



FORT MYERS
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Highlights of the Annual Budget **Fiscal Year 2022-2023**

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About this document:

This document provides a summary of the highlights to the City of Fort Myers Fiscal Year 2023 Budget including revenues the City expects to receive and the planned areas for where the money will be spent.

This proposed budget is a deliberate balance of revenues and expenditures prepared in accordance with Florida's statutory Truth in Millage process and best serves the City's prioritization for provision of core services and Council initiatives. Three Budget Workshops were held during the past several months to provide the opportunity for City Council to discuss the budget.

General Fund Budget Highlights:

- Incorporates a millage rate of 6.9999, a reduction of .5876 mills from the 2021 millage rate of 7.5875 which is the seventh consecutive year of millage rate reductions. Included in the millage rate of 6.9999 is .0821 that equates to \$750,000, funding a contribution towards the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
- The City’s certified taxable property values increase an unprecedented \$1.8 billion, or 20.75%, with \$591.0 million in new construction and average increases of 13.9% in existing properties. Using the tentative millage rate of 6.9999, provides an Ad Valorem revenue budget of \$69.9 million, an increase of \$6.9 million in revenue.

The chart below shows a 10-year trend in the City’s taxable property values and the respective millage rate.

Tax Year	Taxable Value	Millage Rate	Tax Revenue Budget
2013	4,200,257,846	8.7760	35,146,200
2014	4,556,320,495	8.7760	38,239,300
2015	4,976,882,235	8.7760	41,584,300
2016	5,481,213,852	8.7500	45,573,400
2017	6,122,141,153	8.6500	50,433,500
2018	6,637,122,012	8.4500	53,214,100
2019	7,104,946,482	8.2500	55,944,700
2020	7,807,388,308	7.9643	59,576,100
2021	8,614,651,019	7.5875	62,995,600
2022	10,402,594,147	6.9999	69,904,400

- General Fund reserves in the total amount of \$2.7 million are used to balance the budget. The ending reserve balance is projected to be \$33.3 million, representing 25.83% of the General Fund operating expenditure budget.

General Fund Budget Highlights:

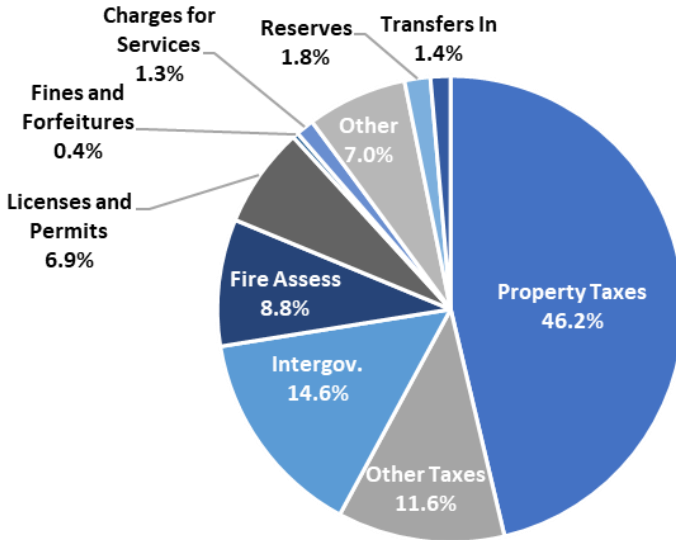
- The Fire Assessment increases by 9.73%, with the residential property category assessment going from \$185.00 to \$203.00 in order to improve fire rescue services, providing six firefighter positions, overtime and fire equipment resources to best serve the citizenry.
- Adds Police incentives for recruitment and retention including a Sign-on bonus, Take-home cars and Mortgage/rent assistance for those officers living in the City
- Funds \$500,000 for PAL Program
- Adds funding towards a Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Adds Security cameras for PD Program and Recreation Facilities
- Provides funds for a Benefits Broker
- Adds three new divisions at no added cost to the budget: Parks and Recreation Administration, Office of Economic Development, Office of Communication and Public Affairs
- Through a reclassification of a vacant position, adds an Internal Auditor position
- Adds funds to the Parks budget for lighting at Sam Fleishman Field 6 and Dunbar Park maintenance
- Added revenue generated by changes to the downtown parking rate structures, alleviates debt repayment by the General Fund on the new hotel garage

