

CITY OF OCEANSIDE

FINANCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS FISCAL YEAR 2017-18 BALANCED BUDGET

On June 7, 2017, the Oceanside City Council approved a balanced budget of \$467.04 million for the 2017-18 fiscal year (FY) that began July 1. The budget is focused on City Council priorities with an emphasis on creating a better quality of life for all communities, maintaining a strong commitment to service levels, and responsible financial management.

The FY 2017-18 budget includes a \$387.76 million operating budget, which covers day-to-day city services, and a \$79.28 million appropriation budget for Capital Improvement Projects such as storm drain and sewer infrastructure, neighborhood traffic and street improvements.

City revenues continue to improve and include the three top sources:

- Property taxes, the city's largest single revenue source, are expected to be \$58.04 million in FY 2017-18, an increase of \$3.5 million or 6.4% over the FY 2016-17 budget. The significant increase is due to an overall increase in appraised values.
- Sales and Use taxes are expected to total \$22.3 million for FY 2017-18, an increase of \$.41 million or 1.9% over the FY 2016-17 budget.
- Transient occupancy taxes, the tax that hotel or short-term rental visitors pay, are estimated to be \$6.7 million for FY 2017-18, an increase of \$.64 million or 10.6% over FY 2016-17 budget. The large increase is primarily due to increased payments by short-term rental properties.



The City Council sets budget priorities that aim to improve core services. Included in the FY 2017-18 budget is funding for:

- Illegal encampments/San Luis Rey River clean up
- Additional hours for Police patrols
- Part-time positions for Homeless Outreach Coordinators to assist Police Homeless Outreach Team (HOT)
- New Library books and materials
- New Fire Explorer Program
- Completion of a new downtown public parking structure at 300 N. Cleveland Street
- Street repairs
- Downtown water and sewer pipeline replacement
- Purchase of one new fire truck

The budget also includes funding for the "Healthy City Reserve." The City Council established the Healthy City Reserve Fund to maintain a minimum of 12 percent of General Fund operating expenditures. The funds are set aside to be used in the event of fiscal adversity. The Healthy City Reserve Fund balance on July 1 will be \$17.4 million.

Oceanside's FY 2017-18 budget continues the focus on enhanced quality of life, increases public safety hours, enhances the Healthy City Reserve and maintains prudent financial management.

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