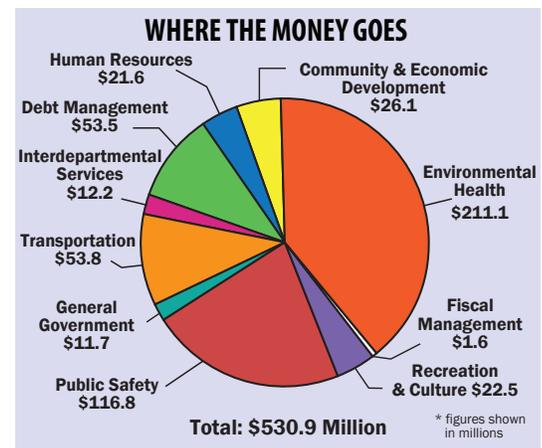
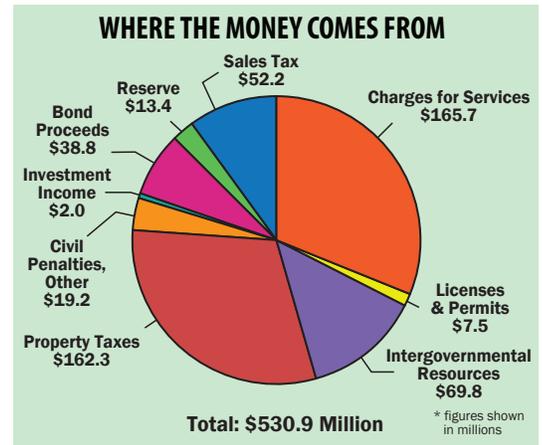


City Manager Lee Garrity has recommended to Mayor Allen Joines and the City Council a \$530.9 million budget for 2021-22 that allocates \$380.4 million for operations, \$40.5 million for debt service and \$110 million for capital improvements.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET:

- Property tax rate decreases 1.5 cents to 62.24 cents for every \$100 of value.
- No increases in user fees except for 3.5 percent increase in water and sewer rates approved by the Utility Commission.
- \$40 million for modernizing the Neilson Water Treatment Plant.
- \$5.3 million for three new fire trucks and 75 replacement police patrol vehicles.
- City minimum wage set at \$15 an hour.
- All city employees eligible for pay raises based on merit.
- Two percent retention pay increase for police officers and firefighters.
- Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion funded with four new positions.
- \$620,720 for downtown improvements, financed through the 9-cent Business Improvement District levy on downtown businesses and residents.
- \$1.2 million in grants for community agencies.



WEIGH IN ON THE BUDGET *Phone in comments about the budget on the Citizen Feedback line, 336-734-1400, or submit comments through a form on the city website.*

2021 Property Revaluation

Although the city would reduce its property tax rate by 1.5 cents under the proposed budget for 2021-22, many property owners may see an increase in their property tax bill due to the 2021 tax revaluation by Forsyth County that saw property values increase by an average of 14.8 percent. Below is a chart giving examples of how the revaluation might affect homeowners in the city.

Previous Home Value	Current City Tax Bill (63.74¢ Rate)	Estimated New Value*	City Tax Bill Proposed Rate (62.24¢ Rate)	Difference (Current Bill vs. Bill at Proposed Rate)
\$50,000	\$319	\$57,400	\$357	+\$38
\$100,000	\$637	\$114,800	\$715	+\$78
\$125,000	\$797	\$143,500	\$893	+\$96
\$150,000	\$956	\$172,200	\$1,072	+\$116
\$200,000	\$1,275	\$229,600	\$1,429	+\$154
\$250,000	\$1,594	\$287,000	\$1,786	+\$192

*Based on 14.8% average growth. Actual tax values will vary. NUMBERS LISTED ARE FOR ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES ONLY.

How to participate in the budget process

- The proposed budget is posted online at CityofWS.org/budget.
- All budget meetings and workshops televised live on WSTV Digital Media (channel 13 on Spectrum or channel 99 on AT&T Uverse) or online through the city website or the city's YouTube channel.
- City Council's Finance Committee budget workshops (online) at 5 p.m. June 3 and 4 p.m. June 10.
- Public hearings via Zoom at 7 p.m. June 3 (Finance Committee) and 7 p.m. June 21 (City Council). Citizens who would like to speak during the public hearings will find a link at CityofWS.org/ccvirtual. The links will not be active until an hour before the hearings start.