General Fund Budget at a Glance

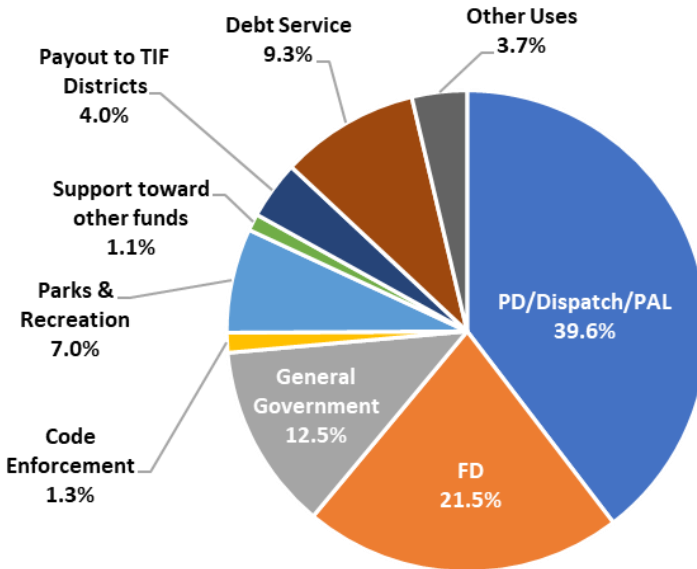
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	FY2022	FY2023	\$ Change	%
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 79.5	\$ 87.4	\$ 7.9	9.9%
Licenses & Permits	\$ 9.7	\$ 10.5	\$ 0.8	8.2%
Fire Assessment	\$ 11.6	\$ 13.3	\$ 1.7	14.7%
Intergovernmental	\$ 20.0	\$ 22.0	\$ 2.0	10.0%
Charges for Services	\$ 1.6	\$ 1.9	\$ 0.3	18.8%
General Administration	\$ 6.6	\$ 6.8	\$ 0.2	3.0%
Miscellaneous	\$ 4.1	\$ 4.3	\$ 0.2	4.9%
Transfers from other funds	\$ 2.4	\$ 2.1	\$ (0.3)	-12.5%
Appropriated Reserves	\$ 5.0	\$ 2.7	\$ (2.3)	-46.0%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 140.5	\$151.0	\$ 10.5	7.5%
Expenditures				
General Government	\$ 19.0	\$ 18.9	\$ (0.1)	-0.5%
Public Safety				
Police/Dispatch/PAL	\$ 55.1	\$ 59.8	\$ 4.7	8.5%
Fire Department	\$ 30.5	\$ 32.4	\$ 1.9	6.2%
Code Enforcement	\$ 1.9	\$ 2.0	\$ 0.1	5.3%
Total Public Safety	\$ 87.5	\$ 94.2	\$ 6.7	7.7%
Physical Environment/ Transportation	\$ 9.4	\$ 9.4	\$ -	0.0%
Recreation/Culture	\$ 4.2	\$ 4.8	\$ 0.6	14.3%
Debt Service	\$ 12.0	\$ 14.1	\$ 2.1	17.5%
Capital Funding	\$ -	\$ 0.3	\$ 0.3	
Transfers				
TIF Districts	\$ 4.7	\$ 5.9	\$ 1.2	25.5%
Other Fund Subsidies	\$ 1.4	\$ 1.7	\$ 0.3	21.4%
Total Transfers	\$ 6.1	\$ 7.6	\$ 1.5	24.6%
Insurance	\$ 2.3	\$ 1.7	\$ (0.6)	-26.1%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 140.5	\$151.0	\$ 10.5	7.5%

Components of General Fund Revenues:



Components of General Fund Expenditures:



Other City Funds Operating Budget Highlights:

