# **Municipal Court**

2018 Budget Overview
Finance & Personnel Committee
October 11, 2017

### **Community Goals and Objectives**

- 1. Build Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods
  - Average days from filing to judgment
    - 2016 Actual: 45
    - 2017 Projected: 30
    - 2018 Planned: 38
- 2. Remove Barriers to Employment
  - Number of enforced driver license suspensions lifted
    - 2016 Actual: 16,382
    - 2017 Projected: 10,250
    - 2018 Planned: 13,000

## **2018 Budget Summary**

	2017 ADOPTED BUDGET	2018 PROPOSED BUDGET	DIFFERENCE (amount, %)
FTEs - O&M	33.20	32.00	-1.20 (-3.6%)
FTEs - Other	0.00	0.00	0.0 (0%)
Salaries & Wages	\$1,870,512	\$1,782,928	-\$87,584 (-4.7%)
Fringe Benefits	841,730	820,147	-21,583 (-2.6%)
Operating Expenditures	487,900	438,800	-49,100 (-10.1%)
Equipment	6,000	6,000	0 (0%)
Special Funds	40,000	40,000	0 (0%)
TOTAL	\$3,246,142	\$3,087,875	-\$158,267 (-4.9%)

## **Special Purpose Accounts**

	2017 ADOPTED BUDGET	2018 PROPOSED BUDGET	DIFFERENCE (amount, %)
MPS Drivers Education	\$50,000	\$0	-\$50,000 (-100%)
Care of Prisoners Fund	\$20,000	\$20,000	0 (0%)
Municipal Court Intervention Program	425,000	425,000	0 (0%)
Total SPAs	\$495,000	\$445,000	-\$50,000 (-10.1%)

### Revenues

	2017 ADOPTED BUDGET	2018 PROPOSED BUDGET	DIFFERENCE (amount, %)
Charges for Service	\$1,139,000	\$899,800	-\$239,200 (-21%)
Forfeitures	3,703,000	3,001,000	-702,000 (-19%)
TOTAL	\$4,842,000	\$3,900,800	-\$941,200 (-19.4%)

- Revenue reduction driven by reduced cases
- Cases decreased by 7,916 (10.9%) between 2015 and 2016
- Reduction primarily from decreased Traffic and Adult Municipal cases
- Traffic cases decreased 3,506 (7.4%), comprising 44% of the reduction
- Adult Municipal cases decreased 2,252 (14.6%), comprising 28% of the caseload reduction

### **Budget Issues**

#### 1. Restructure and Reduce Staffing

- Court continues to restructure Court staffing
  - Funding for Court Commissioners eliminated in 2016
  - Several positions reduced due to efficiencies realized from converting to electronic case files

#### In 2018

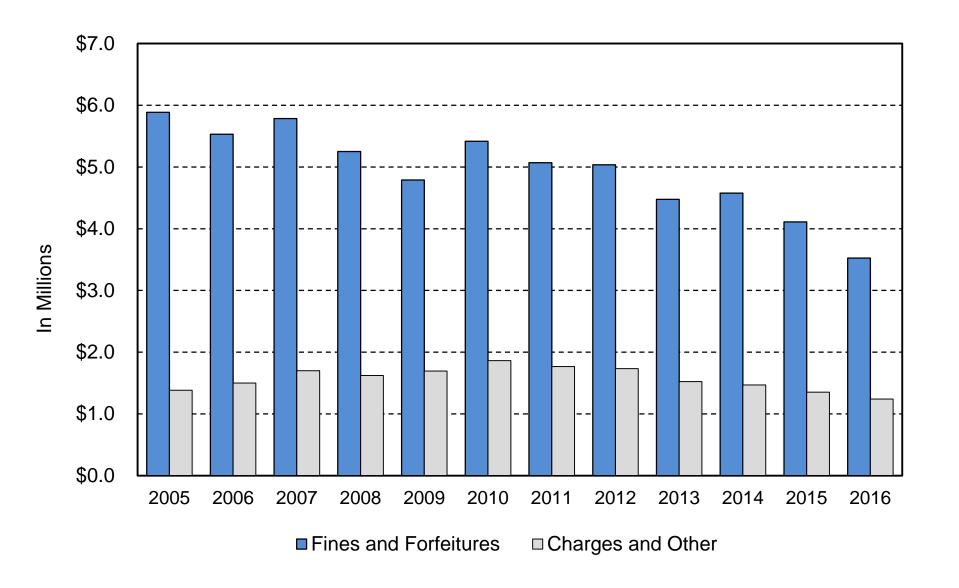
- Two Municipal Court Clerk I positions are not funded
  - Decrease in case filings and other operational changes allow for further reduction in staff

#### 2. Operating Cost Reductions

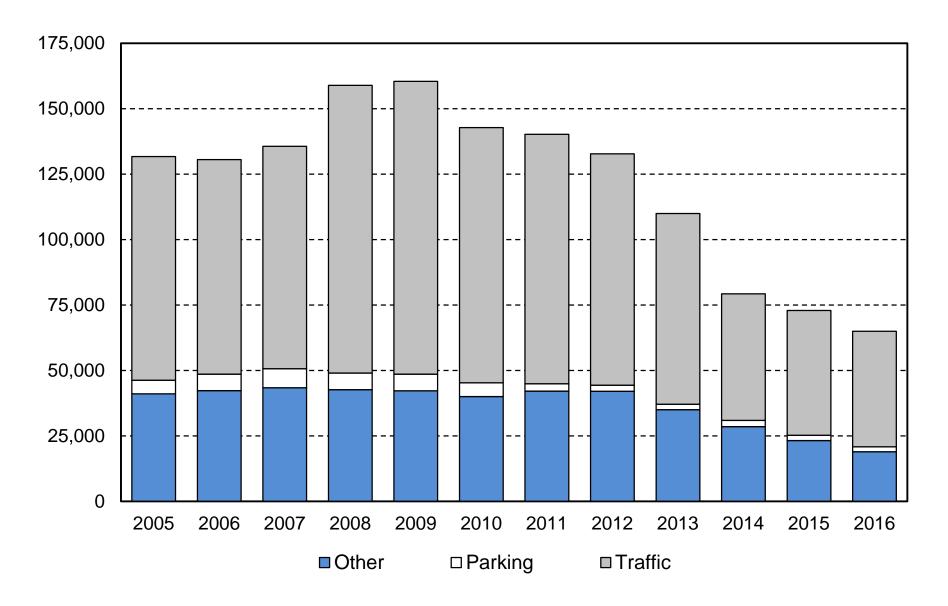
- Caseload reduction enables Court to make operating cost reductions
  - Mailing costs reduced \$23,500, lien fees reduced \$4,000, Interpreter & witness fees reduce \$3,000

# **Supplemental Information**

### **Municipal Court Revenue**



### **Municipal Court Cases Filed**



### **Municipal Court Cases & Revenue**

