

Lynchburg City Council – Budget Retreat

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 – 2:00 P.M.

The Aviary – 400 Grove Street, Lynchburg, VA 24501

1. Discussion of local economic trends – Commissioner of the Revenue & City Assessor – 1 hour
2. Break – 10 minutes
3. Revenue Discussion – Chief Financial Officer – 45 minutes
4. Break – 10 minutes
5. Budget Priorities Discussion – Interim City Manager – 1 hour



MLA, Sales & Use Tax Trend

Commissioner of the Revenue

Jan 2021





SALES TAX

TOP 20 SALES TAX PRODUCERS

JUL-DEC

Rank	Producers	Type	2017	2018	Var \$	Var %	2019	Var \$	Var %	2020	Var \$	Var %
1	BUSINESS 1	R	696,806	736,448	39,642	5.7%	835,819	99,370	13.5%	774,156	(61,663)	-7.4%
2	BUSINESS 2	R	463,120	460,141	(2,979)	-0.6%	459,302	(838)	-0.2%	480,118	20,816	4.5%
3	BUSINESS 3	R	317,684	317,736	52	0.0%	322,702	4,966	1.6%	351,455	28,753	8.9%
4	BUSINESS 4	R	201,511	211,088	9,578	4.8%	210,012	(1,076)	-0.5%	278,829	68,817	32.8%
5	BUSINESS 5	R	195,242	213,919	18,678	9.6%	205,733	(8,187)	-3.8%	237,157	31,425	15.3%
6	BUSINESS 6	R	139,424	194,200	54,776	39.3%	202,240	8,040	4.1%	194,447	(7,793)	-3.9%
7	BUSINESS 7	M	78,859	139,939	61,080	77.5%	129,676	(10,264)	-7.3%	319,613	189,937	146.5%
8	BUSINESS 8	R	136,792	155,375	18,583	13.6%	151,664	(3,711)	-2.4%	194,808	43,144	28.4%
9	BUSINESS 9	R	128,830	123,764	(5,066)	-3.9%	129,726	5,962	4.8%	101,173	(28,554)	-22.0%
10	BUSINESS 10	R	98,131	129,128	30,998	31.6%	88,260	(40,868)	-31.6%	125,134	36,873	41.8%
11	BUSINESS 11	W	92,277	77,490	(14,787)	-16.0%	87,487	9,998	12.9%	103,324	15,837	18.1%
12	BUSINESS 12	R	66,568	73,161	6,593	9.9%	72,184	(977)	-1.3%	61,541	(10,643)	-14.7%
13	BUSINESS 13	M	55,251	57,126	1,875	3.4%	77,083	19,957	34.9%	79,121	2,038	2.6%
14	BUSINESS 14	R	78,117	76,978	(1,139)	-1.5%	72,323	(4,654)	-6.0%	39,132	(33,191)	-45.9%
15	BUSINESS 15	R	54,677	58,406	3,729	6.8%	58,734	329	0.6%	73,210	14,476	24.6%
16	BUSINESS 16	R	49,306	52,364	3,057	6.2%	59,025	6,662	12.7%	61,368	2,343	4.0%
17	BUSINESS 17	W	48,369	56,270	7,901	16.3%	58,775	2,506	4.5%	56,475	(2,300)	-3.9%
18	BUSINESS 18	R	54,551	47,665	(6,886)	-12.6%	47,274	(390)	-0.8%	61,993	14,719	31.1%
19	BUSINESS 19	R	43,768	43,839	71	0.2%	43,468	(370)	-0.8%	61,034	17,565	40.4%
20	BUSINESS 20	R	41,035	41,345	309	0.8%	53,691	12,346	29.9%	54,783	1,092	2.0%
	TOP 20		3,040,317	3,266,382	226,065	7.4%	3,365,181	98,799	3.0%	3,708,870	343,690	10.2%
	As % Sales Tax		43.9%	45.6%			45.4%			49.0%		
	Sales Tax		6,933,242	7,164,011	230,769	3.3%	7,411,874	247,863	3.5%	7,570,618	158,744	2.1%



SALES TAX

TOP 20 SALES TAX PRODUCERS

MAR-JUN

Rank	Producers	Type	2017	2018	Var \$	Var %	2019	Var \$	Var %	2020	Var \$	Var %
1	BUSINESS 1	R	417,835	449,063	31,227	7.5%	525,399	76,336	17.0%	486,586	(38,814)	-7.4%
2	BUSINESS 2	R	270,971	263,216	(7,755)	-2.9%	259,232	(3,983)	-1.5%	319,383	60,151	23.2%
3	BUSINESS 3	R	201,090	201,781	692	0.3%	205,831	4,050	2.0%	235,642	29,811	14.5%
4	BUSINESS 4	R	170,541	177,346	6,805	4.0%	176,066	(1,281)	-0.7%	221,655	45,589	25.9%
5	BUSINESS 5	R	101,046	112,406	11,360	11.2%	119,054	6,648	5.9%	151,960	32,906	27.6%
6	BUSINESS 6	R	108,495	115,830	7,335	6.8%	118,087	2,257	1.9%	120,165	2,078	1.8%
7	BUSINESS 7	R	77,018	95,008	17,990	23.4%	112,142	17,133	18.0%	133,713	21,572	19.2%
8	BUSINESS 8	M	97,775	56,801	(40,974)	-41.9%	89,048	32,247	56.8%	113,348	24,300	27.3%
9	BUSINESS 9	R	68,967	71,619	2,652	3.8%	75,697	4,077	5.7%	93,077	17,380	23.0%
10	BUSINESS 10	W	60,852	70,137	9,285	15.3%	68,150	(1,987)	-2.8%	59,316	(8,834)	-13.0%
11	BUSINESS 11	R	67,109	67,623	514	0.8%	63,335	(4,288)	-6.3%	30,127	(33,208)	-52.4%
12	BUSINESS 12	M	44,295	44,042	(253)	-0.6%	43,029	(1,013)	-2.3%	50,857	7,829	18.2%
13	BUSINESS 13	R	38,110	38,319	209	0.5%	46,791	8,472	22.1%	44,054	(2,737)	-5.8%
14	BUSINESS 14	W	31,814	41,226	9,412	29.6%	42,519	1,293	3.1%	42,811	293	0.7%
15	BUSINESS 15	R	39,276	42,369	3,092	7.9%	54,245	11,876	28.0%	17,340	(36,905)	-68.0%
16	BUSINESS 16	R	44,895	44,638	(257)	-0.6%	42,330	(2,309)	-5.2%	13,574	(28,756)	-67.9%
17	BUSINESS 17	R	31,295	36,846	5,551	17.7%	39,608	2,762	7.5%	36,278	(3,330)	-8.4%
18	BUSINESS 18	R	26,393	27,323	930	3.5%	32,671	5,348	19.6%	35,100	2,429	7.4%
19	BUSINESS 19	M	25,194	49,989	24,795	98.4%	20,675	(29,314)	-58.6%	22,990	2,315	11.2%
20	BUSINESS 20	M	31,758	27,836	(3,921)	-12.3%	25,957	(1,879)	-6.8%	29,213	3,256	12.5%
	TOP 20		1,954,730	2,033,419	78,689	4.0%	2,159,864	126,445	6.2%	2,257,190	97,326	4.5%
	As % Sales Tax		42.2%	44.3%			44.8%			52.1%		
	Sales Tax		4,630,224	4,591,845	(38,379)	-0.8%	4,825,184	233,339	5.1%	4,329,452	(495,732)	-10.3%