- Water and Sewer rate increases by 4%, average monthly bill goes from \$88.79 to \$92.34
- Reclaimed water rate increases by 10%, from \$1.18 to \$1.30 per 1,000 gallons
- Increases the Stormwater Assessment by 2%, average assessment goes from \$92.16 to \$94.00
- Incorporates downtown Parking rate structure changes
- Includes funding of \$800,000 to replace the chiller at the Skatium
- Solid Waste rates increase by 2%; residential assessment increases from \$235.83 to \$240.55
- Building, Permitting and Plan Review fees sunset the 25% reduction effective October 1, 2022
- Includes funds in Information Technology Services to continue the physical access control system project as well as updates to Council Chambers broadcast room and audio
- The Fleet Maintenance budget includes funding to replace nine non-PD vehicles, a bus for STARS and adds two new vehicles as well as increases for parts, contract services, lubricants, tires and fuel
- Funds the McGregor Boulevard Traffic Study

Citywide Budget at a Glance

(amounts are reported in millions)

By Fund Type			\$	%
	FY2022	FY2023	Change	
General Fund	\$ 140.5	\$ 151.0	\$ 10.5	7.5%
Utility Fund	\$ 169.9	\$ 189.9	\$ 20.0	11.8%
All Other Enterprise Funds	\$ 50.6	\$ 52.1	\$ 1.5	3.0%
Debt Service Funds	\$ 36.3	\$ 27.1	\$ (9.2)	-25.3%
Capital Improvement Funds	\$ 25.7	\$ 39.0	\$ 13.3	51.8%
Internal Service Funds	\$ 26.6	\$ 24.9	\$ (1.7)	-6.4%
CRA	\$ 12.8	\$ 13.6	\$ 0.8	6.2%
Special Revenue Funds	\$ 12.7	\$ 20.5	\$ 7.8	61.4%
Trust & Agency Funds	\$ 38.0	\$ 43.9	\$ 5.9	15.5%
TOTAL CITYWIDE BUDGET	\$ 513.1	\$ 562.0	\$ 48.9	9.5%

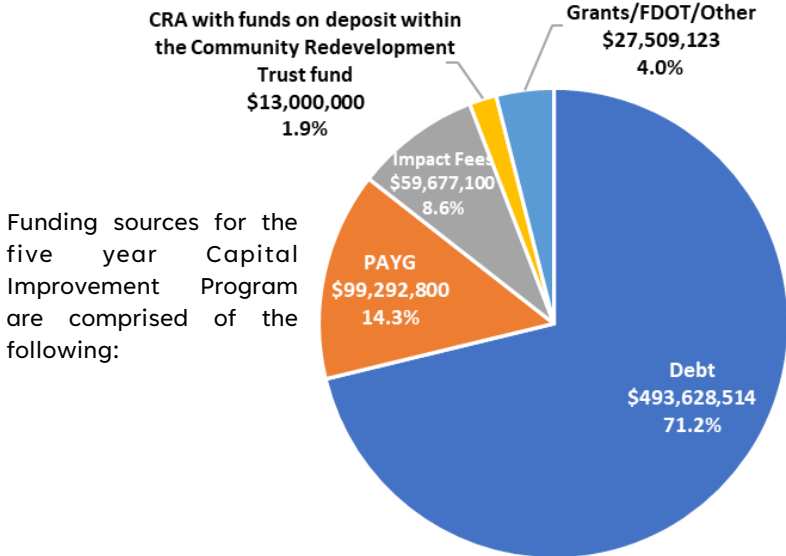
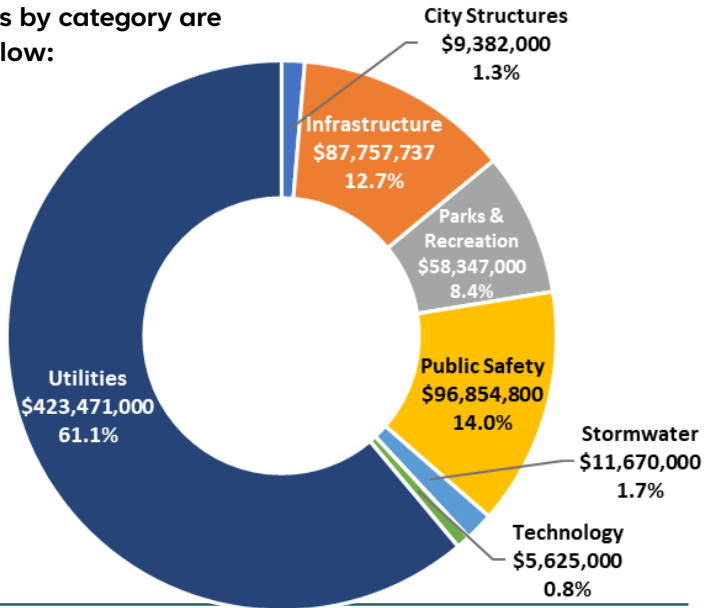
By Function

