

2020-2021 Proposed Budget Presentation



Morgantown City Council
Regular City Council Meeting
March 3, 2020

Expenditure Priorities

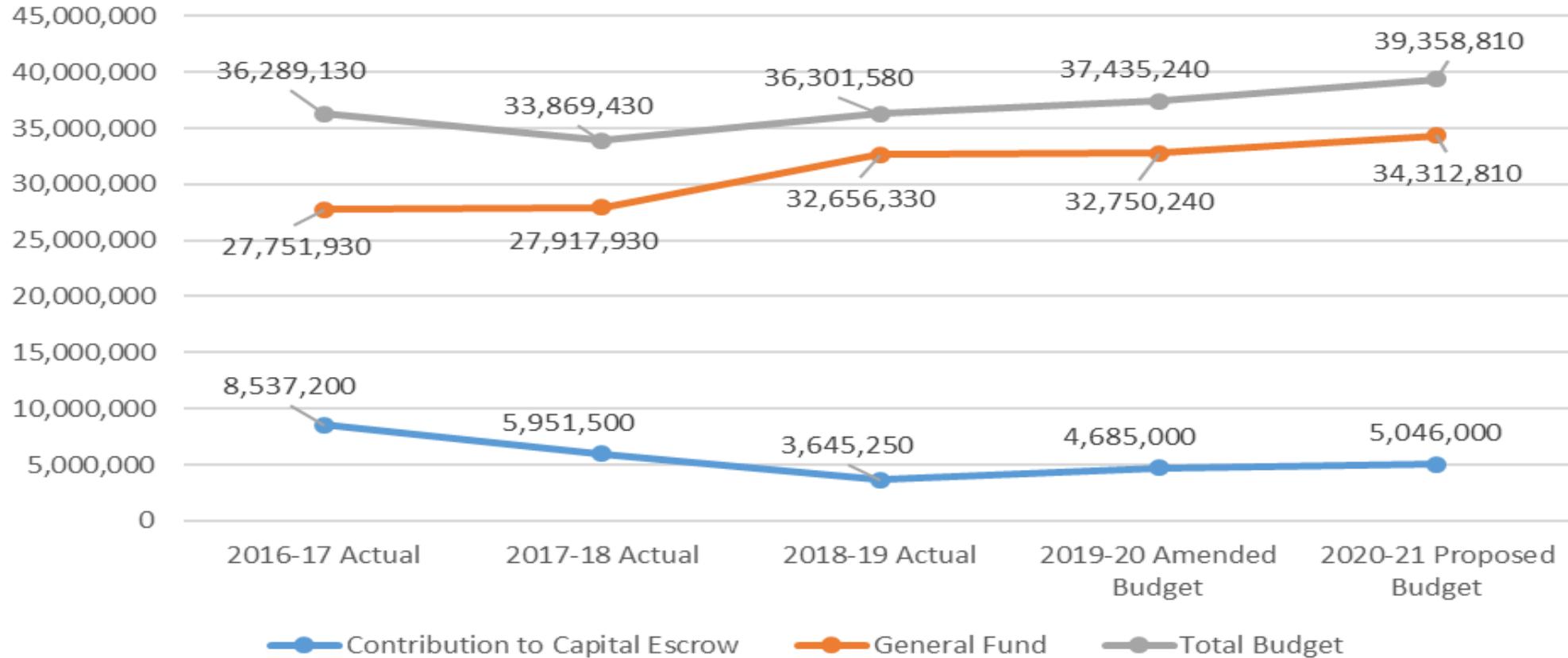
- Quality Service
- Sustainable Funding and Right Sizing
- Investment in Facilities and Energy Efficiency
- Employer of Choice

Budget at-a-glance

- Total spending plan of \$39.3 million.
- \$1,180,000 carryover.
- \$306,386 contingency.
- 5.1% increase compared to last year.