USE TAX

TOP 5 USE TAX PRODUCERS									JUL-DEC		
Rank	Producers	2017	2018	Var \$	Var %	2019	Var \$	Var %	2020	Var \$	Var %
1	BUSINESS 1	57,208	68,325	11,118	19.4%	194,162	125,836	184.2%	278,910	84,748	43.6%
2	BUSINESS 2	-	132,966	132,966	#DIV/0!	-	(132,966)	-100.0%	-	-	#DIV/0!
3	BUSINESS 3	16,284	17,841	1,557	9.6%	21,978	4,137	23.2%	42,315	20,337	92.5%
4	BUSINESS 4	10,375	12,561	2,185	21.1%	17,404	4,844	38.6%	31,044	13,640	78.4%
5	BUSINESS 5	3,498	12,871	9,373	268.0%	15,493	2,622	20.4%	33,660	18,166	117.3%
	TOP 5	87,365	244,564	157,199	179.9%	249,037	4,473	1.8%	385,928	136,891	55.0%
	Top 5 as % Use Tax	10.8%	23.4%			20.4%			23.8%		
	Use Tax	812,198	1,043,532	231,334	28.5%	1,220,838	177,306	17.0%	1,618,689	397,851	32.6%

TOP 5 USE TAX PRODUCERS									MAR-JUN		
Rank	Producers	2017	2018	Var \$	Var %	2019	Var \$	Var %	2020	Var \$	Var %
1	BUSINESS 1	29,073	32,717	3,643	12.5%	37,705	4,989	15.2%	142,091	104,386	276.8%
2	BUSINESS 2	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	-	-	#DIV/0!	63,938	63,938	#DIV/0!
3	BUSINESS 3	5,483	6,663	1,180	21.5%	7,757	1,095	16.4%	26,733	18,976	244.6%
4	BUSINESS 4	15,847	13,735	(2,112)	-13.3%	2,561	(11,173)	-81.4%	8,922	6,361	248.3%
5	BUSINESS 5	3,631	7,656	4,025	110.9%	7,222	(434)	-5.7%	15,523	8,301	114.9%
	TOP 5	54,034	60,770	6,736	12.5%	55,246	(5,524)	-9.1%	257,208	201,962	365.6%
	Top 5 as % Use Tax	10.3%	10.1%			10.2%			25.9%		
	Use Tax	522,199	603,261	81,062	15.5%	543,496	(59,765)	-9.9%	993,013	449,517	82.7%



MEALS TAX

TOP 10 MEALS TAX PRODUCERS

JUL-DEC

Rank	Producers	2017	2018	Var \$	Var %	2019	Var \$	Var %	2020	Var \$	Var %
1	BUSINESS 1	252,749	255,786	3,037	1.2%	333,722	77,936	30.5%	340,586	6,864	2.1%
2	BUSINESS 2	248,380	217,346	(31,035)	-12.5%	229,327	11,982	5.5%	149,141	(80,186)	-35.0%
3	BUSINESS 3	163,313	172,017	8,703	5.3%	173,082	1,065	0.6%	158,431	(14,651)	-8.5%
4	BUSINESS 4	131,648	157,339	25,691	19.5%	171,523	14,184	9.0%	164,796	(6,726)	-3.9%
5	BUSINESS 5	135,521	147,769	12,248	9.0%	164,780	17,011	11.5%	149,496	(15,284)	-9.3%
6	BUSINESS 6	154,887	148,555	(6,331)	-4.1%	152,059	3,503	2.4%	131,332	(20,727)	-13.6%
7	BUSINESS 7	157,388	149,821	(7,566)	-4.8%	143,673	(6,148)	-4.1%	126,249	(17,424)	-12.1%
8	BUSINESS 8	118,685	110,796	(7,889)	-6.6%	123,217	12,421	11.2%	149,149	25,933	21.0%
9	BUSINESS 9	122,590	128,160	5,570	4.5%	129,757	1,597	1.2%	108,745	(21,012)	-16.2%
10	BUSINESS 10	116,125	115,199	(926)	-0.8%	122,255	7,056	6.1%	133,374	11,119	9.1%
	Top 10	1,601,285	1,602,787	1,502	0.1%	1,743,394	140,607	8.8%	1,611,300	(132,094)	-7.6%
	Top 10 As % of Total Tax	21.9%	21.5%			22.4%			23.2%		
	Meals Tax	7,295,854	7,448,595	152,741	2.1%	7,775,644	327,049	4.4%	6,939,593	(836,051)	-10.8%

TOP 10 MEALS TAX PRODUCERS

MAR-JUN

Rank	Producers	2017	2018	Var \$	Var %	2019	Var \$	Var %	2020	Var \$	Var %
1	BUSINESS 1	164,076	169,960	5,884	3.6%	203,417	33,458	19.7%	218,614	15,197	7.5%
2	BUSINESS 2	106,264	113,538	7,275	6.8%	117,231	3,693	3.3%	101,776	(15,454)	-13.2%
3	BUSINESS 3	127,518	124,198	(3,320)	-2.6%	116,107	(8,091)	-6.5%	30,691	(85,417)	-73.6%
4	BUSINESS 4	98,480	109,865	11,385	11.6%	115,343	5,478	5.0%	73,649	(41,694)	-36.1%
5	BUSINESS 5	91,658	97,393	5,735	6.3%	112,003	14,610	15.0%	85,057	(26,946)	-24.1%
6	BUSINESS 6	106,876	103,900	(2,976)	-2.8%	92,022	(11,878)	-11.4%	51,240	(40,782)	-44.3%
7	BUSINESS 7	95,593	99,453	3,860	4.0%	91,185	(8,267)	-8.3%	41,487	(49,698)	-54.5%
8	BUSINESS 8	83,789	79,811	(3,978)	-4.7%	84,757	4,945	6.2%	79,084	(5,672)	-6.7%
9	BUSINESS 9	80,255	80,516	261	0.3%	81,993	1,477	1.8%	83,183	1,189	1.5%
10	BUSINESS 10	84,202	88,114	3,912	4.6%	89,482	1,368	1.6%	63,223	(26,259)	-29.3%
	Top 10	1,038,710	1,066,748	28,038	2.7%	1,103,540	36,792	3.4%	828,004	(275,536)	-25.0%
	Top 10 As % of Total Tax	20.7%	20.5%			20.9%			23.9%		
	Meals Tax	5,009,565	5,198,710	189,145	3.8%	5,282,988	84,278	1.6%	3,469,331	(1,813,657)	-34.3%



