Mayor’s Proposed 2022 Budget

Presented to Common Council on Wednesday, October 6, 2022
Mission

We strive to make Ithaca a Model Community:

a great place to create, dream, live, learn, work and play
Vision

We deliver high quality services to preserve & enhance the well-being of our community
Values

For those we employ and those we serve

I. People

We believe that:
– People are our greatest asset;
– Each person should be respected, developed, supported, and valued;
– Diversity should be celebrated through inclusion

II. Relationships

We believe in:
– Teamwork;
– Interdependent collaboration;
– Responsiveness;
– Sharing knowledge and expertise

III. Excellent Results

We believe in:
– Continuous improvement;
– Streamlined processes;
– Creativity;
– Quality service;
– Celebrating success
Background for 2021 Budget
Bouncing Back

• Coronavirus shut down the economy in March, 2020 causing a precipitous drop in revenues
• Created deficit for 2020
• Deficit would have been even bigger, but Council took quick decisive action, generous local philanthropy
• Local economy has begun to rebound
• Federal Government passed the American Rescue Package Act
Our Opportunity

1. Invest in our workforce
   – Adding and restoring positions
   – Improved benefits and incentives

2. Invest in our infrastructure
   – 4X the normal amount of capital projects

2. Invest in our community
   – Social, Racial, and environmental justice
   – Small Business support
   – Tax reprieve for homeowners
2022 Budget Snapshot

• Slight tax rate and levy decrease

• Sales Tax Revenue on the rise

• Development continues to boost budget

• Pension costs decline

• ARPA Funds help us ‘Build Back Better’
2022 Budget Snapshot Continued

• Capital Projects increased 4X over 2021

• Restore or add 18 new positions

• Investments in Public Safety

• Investments in Social, environmental and Racial Justice Initiatives
Revenue – Taxes

• Proposed tax rate is $11.77
  – a .68 percent reduction from last year
  – $240,000 home would pay $19 less next year ($2,825)
  – Property tax cap is 9.4% increase
  – Every one percent change = $260,000

• Estimated Sales Tax is $14.9 million
  – Up 7.9% from 2021 budgeted
  – 2021 actual was higher than expected
  – Still very volatile
2020 Local Tax Rate Comparison

- Town of Lansing: $2.48
- Village of Lansing: $3.52
- Town of Dryden: $3.97
- Town of Enfield: $4.41
- Village of Freeville: $4.85
- Trumansburg: $5.71
- Village of Dryden: $7.44
- City of Ithaca: $8.48
- Village of Groton: $11.77
- Village of Groton: $12.92
Other Fees

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Other Notable Changes

• Development fees
  – Permit revenue: $2,000,000
  – Street closure revenue: $165,000

• Parking Revenue still underperforming
  – Impacted by Green Garage Closure
  – COVID

• Pension contributions are decreasing $950,000
  – 35% decrease
  – Caution!
Other Notable Changes

• Healthcare costs steady around $11.6 million
  – Rising premiums offset by lower staffing

• No use of fund balance in 2022
  – Not projected to use fund balance in 2021

• Debt reduction of $4.6 million
  – Interest rates remain low, debt load remains high
ARPA – ‘Building Back Better’

• $16,092,137, one-time use funds related to COVID Recovery

• Need to be fully spend by end of 2026

• The 2022 Budget allocates $7,858,291 in ARPA funds as follow:
  – General Fund $1,850,591;
  – Water Fund $130,000;
  – Sewer Fund $400,000
  – Capital Fund $5,477,700
  – IAWWTF Repairs $1,599,923
2022 Budget Snapshot

• Capital investment to see a 4X increase
  – 2022 is proposed at $11.9 million
  – 2021 was $3 million
  – Mix of hard and soft infrastructure

• Stormwater fee: no increase in 2022
1. Investing in our workforce

Our people make this community possible – restoring positions, adding new skills, buying new tools.
2022 Department of Public Works

