FY 2020-21
Budget Public Hearing

July 28, 2020

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Overview

- Where we have been and where are we going with the budget process?
- Details on the 3-month budget proposed for adoption on July 30.
- Next steps after July 30 with community engagement and the budget.

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Key Takeaways

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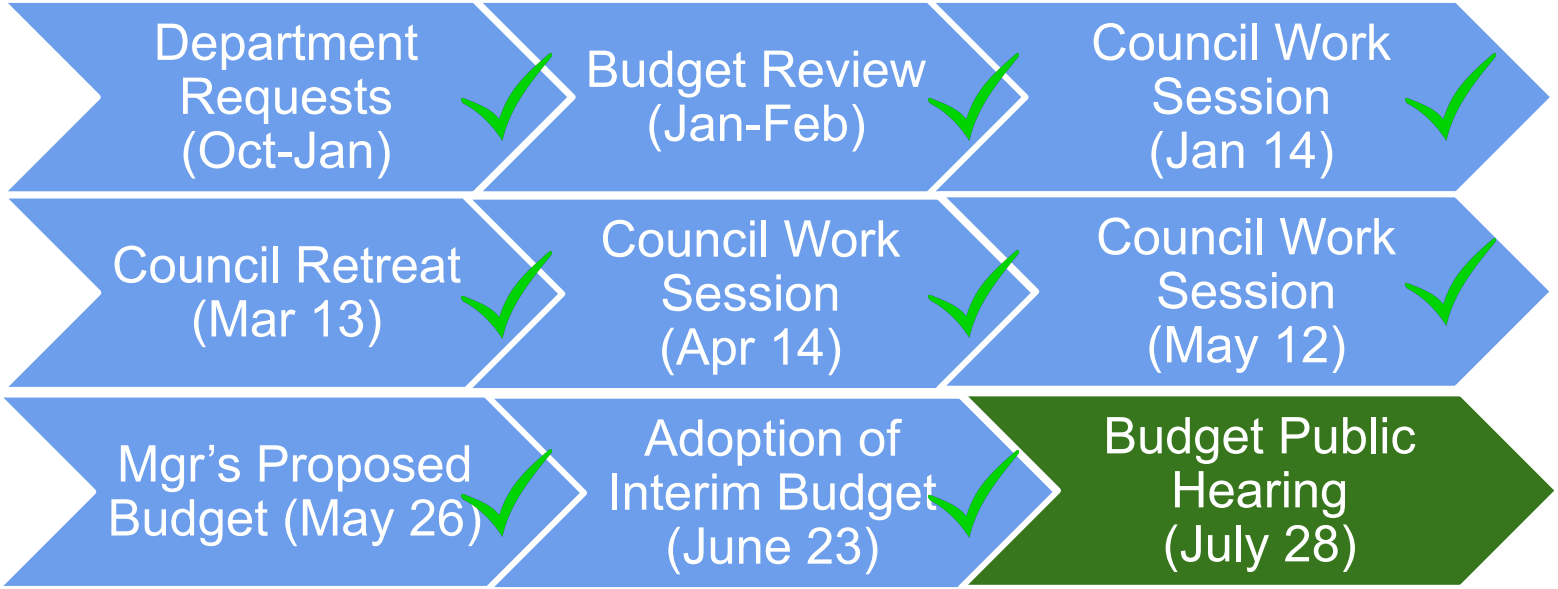
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Financial Update

- COVID-19 continues to create major financial uncertainty.
- Fund balance will likely be needed to cover operating costs in both FY20 and FY21.
- Continued federal and state financial assistance will be essential for maintaining operations.

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Where Have We Been?



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- June 9: Postponed budget public hearing.
- June 23: Council Actions
  - Approved an ordinance for interim budget appropriations from July 1, 2020 to July 31, 2020.
  - Directed staff to prepare annual budget with 3 months of funding for departments

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Where Have We Been: June 23 Action

Interim Budget per NC General Statutes:

- The interim budget does not allow for any new spending or capital projects, nor does it authorize establishment of the FY 2020-21 property tax rate.
- ***The property tax rate can only be adopted as part of the annual budget ordinance and must be adopted by August 1.***
- There are no alternative provisions for adopting the tax rate with an interim budget.

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Where We Are: July 28 & July 30

- July 28: Receive public comment on the annual budget.
- July 30: Adopt annual budget with only 3 months of funding allocated to departments and programs.

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Where We Are: 3-Month Budgets

- Includes funding for departments to meet spending and contractual obligations through the end of September.
  - Annual contracts for items such as transit service, recycling, & radio maintenance are fully budgeted.
  - Other routine expenses budgeted at 25%.