LODGING TAX

TOP 5 LODGING TAX PRODUCERS

JUL-DEC

Rank	Producers	2017	2018	Var \$	Var %	2019	Var \$	Var %	2020	Var \$	Var %
1	BUSINESS 1	191,091	181,179	(9,913)	-5.2%	195,024	13,845	7.6%	80,743	(114,281)	-58.6%
2	BUSINESS 2	166,757	150,172	(16,584)	-9.9%	145,146	(5,026)	-3.3%	101,658	(43,488)	-30.0%
3	BUSINESS 3	-	133,540	133,540	#DIV/0!	163,812	30,271	22.7%	108,257	(55,554)	-33.9%
4	BUSINESS 4	107,712	102,592	(5,119)	-4.8%	96,987	(5,606)	-5.5%	67,609	(29,378)	-30.3%
5	BUSINESS 5	101,919	95,520	(6,399)	-6.3%	83,683	(11,838)	-12.4%	75,890	(7,793)	-9.3%
	Top 5	567,479	663,004	95,525	16.8%	684,651	21,647	3.3%	434,157	(250,494)	-36.6%
	Top 5 As % of Total Tax	43.9%	45.6%			45.3%			39.9%		
	Lodging Tax	1,293,457	1,453,600	1,453,600	#DIV/0!	1,512,925	59,325	4.1%	1,087,235	(425,690)	-28.1%

TOP 5 LODGING TAX PRODUCERS

MAR-JUN

Rank	Producers	2017	2018	Var \$	Var %	2019	Var \$	Var %	2020	Var \$	Var %
1	BUSINESS 1	91,598	111,624	20,027	21.9%	105,954	(5,670)	-5.1%	35,622	(70,332)	-66.4%
2	BUSINESS 2	98,857	107,465	8,608	8.7%	99,747	(7,718)	-7.2%	33,627	(66,120)	-66.3%
3	BUSINESS 3	59,849	71,216	11,367	19.0%	65,834	(5,382)	-7.6%	35,591	(30,243)	-45.9%
4	BUSINESS 4	66,410	73,945	7,534	11.3%	66,742	(7,202)	-9.7%	23,436	(43,306)	-64.9%
5	BUSINESS 5	54,171	57,318	3,146	5.8%	64,154	6,836	11.9%	38,261	(25,893)	-40.4%
	Top 5	370,886	421,567	50,682	13.7%	402,431	(19,136)	-4.5%	166,537	(235,894)	-58.6%
	Top 5 As % of Total Tax	48.4%	42.6%			40.9%			35.8%		
	Lodging Tax	766,636	989,463	989,463	#DIV/0!	985,024	(4,439)	-0.4%	465,577	(519,447)	-52.7%



AMUSEMENT TAX

TOP 10 AMUSEMENT TAX PRODUCERS									JUL-DEC		
Rank	Producers	2017	2018	Var \$	Var %	2019	Var \$	Var %	2020	Var \$	Var %
1	BUSINESS 1	163,100	159,370	(3,729)	-2.3%	160,239	868	0.5%	6,950	(153,288)	-95.7%
2	BUSINESS 2	83,914	43,810	(40,104)	-47.8%	60,958	17,148	39.1%	12,625	(48,333)	-79.3%
3	BUSINESS 3	32,691	32,795	104	0.3%	26,063	(6,732)	-20.5%	10,121	(15,942)	-61.2%
4	BUSINESS 4	4,693	26,386	21,694	462.3%	43,383	16,996	64.4%	971	(42,411)	-97.8%
5	BUSINESS 5	17,413	18,855	1,442	8.3%	19,646	791	4.2%	13,942	(5,704)	-29.0%
6	BUSINESS 6	18,395	19,835	1,439	7.8%	17,896	(1,939)	-9.8%	4,803	(13,092)	-73.2%
7	BUSINESS 7	15,310	16,759	1,450	9.5%	16,737	(22)	-0.1%	11,569	(5,168)	-30.9%
8	BUSINESS 8	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	25,824	25,824	#DIV/0!	18,507	(7,317)	-28.3%
9	BUSINESS 9	10,431	9,783	(648)	-6.2%	8,658	(1,125)	-11.5%	6,490	(2,169)	-25.0%
10	BUSINESS 10	11,550	10,907	(642)	-5.6%	10,106	(801)	-7.3%	-	(10,106)	-100.0%
	Top 10	357,497	338,500	(18,997)	-5.3%	389,509	51,008	15.1%	85,978	(303,530)	-77.9%
	Top 10 As % of Total Tax	86.1%	84.7%			87.0%			82.9%		
	Amusement Tax	415,322	399,645	(15,677)	-3.8%	447,518	47,872	12.0%	103,749	(343,769)	-76.8%

TOP 10 AMUSEMENT TAX PRODUCERS									MAR-JUN		
Rank	Producers	2017	2018	Var \$	Var %	2019	Var \$	Var %	2020	Var \$	Var %
1	BUSINESS 1	108,029	146,408	38,379	35.5%	123,440	(22,967)	-15.7%	7,659	(115,782)	-93.8%
2	BUSINESS 2	27,976	22,732	(5,245)	-18.7%	21,028	(1,704)	-7.5%	3,256	(17,772)	-84.5%
3	BUSINESS 3	18,436	17,876	(560)	-3.0%	18,304	428	2.4%	4,954	(13,350)	-72.9%
4	BUSINESS 4	15,743	22,283	6,540	41.5%	14,892	(7,392)	-33.2%	2,141	(12,751)	-85.6%
5	BUSINESS 5	13,621	13,004	(618)	-4.5%	12,251	(753)	-5.8%	2,115	(10,136)	-82.7%
6	BUSINESS 6	13,459	12,485	(975)	-7.2%	12,545	61	0.5%	1,769	(10,776)	-85.9%
7	BUSINESS 7	2,819	7,978	5,159	183.0%	18,202	10,224	128.1%	2,989	(15,213)	-83.6%
8	BUSINESS 8	2,573	13,120	10,546	409.8%	15,053	1,934	14.7%	-	(15,053)	-100.0%
9	BUSINESS 9	7,140	6,634	(506)	-7.1%	7,059	425	6.4%	1,062	(5,997)	-85.0%
10	BUSINESS 10	5,929	5,971	42	0.7%	6,529	558	9.3%	1,170	(5,359)	-82.1%
	Top 10	215,726	268,490	52,764	24.5%	249,303	(19,187)	-7.1%	27,115	(222,188)	-89.1%
	Top 10 As % of Total Tax	88.1%	92.6%			91.1%			70.2%		
	Amusement Tax	244,960	289,951	44,990	18.4%	273,555	(16,395)	-5.7%	38,647	(234,909)	-85.9%



PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

PERSONAL PROPERTY							JUL-DEC			
Taxes	2017	2018	Var \$	Var %	2019	Var \$	Var %	2020	Var \$	Var %
Personal Property	\$15,871,702	\$16,393,431	\$521,729	3.29%	\$17,264,806	\$871,375	5.05%	\$17,523,870	\$259,064	1.48%
Business Personal Property	\$4,924,487	\$4,956,992	\$32,505	0.66%	\$5,167,692	\$210,700	4.08%	\$5,483,218	\$315,526	5.75%
Machinery & Tools	\$4,790,928	\$5,144,875	\$353,947	7.39%	\$5,293,753	\$148,878	2.81%	\$4,697,237	-\$596,516	-11.27%
License Fees	\$66,901	\$67,000	\$99	0.15%	\$68,759	\$1,759	2.56%	\$65,456	-\$3,303	-5.05%



