# FY 2018-2019 Manager's Recommended Budget





## City Manager's Budget Development Goals:

- Per Council Discussion at February Planning Session
  - Maintain current tax rate (63.25 cents)
  - Address Council and community priorities
    - Reduce Poverty
    - Increase Affordable Housing
    - Increase Economic Opportunity/MWBE Efforts
  - Maintain and improve the City's vital infrastructure
  - Maintain City's AAA bond rating
  - Value and recognize City employee contributions



## Recommended Budget Highlights:

- Recommended Budget = \$541,863,951 (All funds)
  - 1.0% higher than FY 17-18 Budget
- Recommended General Fund Budget = \$290,841,890
  - 1.4% higher than FY 17-18 Budget
- Maintains current property tax rate (63.25 cents)
  - Ninth consecutive year at same rate
- Proposed Water and Sewer Rate Increases:
  - Inside Users 3.50% (additional \$1.53 per month)
  - Outside Users 3.50% (additional \$3.82 per month)



## Recommended Budget Highlights (continued):

- Burlington Road Fire Station (#63)
  - Station scheduled to open in summer 2018
  - No new positions required
- Household Hazardous Waste Program Expansion
  - Service currently available Wednesday Saturday
  - Expansion will open service for Monday and Tuesday
  - Monthly household fee increases from 40 cents to 60 cents.
- Provides competitive pay and benefits package for City employees
- Includes recommended Community Partners Board funding requests and Participatory Budgeting projects approved by citizens in November 2017



## Proposed FY 18-19 Property Tax Rate Distribution:

	FY 17-18 Budget	FY 18-19 Recommended Budget
General Fund	58.56 cents	58.56 cents
Transit	3.50 cents	3.50 cents
Housing Partnership	0.69 cents	0.69 cents
Economic Development	0.50 cents	0.50 cents
Total	63.25 cents	63.25 cents

- Maintains the tax rate at the current level (63.25 cents)
- Maintains all current tax rates for each tax supported fund.



## Competitive Employee Pay/Benefits Package:

- 3.0% average merit and 2% structure adjustment for employees
  - 3.0% average merit effective December 1<sup>st</sup>
  - 2.0% salary structure adjustment effective Sept 1st
- Increases minimum wage
  - Recommended new minimum annual salary of \$31,200 for all full-time benefitted positions
  - Increase minimum hourly wage from \$11.50 to \$12.50 for all roster positions (excluding Coliseum)
- Funds variety of employee health and career development offerings
  - Above market health insurance
  - Free annual preventative health screenings and diabetes management plan
  - Six weeks paid parental leave
  - Supervision and Leadership development programs



#### Water and Sewer Fund:

- Recommended FY 18-19 Budget = \$134,492,798
- Recommended 3.50% rate increase for customers both inside and outside the City limits, effective July 1, 2018
  - \$1.53 per month additional for average inside customer
  - \$3.82 per month additional for average outside customer
  - Continues focus on infrastructure rehabilitation, maintenance, and capital replacement program
  - Greensboro maintains one of the lowest rates in NC
- Recommended Budget includes two positions related to service enhancements:
  - Water Plant Supervisor (2 FTEs)



#### War Memorial Coliseum Fund:

- Recommended FY 18-19 Budget = \$26,226,459
- General Fund contribution remains \$2.9 million
- Event Highlights include:
  - NBA G League: Greensboro Swarm third season
  - UNC Greensboro Men's Basketball
  - ACC Women's Basketball Tournament
  - NCAA Women's Basketball Regionals
  - Disney On Ice, Monster Truck Jam, Cirque du Soleil
- Recommended budget includes 2 positions related to increased Aquatic Center programming:
  - Learn to Swim Program Supervisor (1 FTE)
  - Maintenance Mechanic (1 FTE)



### Bond Projects/\$155 Million Bond Issue:

- Issue Date October 2018
- Issue \$115 M remaining balance of 2008 and 2009 voter approved bonds
  - \$50 M Refinances 2017 Construction Note to Bonds
  - Street Improvements, Parks and Recreation, Greensboro Science Center
  - \$65 M Remaining balance of 2008 Street Improvements Bonds
- Issue \$40 M of 2016 voter approved bonds
  - \$10.0 M Housing
  - \$7.5 M Community & Economic Development
  - \$11.0 M Parks & Recreation
  - \$11.5 M Transportation (includes resurfacing)



#### Performing Arts Center Fund:

- Recommended budget includes 3 positions related to preparation for opening of new Tanger Center for the Performing Arts in FY 19-20
  - Advertising Coordinator (1 FTE)
  - Booking Manager (1 FTE)
  - Box Office Manager (1 FTE)

#### Parking Facilities Fund:

- Recommended budget begins accumulation of funds for new downtown parking deck
  - Monthly downtown deck parking rental rates increase from \$65 to \$85
  - New rates effective January 1, 2019
  - New parking deck to open early 2020



### Outside Agency Funding:

Agency	FY 18-19 Recommended
General Fund-101	
Blandwood Mansion	\$25,000
Greensboro/Guildford Crime Stoppers	\$25,000
Greensboro Children's Museum	\$100,000
Greensboro Sports Commission	\$85,000
FaithAction International House	\$20,000
Out of the Garden Project	\$40,000
Eastern Music Festival	\$40,000
Sanctuary House	\$50,000
General Fund Total	\$385,000
ED FUND-208	
Arts Greensboro	\$100,000
Greensboro Community Development Fund	\$50,000
Greensboro Chamber of Commerce – LaunchLab	\$100,000
Downtown Greensboro Inc.	\$50,000
Piedmont Triad Film Commission	\$35,000
Triad Local First	\$25,000
Traid Stage	\$40,000
Carolina Theatre	\$27,000
Community Theatre of Greensboro	\$28,000
Reading Connections	\$60,000
Economic Development Fund Total	\$515,000
Community Partners Total Funding	\$900,000

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## Next Steps:

- Council Work Session May 22, 2:00 pm
- Council Work Session/Public Hearing –
   June 5, 2:00pm/5:30 pm
- Council Work Session June 12, 2:00 pm (if needed)
- **Budget Adoption** June 19, 5:30 pm



For More Information:

- Budget available online Wednesday May 16
  - www.greensboro-nc.gov/recommendedbudget

- Budget Simulator
  - Learn more about the budget
  - Practice balancing the City's budget
  - www.greensboro-nc.gov/simulator



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