PRE-2017 BUDGET

Information for discussion prior to preparing the 2017-2018 Operations Budget







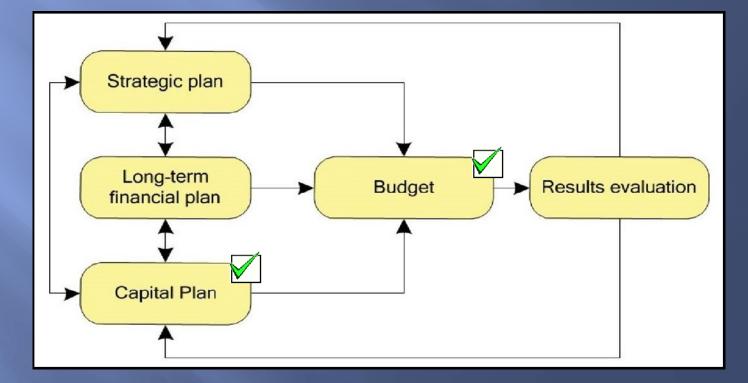
What does it mean to have FISCAL HEALTH?

Healthy Reserves on ALL key Funds
 Prudent Fiscal Policies
 Monitor Revenue & Control Expenses
 Maintain Manageable Debt
 Financial Compliance
 Strategically Planned Progression/Growth

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



GFOA Planning Components





2016 General Information

General Fund Revenues for 2016 to date



- Revenues currently 68.0% of budget *
 City Income Tax receipts tracking in line with Auditor's
- City Income Tax receipts tracking in line with Auditor's budget projection.
- Appears administration continuing to defer estimated business profits component of income tax
- 2017 & 2018 Capital Improvement allocation proposed at 20% of City Income Tax Receipts as part of Service Safety Director's 5-year Capital Plan. i.e. 80% General Fund 20% Capital Improvements Account
- General Fund Expenses 2016 to date
 - Expenses and encumbrances running 62.9% of budget *
 - City Auditor has very limited view of expected year end expenses until each department enters expected 2016 expenses as part of administration's 2017/18 budget process; however, expense projections reflect fully spent appropriations which differ from actual ending numbers (see Unused Operations Appropriations graph)
- Looking at large carry-forward balances going into 2017

* Through August 31

Auditor will continue to adjust numbers through year end



2016 General Fund Revenues From 2016 Mid-Year Review

All revenue sources should be reviewed annually and incorporated as part of a 5-year forecast prior to limiting revenue from any single source.

REVENUE DIVERSIFICATION IS VITAL

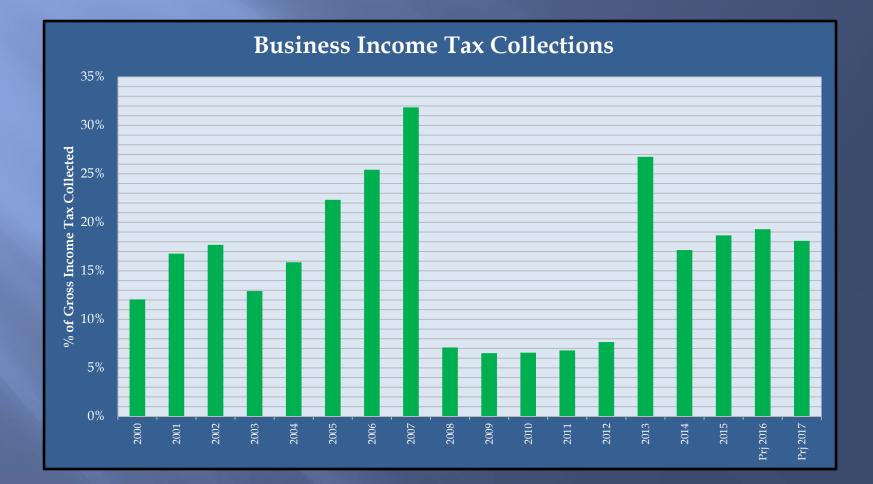
		2016	2015	2013+	
	Income Tax *	71.6%	65.3%	61.2%	
	Real Estate Taxes	7.8%	7.8%	8.5%	
	Courts	5.3%	5.0%	5.2%	
•	Other	4.7%	9.7%	10.3%	
	Engineering & Zoning Fees	3.2%	0.8%	0.7%	
	Parks & Rec Functions	3.2%	3.2%	3.0%	
	Hotel/Motel Tax	2.3%	2.2%	2.2%	
	Intergovernmental *	1.9%	2.1%	2.4%	
	Health Department		3.9%	3.2%	
	Estate Tax			3.3%	
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These figures represent gross revenue as a percentage of the GF budget