General Government	\$ 72.6	\$ 74.7	\$ 2.1	2.9%
Public Safety	\$ 114.9	\$ 125.6	\$ 10.7	9.3%
Physical Environment	\$ 100.7	\$ 109.1	\$ 8.4	8.3%
Transportation	\$ 8.2	\$ 9.2	\$ 1.0	12.2%
Economic Environment	\$ 15.3	\$ 16.8	\$ 1.5	9.8%
Culture/Recreation	\$ 12.8	\$ 15.3	\$ 2.5	19.5%
Other Uses	\$ 2.3	\$ 1.7	\$ (0.6)	-26.1%
Capital Projects	\$ 129.4	\$ 142.5	\$ 13.1	10.1%
Transfers	\$ 51.5	\$ 60.1	\$ 8.6	16.7%
Expense Reserves	\$ 5.4	\$ 7.0	\$ 1.6	29.6%
TOTAL CITYWIDE BUDGET	\$ 513.1	\$ 562.0	\$ 48.9	9.5%

Five-Year Capital Improvement Program

The Capital Improvement Program consists of projects for the five year period ending September 30, 2027 totaling \$693.1 million.

Expenditures by category are provided below:



Funding sources for the five year Capital Improvement Program are comprised of the following:

**Major projects in the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program
(amounts reported in thousands)**

Project Description	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	Five Year Total
Edison Restaurant Improvements	700	0	0	0	0	700
Shady Oaks Renovation	2,400	0	0	0	0	2,400
Challenger Blvd Extension	850	1,200	5,500	5,000	0	12,550
Junkyard Buyout	2,000	0	0	0	0	2,000
Midtown Streetscape Improvements	1,977	2,500	5,500	3,000	0	12,977
Serena Park Subdivision	1,600	3,000	3,000	0	0	7,600
Winkler Ave. Corridor Improvements	700	2,100	0	0	0	2,800
All other Infrastructure Projects	9,303	13,893	8,905	9,794	7,936	49,831
Cultural Center	200	5,400	5,400	0	0	11,000
STARS Complex Expansion	635	8,750	8,750	0	0	18,135
New PD Facility	5,000	37,500	37,500	0	0	80,000
Parks/Rec Facility & FD Training Field - Reloc.	6,000	0	0	0	0	6,000
Stormwater Projects	3,550	2,745	1,745	3,630	0	11,670
ERP Replacement	175	1,000	3,500	250	0	4,925
Edison Ave. Extension Utilities	0	0	1,251	2,725	2,096	6,072
Injection Well	2,000	8,860	30,000	3,960	30,000	74,820
Midtown Water/Sewer	9,625	8,705	8,705	8,705	8,705	44,445
Primary Treatment & Digester Blower Improv.	9,096	15,000	0	0	0	24,096
Reclaimed Water Production 100% CWWTP	2,000	5,251	9,165	3,055	0	19,471
Southward Village Utility Improv.	6,000	0	0	0	0	6,000
Water Treatment Plant Expansion	17,000	10,000	0	0	0	27,000
Wellfield Expansion	23,000	12,000	13,000	14,000	12,000	74,000
All other Utilities Projects	35,007	29,783	29,537	22,309	30,931	147,567
All other Projects	3,650	7,763	20,010	11,726	3,900	47,049
Total CIP	142,469	175,449	191,468	88,154	95,568	693,108



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