City Budget (General and Capital)

Total City Budget (General and Capital)



Highlights

Safe Streets Fee (Municipal Service Fee)

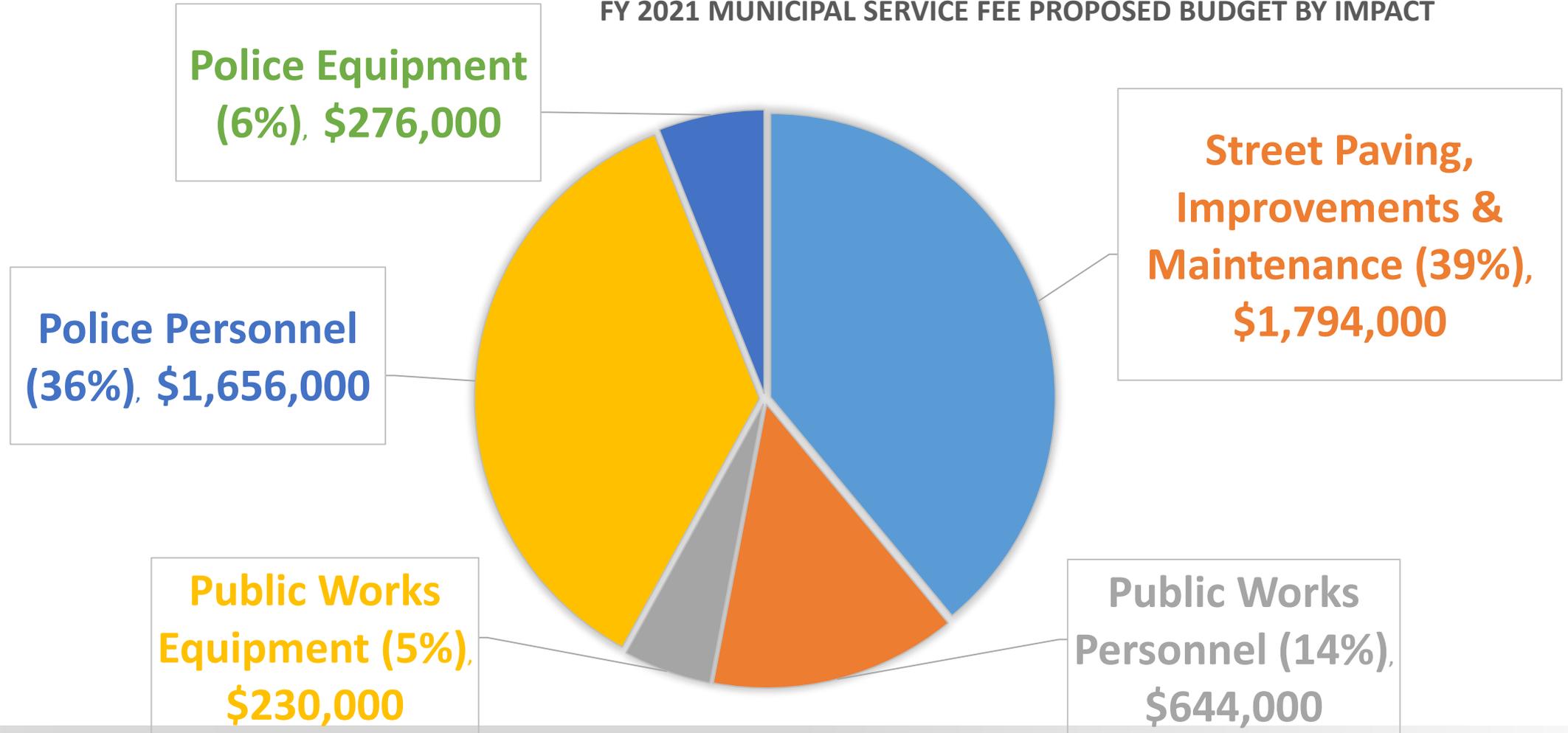
- Fifth year.
- Safe Streets budget is \$4.6 million.
- FY21 \$2.3 million budget is for equipment and paving, sidewalk, and right-of-way improvements.

Employee, Fire & Police Pension

- \$2.08 million.
- Second year of “Retirement Fund” – this is a restricted account.