• Department of Public Works
  – Restore Working Supervisor position
  – New Stormwater Engineer
  – Restore Mechanic
  – New Transfer Sanitation Worker
  – New Financial Management Assistant
  – New Chief WWTF Operator

• Grant Writer Consultant

• Bridge maintenance, City Facility Repair
2022 Green New Deal

• Electrification Feasibility Assessment

• Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

• Community Choice Aggregation

• New Sustainability Planner
2022 Fire Department

- Financial Management Assistant
- Equipment replacement and repair
- Capital investment in stations
2022 Planning, Building, Zoning and Economic Development

• Federal lobbying assistance

• New ergonomic furniture

• New Code Inspector Position

• New Events Coordinator
2022 Public Safety

• Two new Ithaca Police Officer Positions

• $307,000 Reimagining Implementation
  – Community Justice Center Staffing
  – Community Healing Plan
  – Alternative Response Research
  – Officer Wellness
  – Culturally responsive recruitment

• $400,000 start up costs for Department of Public Safety
  – Restricted contingency
  – Possible new Superintendent of Public Safety
  – Unarmed officers
  – Training
2022 Ithaca Youth Bureau

• New Administrative Assistant

• New Recreation Program Leader

• New Youth Program Leader

• Increase Hours of Rec Program Leader

• Capital investment in Cass Park Pool and Rink
2022 Public Information and Technology

- Computer replacements
- Cybersecurity Training
- Docusign software
- $650,000 in Capital investment
Other investments

• Living Wage increases

• Finance Department – new Deputy Position to ease transition

• GIAC- Four percent increase allows two positions above 2020 level

• Human Resources – Compensation Study

• Lateral transfer bonuses
2. Capital Projects

Unique Opportunity to invest in both our hard and soft infrastructure
Economic Development

Total 2022 Approved:
8 Projects - $1,600,000
Modeled after the DIA’s Retail Mini Grant Programs for promotions, special events, marketing, and improved online sales infrastructure, to this program would extend to the greater community in partnership with the City and Chamber of Commerce. This would increase the scope and number of awards for retail, restaurant, service/hospitality, and agritourism businesses looking to create refreshed marketing tactics to attract customers back into businesses post pandemic.

Funds are earmarked for in person events, cross-promotions between businesses, improved signage, online sales improvements, storefront displays, and other marketing needs in light of the major disruptions from the global pandemic.

Total 2022 Approved Amount: $200,000
The Tompkins Chamber & CVB, and Downtown Ithaca Alliance will jointly manage a mini-grant program to support employers in their efforts to attract and retain workforce. The program will provide stimulus and bonus pay to employees working in the hospitality, tourism, retail, restaurant, and related industry sectors – most severely impacted by the pandemic and related workforce shortages.

Key attributes of the program will be:

- $500 per employee grant funding max
- 100% match by the employer
- Supporting 250-500 workers and for up to 6 months
- Funds can be used by the employee to supplement wages, pay for childcare, or simply afford a vacation

Total 2022 Approved Amount: $125,000
Many businesses, particularly those owned by women and people of color or people of modest financial means, have difficulty in securing traditional bank financing, which limits their ability to access the capital to grow their business.

The City of Ithaca will partner with Local First Ithaca, Business Leaders of Colors, and the Maryland Neighborhood Exchange to develop a program that will use Grassroots Investment Crowdfunding to help small local businesses to develop or grow their businesses while providing opportunities for everyone to invest in the local economy and directly benefit from its success.

Project Goals:
- Educate and support businesses in doing capital raises through consumer/patron education and crowdfunding investment,
- Educate business patrons on how actions can impact businesses
- Create new, accessible asset-building opportunities for area residents
- Foster a more sustainable, resilient local economy by deepening the connections (through local investments) between businesses and customers/community.