Where We Are: 3-Month Budgets

Fund	3 month	Total	
General	29,934,073	134,763,570	22%
Water	14,119,391	33,235,312	42%
Transit	11,094,571	12,256,653	91%
Parking	1,900,948	6,647,680	29%
Stormwater	1,692,915	6,580,342	26%
HCCA	1,145,557	3,804,058	30%
Street Cut	582,825	1,877,104	31%
General Capital	14,137,441	14,137,441	100%

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Where We Are Going: July - September

- July-September: Community engagement and input.
- September 22: Budget amendment to allocate funds to departments for the full fiscal year.

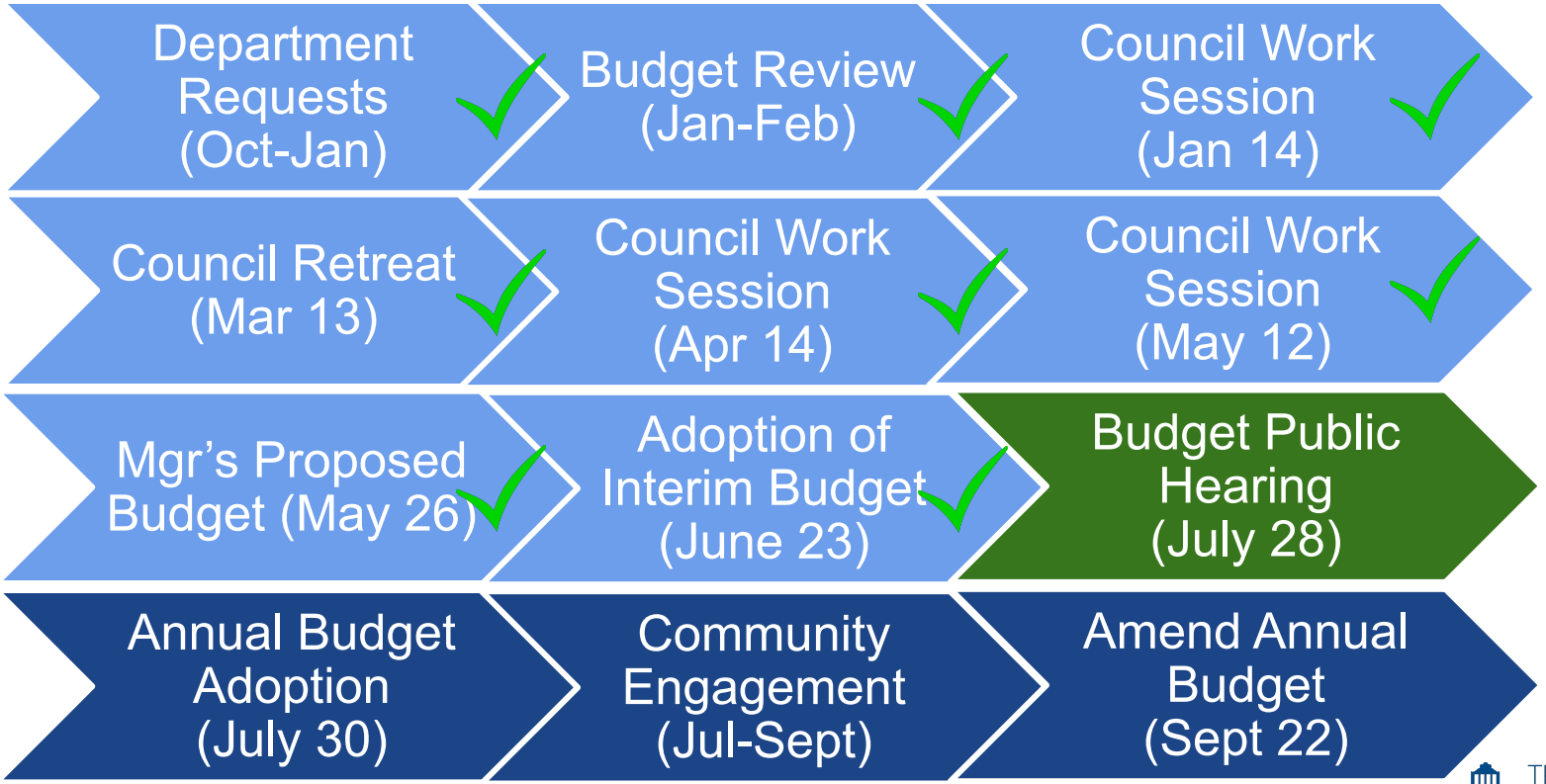
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