Municipal Service Fee

FY 2021 MUNICIPAL SERVICE FEE PROPOSED BUDGET BY IMPACT



Highlights

Fire Fees

- FY21 - \$3.6 million that includes a 10% increase.
- Funds over 56% of Fire Department costs.
- Funds holiday pay change and ongoing pension overpayments.

Business & Occupation Construction

- Increase based on new large projects over \$5 million.
- Increase from FY20 to FY21 - \$2.3 to \$2.7 million.

B&O Tax Collection Forecast

- \$16.3 million in FY20.
- \$16.6 million in FY21.
- Projects:
 - WVU Medicine Children's Hospital;
 - WVU Business & Economics Building (Reynolds Hall);
 - WVU Hodges Hall; and
 - Municipal Airport Runway.

Employee Benefits and Staffing

- 2 new full-time jobs.
- 1 part-time position.
- SAFER grant employees eliminated through attrition – 6 positions maintained in proposed spending plan.
- \$202,000 in health insurance related costs.
- 2.5% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA).
 - Estimated at \$353,000.

Fiscal Condition

- FY21 total budget anticipates a continuation of general and capital revenue increases.
- Property tax revenues are projected to increase slightly in FY21 (\$4.8 million).
- Special Revenue from the Municipal Sales and Use Tax – FY21 (\$3.75 million).
- Sales Tax is accounted on “cash basis” – represent 3 quarters.

Strategic Goals



Arts, Culture and Recreation

- Finish construction and renovation to the Hazel Ruby McQuain Amphitheater and Riverfront Park. Now include a Kayak Rental Facility.
- Additional funding to BOPARC in the amount of \$66,000 and Morgantown Public Library of \$48,000.
- Sales Tax revenue funding to BOPARC in the amount of \$827,000 for the Ice Arena completion.
- Hire a Director of Arts & Cultural Development to directly oversee two entertainment venues.

Strategic Goals



Right Sized Organization

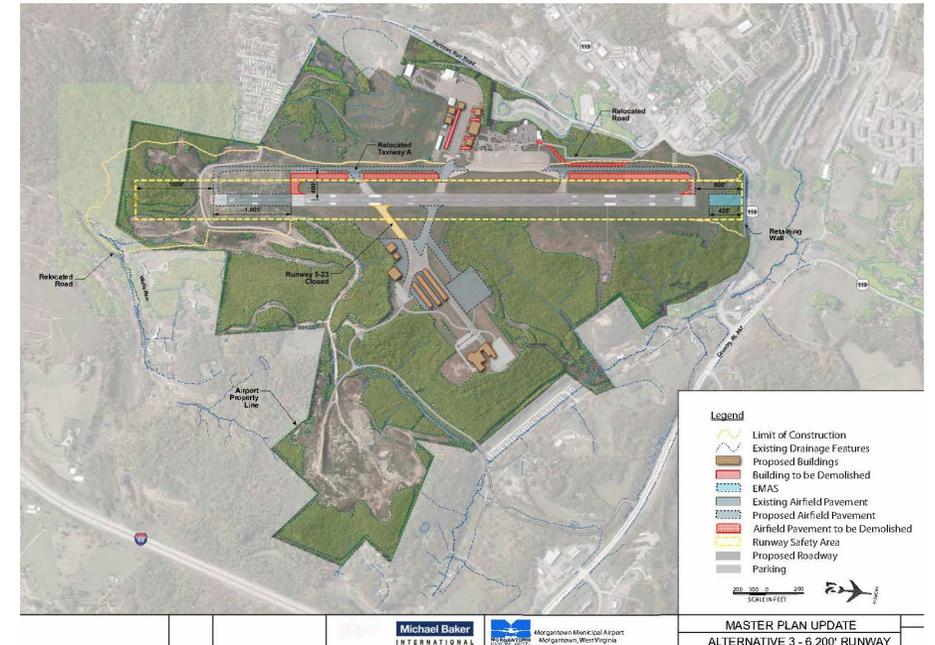
- Create a new Housing Tech for Rentals to provide support services – increasing safety for students and other who rent housing in the city.
- Budget assumes only 6 of 12 fire fighters originally funded by SAFER will continue. Elimination made through attrition.
- Invest in the City’s GIS Department and allow for better expansion of its technology.