SALES & USE – MLA TAX

SALES - MEALS, LODGING, & AMUSEMENT TAX - JULY TO DECEMBER OF FY

Taxes	2017	2018	Var \$	Var %	2019	Var \$	Var %	2020	Var \$	Var %	2021	Var \$	Var %
MEALS	\$7,117,183	\$7,310,124	\$192,941	2.71%	\$7,477,684	\$167,560	2.29%	\$7,798,959	\$321,275	4.30%	\$6,978,864	-\$820,095	-10.52%
LODGING	\$1,151,348	\$1,293,509	\$142,162	12.35%	\$1,453,907	\$160,398	12.40%	\$1,514,119	\$60,212	4.14%	\$1,097,773	-\$416,347	-27.50%
AMUSEMENT	\$402,584	\$413,167	\$10,583	2.63%	\$399,657	-\$13,510	-3.27%	\$450,245	\$50,588	12.66%	\$104,836	-\$345,409	-76.72%
SALES	\$7,898,823	\$7,832,958	-\$65,865	-0.83%	\$8,226,240	\$393,282	5.02%	\$8,655,849	\$429,608	5.22%	\$9,302,357	\$646,508	7.47%

SALES - MEALS, LODGING, & AMUSEMENT TAX - MARCH TO JUNE OF FY

Taxes	2017	2018	Var \$	Var %	2019	Var \$	Var %	2020	Var \$	Var %	2021	Var \$	Var %
MEALS	\$5,021,258	\$5,197,107	\$175,849	3.50%	\$5,301,482	\$104,375	2.01%	\$3,457,321	-\$1,844,161	-34.79%	\$0	\$0	0.00%
LODGING	\$769,277	\$989,254	\$219,977	28.60%	\$985,465	-\$3,789	-0.38%	\$466,331	-\$519,134	-52.68%	\$0	\$0	0.00%
AMUSEMENT	\$241,411	\$302,887	\$61,477	25.47%	\$274,670	-\$28,217	-9.32%	\$38,500	-\$236,170	-85.98%	\$0	\$0	0.00%
SALES	\$5,233,724	\$5,223,984	-\$9,740	-0.19%	\$5,425,600	\$201,616	3.86%	\$5,360,935	-\$64,665	-1.19%	\$0	\$0	0.00%



PANDEMIC NUMBERS???

On average, a Panda feeds for approximately 12 hours per day. This is the same as an adult at home under quarantine which is why we call it a "Pandemic"





Lynchburg Real Estate Market Overview

Jeff Bandy, City Assessor

January 26th, 2021



Real Estate Markets – COVID-19

- We are very early, but so far the local real estate market is holding up well overall. Long term there are many unknowns.
 - Residential Markets are very strong. Demand is significantly higher than available supply for price points below \$250,000.
- According to The Long & Foster Market Minute report for December 2020 (Greater Lynchburg Housing Market- Year over Year Comparison) units sold is up (33%), active inventory is down 37%, Median Sale prices are up 20%, Days on Market (26 days) is down 46% with Months of Supply of 1.1 months down 58%.
- Another factor driving prices upward is that mortgage rates are at historically low levels. Bank Rate published 30 year fixed mortgages rates average 2.88% recently.
- Proposed residential neighborhoods are increasing in value ranges from zero to 25%. The wide range is mostly due to price points with the higher value properties (over \$250K) going up
- Supply and demand are out of balance currently.



Apartment Market

- The apartment market is also very strong. Most of the new projects that are being leased up are having no problems leasing units. Some projects are leasing more units in 2020 than they were leasing in 2019.
- Recent sales(2020) of older apartment communities indicate strong demand:
 - Walden Pond recently sold for \$32.55 million which translates to \$90,755/ unit. Current assessment is about 80% of sale price.
 - Dumont Apartment recently sold for \$1.2 million or about \$80K/unit which is about 36% more than current assessment.



Commercial Markets

- Commercial markets are also holding up better than expected.
 - Petsmart recently sold for \$3.8 million or \$199/SF; which is about 23% higher than current assessment.
 - Aaron's rentals sold for \$1.525 million or \$188/SF; which is 20% higher than current assessment.
- The problem areas include: hotels/extended stays, some retail/shopping centers, theaters and restaurants and office. It is too early to understand the long term affects for these property types. Most provided little if any data (I &E) surveys to help me better understand their operating positions.

