



Matthews FY 2020-21 Budget

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FY 19-20 Budget Recap

- Property tax rate to .28.
- Fund balance exceeded 34%.
- No fund balance appropriated.
- Addition of four new positions for the Police Department.
- Fully fund Fire & EMS 24 hour staffing model.

FY 20-21 Budget Overview

- We are faced with significant constraints this year.
 - The Covid-19 pandemic has impacted forecasted vehicle and sales tax revenue, state allocated funding, investment earnings, and revenues from meals and lodging.
- This budget seeks to absorb increased costs and revenue losses while still providing high quality services to the residents of Matthews.
- Property tax rate remains the same.
- Proposed fund balance appropriation of \$236,589 necessary to balance the budget.

FY20-21 Set Cost Increases

➤ Increase in State Retirement contributions	\$174,909
➤ Increase in State Health Insurance costs	\$71,000
➤ Increase in workers comp and property/liability insurance*	\$80,000
➤ Increase in Solid Waste fees	\$60,768
➤ Increase in base salaries/fully funding positions (partially-funded in FY 19-20)	\$381,283

Total: \$767,960

*Insurance currently out for bid – actual FY 20-21 costs could be lower

Tax Rate History

2011	.3325
2012	.3025
2013	.3025
2014	.3175
2015	.3175
2016	.34
2017	.34
2018	.34
2019	.355
2020	.28
2021	.28

FY 20-21 Budget Total Compared to Current Budget

2020-21 General Fund Budget

\$24,827,883

2019-20 General Fund Budget (Amended)

\$26,799,739

FY 20-21 Revenue Sources

- Property Taxes – 59%
- Sales Taxes – 14%
- State Shared Revenues – 9%
- Other (Powell Bill, permits, fees, etc.) – 18%

Investment in People/Resources



- 3% employee merit pool increase.
- Reclassification of positions in support of Stratified Policing Model (six months).
- Advanced Certification Program for Matthews Fire & EMS.
- Expanded EAP program for first responders.

Governing Board

EXPENSES	FY 18-19 Budget	FY 19-20 Amended Budget	FY 20-21 Recommended Budget
Personnel	\$56,679	\$56,679	\$65,553
Operating	\$161,395	\$182,500	\$178,500
TOTAL	\$218,074	\$239,179	\$244,053

Highlights:

- Technology allowance eliminated (\$3,600 per term). Commissioner's salary increased \$1,800 per year (\$3,600 per term).
- Funding for live streaming Town Board meetings.
- Citizen Survey delayed from 2019, now planned for Fall 2020.

Manager

EXPENSES	FY 18-19 Budget	FY 19-20 Amended Budget	FY 20-21 Recommended Budget
Personnel	\$454,347	\$493,110	\$532,277
Operating	\$18,550	\$43,554	\$43,750
Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$472,897	\$536,664	\$576,027

Highlights:

- Funding for monthly digital newsletter.
- Funding for Love Matthews.
- Continued training for staff.

Human Resources

EXPENSES	FY 18-19 Budget	FY 19-20 Amended Budget	FY 20-21 Recommended Budget
Personnel	\$167,978	\$203,555	\$204,142
Operating	\$1,452,545	\$1,567,925	\$1,625,500
Capital	\$0	0	0
TOTAL	\$1,620,523	\$1,771,480	\$1,829,642

Highlights:

- Projected 6% increase in health insurance premiums (effective January 1).
- Expanded EAP program for first responders.

Finance

EXPENSES	FY 18-19 Budget	FY 19-20 Amended Budget	FY 20-21 Recommended Budget
Personnel	\$279,253	\$268,232	\$281,812
Operating	\$189,500	\$186,017	\$198,6600
Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$468,753	\$454,249	\$480,412

Highlights:

- GFOA Excellence in Financial Reporting Award – 21 consecutive years.
- FY 19 Audit shows 45.5% Fund Balance, 30% unassigned.
- Increases in vehicle tax billing and banking fees.

Information Technology

EXPENSES	FY 18-19 Budget	FY 19-20 Amended Budget	FY 20-21 Recommended Budget
Personnel	\$173,235	\$182,110	\$190,018
Operating	\$206,850	\$187,932	\$238,950
Capital	\$70,000	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$450,085	\$370,042	\$428,968

Highlights:

- Includes continued training for staff to prevent malware and cyberattacks.
- FY19-20 budget error underfunded phone and internet services by \$38,000.
- Increase of \$7,800 for fiber optic line to the telecommunications tower.

Safety & Risk Management

EXPENSES	FY 18-19 Budget	FY 19-20 Amended Budget	FY 20-21 Recommended Budget
Personnel	\$76,364	\$82,787	\$86,170
Operating	\$326,900	\$381,129	\$408,650
Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$403,264	\$463,916	\$494,820

Highlights:

- Proposed increases to WC and Property and Casualty Insurance are estimates. Quotes will be received back within two weeks.

