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2016 Proposed Plan and Executive Budget Review

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\$4,840,478

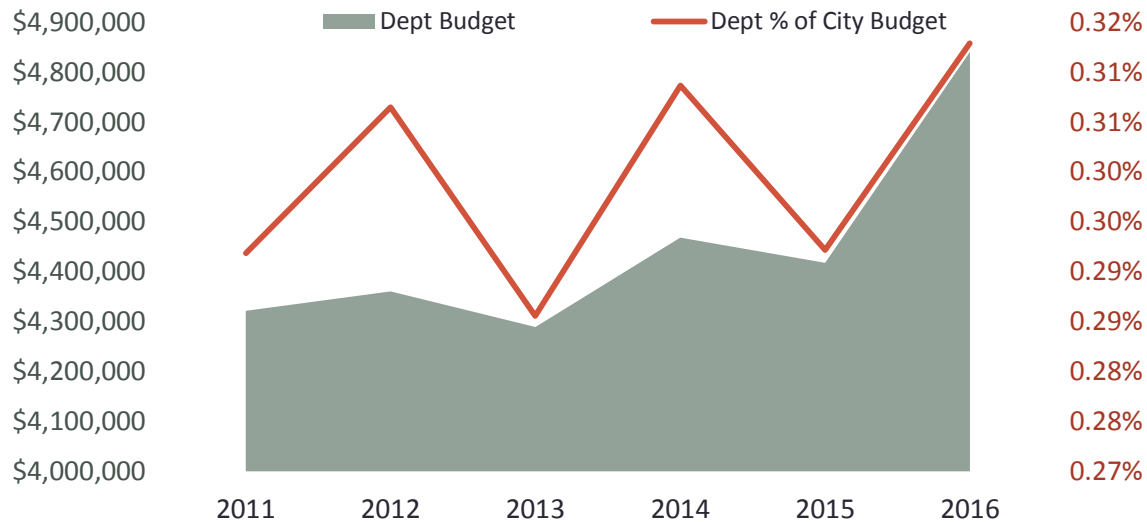
Proposed 2016 Budget

\$422,807

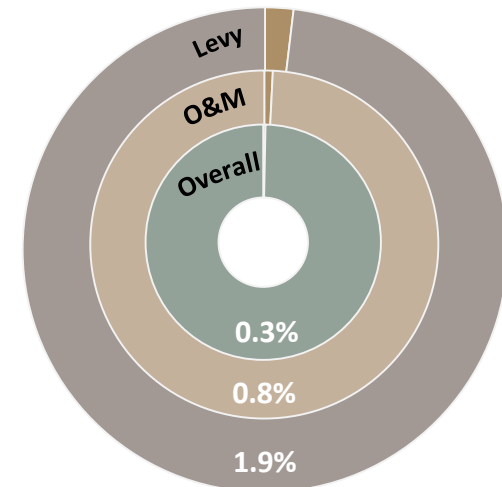
Change in Proposed Budget

9.6%

% Change in Proposed Budget



Departmental Budget Impact



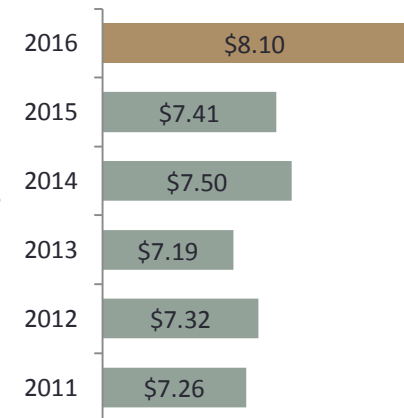
Departmental Budget Appropriation Category



Salaries/Wages Fringe Benefits Operations Equipment Special Funds

\$	\$2,940,188	\$1,411,290	\$383,000	\$0	\$106,000
%	61%	29%	8%	0%	2%
Δ	9.8%	17.1%	-2.7%	-100.0%	-15.9%

Budget per Capita



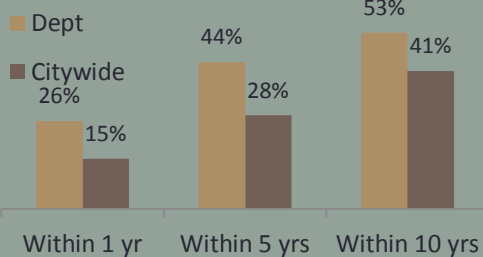
\$21,507

Total amount of funds proposed for a College Intern position.

11

Total number of staff eligible for retirement in 2016.