Total 2022 Approved Amount: $50,000
Reimagining Inclusive Solutions for Entrepreneurs (RISE)

RISE provides character-based loans to fiscally underserved (due to lending barriers) micro- to mid-sized businesses coupled with in-depth business development training and technical assistance.

This program is a partnership between the City of Ithaca, Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and Alternatives Impact, the not-for-profit organization associated with Alternatives Federal Credit Union (AFCU).

Enrollment in the program requires participation in a 12-week self-paced online business course, weekly one-on-one mentoring with a business advisor, and bi-weekly group meetings with various industry experts. Loan recipients agree to work with a business advisor for 24 months of post loan technical assistance. Loans range from $5,000-$20,000 with a 5-year term.

One of the goals and expectations of the program is for participants to graduate from RISE loans and be well positioned to qualify using traditional lending and underwriting standard for future lending needs.

Total 2022 Approved Amount: $125,000
The City of Ithaca, in partnership with the DIA, IAED and Rev has begun a 12-month planning process to develop an action plan to support the growth of small scale manufacturing as an economic development and neighborhood revitalization tool for the Downtown, West End, W. State St, and Cherry St. neighborhoods.

Funded activities will be prioritized by the plan which will be completed in Fall, 2021 and will likely include small business support (mentorship, training, tailored incubation support), and supportive programming (events, branding, promotion).

Total 2022 Approved Amount: $100,000
Route 13 improvements have been identified as a priority in the recently completed Tompkins County Economic Recovery Strategy. The proposed Cayuga Park mixed use development will create jobs, housing and business opportunities, and increase the tax base. This project will also result in increased traffic volumes and require a break-in-access at N. Meadow St. (Route 13) at 5th Street and. The developer will construct the Carpenter Drive public road and the entrance work and Signal Modifications at Rte 13 and 3rd Street.

Additional traffic improvements needed, include the following:

- Route 13 widening, sidewalks, refuge island, landscaping, and traffic signal for 5th Street crossing
- Modifications to turning movements at Buffalo and Meadow/Fulton
- Signal modifications
- Signage
- Bicycle and pedestrian improvements
- Converting W. Buffalo to one-way

**Total 2022 Approved Amount:** $800,000
A welcoming, attractive, and easily navigated community is important to residents, future residents, and visitors to our community. The look and feel of our community matters; we want to be an inviting city and county that communicate a care for this place, and visible investments in our community gateways, in placemaking, and beautification are ways to communicate that.

This project includes installation of gateway signage throughout the County, and specifically includes the following:

- Install district informational signs
- Install directional signage to City parking assets
- Install pedestrian wayfinding signage to in Downtown Ithaca
- Install key kiosks such as in Collegetown at the head of the Cascadilla Trail to downtown.
- Envision placemaking (such as public art, fresh banners, or period lighting extensions) and beautification assets (particularly at gateways and along Route 13) to complement this program

Total 2022 Approved Amount: $50,000
Ithaca Area Economic Development (IAED), working with the City and a wide variety of community stakeholders and other local economic development service providers, has developed the Tompkins County Economic Recovery Strategy. The strategy identifies a relatively small number of immediate and long-term actions that we can take collectively to ensure a robust economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The actions are real, achievable, and each has a partner or group of partners ready to implement. Further, they will have impact; they are selected for their potential to support a strong economic recovery and been identified through a thoughtful planning effort and meaningful collaboration among the key economic development organizations in our community. The City is allocating $150,000 in 2022 to be used towards the implementation of these projects.