Strategic Goals



Infrastructure Development

- Secure funding through a proposed TIF District for the local share of the runway development.



Strategic Goals



Fiscal Stability

- New Special Revenue Fund budget for the Municipal Sales and Use Tax. Revenue is shared between BOPARC, Retirement Fund, Capital Escrow and General Fund.
- Fire fees include a 10% increase (appx. \$335,000) for Residential, Commercial and Tax-Exempt classes of property effective July 1.
- Ensure contributions to pensions and other post-employment benefits (OPEB) are satisfactory for stability. Annual sales tax contributions to the Retirement Fund are restricted for these uses.

Strategic Goals



Attainable Housing

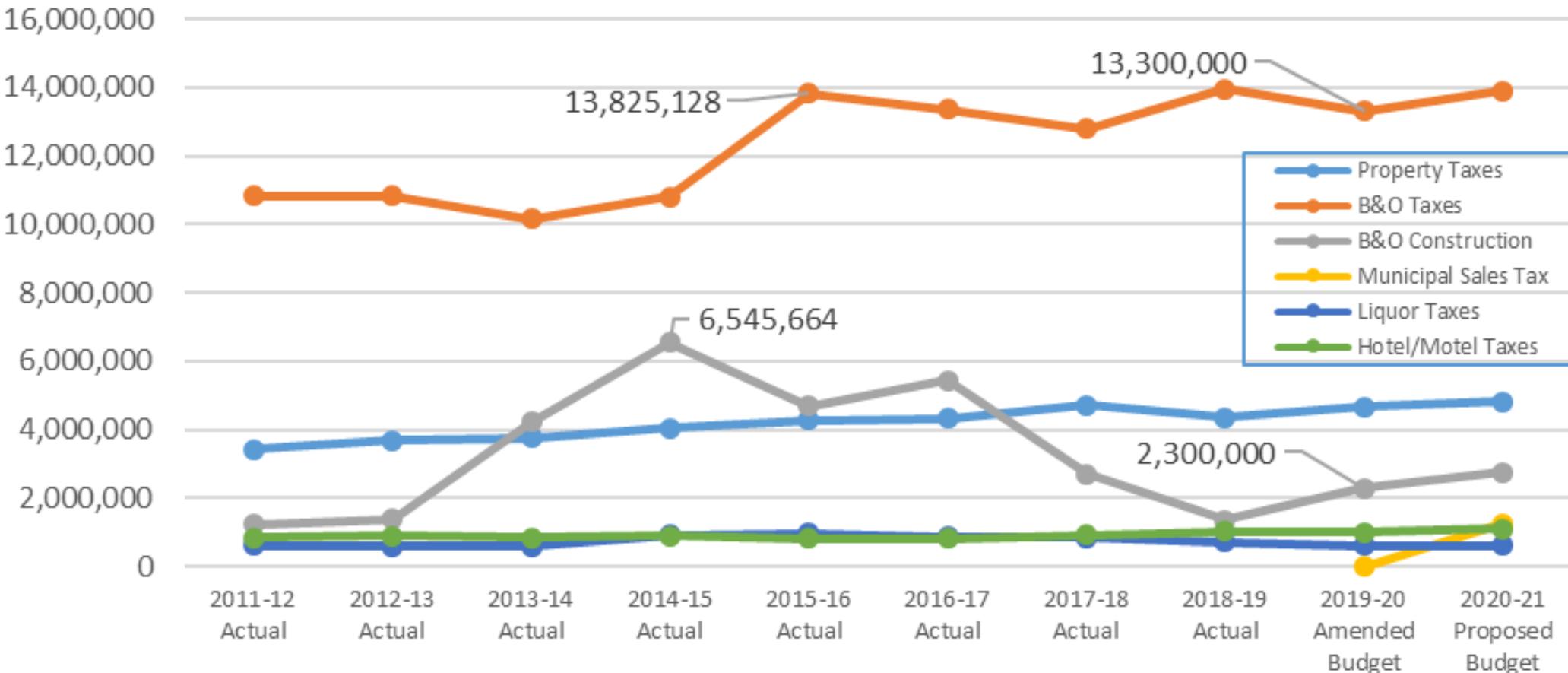
- Continue to work with Bowen National in preparing a Housing Needs Assessment. The final report will result in actionable steps and is anticipated to be completed in the upcoming fiscal year.



