

## **Budget & Finance Committee**

### **Preliminary Questions to Metropolitan Government Departments**

1. What is the amount of the proposed funding decrease from the previous fiscal year?  
Water and Sewer – increase: \$16,708,700  
Stormwater— increase: \$2,760,200
2. Please provide a statement regarding the impact the proposed reductions will have on your department’s operations. Specifically, please be sure to address the following questions:
  - a. What services currently provided by your department do you anticipate will be reduced/eliminated? none
  - b. What impact will such reduction or elimination have on the residents and businesses of Davidson County? none
  - c. How many department employees do you anticipate will be impacted by the reduction in funding? Employees will not receive increments, open range adjustments, cola, or longevity compensation.
3. Regarding the number of FTE employees in your department:
  - a. How many budgeted employees do you have for the current fiscal year?
    - i. Water and Sewer – 727
    - ii. Stormwater - 115
  - b. How many unfilled FTE employees does your department currently have?
    - i. Water and Sewer – 48 (4/24/2020)
    - ii. Stormwater - 8
  - c. How many FTE positions are included in the Mayor’s proposed budget?
    - i. Water and Sewer – 741
    - ii. Stormwater – 19
4. Regarding your department’s “departmental savings”:
  - a. What is the amount of your department’s ‘targeted savings’ for FY2020?
    - i. Water and Sewer – 0
    - ii. Stormwater – 0
  - b. What was your department’s budget for FY2020 after the targeted savings?
    - i. Water and Sewer – 0
    - ii. Stormwater – 0
  - c. How does that compare with the Mayor’s proposed FY2021 budget?
    - i. Our budget increases over FY2020 for both funds.
5. Regarding any previous audits in which your department has participated:
  - a. What operations or expenditures have been audited within the last three years?  
**Internal Audits**
    - i. Water and Sewer Billing and Collection – 2010
    - ii. Home Buyout Program – 2014
    - iii. Cash Collections – 2014
    - iv. Payroll Process – 2017
    - v. Process Control System Security – 2018

- vi. Fire Hydrant Inspections – 2018
- vii. Selected Grants Review – 2019
- viii. A&E Billing Audit 2019/2020

**Independent Audits**

- ix. Annual financial audit
- x. 6 Clean Water Nashville performance audits

**Independent Inspection**

- xi. 8 Sanitary Surveys
- xii. 18 Compliance Evaluation Inspections (Wastewater Treatment Plants)
- xiii. 10 Pretreatment Compliance Inspections
- xiv. 10 Laboratory Inspections

- b. Has any capital spending been audited during the last five years? Ten years?
  - i. Yes, Clean Water Nashville, the largest capital expense is audited every year. Additionally, Capital is audited as part of the Independent Financial Audit.
- c. Are there any prior audit recommendations still shown as pending/outstanding? If so, please identify these recommendations and provide a response regarding your department's plan to address the recommendation(s). yes, (attached).