**Total 2022 Approved Amount:**
$150,000
Engineering

Total 2022 Approved:
5 Projects - $2,055,000
Capital Project requests from DPW get larger and more expensive each year, and local funding for these projects is not realistic. There are numerous state and federal grants to fund infrastructure projects and these will hopefully increase with COVID relief funds and an infrastructure bill. However, DPW staff don’t have the time to research, apply for, and manage the grant process. With the large number of grant opportunities and the narrow eligibility requirements for many of them, simply searching for applicable grants is daunting. Several engineering consulting firms are now offering grant management services in which they identify needs, search and apply for appropriate grants, and manage the entire grant process.
Cass Park Rink Renovations-Phase II

Continue towards securing funding to enclose the rink, add dehumidification/HVAC systems, bleacher seating and fire suppression to the Cass Park Rink. The enclosure of the rink would protect recent City capital investment, would address rink performance issues that have arisen as unintended consequences of additional roof insulation installed during Phase 1 Year 1 (humidity & ice quality issues), would avoid allowing the enclosure design to age further likely requiring additional changes that will lead to additional design and construction expenses. The enclosed rink would better serve the public, user groups and participants, would lead to increased revenue by reducing cancellations, making the rink a more desirable facility and increased ability to raise fees.

Total 2022 Approved Amount: $460,000
New Sidewalk Installations
Oak Avenue and Fall Creek Drive

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The Dryden Road Parking Garage was built in 1986. The garage is in need of repair/maintenance and rehabilitation, including performing concrete slab, post-tensioned tendon, structural members, deck coating and surface repairs. The project will be broken into two phases to ease the financial burden on the City and to minimize disruption to Collegetown by targeting construction during limited summer months.

Total 2022 Approved Amount: $750,000
FIRE

Total 2022 Approved:
2 Projects - $450,000
East Hill Fire Station

This project will fund the refurbishment of the current East Hill Fire Station to extend its useful life for at least 30 years. The project will repair the exterior wall to prevent air and water infiltration. It will replace the 1980’s vintage HVAC system with a modern and energy-efficient system. The Electrical, Mechanical, and Plumbing systems will be repaired and, in some cases, replaced. The windows and doors will be replaced to improve the sealing of the building envelope. All work will be focused on improving the energy efficiency of the building and reducing its carbon footprint.

Total 2022 Approved Amount: $150,000
Renovation of Central, South Hill, and West Hill Fire Stations

This project will fund the refurbishment of the Central Fire Station, West Hill Fire Station, and South Hill Fire Station. This goal is to extend its useful life for at least 30 years and to improve the energy efficiency of the building's systems and improve the building envelope to reduce heat loss or gain.

Total 2022 Approved Amount: $300,000
Total 2022 Approved:
1 Project - $300,000
New GIAC GYM

Renovations to the former Immaculate Conception School gymnasium will add program space for GIAC’s entire teen program and HETP program, as well as an indoor recreation space for tournaments and large GIAC and community events. The current GIAC facility cannot accommodate the demand for its programming. This new gym will allow GIAC to accommodate 30-40 children off the waitlist.

Total 2022 Approved Amount: $300,000

Human Resources

Total 2022 Approved: 2 Projects - $150,000
Human Resources processes are heavily reliant on paper forms, which is a very inefficient and unnecessary way of doing business. Employees are burdened with mounds of paper they can only access on our server or by email. By automating repetitive HR task, we can reduce the cost of time spent on manual planning and processing. Automation will improve productivity by quick processing and data sharing, reduce storage space needed and printing cost, reduce data-entry errors, and provide more time to analyze data for decisions, and be more strategic and creative in our approach. This software will allow for the automation of our: onboarding and offboarding processes; time and attendance record keeping and leave request; performance management system; self-service automation for benefit selection and training registration, change of address/name, and more; notification and reminders for office task and employee follow-up.

Total 2022 Approved Amount: $100,000
The City has not conducted a compensation study since 2011 for Management and the Executive Association Contract with a compensation expert to conduct a comprehensive salary review of positions covered under Management, Executive Association, Confidential, CSEA Administrative and CSEA Department of Public Works.

and since 2008 for the CSEA Unit. Best practices for remaining competitive, attracting and retaining quality staff is to conduct these studies every five to eight years. The current point factor plans work well, but we need to update the salary structures which includes the salary progressions as an employee ascends in the organization between bargaining units.

