

To: Budget Chair and Members SPPC

From: Sandy Levin (without any of the hats I wear other than concerned citizen)

Re: 2022 Budget update submission, Nov 29, 2021

1. The COVID impacts on the city budget have largely been mitigated by other levels of government. However, the COVID related impacts of the increase in use of our Environmentally Significant Areas (ESAs) has not been addressed. These impacts include more trash, more inappropriate uses such as constructed bike jumps and more off trail use. I ask Council to support a temporary annual increase of \$100,000 for 2022 and for 2023 in the contract with the UTRCA for ESA management so that the UTRCA can hire additional boots on the ground for its ESA team. To avoid a tax impact, I suggest this be funded through the Urban Forestry Renewal Reserve (which staff propose for continued Invasive Plant Species management).
2. I want to flag the level of tax supported contributions to the following reserve funds (page taken from p. 156 of the 2020-2023 multi-year budget not the budget update document). Is there too much tax money going in this year and next given the size of the balances and not knowing if the programs they support work? After all, no one is going to say they don't need an extra \$3-\$5M as is the case for some large residential building projects. The value for money evaluation process in place goes beyond the next multi-year budget and is unlikely to prove effectiveness one way or another.

CAPITAL ASSET GROWTH DETAILS 2020 - 2023 (\$000's)

Established to provide funding to new capital initiatives while allowing the City to stabilize the cost of purchasing major capital assets by spreading the cost over multiple years.

		<-----PROJECTED BALANCE----->					TOTAL	PROJECTED
		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2020-2023	2024-2029
Industrial Oversizing	Tax Supported Contributions	400	200	200	200	200	800	600
	Other	85	17	15	12	8	52	36
	Planned Draws	(2,934)	(332)	(331)	(393)	(393)	(1,449)	(707)
	Projected Balance	924	809	693	511	326	326	255
Industrial Land	Tax Supported Contributions	1,892	1,892	1,892	1,892	1,892	7,568	11,352
	Other	2,583	1,084	1,089	6,090	1,078	9,342	6,256
	Planned Draws	(9,390)	(664)	(4,715)	(6,133)	(6,029)	(17,541)	(22,497)
	Projected Balance	8,112	10,424	8,690	10,539	7,481	7,481	2,591
Industrial DC Incentive	Tax Supported Contributions	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	8,800	13,200
	Other	3,061	60	61	62	63	245	407
	Planned Draws	(4,656)	(2,200)	(2,200)	(2,200)	(2,200)	(8,800)	(13,200)
	Projected Balance	2,977	3,037	3,097	3,159	3,223	3,223	3,629
Institutional DC Incentive	Tax Supported Contributions	3,592	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	9,600	14,400
	Other	186	136	93	95	97	422	626
	Planned Draws	(1,055)	(6,900)	(2,400)	(2,400)	(2,400)	(14,100)	(14,400)
	Projected Balance	9,037	4,673	4,767	4,862	4,959	4,959	5,585
Commercial DC Incentive	Tax Supported Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	403	4	1	1	1	8	9
	Planned Draws	(83)	(306)	-	-	-	(306)	-
	Projected Balance	366	64	66	67	68	68	77
Residential DC Incentive ¹	Tax Supported Contributions	2,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	6,000	9,000
	Other	63	4,524	(13)	17	45	4,572	819
	Planned Draws	60	(11,287)	(4)	(4)	(213)	(11,508)	(2,023)
	Projected Balance	3,857	(1,405)	77	1,590	2,921	2,921	10,717

Subject to funding