* State of Ohio elected officials posturing to reduce City of Findlay's bottom line

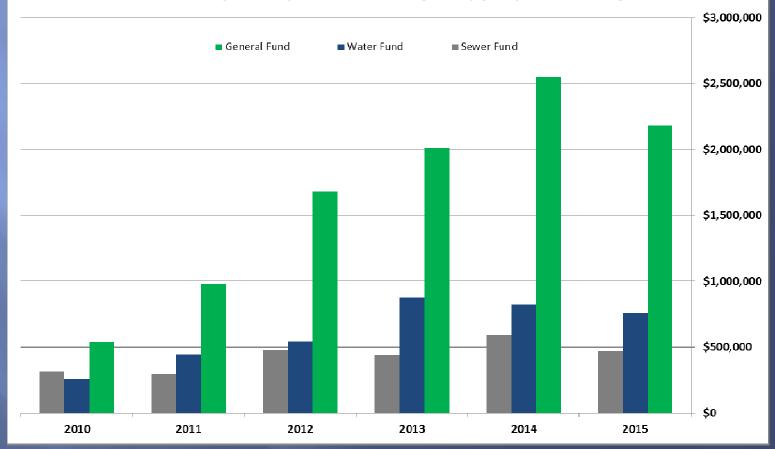
+ Benchmark year for revenue diversification







Year End Unspent Operations Budget Appropriations by Fund

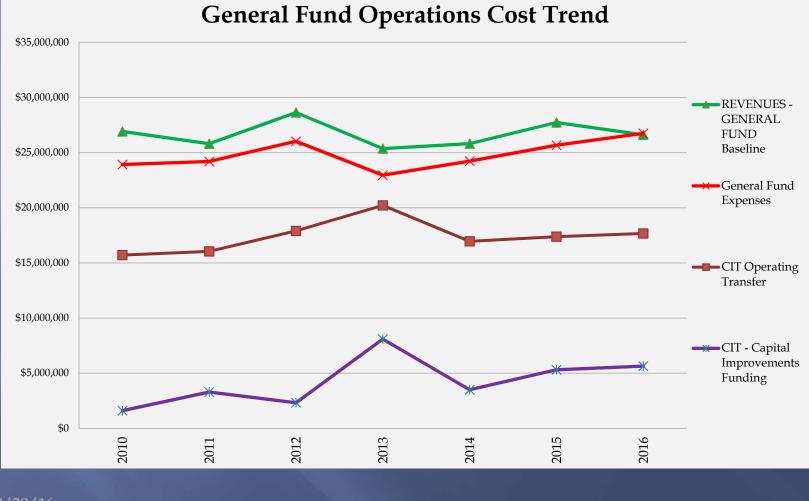




January 1st General Fund Unrestricted Balance









- Year-end projected cash balance of the Water Fund is \$8,152,600 vs 2016 operations budget of \$6,689,300
- Year-end projected cash balance of the WPC (Sewer) Fund is \$5,512,000 vs 2016 operations budget of \$7,877,300
- Fund balances point to an opportunity for a rate reduction or significantly expanded capital program. This certainly presents an opportunity to assess the infrastructures completely
- Auditor is awaiting update of 'Water and Sewer Model' from administration for a final assessment





Items of note

- Council should consider instituting a community wide strategic planning process per GFOA best practices
- City Auditor determining recommended minimum balances for all funds. Administration can spend below minimum balances, but a "corrective action plan" to recapture should be put in place per Council Resolution 002-2014
- 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
- The 2017 and 2018 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
- Council must affirm the likely Capital Improvements allocation before budgets started



Budget meeting 12/15/16

How you wish to review budget impacts how we assemble the 2017 finance book

One Night review of full budget 12/15/16 Starting time & schedule to be determined



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