Total 2022 Approved Amount: $50,000
Total 2022 Approved:
1 Projects - $100,000
INHS is currently developing six new units of affordable for-sale housing at two downtown Ithaca sites. Both sites are in a HUD Qualified Census Tract. Founders’ Way includes new construction of two 3-bedroom units and two 2-bedroom units, each with 1.5 baths. The S. Plain duplex is also new construction and includes two 2-bedroom, 1.5 bath units. All will be constructed to achieve LEED Gold certification.

These six homes will be sold to first-time homebuyers earning under 80% of Ithaca area median income and will become part of INHS’s Community Housing Trust, ensuring their permanent affordability.

Total 2022 Approved Amount: $100,000
Total 2022 Approved:
1 Projects - $10,000
PARKING

Total 2022 Approved:
2 Projects - $75,000
Crashes are a leading cause of injury in Tompkins County. Common Council adopted a Vision Zero policy to address these safety issues. This project will provide annual funds to design and construct intersection level and corridor level safety improvements throughout the City, including enhanced signage at intersections, traffic calming, and/or larger changes that will slow speeds or make pedestrian crossings more visible.

**Total 2022 Approved Amount: $50,000**
Total 2022 Approved:
1 Project - $50,000
Total 2022 Approved: 2 Projects - $240,000
The 400 block of College Avenue is deteriorated and in much need of repairs and improvements. The utilities were buried years ago when the streetscape was improved but since then, little has been done to maintain the brick and concrete that lines the street. The brick is broken and missing in many places, the trees have died or are in decline, the benches are broken, and the sidewalks need to be replaced. This is the busiest pedestrian area in the city, the source of the highest property taxes, and a gateway to Cornell University. When the western blocks of College Ave. are upgraded, it will amplify the poor conditions on the 400 block.

Total 2022 Approved Amount: $200,000
POLICE

Total 2022 Approved:
1 Projects - $275,000
Replacing old and ageing vehicles that are beyond their “police “service life. Vehicle’s warranties are either expired or near the expiration date, which make repairs costly. Also, vehicle’s equipment is old and outdated which impacts officers as they perform their daily patrol duties.

Total 2022 Approved Amount: $275,000
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7 Projects - $652,604
The existing e-mail archive solution is not optimized for cloud-based e-mail, and requires on-premise e-mail and archive servers. Migrating to a cloud-based e-mail would reduce staff hours required to manage and maintain the system and would reduce the risk of ransomware attacks, data corruption and server failure. This project would address multiple vulnerabilities identified in the City’s cyber-security audit. -$40,000

In 2020 and 2021 computers have only been replaced as employees needed to transition to laptops to facilitate teleworking, and as computers failed. This purchase will recalibrate the City’s 5-year computer replacement cycle, and to bring our computer inventory back into warranty. This project will purchase 30 laptop computers with docks and displays and 100 desktop computers. -$55,000

Total 2022 Approved Amount: $95,000
Microsoft 365 Enhanced Security Licensing

With more services moving to the cloud and a hybrid remote/in-person workforce, the City needs additional cybersecurity features not currently available with our existing Microsoft 365 licenses. We are at increased risk of ransomware attacks and security breaches via e-mail and compromised network credentials. We have already been experiencing increasing levels of activity which requires intensive monitoring and immediate response protocols. This requires direct intervention with the users and can take them out of service until the issue is resolved. This request addresses multiple vulnerabilities identified in the City’s cybersecurity audit.-$150,000

Cyber Security Training

We are at increased risk of ransomware attacks and security breaches via e-mail and compromised network credentials and have experienced several close calls in the past 2 years. We need to improve our cybersecurity tools and training not only for the IT staff, but also for the entire workforce as our employees are our greatest vulnerability. As stewards of the City’s data and technology assets, there has never been a greater need for this level of training and protection. This request addresses a vulnerability identified in the City’s cyber-security audit.-$30,000

