

# COUNCIL QUESTIONS

11/19/2019

## Proposed FY20 Budget Council Questions

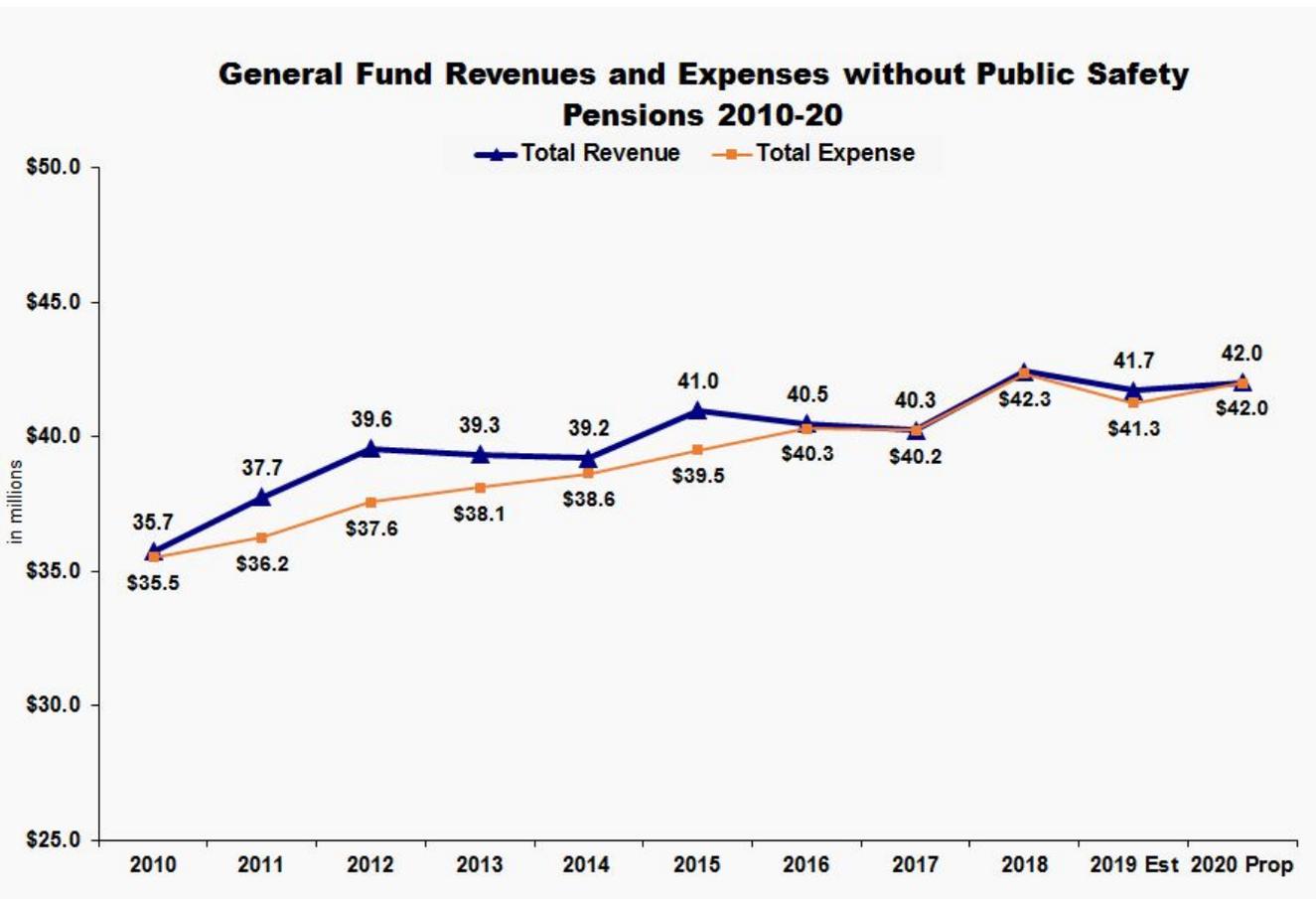
### GENERAL FUND

*What have the revenues and expenses in the General Fund been in previous years without Public Safety Pensions included?*

Since 2010, General Fund revenue increased from \$35.7 million to \$42.0 million, an increase of \$6.3 million (average increase of 1.77% per year).