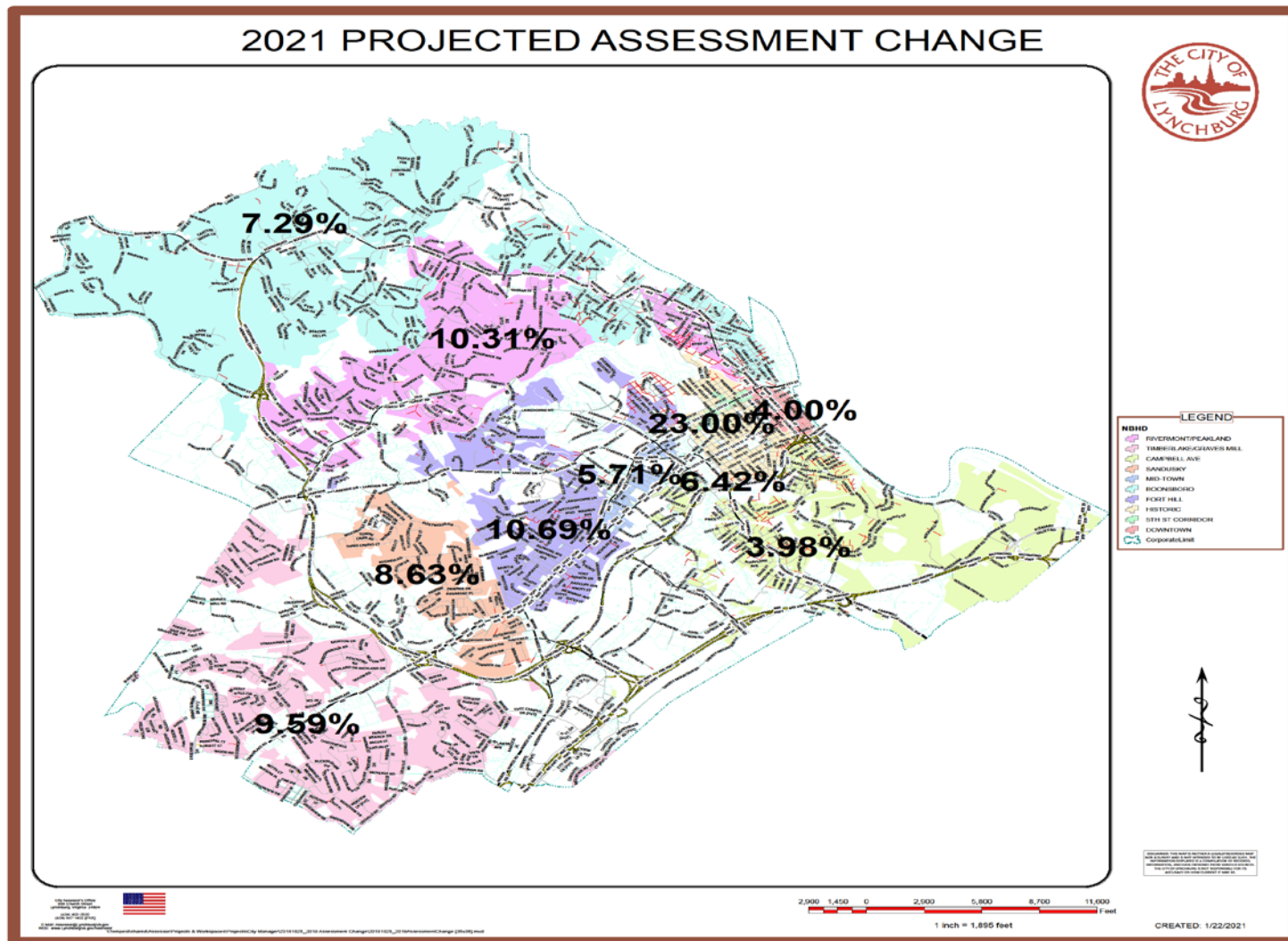


Industrial Markets

- The industrial market has also proven to be resilient. This sector never had a complete shutdown during COVID-19 and the future looks promising.
 - Porter Steel (3726 Cohen Pl) sold for \$5.42 million and then resold for \$7.56 million after company was bought out by May Steel. These sales are 25%- 76% higher than current assessments.
 - R R Donnelley plant recently sold (\$6.75 million) to an Industrial investor from Mid-West who specializes in repositioning older industrial properties. This is a 648,000 SF plants. This type of asset typically sits vacant for years!



Proposed Value Appreciation Map





FY 2022 Major Revenues Budget Calendar

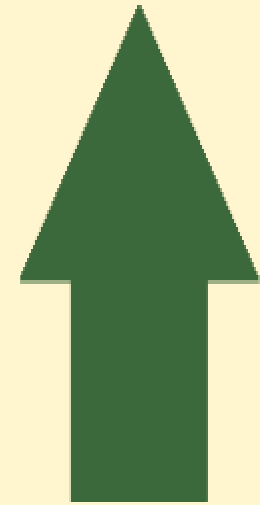
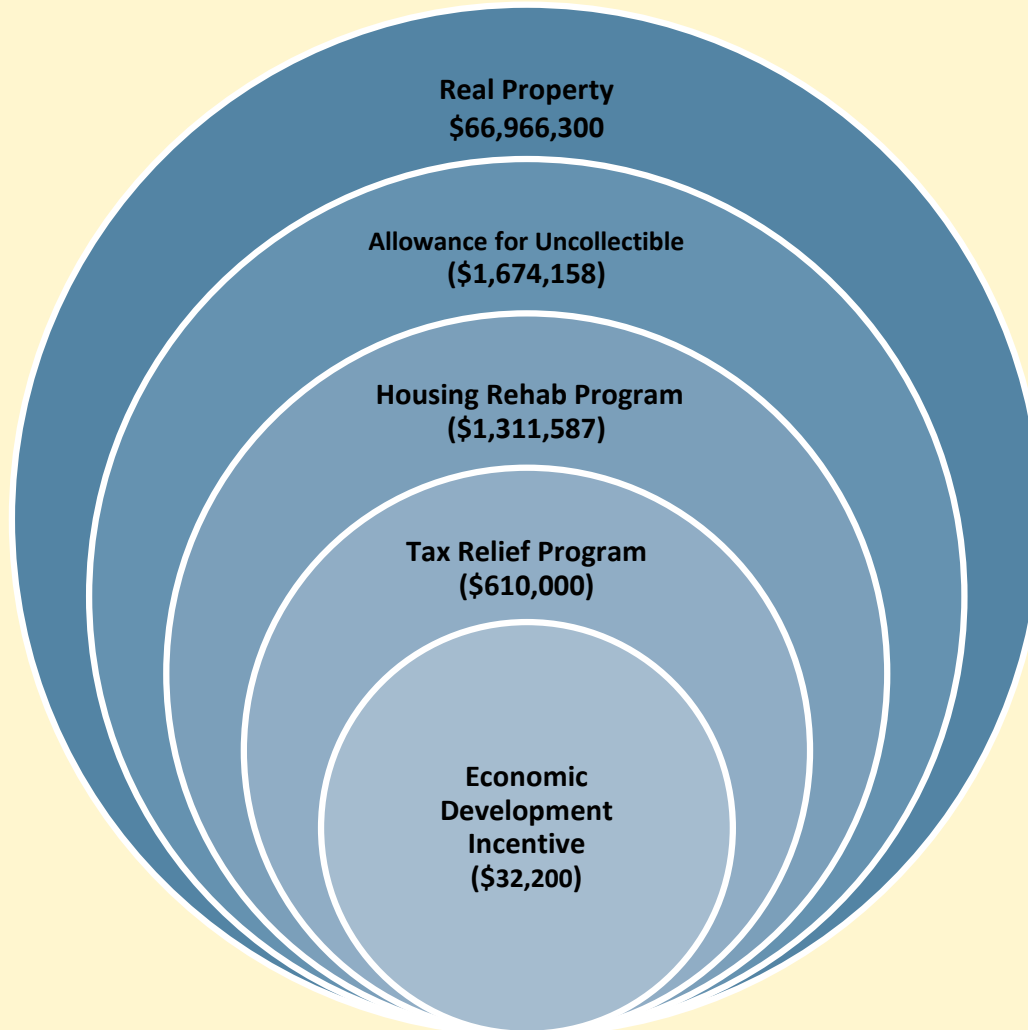
City Council Retreat
January 26, 2021