Total 2022 Approved Amount: $180,000
The City currently uses multiple software packages to issue permits and licenses. There is no centralized place that all information pertaining to a particular property exists. Access to data is critical to support cross-functional collaborations. OpenGov software is web-based and allows information to be shared across departments, in the office or in the field with a robust mobile device platform. The Town of Ithaca also uses OpenGov which would allow departments that provide services to both municipalities to upload information using a single set of credentials. It would also allow contractors that do business in both municipalities to do so with a single account. Residents would be able to pay for their permits online. The software integrates with Laserfiche and UNIS. - $100,000

The City should have a secured electronic document signing solution for important documents such as contracts, leases, and other legal documents. Our current processes are not secure and are subject to malicious hacks, identity theft and other cybersecurity threats. - $15,000

Total 2022 Approved Amount: $115,000
Replacement of Network Switches

The City’s technology assets have increased in number and our current network switches are at capacity. The upgraded equipment would give us room for expansion while decreasing the number of devices that IT staff have to manage (from 42 units to 37 units). The network switches have an approximate 10-year life span but they go out of support after 5 years. Of our existing units, 6 are currently out of support, 25 will be out of support in 2023, and 2 will be out of support in 2025. We have been offered a 45% discount on the cost of network switches, a 40% discount on the fiber transceivers, a 55% discount on the access points, and a 55% discount on the management software.

We received several requests from staff to upgrade the wi-fi systems in their buildings. The wi-fi system was originally designed to be used by guests in the conference rooms of city facilities (as employees could use wired computers); however, these days employees are increasingly using mobile devices to perform their work functions and the wi-fi systems do not adequately address their needs. New and additional access points would increase wi-fi coverage in city facilities and increase the productivity of staff.

Total 2022 Approved Amount: $262,604
Total 2022 Approved: 1 Projects - $200,000
The REACH Project, Inc. (REACH) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that specializes in the provision of low threshold, comprehensive, integrated clinical and behavioral services aligned with an evidence-based, harm reduction model. This includes low threshold medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD), comprehensive primary care, behavioral counseling, psychiatric medication management, Hepatitis C testing and treatment, Outreach, and telemedicine. Since 2018, REACH has engaged more than 2,000 unique individuals with OUD into low threshold MOUD care, greater than 70% of whom are Medicaid beneficiaries.

Total 2022 Approved Amount: $200,000
Total 2022 Approved:
3 Projects - $300,000
The electrification of 1,600 buildings plus the addition of more than 1,000 light-duty electric vehicles and the addition of 1MW of solar installed capacity is expected to disrupt the operation of the city’s energy grid. NYSERDA and NYSEG have issued a PON to assess the impact of electrification in cities like Ithaca. NYSEG has expressed interest in Ithaca participating in the PON. Siemens has called asking to partner with the City to perform this analysis with real data from our plans and forecast. This would allow Ithaca and NYSEG to work together on upgrading the necessary infrastructure. Siemens will apply for the PON and Ithaca contribute with at least 20%.

Total 2022 Approved Amount: $160,000
Community choice aggregation (CCA) will allow the City government to procure 100% renewable power on behalf of their residents, businesses, and municipal accounts from an alternative supplier, while still receiving transmission and distribution service from their existing utility provider. The process requires public consultations, a CCA ordinance, the designation of a lead agency, a PSC-approved data protection plan, PSC-approved implementation and customer engagement plans, procurement RFP and selection of main suppliers. This request is for hiring a verifiably top CCA consultant in the country with whom a relationship already exists.

Total 2022 Approved Amount: $100,000
As part of the Green New Deal, the City intends on converting at least 50% of the municipal fleet to electric vehicles by 2025. By 2030, DMV estimates predict that as much as 60% of vehicles in the City will be electric.

This project includes the installation of 4 public Level-2 electric vehicle charging stations, with two charging points each, in downtown Ithaca. With a total of 8 charging points. Two downtown stations will be reserved for car share vehicles.