Since 2010, General Fund expenses increased from \$35.5 million to \$42.0 million, an increase of \$6.5 million (average increase of 1.83% per year).

See the graph below for more detailed information:



*How much has the Village spent on road salt in the past 5 years?*

<b>Winter Season</b>	<b>Total Purchased (Tons)</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
2014/2015	8,449	\$521,991
2015/2016	3,968	\$264,840
2016/2017	4,619	\$282,617
2017/2018	3,969	\$188,689
2018/2019	6,026	\$366,233
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,031</b>	<b>\$1,624,370</b>
<b>Annual Average</b>	<b>5,406</b>	<b>\$324,874</b>

*How many parkway trees did the Village plant in 2019?*

*How many parkway trees are planned to be planted in 2020?*

Parkway trees planted in 2019	500
Parkway trees scheduled to be planted in 2020	480

## **PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

*Property Tax Levy - When was the last year the Village increased the Levy for operations? How much was the Levy in that year? How much has the Consumer Price Index increased in total in the years since that time?*

The last year the Village increased the Levy for operations was the FY11 Budget. The levy that year was \$6,662,347 for operations. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Consumer Price Index has increased by 14.15% since 2011. The proposed levy for operations for the FY20 Budget is \$6,022,145. If the levy had been increased by the Consumer Price Index each year beginning in 2011, the levy would be \$7,605,069.

*What would the impact of the proposed \$175,000 increase in property tax be to a typical household in the Village without the public safety pension increase?*

The impact of the proposed property tax increase for operations only would result in an increase of \$6.93 for a typical residential property.

## **MAJOR BUILDINGS FUND**

*Why is the Building Services Manager budgeted at .75 FTE?*

The Building Service Manager is currently a part-time employee. The Building Services Manager retired from his full-time position in September 2018 after 39 years of service. After evaluating options for filling this vacancy, the Village retained him in a part-time capacity due to his vast knowledge of existing building systems and given the condition of the Police Station and Village Hall.

*Is the amount budgeted for maintenance of the Police Station and Village Hall in the Major Buildings Fund appropriate given that the Council will be undertaking a plan to replace these buildings? What types of maintenance expenses are expected to be incurred in 2020?*

Yes, the Major Buildings Fund includes \$75,000 in emergency repair project contingency. Based on Council direction in the Long-Range Plan, staff will continue to maintain the existing buildings at the lowest cost possible until replacement options are reevaluated. In the event that the Police Station or Village Hall experiences a major unexpected maintenance repair, the Village Council will be notified.

## **COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PLAN - (CIP)**

*Please provide an explanation of the Green Streets/Sustainable Stormwater Program (SW-069).*

The Green Streets/Sustainable Stormwater Program is included in the budget each year to provide financial resources to implement small scale stormwater projects that improve water quality. In the past this has included offering residents the option to have bioswales planted within the ditch at their property instead of a grassed swale. From past experience, staff has found that this landscaping approach is most successful when it is requested by residents because they will continue to maintain the naturalized area. This funding has also been used to enhance properties on Village properties with water quality features.

*How many Ash trees remain in the Village's parkway?*

The Village has approximately 1,500 Ash trees remaining in the Village parkway which the Village continues to monitor and treat. As of May 2019, staff projected that approximately 900 ash trees will continue to require preventative treatment, while approximately 600 ash trees would be anticipated to be removed over the next 3 years. However, ash tree removals in both 2018 and 2019 were lower than previous years (104 and 100 trees respectively), and Village staff anticipates that removals will continue to gradually decline over the next three years. As Ash trees have been removed, the Village has replaced them with a variety of species of trees which has added more diversity to the Village's tree stock.