Major Revenue

Net Real Property Tax

FY 2022 \$63,338,355



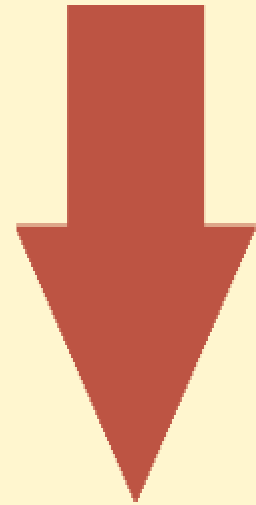
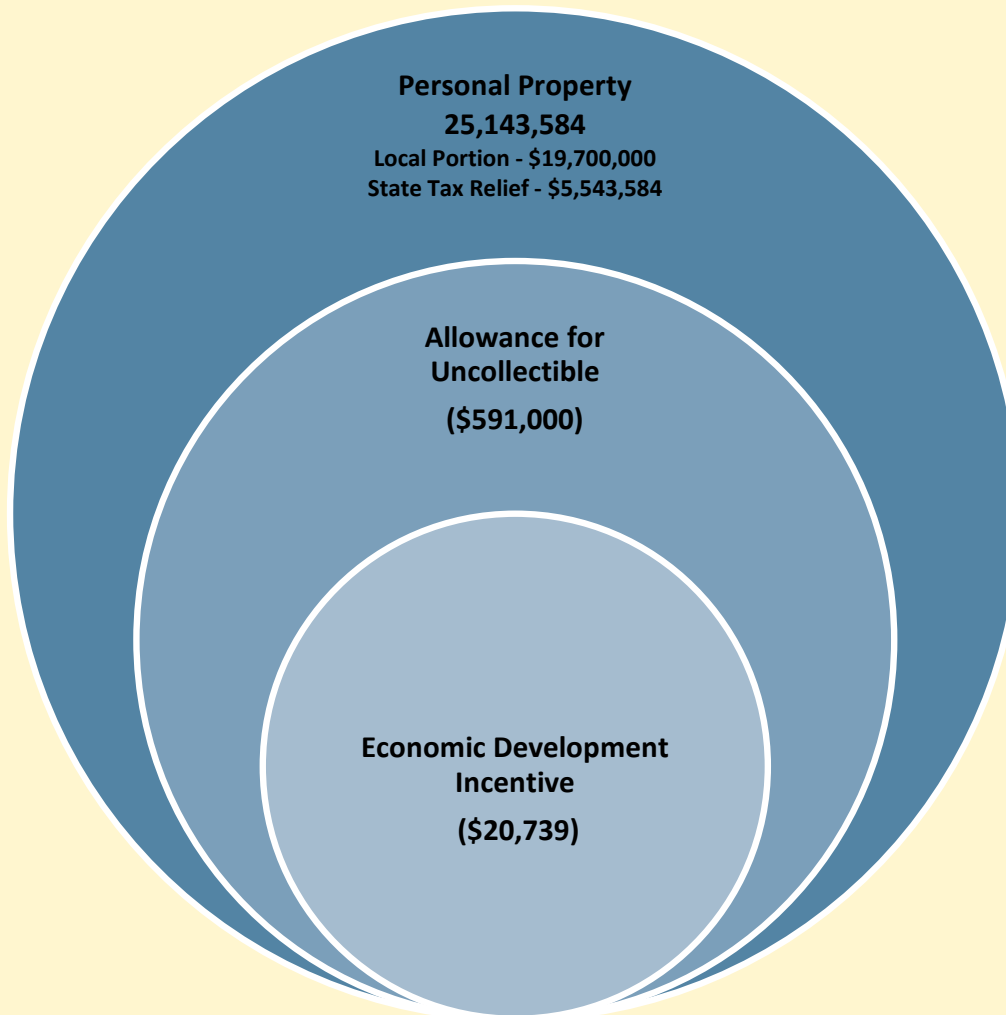
Increase of 7.2%
(\$4,238,209) over
Actual FY 2020
\$59,100,146



