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Date: May 27, 2020
To: The Oakland City Administration
From: Council President Kaplan
Re: Budget Questions- FY 2020-21 Mid Cycle Budget

Budget Questions -- May 2020

1. Please provide a list of unrepresented/management positions in the City of Oakland, including:
a) position name b) cost of the position as of May 2019 c) cost of the position currently d) proposed change, if any, in the proposed budget revise (whether it is proposed to be added, eliminated, frozen, increased, decreased)
2. Please provide costing and fund source options, to respond to the COVID emergency need for more widespread and reliable internet access, improve communication cybersecurity infrastructure, and public access for internet service/WiFi in Oakland's communities of concern, (including, but not limited to, utilizing fiber-optic installed with the BRT project and with the Port).
3. Please provide a list of not-yet-encumbered, previously-funded contracts and projects
4. What is the status of wildfire prevention funding plans? What is the cost to restore the WPAD, and how much money would it bring in? What is the timeline for that?
5. Please provide option for scooter fees in MFS to revise it to do the following: a) change scooter fee from one based on geography of destination, to one based on all trips originating in Oakland, and clarify that fee applies regardless of time or date b) provide fee waiver for trips that are free/donated c) provide fee waiver for trips within the low-income discount membership programs d) provide that the fee applies to similar trips by bike, scooter, moped
6. In MFS: please provide option for the proposed revised increased survey fee, that the higher rate only applies if the response is provided within 60 days
7. For the Master fee schedule: please provide option for exempting affordable housing development/construction from fees
8. Which city applications/permits can now be completed remotely? What further steps are needed to provide for all such actions to be conducted remotely?
9. What would be the time savings, and cost savings, of converting one planned new recruit police academy to a lateral academy?
10. What is the status of the review/audit of the impact fee program? How much revenue in impact fees came in during the last year? What is expected in the coming year? What exemptions, if any, has the administration granted to any of the impact fees since 2015?

11. What is the status of the Illegal dumping reporting rewards program? How many cases have been reported? How many have been acted upon? How many people have received the rewards? How much has been recovered? Who manages the program? What would be needed to alter the program to one in which the person reporting is paid \$50 upon submittal of sufficient information to identify the dumper, rather than paid a speculative amount upon completion of the case? What would be needed to more consistently pursue financial penalties from those reported to engage in illegal dumping?
12. What is the status of implementing the effort for gun tracing and crackdown on illegal gun dealing which was included in prior Council budget? Have the positions been filled? In your proposed cuts to civilian staff within OPD, which specific functions are you proposing would be cut?
13. What is the status of implementing the previously Council-authorized direction to acquire hotels to enable the homeless to shelter in place? Plan and timeline for next steps?
14. What is the status and plan for implementing dedicated personnel for major parks?
15. Please provide an option to include capacity for design and implementation of renovations to key libraries, especially in communities of concern, to provide clean air and cooling, health protection, and other modifications that may be needed for COVID-19 response & as cooling centers.
16. Please provide costing and options for supporting our local small businesses and non-profits, including with: a) loan guarantees b) fee waivers c) technical support d) WiFi and/or fiber-optic cable usage where possible
17. What is the status of setting up the Commission on Homelessness?
18. Please provide status and options for expedited methods to allow restaurants/cafes and potentially other uses, to be able to use portions of the streetscape for more distanced functioning for public health
19. Council has provided funding for a pilot program to explore using a mental health response as an alternative to police for mental health situations. Would like to clarify this was intended for local non-profit to engage this initial effort, and start it.
20. To clarify that budgets for city officials offices have flexibility to use for potentially needed technology to allow remote working (this is not a request for increased funding, but rather, to clarify that official's budgets may be used for these purposes).
21. What options exist now for allowing community gardens on city-owned property? What would be needed to expand community gardens?
22. What projections does the budget proposal make, in terms of potential for revenue from additional leases or sales of city property?
23. Please provide a breakdown of total annual gross receipts tax revenue by category of gross receipts of: a) under \$100,000 b) \$100,001 - \$1,000,000 c) \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 d) \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 e) \$10,000,001 - \$20,000,000 f) above \$20,000,000.
24. I have separately forwarded to you an email from advocates for the recent Measure Q, which funds parks and homelessness services, listing their questions about the budget, and I request that you provide responses to those as well.

City Council
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