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Dear Mayor Joines and Members of the City Council:

I hereby transmit to you the adopted budget for fiscal year 2008-2009. This document was prepared by the Budget and Evaluation Office, in compliance with the changes made to the City Manager's budget proposal by the City Council, as of the date of budget adoption, June 16, 2008. The total budget for 2008-2009, net of transfers and interfund charges, is \$396.5 million, which represents an increase in the net total budget for all funds of \$138,420, compared to the original budget proposal.

On May 19, 2008, the City Manager's proposed budget was distributed to the Mayor and City Council. Copies of the proposed budget were made available for public inspection at all city branches of the public library and at City Hall and the Bryce A. Stuart Municipal Building. The Finance Committee held five workshop sessions and a public hearing on the budget in May and June. At its final workshop session on June 9, 2008, the Finance Committee recommended that the property tax rate be maintained at 49¢ per \$100, with no decrease in the current level of city services. Also recommended by Finance Committee was the proposed salary increase of up to 3.0% for all eligible city employees, based on performance. The Finance Committee also approved staff-recommended changes to the City Manager's budget proposal, including the addition of roll-out carts and bulk containers to meet on-going demand, a \$50,000 grant to Old Salem, Inc. from the Occupancy Tax reserves, and adjustments to WSTA operating assistance revenue.

Other changes recommended by the Finance Committee were as follows: 1) The Water/Sewer Fund budget was reduced by \$419,770 as a result of deleting four requested positions (a 3-person sewer line cleaning crew and one water servicer position) and eliminating all requested new equipment purchases. These changes would not reduce services or endanger federal permit requirements. The Finance Committee suggested that the Utility Commission use the expenditure adjustments to reduce the proposed sewer rate increase by 1%, from 9% to 8%. 2) The Winston-Salem Transit Authority budget was adjusted to include funding for service enhancements totaling \$518,800, using federal grant funds, motor vehicle privilege tax revenue, and mass transit tax fund reserves. The mass transit tax fund reserves would also be used to cover the cost of an independent study of route structure, fees, schedules, ridership, equipment, and other issues yet to be decided.

The fiscal year 2008-2009 budget document reflects the budget appropriations and program information as recommended by the Finance Committee and adopted by the City Council on June 16, 2008. The City Manager's Message and its attachments, however, are included as they were in the proposed budget on May 19, 2008.

Sincerely,

Lee D. Garrity
City Manager

**CITY COUNCIL ADOPTED
CHANGES TO THE PROPOSED FY 08-09 BUDGET
JUNE 16, 2008**

GENERAL FUND

Expenditure Additions:

- Add a lease payment for the acquisition of 5,000 more roll-out carts to meet demand for the voluntary curbside refuse collection program. \$52,000
- Add a lease payment for the acquisition of 30 more bulk containers for businesses currently n the waiting list. 5,160

TOTAL EXPENDITURE ADDITIONS **\$57,160**

Revenue Addition:

- Appropriate from general fund reserves. \$52,000
- Increase Bulk Container Program rental revenue. 5,160

TOTAL REVENUE ADDITION **\$57,160**

OCCUPANCY TAX FUND

Expenditure Addition:

- Add a grant to Old Salem, Inc. **\$50,000**

Revenue Addition:

- Appropriate from Occupancy Tax reserves. **\$50,000**

WSTA OPERATING FUNDS

Expenditure Change:

- Increase budgeted expenditures for enhanced services. \$518,800

TOTAL EXPENDITURE CHANGE **\$518,800**

Resource Changes:

- Appropriate motor vehicle privilege tax revenue. \$270,000
- Add Federal Job Access/Reverse Commute Grant. 143,830
- Increase fare box revenue. 77,820
- Increase transfer from the mass transit tax fund. 27,150
- Add Federal Transit Administration Grant for operations. 905,710
- Reduce transfer from the mass transit tax fund. -905,710

TOTAL RESOURCE CHANGES **\$518,800**

MASS TRANSIT TAX FUND

Expenditure Changes:

- Reduce transfer to the WSTA operating funds. -\$905,710
- Increase transfer to WSTA operating fund. \$27,150

TOTAL EXPENDITURE CHANGES **-\$878,560**

Resource Changes:

- Reduce appropriation from Mass Transit Tax Fund reserves. -\$905,710
- Appropriate additional fund balance. \$27,150

TOTAL RESOURCE CHANGES **-\$878,560**

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

Expenditure Change:

- Increase the budgeted expenditures for the street resurfacing project \$102,230
- Delete the 08-09 transit projects to be funded by motor vehicle privilege tax -\$270,000

TOTAL EXPENDITURE ADDITION **-\$167,770**

Resource Addition:

• Increase transfer from the Powell Bill fund.	\$102,230
• Delete 08-09 motor vehicle privilege tax for transit projects	-270,000
TOTAL RESOURCE ADDITION	<u>-\$167,770</u>

ENTERPRISE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

Expenditure Addition:

• Set up project expenses for the Bowman Gray Stadium concession stands.	\$100,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURE ADDITION	<u>\$100,000</u>

Resource Addition:

• Appropriate additional N.C. Municipal Leasing Funds.	\$100,000
TOTAL RESOURCE ADDITION	<u>\$100,000</u>

POWELL BILL FUND

Expenditure Addition:

• Increase transfer to the street resurfacing project.	\$102,230
TOTAL EXPENDITURE ADDITION	<u>\$102,230</u>

Resource Addition:

• Appropriate additional Powell Bill reserves.	\$102,230
TOTAL RESOURCE ADDITION	<u>\$102,230</u>

WATER AND SEWER FUNDS

Expenditure Changes:

• Conversion of proposed budget to a “continuation” budget, as follows:	-419,770
○ Deletion of 4 new positions	

- Elimination of all new equipment requests
- Other reductions in expenses based on prior year's spending

TOTAL EXPENDITURE CHANGES **-\$419,770**

Resource Change:

- Reduce sewer revenues. **-\$419,770**

TOTAL RESOURCE CHANGE **-\$419,770**

GRAND TOTAL, ALL FUNDS **-\$637,910**

GRAND TOTAL, NET OF TRANSFERS **\$138,420**



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