## **Attachments**

rRemarks



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Agenda Section	Agenda Item	Comment	Commenter
8. First Reading	MOT 2019-8428 A. Motion: Accept the Plan for the Future of the Downtown	<p>My name is Jack Marengo. I live at 945 Burlington Avenue Unit 305 and am a 42 year resident in Downers Grove having lived in Downtown Downers Grove for the last 11 years as a Residential Property Owner at Acadia on the Green building 1.</p> <p>I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that I support the Commercial Property Owners of Downtown Downer Grove in their recommendation that the RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS LIVING WITHIN THE SSA2 SHOULD BE EXCLUDED from the proposed new Downtown SSA scheduled to take effect in 2021.</p> <p>I understand that as a Resident Property Owner, I will no longer be represented by the Downtown Management Corporation.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	<p>John Marengo 945 Burlington Downers Grove</p>
8. First Reading	MOT 2019-8428 A. Motion: Accept the Plan for the Future of the Downtown	<p>My name is Jennifer Jerzyk. I live at 945 Burlington Avenue Unit 407 and am a tax payer and a Residential Property Owner at Acadia on the Green building 1.</p> <p>I support the Commercial Property Owners of Downtown Downers Grove in their recommendation that the Residential Property Owners residing within SSA2 should be excluded from the proposed new Downtown SSA scheduled to take effect in 2021.</p> <p>I understand that as a Resident Property Owner, I will no longer be represented by the Downtown Management Corporation.</p>	<p>Jennifer Jerzyk 945 Burlington Downers Grove</p>
8. First Reading	MOT 2019-8428 A. Motion: Accept the Plan for the Future of the Downtown	<p>My name is Jay Duitsman. I live at 935 Burlington Avenue Unit 410 and I am a resident in Downers Grove as a Residential Property Owner at Acadia on the Green building 3.</p> <p>I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that I support the Commercial Property Owners of Downtown Downer Grove in their recommendation that the Residential Property Owners residing within SSA2 should be excluded from the proposed new Downtown SSA scheduled to take effect in 2021.</p> <p>I understand that as a Resident Property Owner, I will no longer be represented by the Downtown Management Corporation.</p>	<p>Jay Duitsman 935 Burlington Downers Grove</p>
8. First Reading	MOT 2019-8428 A. Motion: Accept the Plan for the Future of the Downtown	<p>My name is Michael Field I live at 935 Burlington Avenue Unit 211 and am a resident in Downers Grove having lived in Downtown Downers Grove for the last 1 year as a Residential Property Owner at Acadia on the Green building 3.</p> <p>I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that I support the Commercial Property Owners of Downtown Downer Grove in their recommendation that the Residential Property Owners residing within SSA2 should be excluded from the proposed new Downtown SSA scheduled to take effect in 2021.</p> <p>I understand that as a Resident Property Owner, I will no longer be represented by the Downtown Management Corporation.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	<p>Michael Field 935 Burlington Downers Grove</p>
8. First Reading	MOT 2019-8428 A. Motion: Accept the Plan for the Future of the Downtown	<p>My name is Joyce Marine. My husband and I live in downtown Downers Grove at 945 Burlington as residential property owners. We support the recommendation of the Commercial Property Owners of downtown Downers: residential property owners who reside within SSA2 should be excluded from the proposed new downtown SSA that is scheduled to take effect in 2021. Thank you.</p>	<p>Joyce Marine 945 Burlington Downers Grove</p>
8. First Reading	MOT 2019-8428 A. Motion: Accept the Plan for the Future of the Downtown	<p>My name is Mark Koten. I live at 935 Burlington Avenue Unit 310 and am a resident in Downers Grove having lived in Downtown Downers Grove for the last 3 years as a Residential Property Owner at Acadia on the Green building 3.</p> <p>I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that I support the Commercial Property Owners of Downtown Downer Grove in their recommendation that the Residential Property Owners residing within SSA2 should be excluded from the proposed new Downtown SSA scheduled to take effect in 2021.</p>	<p>Mark Koten 935 Burlington Downers Grove</p>