Police

EXPENSES	FY 18-19 Budget	FY 19-20 Amended Budget	FY 20-21 Recommended Budget
Personnel	\$5,472,951	\$5,870,866	\$6,127,893
Operating	\$1,109,991	\$984,084	\$1,003,297
Capital	\$353,244	\$339,200	\$324,454
TOTAL	\$6,936,186	\$7,194,150	\$7,455,644

Highlights:

- Reclassification of positions within the Department to support move to Stratified Policing Model. Reorganization funded for six months.
- Seven new vehicles as part of routine fleet replacement.
- Includes funding for upgraded in-car video cameras with GPS capability and recording system.
- Eliminated one vacant telecommunicator position.

Fire & EMS

EXPENSES	FY 18-19 Budget	FY 19-20 Amended Budget	FY 20-21 Recommended Budget
Personnel *	\$1,554,074	\$1,805,591	\$1,862,730
Operating	\$1,057,837	\$1,064,668	\$1,037,453
Capital	\$25,000	\$80,552	\$0
TOTAL	\$2,636,911	\$2,950,811	\$2,900,183

*Personnel includes Idlewild VFD and Matthews VFD costs. Does not include grants for firefighters and volunteers.

Highlights:

- Funding to implement an Advanced Certification Program to incentivize professional certifications (\$39,000).
- Removed \$40,000 for Idlewild VFD allocation for a fire engine. Payments were completed in FY 19-20.

Public Works

EXPENSES	FY 18-19 Budget	FY 19-20 Amended Budget	FY 20-21 Recommended Budget
Personnel	\$1,724,082	\$1,852,216	\$1,859,075
Operating	\$3,473,187	\$3,719,197	\$1,760,560
Capital	\$185,500	\$23,384	\$8,000
TOTAL	\$5,382,769	\$5,594,797	\$3,627,635

Highlights:

- Includes \$800,000 for road resurfacing, an increase of \$100,000 from previous years.

Public Works - Stormwater

EXPENSES	FY 18-19 Budget	FY 19-20 Amended Budget	FY 20-21 Recommended Budget
Personnel	\$422,929	\$420,762	\$427,877
Operating	\$278,550	\$719,586	\$418,543
Capital	\$186,494	\$0	\$63,000
TOTAL	\$887,973	\$1,140,348	\$909,420

Highlights:

- Purchase of new vehicle and other equipment.

Public Works - Sanitation

EXPENSES	FY 18-19 Budget	FY 19-20 Amended Budget	FY 20-21 Recommended Budget
Operating	\$1,675,500	\$1,859,879	\$1,909,647

Highlights:

- Increase of \$60,000 in solid waste collection costs.

Planning & Development

EXPENSES	FY 18-19 Budget	FY 19-20 Amended Budget	FY 20-21 Recommended Budget
Personnel	\$492,788	\$485,225	\$501,368
Operating	\$81,900	\$47,700	\$32,950
Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$574,688	\$532,925	\$534,318

Economic Development

EXPENSES	FY 18-19 Budget	FY 19-20 Amended Budget	FY 20-21 Recommended Budget
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating	\$35,000	\$34,000	\$5,000
TOTAL	\$35,000	\$34,000	\$5,000

Highlights:

- Funding for Red Brick Partnership (\$20,000) not included per their request to forego funding for FY 21.
- Eliminated funding for Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) event.
- Continue funding for façade grant program.

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resource

EXPENSES	FY 18-19 Budget	FY 19-20 Amended Budget	FY 20-21 Recommended Budget
Personnel	\$733,092	\$744,613	\$760,188
Operating	\$795,950	\$798,594	\$834,694
Capital	\$57,000	\$161,614	\$15,000
TOTAL	\$1,586,042	\$1,704,821	\$1,609,882

Highlights:

- Revenue and expenditures are based on all programming resuming by July 1, 2020.
- Funding for additional playground equipment at Rice Road Park.

Other

➤ Levine Senior Center	\$1,500	(General Fund)
➤ Tourism Grants	\$77,000	(Tourism Fund)
➤ Matthews Alive	\$60,000	(Tourism Fund)
➤ Arts/Science Council	\$25,000	(Tourism Fund)
➤ Matthews Historical Foundation	\$40,000	(Tourism Fund)
➤ Tourism agreement w/Chamber	\$15,000	(Tourism Fund)

