49 billion requested

General City Purpose

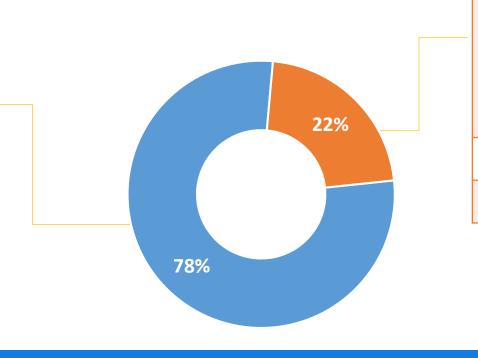
Employee Retirement

Capital Improvements

City Debt

Delinquent Tax Fund

Contingent Fund



Special Revenue Funds\$419 million requested

Enterprise Funds:

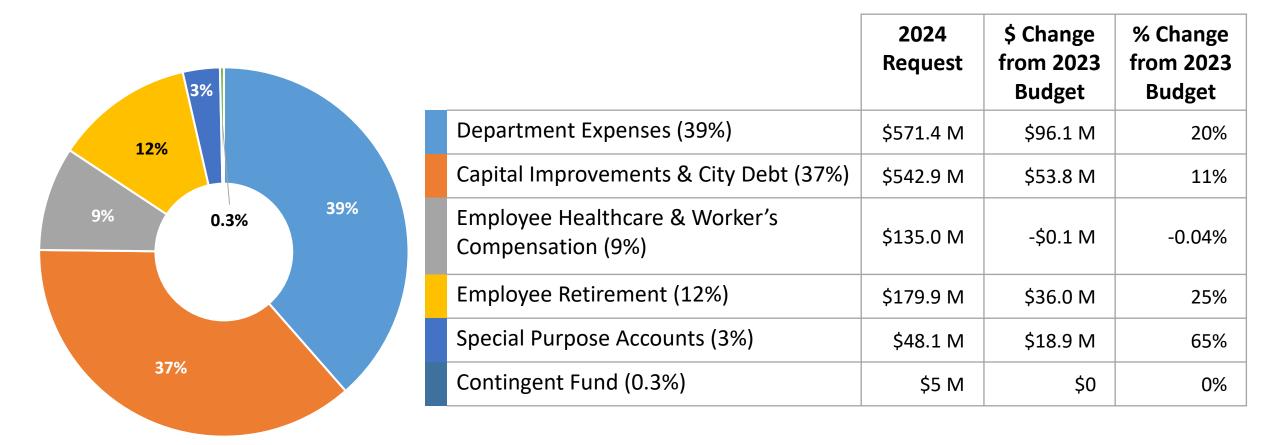
- Water Works
- Sewer Maintenance
- Transportation

Grant and Aid

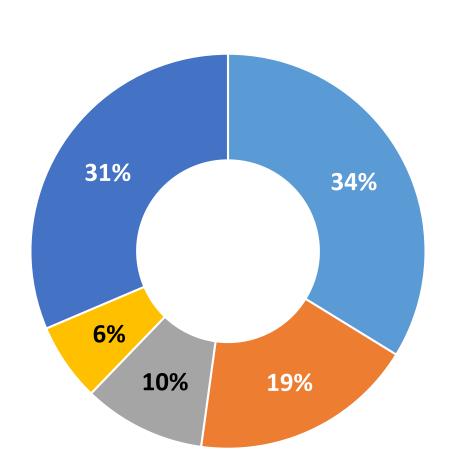
County Delinquent Tax



Requested 2024 Expenditures for Property Tax Supplemented Funds



Initial 2024 Revenue Estimates for Property Tax Supplemented Funds



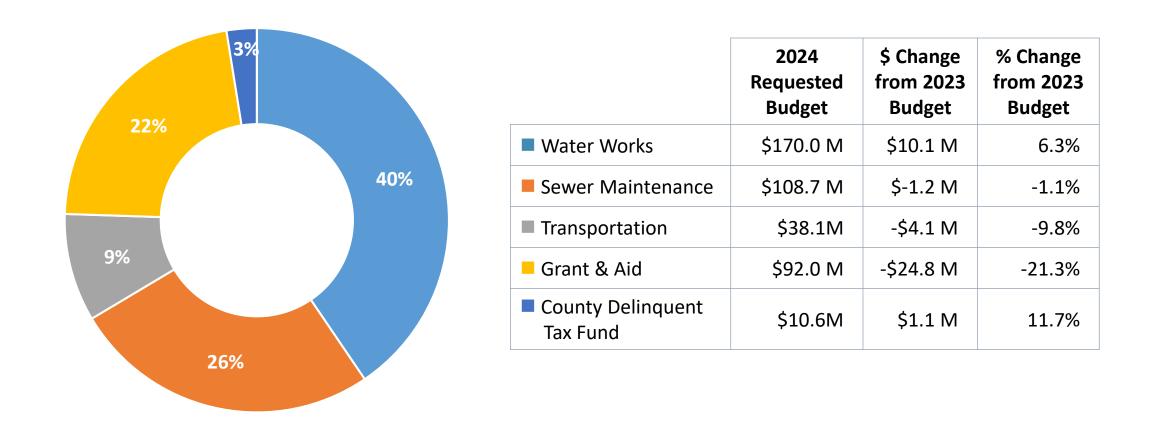
	2024 Requested Budget	\$ Change from 2023 Budget	% Change from 2023 Budget
Property Tax Levy	\$500.6 M	\$189.4 M	60.9%
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$272.8 M	-\$0.2 M	-0.1%
■ Charges for Services	\$148.5 M	\$0 M	0.0%
Other General Fund Revenue*	\$94.9 M	-\$34.6 M	-26.7%
■ All Other Revenue**	\$465.4 M	\$50.1 M	12.1%

^{*} Other General Fund Revenue includes payments in lieu of taxes, licenses and permits, fines and forfeitures, and Tax Stabilization Fund withdrawals.

^{**} Other Revenues includes various funding sources, including General Obligation borrowing, Tax Increment financing, Delinquent Tax revenue and Debt revenues.



Special Revenue Funds: 2024 Requests





2024 Budget Request Summary

• Departments request \$115 million more than budgeted in 2023

Department Budget Requests and ARPA Replacement

Selected Departments, in millions

Department	Request	Budget Increase	
		<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Police	\$311.8	\$11.9	4%
Public Works	\$142.3	\$6.7	5%
Fire	\$145.1	\$13.1	10%
Emergency Communications	\$25.9	\$7.5	41%
Library	\$28.3	\$2.5	10%
Health	\$20.0	\$3.5	22%
Neighborhood Services	\$21.9	\$2.2	11%
Administration	\$19.2	\$2.9	18%



Presentation Follow-up

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