

READERS GUIDE

The Budget Document

The budget document represents the entire City budget. The City of Springfield budget is arranged in separate sections to provide an easier understanding of the budget document. They are:

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The **Budget Message** is a letter to the Mayor and City Council of Springfield, from the Springfield City Manager. The budget message from the City Manager outlines the overall direction and key goals used in developing the budget. The message highlights major service changes, organization changes or budgetary changes that are part of the adopted budget.

The **City Overview** provides the reader with a view of how the City is organized, information on how to contact the City and a list of scheduled meetings for the Budget Committee (this is the same material published in the Proposed Budget document). What follows is a description of the City's Budget Process and Annual Budget Process and Timeline.

The **Operating Budget** by Department presents the City's operating budget (personal services, materials and services, capital outlay) from the department view. There are nine City departments and one service area: City Manager's Office; Development Services; Finance; Fire and Life Safety; Human Resources; Information Technology; Legal and Judicial (a service area); Library; Police and Public Works Departments. Each of the ten departmental areas includes a description of the department, its mission, community outcomes, organization chart, financial summary, and information about the personal services (classifications of positions and their funding source) of the department. The department view answers such questions as "How is the department organized to provide services to Springfield citizens? What budget authority is established for each major category of expenditures? What is the total budget for the department and where is the funding coming from?" The Operating Budget of \$66,668,927 makes up 27.57% of the total City budget.

The **Capital Budget** tab provides a summary page of the total City capital budget and detail descriptions of the projects and the project categories are included. The Capital Budget of \$82,475,691 makes up 34.11% of the total City budget. This section represents the recommended budget for projects previously published and approved by Council in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) document. The CIP is prepared annually, beginning in early October. The process begins with an outreach effort to gain public input, and input from private utilities and other public agencies and ends with City Council adoption in February.

The **Nondepartmental Budget** tab provides information for all budget categories that are neither department operating nor capital costs. The Non Departmental Budget of \$92,635,593 makes up 38.32% of the total City Budget. This section provides detail to those expenditures not under the direct authority of a department and/or the activities of the program are not specifically identifiable by department. Such detail as the reserves of all City funds, corresponding contingencies, debt, and interfund transfers of all funds, are summarized in this section.

The **Financial Summaries and Statistical Tables** tab provides additional reference information. The City's property taxes, various financial summaries, and information explaining the different types of City Funds are provided. Information about the City's Full Time Equivalent, Employee Bargaining Units and Salary Range Table for all City position classifications is also located in this section.

The **Glossary** includes a description of each City Fund, as well as a list of Budget Acronyms and Abbreviations used in the document and common for municipalities.