Major Revenue

Net Personal Property Tax

FY 2022 \$24,631,845



Decrease of 3.6%
(\$919,349) below
Actual FY 2020
\$25,551,194



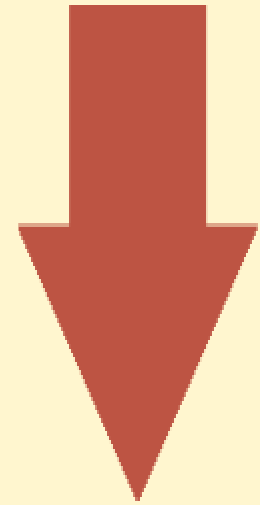
Major Revenues

Motor Vehicle Licenses Tax

FY 2022 Projected \$1,605,000

FY 2021 Adopted \$1,605,000

FY 2020 Actual \$1,647,832

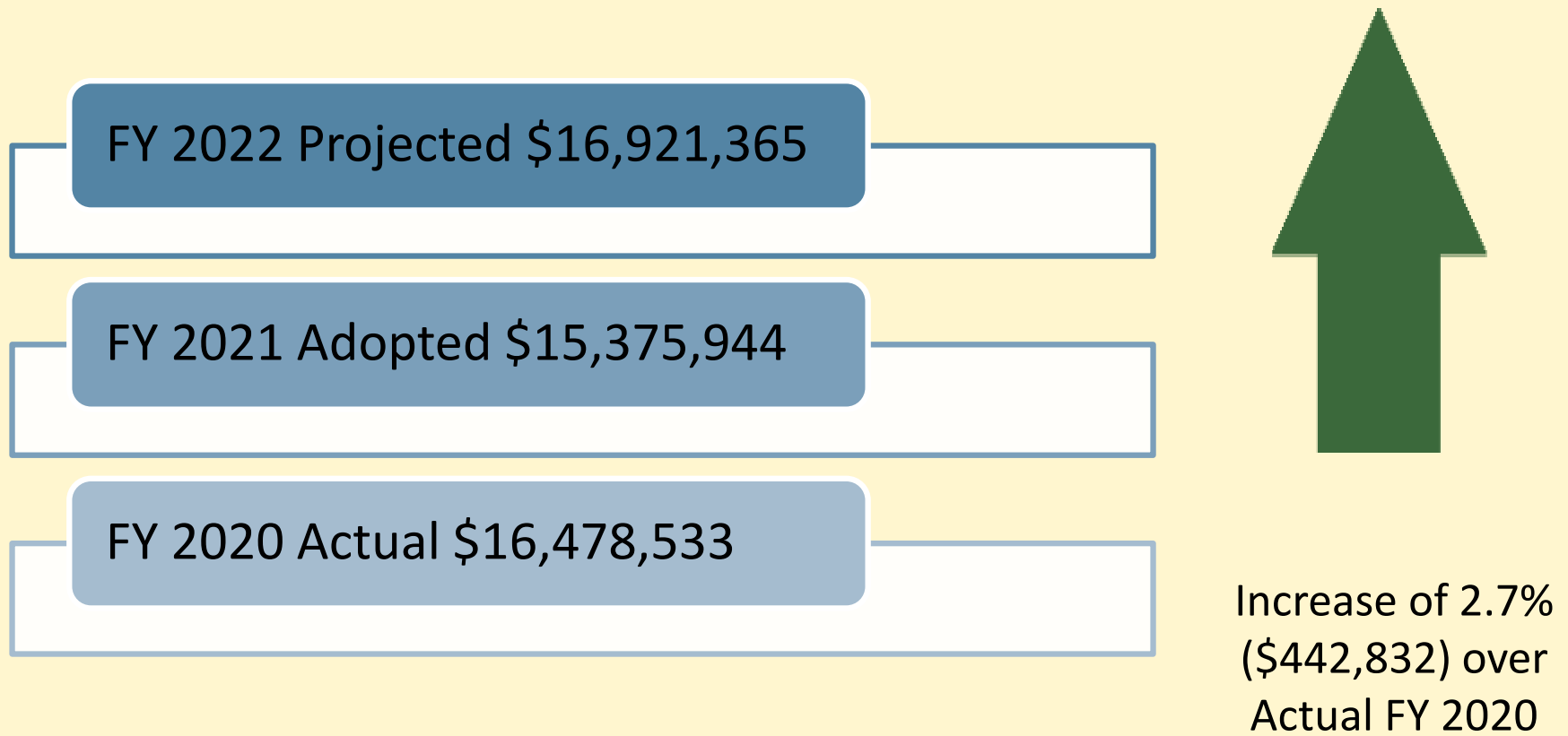


Decrease of 2.6%
(\$42,832) below
Actual FY 2020



Major Revenues

Net Local Sales and Use Tax



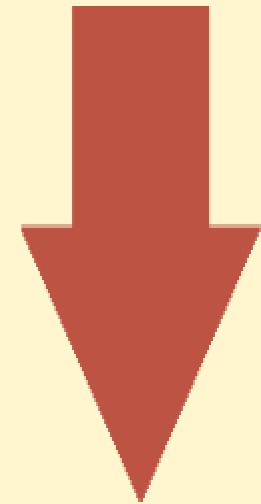
* Net of Economic Development Incentive



Major Revenues

Net Business License Tax

FY 2022 \$8,184,343



Decrease of 11.3%
(\$1,041,938) below
Actual FY 2020



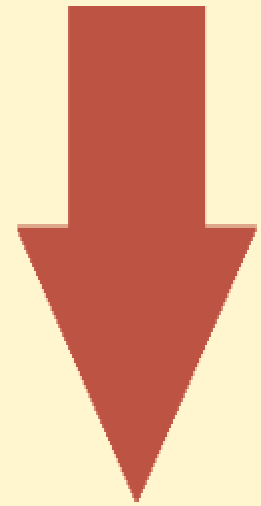
Major Revenues

Net Lodging Tax

FY 2022 Projected \$2,077,937

FY 2021 Adopted \$2,457,218

FY 2020 Actual \$2,100,355



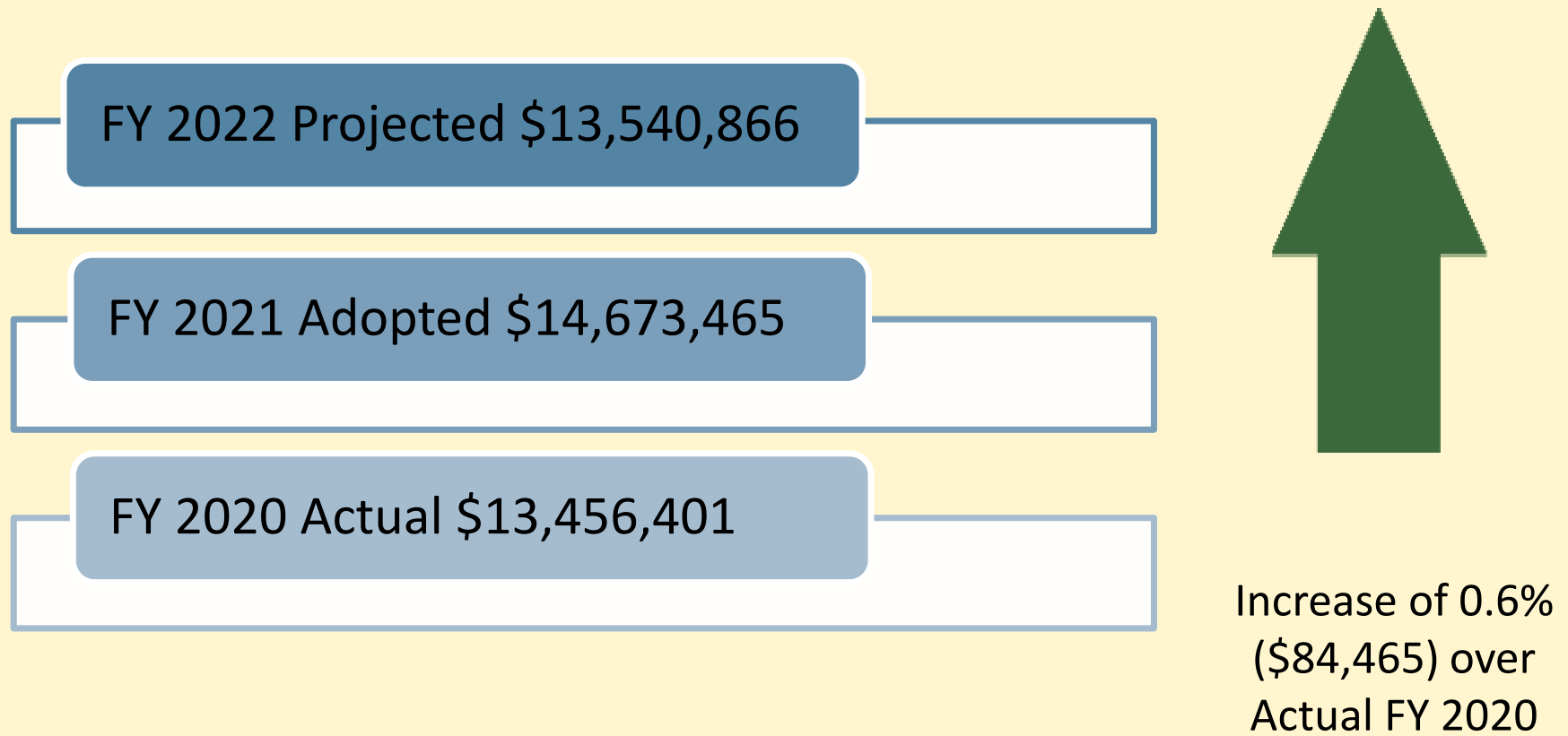
Decrease of 1.1%
(\$22,418) below
Actual FY 2020

* Net of Economic Development Incentive



Major Revenues

Net Meals Tax



* Net of Economic Development Incentive

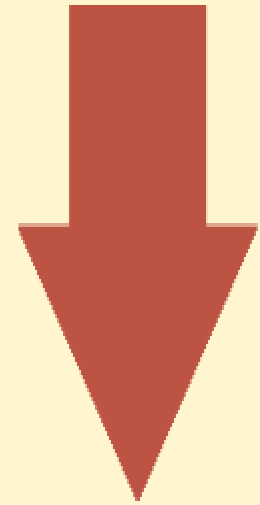


Major Revenues Amusement Tax

FY 2022 Projected \$205,201

FY 2021 Adopted \$795,190

FY 2020 Actual \$624,430



Decrease of 67.1%
(\$419,229) below
Actual FY 2020



FY 2022 Budget Calendar

March 9, 2021	4 - 6 PM	Regular Council Work Session - City Manager Introduces FY 2022 Proposed Budget and Begin Budget Review
March 16, 2021	4 - 6 PM	Council Budget Work Session - Continue to review FY 2022 Proposed Budget
March 23, 2021	4 - 6 PM	Regular Council Work Session - Continue to review FY 2022 Proposed Budget
March 30, 2021	7 PM	FY 2022 Budget Public Hearing
April 6, 2021	4 - 6 PM	Council Budget Work Session - Continue to review FY 2022 Proposed Budget; Begin to review Proposed FY 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program
April 13, 2021	4 - 6 PM	Regular Council Work Session - Continue to review Proposed FY 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program; Presentation of Revised FY 2022 Revenues and Expenditures
April 20, 2021	4 - 6 PM	Council Budget Work Session - Budget Balancing
April 27, 2021	4 - 6 PM	Regular Council Work Session - Budget Balancing
May 4, 2021	4 - 6 PM	Council Budget Work Session - Budget Balancing
May 11, 2021	7:30 PM	Council Meeting - First Reading of the Budget
May 25, 2021	7:30 PM	Council Meeting - Second Reading and Adoption of the Budget