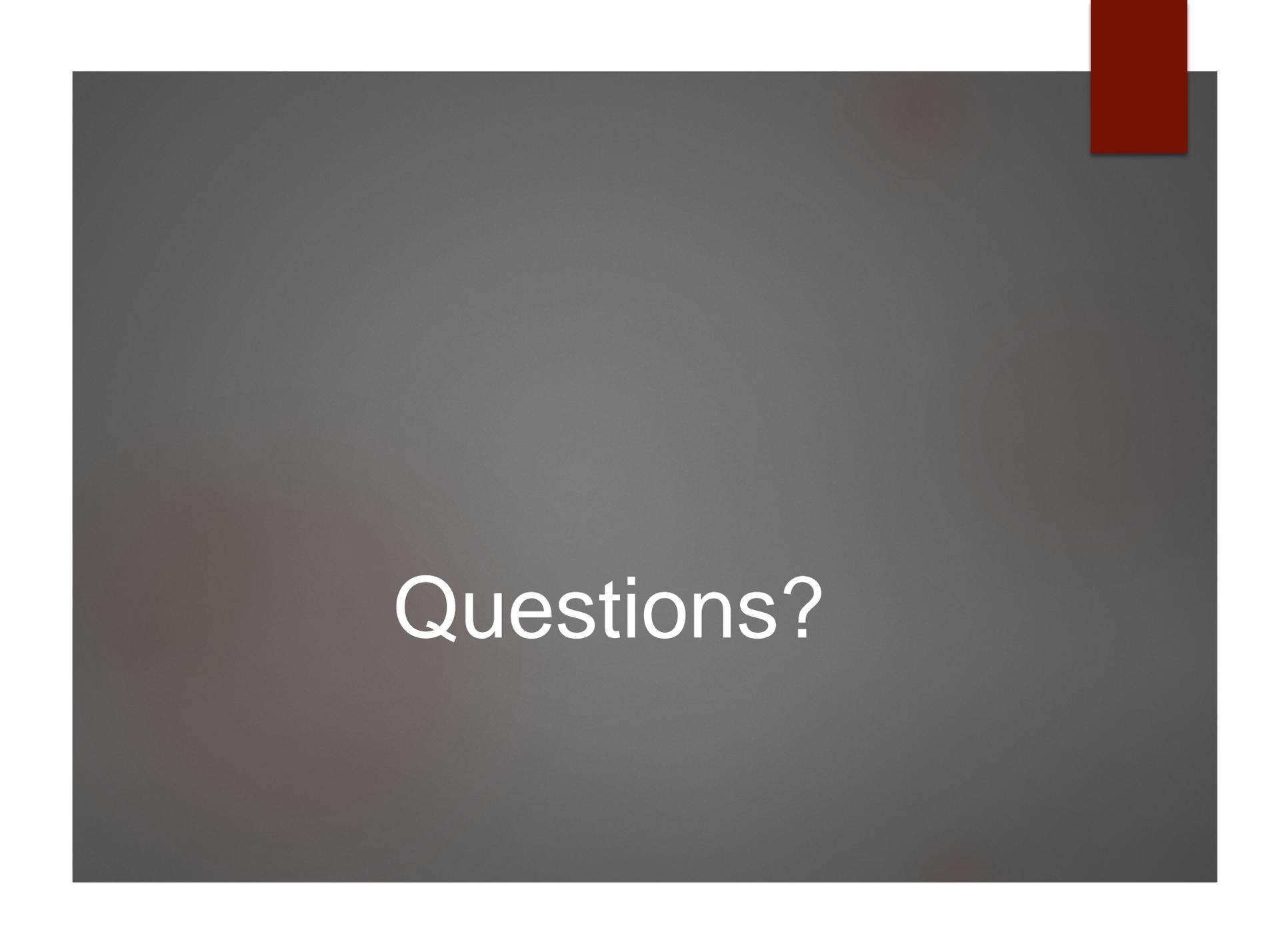
- ▶ \$50,000 included for Facilities Maintenance and Repair Fund.
- ▶ Tourism grants reduced from \$83,000 to \$77,000.
- ▶ No budget allocation for Contingency Fund.

Capital Improvement Plan: General Fund

- \$106,000 for public safety enhancements for town facilities
- \$112,300 for Ames Street improvements (CDBG funds will reimburse \$100,000)
- \$15,000 for AEDs
- \$80,000 for Downtown Camera Project
- \$184,000 for Sam Newell Road Multi-Use Path
- \$330,000 for Crestdale Road Multi-Use Path (\$250,000 in state funding, \$80,000 in recreation fees in lieu funds.)
- Plan to order rescue truck replacement in January and fund in FY 22.

Capital Improvement Plan: Tourism Fund

- Continued debt payments for Outen Pottery, Community Center roof repairs
- \$104,675 for downtown street light replacement
- \$138,138 for paving of Matthews Station Street and Fullwood Theater sound system replacement
- \$135,000 toward the Matthews Downtown Loop – Matthews-Mint Hill Road Segment



Questions?