

Mayor's FY17 Recommended Budget Highlights

The Mayor's FY17 Recommended Budget includes funding for the continuation of important City services and programs, and resulted in no employee layoffs and is balanced without the use of stabilization reserves. The budget allows for strategic investment in public safety and economic development. The highlights of the Recommended Budget are outlined below:

Police

- Funds an academy of 60 officers, increasing the total sworn complement by 20 FTEs. This will allow the dept. to begin the new downtown initiative with the arrival of the MGM Casino and expansion of C-3 neighborhood policing.
- Funding for the Command Central Platform lease, which provides real-time crime analysis data to increase officer preparedness in handling emergency situations. Follows Commissioner Barbieri's strategy of "Intelligence-Led Policing."

Fire

- Funds two academies of six Firefighters; six of whom will graduate November and the following six in June of 2017. Additionally, two interns will be hired to work in the repair division.
- Two new apparatuses will be funded. The new engine and ladder will replace older vehicles in the currently aging fleet with the goal of reducing costly repair and maintenance expenses.
- The appropriation also includes the transition from Firehouse to Emergency Reporting, a new software program that will better utilize available data to track key incident patterns.

Education

- Funding \$250K for the School Department to continue investment in Pre-Kindergarten programming.

Parks & Recreation

- Funding for all parks, pools, splash pads to remain open.
- Parks will receive \$100k in additional funding for extended recreation and after school programming.
- Citywide mowing and maintenance funding, allowing for 6 additional citywide mows, bringing the total annual number from 14 to 20.

Building Code

- Three new inspectors for FY17 to handle increased workload resulting from large-scale commercial projects such as MGM & CRRC railways, these inspectors will be able to handle the increased workload of new business coming to the City.

Housing Code

- Increased overtime funding for Saturday sweeps, a key initiative that reduces blight & neighborhood decline throughout Springfield.
- Fully funded the ordinance flex squad, working in conjunction with the Police Department to enhance quality of life in our neighborhoods.

Assessors

- Funding will be provided for the addition of a Commercial Appraiser to assist with maximizing the City's valuation.

Veterans

- Funding will be provided for a new service investigator which will assist in providing better services to our veterans in need.

DPW

- Money will be appropriated from the General Fund for the citywide purchase of vehicles.
- The City will not be receiving the Winter Rapid Resource Recovery Program funds this year and will therefore provide extra funding for asphalt mixes for citywide pothole repair.
- Funding for street-sweeping for continued City beautification.
- Continued funding of the City's Solid Waste program, offering residents weekly trash pickup, bi-weekly collection of single stream recycling, April – November yard waste pickup, and \$8/item bulk waste services.

Dispatch

- Increased funding for Overtime to align with spending trends in recent years.
- Funding for Smart911 software designed to increase situational awareness for first-responders.

Elections

- Funding is provided to hire extra temporary staff members for the upcoming Presidential election.