FY 2022 BUDGET PRIORITIES DISCUSSION

City Council Budget Retreat
January 26, 2021



Agenda

- Purpose: Identify 3 or 4 key strategic priorities that City staff should focus on in developing the upcoming budget
- Agenda
 - Review Process
 - Review Potential Budget Priorities
 - Present Rankings from Council Members
 - Discuss Other Comments/Priorities
 - Discuss and Decide on 3 to 4 priorities

Process So Far

- City executive team reviewed budget submissions and other strategic initiative plans and outlined 9 potential priorities for the upcoming budget year, then wrote a document explaining those priorities
- Two weeks ago, we asked Council members to review the document outlining potential budget priorities, rank them from 1 to 9 and provide any other feedback for other priorities
- We now have those results and are ready for you, to state what you want to achieve as a group
 - Before, we do that, I want to make sure we clarify what we have envisioned in each item.

Implementation of the City-wide salary study

- Implementation of the next phase of the salary study
- Focused on direct service delivery staff members and hard-to-attract positions.
- The idea is that generally, this would be focused on the lower paid positions in the organization, though we will also be cognizant of salary compression issues, as well.
- We also have several positions that are not necessarily lower paid, but are extremely difficult to fill at the present rates of pay.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

- This priority would focus resources on the appointment of a Chief DEI Officer, at the C-Suite level, (leading to a supportive Office of DEI).
- Resources, policy direction, and ideological reinforcement from leadership must also be in place and funding would be made available for training the City's workforce.
- The Chief DEI Officer will work to suggest plans for greater implementation of DEI principles and identify initiatives that an Office of DEI will implement in order to benefit the City organization based on best-practices.

Public Safety Staffing Plan

- City Council has received presentations regarding staffing needs in our public safety function.
 - The Police Department has indicated a need for 25 additional officers
 - Fire Department has a need for 14 additional Firefighters, and
 - Emergency Services needs an additional 4 communications officers.
- Non-sworn positions that have been requested in these departments, but this priority area would focus primarily on the direct service delivery functions of these departments.
- This year, we would begin with a smaller contingent of added staff.

Public Education

- Lynchburg City Schools will forward requests for funding that are designed to innovate and improve on the success we've seen and provide targeted interventions to address student achievement and opportunity, while being a competitive employer for their most critical resource: teachers.
- We know they are crafting budget proposals that would address COVID challenges and provide more flexibility and options to families, with the intent of providing more options for students who are not in the system.

Refuse Collection Personnel

- There is a need for additional personnel in the Refuse Division.
- We utilized CARES funds to add two additional “knuckleboom” trucks to the fleet and have since been using Public Works staff from other divisions to assist in collection of these materials.
- This has come at the cost of other functions not being completed in as timely a manner.
- Addition of two full time refuse collection employees to staff the knuckleboom trucks, allowing these units to be used full time.

Refuse Collection Fleet

- This priority would include the purchase of one additional refuse collection truck in order to create a reserve refuse collection fleet.
- There are presently no reserve refuse trucks, so when one truck goes down for maintenance or breakdown, that route must be completed by the rest the remainder of the crews.
- We were able to procure two additional trucks with CARES funds.
- Presently, there are six daily routes and six corresponding trucks in service every day. Having three reserve trucks would allow us to ensure that we are maintaining all of our vehicles and keeping them in service every day.

Litter Control

- Funding for litter control on City streets and along City streams, where appropriate.
- This could be based on the Neighborhood Caretaker program or hiring a private company to assist with litter control and beautification efforts in and around neighborhoods.
- This will both improve the appearance of the City and reduce the environmental impacts of our urban environment.

Poverty Reduction Strategic Plan

- Task Forces have been effective in building community buy-in and building an understanding of the need to address poverty concerns in our community.
- Now time to re-assess this effort and conduct a new planning exercise with a multi-decade perspective towards improving quality of life for people in our community.
- This priority would provide funding for a community wealth building (poverty reduction) strategic action plan, utilizing experts in this field to identify policies and programs that help to increase income and reduce barriers to economic independence in our community.

Parks and Rec Programming/Public Spaces

- COVID-19 has reintroduced many in our community to the wonderful public spaces we have available. With the addition of available spaces, funding to support adequate staff and industry technologies are imperative.
- Some specific matters related to this priority include:
 - Reopening the Miller Park pool (restoration of aquatics budget)
 - Extending trails, providing access to public internet,
 - Working to keep these areas safe for employees and patrons.
 - Extension of Recreational Specialist positions at the College Hill Neighborhood Center, and
 - Assuring appropriate facility maintenance staff

Ranking (low score is higher rank)

Rank	Item	Average Score
1	Public Safety Staffing Plan	1.40
2	Public School Funding	2.60
3	City-wide Salary Study Implementation	4.60
4	Refuse Staffing	4.75
5	DEI	4.80
6	Refuse Fleet	5.25
7	Poverty Strategic Planning	6.00
8	Parks and Rec Programing and Public Spaces	6.75
9	Litter Control	8.25

Other Priorities or Comments

- Please identify ways to offer relief to taxpayers. Similarly, are there opportunities for cutting spending?
- I am thinking that somehow a real priority should be COVID recovery but I don't even know what that looks like at the moment since it is such a fast moving target.
- On Public Education: While this is extremely important, I think it is imprudent to undertake anything different until the Future Of Education Task Force has completed its tasks. Perhaps the only aspect of it that I would favor is in the realm of technology and expanding internet access for all neighborhoods and city facilities. That is an obvious necessity for schools, businesses, families and city facilities.

Other Priorities and Comments

- On Poverty: While significant, I think the largely community based Bridges To Progress initiative should be the area of focus rather than for the City to attempt to compete or undertake parallel efforts with B2P. As you know, COVID-19 has sidetracked B2P but has a broad and talented base of leadership and support.
- On Parks and Rec: In the face of COVID-19, our City's parks and trails are an increasingly healthy and popular venue for our citizens
- On DEI: This is an important ongoing goal but I do not think it is prudent to create a new position to address this. It should be an ongoing focus of existing Human Service staff and leadership as well as every department head.
- Just a note of thanks — this is incredibly thoughtful, and I appreciate all the work the team has put in to arranging this discussion. Looking forward to Tuesday!

A Few Points

- We need to create a common vision together; budget is the best place to start with implementation of that vision
 - We want to start budget processes from a question of policy goals, not reacting
- We haven't talked about money yet (costs).
- Depending on resources, in order to present a balance budget, the recommended budget may:
 - Pass over a higher ranked item and fund a lower ranked item that is less expensive
 - Include funding recommendations for items that are lower on the list if, by chance, we have enough money
- Unless Council tells us today to focus on other items or not focus on something, this is what our focus will be

Discussion and Priority Setting