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8. First Reading	MOT 2019-8428 A. Motion: Accept the Plan for the Future of the Downtown	<p>My name is Susan Hayes. I live at 935 Burlington Avenue Unit 106 and am a resident in Downers Grove having recently moved to Downtown Downers Grove for the as a Residential Property Owner at Acadia on the Green building 3.</p> <p>I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that I support the Commercial Property Owners of Downtown Downer Grove in their recommendation that the Residential Property Owners residing within SSA2 should be excluded from the proposed new Downtown SSA scheduled to take effect in 2021.</p> <p>I understand that as a Resident Property Owner, I will no longer be represented by the Downtown Management Corporation.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	Susan Hayes 935 Burlington Downers Grove
8. First Reading	MOT 2019-8428 A. Motion: Accept the Plan for the Future of the Downtown	<p>My name is Martha Mulligan. I live at 4929 Forest Ave, Unit 2-C. I am a 47 year property owner/resident of Downers Grove, having lived in Downtown Downers Grove for the last 2 years. I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that I support the recommendation that the Residential Property Owners residing within SSA2 should be excluded from the proposed new Downtown SSA scheduled to take effect in 2021. I understand that as a Resident Property Owner, I will no longer be represented by the Downtown Management Corporation.</p> <p>I strongly urge the Council to adopt this 3rd option as the only one that is fair to downtown residents going forth in 2021. I believe that there are no benefits provided by the SSA that are exclusive to Downtown residents and that are not for the benefit of the entire village of Downers Grove and are utilized by all, as it was by me for the years as a property owner outside the downtown area.</p> <p>I rely on the transparency and the integrity of the Village Council in making this most important decision. Thank you for your serious consideration of my support of the 3rd option for the SSA for 2021.</p> <p>Sincerely, Martha Mulligan</p>	Martha Mulligan 4929 Forest Downers Grove
8. First Reading	MOT 2019-8428 A. Motion: Accept the Plan for the Future of the Downtown	<p>I strongly recommend that the council take option 3 that removes the home owners in SSA 2 from supporting the DMG.</p> <p>I have no intention to support any additional SSA2 after the current unjust taxation expires.</p> <p>The only just choice for the council is option 3.</p> <p>I have been a home owner and taxpayer in Downers Grove for 48 years.</p> <p>Steve Mulligan</p>	Steve Mulligan 4929 Forest Downers Grove



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5. Public Comment	COMMENTS OF A GENERAL NATURE	<p>My name is Melissa Ortega. I live at 945 Burlington Avenue Unit 214 and am a 3 year resident in Downers Grove having lived in Downtown Downers Grove for the last 3 years as a Residential Property Owner at Acadia on the Green building 1.</p> <p>I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that I support the Commercial Property Owners of Downtown Downer Grove in their recommendation that the Residential Property Owners residing within SSA2 should be excluded from the proposed new Downtown SSA scheduled to take effect in 2021.</p> <p>I understand that as a Resident Property Owner, I will no longer be represented by the Downtown Management Corporation.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	<p>Melissa Ortega 945 Burlington Downers Grove</p>
5. Public Comment	COMMENTS OF A GENERAL NATURE	<p>My name is Tania Ortega. I live at 945 Burlington Avenue Unit 214 and am a Residential Property Owner at Acadia on the Green building 1.</p> <p>I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that I support the Commercial Property Owners of Downtown Downer Grove in their recommendation that the Residential Property Owners residing within SSA2 should be excluded from the proposed new Downtown SSA scheduled to take effect in 2021.</p>	<p>Tania Ortega 945 Burlington Downers Grove</p>
5. Public Comment	COMMENTS OF A GENERAL NATURE	<p>My name is Susan Ward. I live at 935 Burlington Ave. unit 105 and have been a resident in Downers Grove for last one and a half years, as a residential property owner at Acadia on the Green building 3. I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that I support the Commercial Property Owners of Downtown Downers Grove in their recommendation that the Residential Property Owners residing within SSA2 should be excluded from the proposed new Downtown SSA scheduled to take effect in 2021.</p> <p>I understand that as a Residential Property Owner, I will no longer be represented by the Downtown Management Corporation.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	<p>Susan Ward 935 Burlington Downers Grove</p>