Total 2022 Approved Amount: $40,000
WATER & SEWER

Total 2022 Approved:
12 Projects - $2,985,000
Cornell anticipates conducting a full depth road rebuild on West Ave between the Campus Road/West Ave Intersection and University Avenue during the summer of 2022. The City of Ithaca has an 1,100-LF vintage 8” cast iron water main that runs along that same stretch of roadway which will need to be replaced. The water main is old and needs to be modernized with new valving and new materials. Since Cornell is planning a full depth road rebuild project, Water & Sewer can keep costs lower and take advantage of the fact that there will be minimal road surface restoration required. -$275,000

West Avenue Watermain Replacement

There is approximately 1,500 LF of 1930s vintage or older 4-inch diameter water main that runs along Oak Avenue from the intersection of Summit Avenue to the Six Corners intersection that is in poor condition and in need of replacement. This section of water main is beyond its useful life and is undersized to provide adequate fire flow capacity to this portion of Collegetown. 600,000

Oak Avenue Watermain Replacement

Total 2022 Approved Amount: $875,000
The 60-foot dam impounds the City reservoir which stores and supplies water to the new Water Treatment Plant. The 60-foot dam and raw water pipeline are essential components of the water supply system, and have already served the City for 110 years. Over time, sediment has built up in the City reservoir to a point where it has disabled emergency and operational components of the dam. The 60-foot dam is classified as a “High-Hazard” dam and currently has a rating of “Unsound” by the NYSDEC Division of Dam Safety.

**Repair of the 60-foot Dam**

Total 2022 Approved Amount: $500,000

*Image Source: https://toursixmilecreek.org/index.php/sixty-foot-dam/*
Repair and maintenance costs become excessive on older vehicles and equipment, and it is more cost effective to replace them. Trucks #143, #150, and #125.

Truck #143 and #150 have frame rot and need to be replaced.

Truck #125 is a 2008 main line work/service truck that is used on a daily basis in support of water & sewer construction activity. It is past its useful service life and must be replaced.

**Total 2022 Approved Amount:** $280,000
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1 Projects - $495,000
The Olympic sized outdoor pool at Cass Park is 49 years old, is a valuable resource to the region, promotes swim lessons, water safety, physical fitness, is the primary swimming activity for area summer day camps.

Cass Park Pool attendance in 2019 totaled 20,064 people averaging 318 people per day. We had 605 season pass holders and 168 participated in swim classes.

This project proposes replacing the aged, worn marcite pool surface and over 400 linear feet of stainless steel pool gutter with a pool envelope system that would include new stainless steel gutter and main drain sump and a heat welded pvc membrane covering the marcite coated pool shell. This system also ties the membrane and gutter system together with a stainless steel compression flange which has been a chronic weak point in the gutter to pool wall caulked joint. The emergency wall repair that is currently taking place in 2021 has shown that the gutter is leaking through the rusted pinholes badly and saturating the pool wall which heaves during the freeze/thaw cycles.

Total 2022 Approved Amount: $495,000
Community Investment

Quality of life – with a focus on racial, social and environmental justice
3. Community Investment

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2022 Community Investment

• Maintain funding to Southside Community Center by 32% over 2020

• Funding for Community Outreach Worker Program

• Funding for Mental Health Court

• Funding for LEAD

• Stewart Park – Wharton Studio Park Center
2022 Community Investment

- Funding for My Brother’s Keeper
- Funding for Black Hands Universal
- Funding for Unbroken Promises Initiative
- Human Services Coalition
- TCAD
- TCAT – 3.5% increase
Overview
Budget Total - $84,038,324

• General Fund: $65,841,245

• Water Fund: $7,911,385

• Sewer Fund: $7,355,880

• Solid Waste Fund: $560,375

• Sidewalk Districts: $945,291

• Stormwater Fund: $1,424,148
Budget Snapshot

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