PRE-2016 BUDGET

Information for discussion prior to preparing the 2016 Operations Budget







What does it mean to have FISCAL HEALTH?

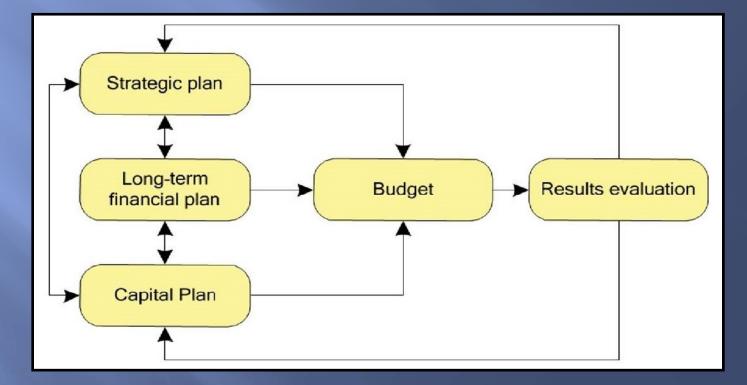
Healthy Reserves on ALL key Funds
Prudent Fiscal Policies
Monitor Revenue & Control Expenses
Maintain Manageable Debt
Financial Compliance
Economic Diversification



It's not just spending it's planning and managing



GFOA Planning Components





2014 General Information

General Fund Revenues for 2015 to date

- Revenues currently 71.6% of budget *
- City Income Tax receipts tracking +3.9% of Auditor's budget projection.
- Continuing to defer estimated business profits component of income tax
- 2016 Capital Improvement allocation proposed at 19% of City Income Tax Receipts as part of Service Safety Director's 5-year Capital Plan. i.e. 81% General Fund 19% Capital Improvements (no flood set aside)

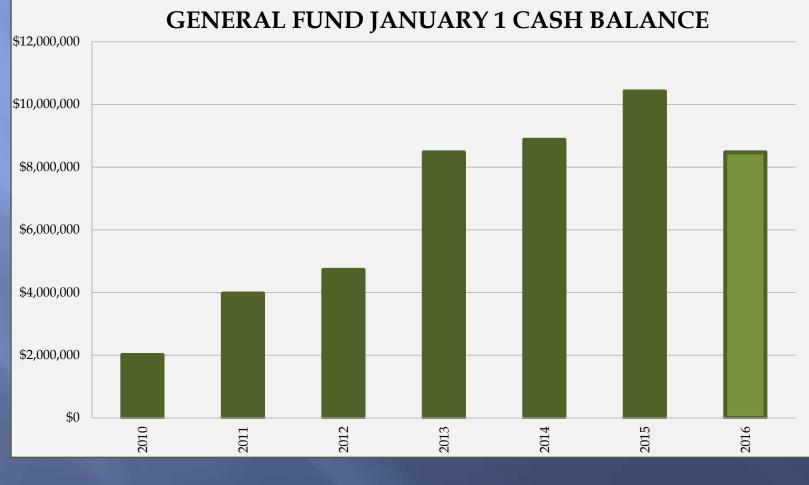
General Fund Expenses 2015 to date

- Expenses and encumbrances running 63.9% of budget *
- City Auditor has very limited view of expected year end expenses until each department enters expected 2015 expenses as part of administration's 2016 budget process; however, expense projections have not accurately reflected actual ending numbers (see Unused Operations Appropriations graph)
- Looking at <u>very large</u> carry-forward balances going into 2016

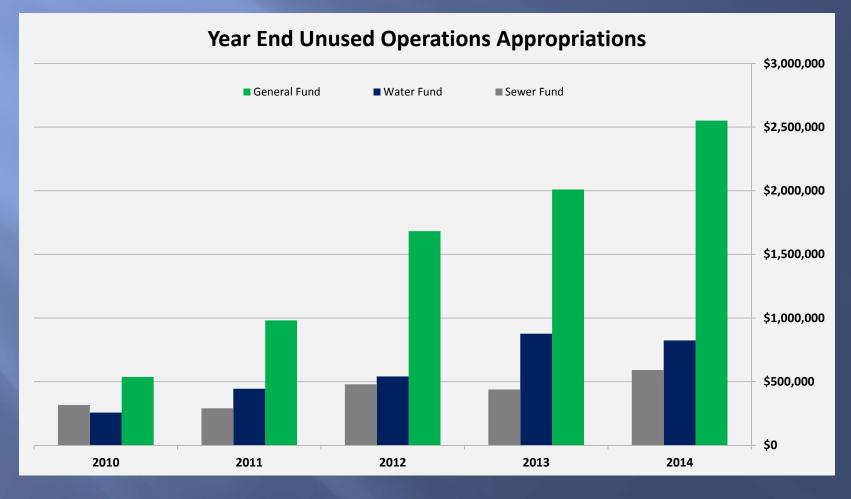
* Through August 31

Auditor will continue to adjust numbers through year end

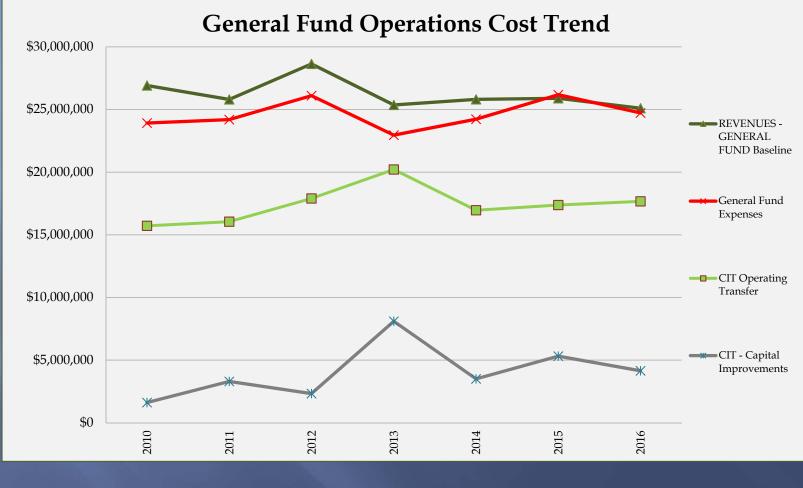














Budget meeting 12/10/14

How you wish to review budget impacts how we assemble the 2016 finance book

One Night review of full budget 12/10/15 Starting time & schedule to be determined





Items of note

- Budget Process was adjusted in 2013 to account for City Income Tax information that is needed to project revenues most particularly the deferred estimated business tax payments
- City Auditor determining recommended minimum balances for all funds. Administration can spend below minimum balances, but a plan to recapture should be put in place
- The 2016 and 2017 budgets will be created simultaneously; process to show short term sustainability of spending priorities. Findlay's 'AA stable' bond rating can be protected with proper planning
- Must affirm the likely Capital Improvements allocation before budgets started