Retirement Eligible



0

Change in Positions

0.0%

% Change in Positions

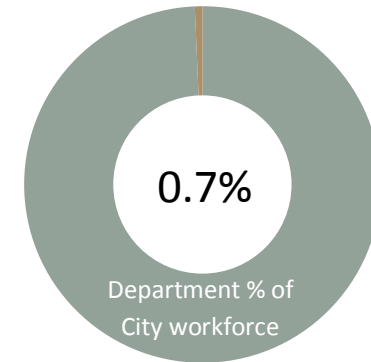
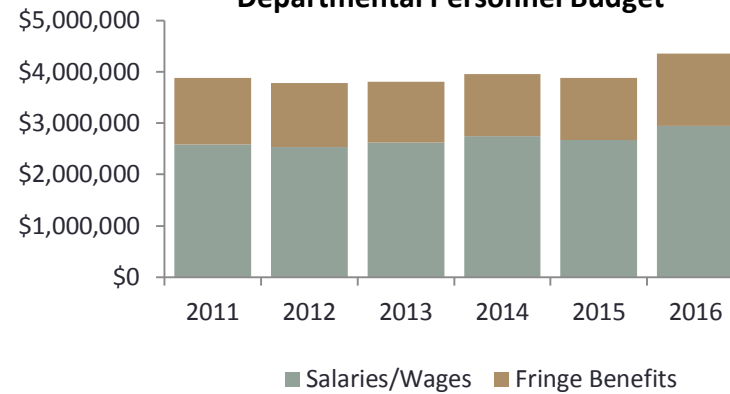
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Current Vacancies

3

Voluntary Separations

Departmental Personnel Budget



Staffing Update

- The department is adding a College Intern position to support appraisal staff in administrative and other functions.
- The department eliminated the unfunded Accounting Assistant II position.

Staffing Update

Vacancies within the department consist of the following positions:

- 3 Property Appraisers
- Chief Assessor



Department Positions
2011-2016

\$875,200

The amount of revenue estimated for the 2016 Budget.

\$-850,000

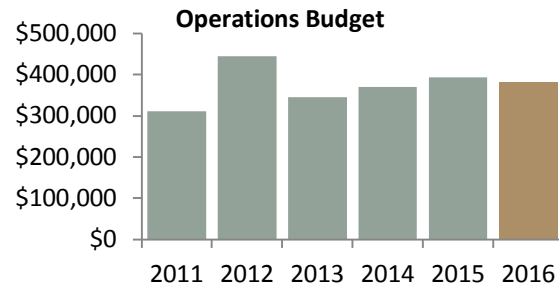
This amount reflects the decrease of funds proposed for the SPA account Remission of Taxes Fund for 2016.

\$556,000

The amount of capital funds proposed for the Assessment Software project in 2016.

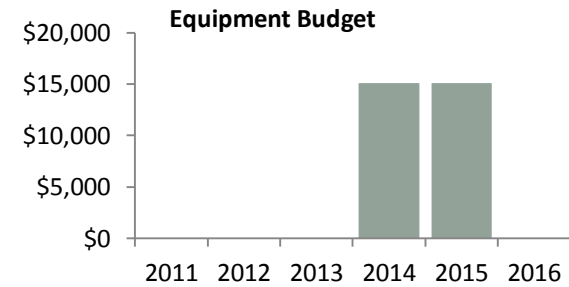
\$-63,880

Personnel Cost Adjustment amount for 2016, which reflects a decrease from the 2015 Budget



Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Percent	7%	10%	8%	8%	9%	8%

Operations percent of department budget



Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Percent	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Equipment percent of department budget

Revenue

The department estimates that the Charges for Services account will generate a \$174,700 (25 %) increase from the 2015 Adopted Budget estimate.

Special Purpose Accounts

The 2016 Proposed Budget for the SPA Remission of Taxes Fund reflects a 53% decrease, due to several large settlements being paid by using contingent borrowing.

Remission of Taxes Fund	\$750,000
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Grants

This department receives no grant funding.

Capital Requests

The Property Assessment Software capital project is an on-going multi-year project. Additional of \$556,000 is proposed for 2016.

\$-20,000

Total decrease in funds proposed
for the Valuation System
Maintenance special fund account.

9,846

Total number of exempt parcels in
the city.

5,449

Total number of improved exempt
parcels.

4,397

Total number of exempt properties
that are vacant.

Special Funds

The department's proposed special funds are:

State Manufacturing Assessment Payment

- \$86,000

Valuation System Maintenance*

- \$20,000

* Part of the cost is included in the
Assessment Software capital improvement
project.

Revaluation

Although total foreclosure activity is decreasing, several neighborhoods throughout the city are still experiencing negative impacts. The department continues to perform revaluations and is expecting the overall city value to increase when the 2016 analysis is complete.

Assessment Objections

Revaluations have continued to help to lower the number of assessment objections. Objections have been trending downward since 2002. Objections for the past 3 years were as follows:

- 2013: 2,512
- 2014: 2,179
- 2015: 2,005

Appeals

The number of assessment repeal cases heard in 2014 was 1068. As a result, 137 property valuation cases were lowered.

Pending Litigation

The following is an update on the status of litigation cases related to the Assessor's Office:

- Oil Companies – The Board of Review has taken action. A trial is scheduled for November 9-20, 2015.
- Valvoline- Great Lakes Quick Lube (AKA Valvoline) – Litigation has been resolved.
- Metropolitan – Judge's decisions scheduled to be rendered October 7, 2015.
- Hirschberg – Pending
- Airport Parking – Trial is scheduled for January 5-7, 2016.
- US Bank – Conference scheduled for January 14-16, 2016
- Mid Milk Improvements, LLC – Board of Review has not acted on this case.
- Wisconsin and Milwaukee Hotel – Board of Review is schedule for October 29, 2015.
- 1003s25, LLC et al – Trial is scheduled for December 14-16, 2015