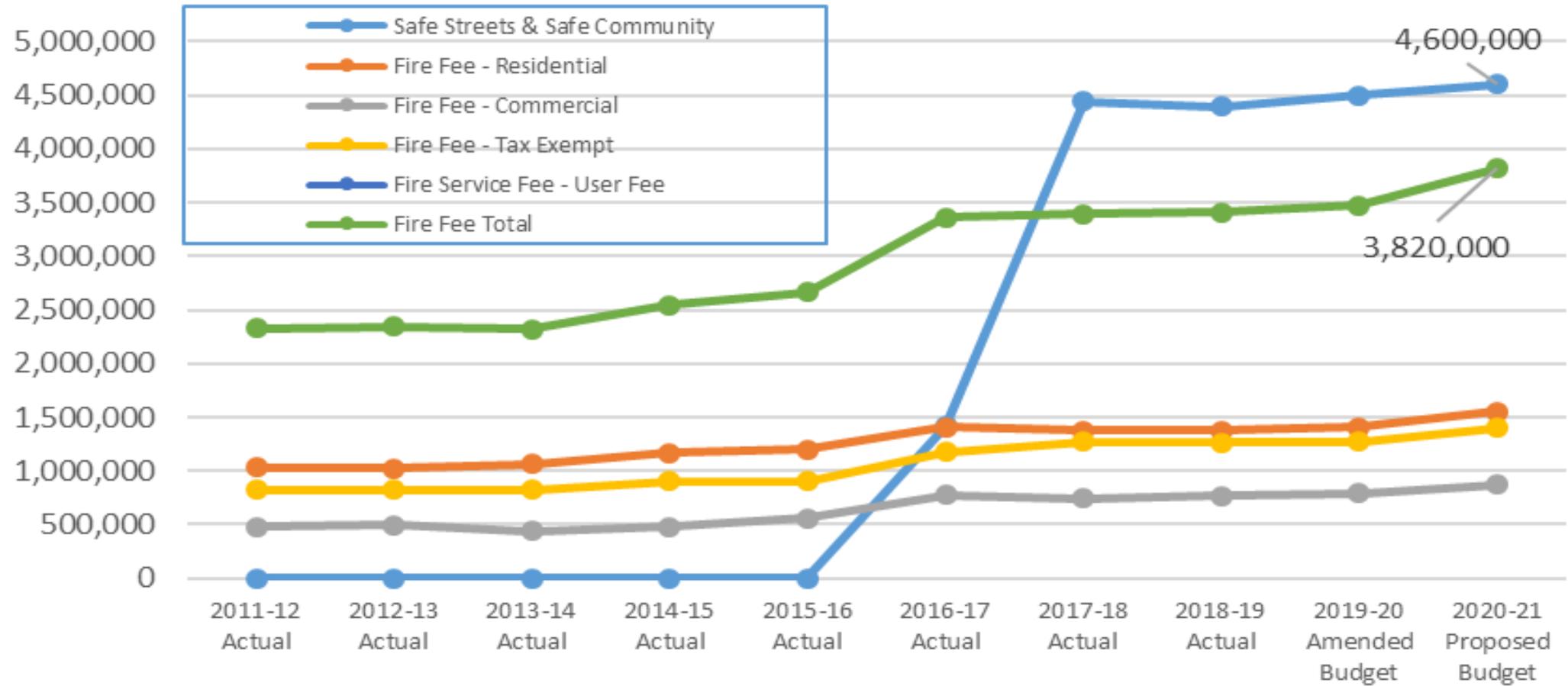
Vibrant Downtown

- Continue to work with the Downtown Task Force to implement strategies to address the issues surrounding homelessness and addiction that are affecting downtown.

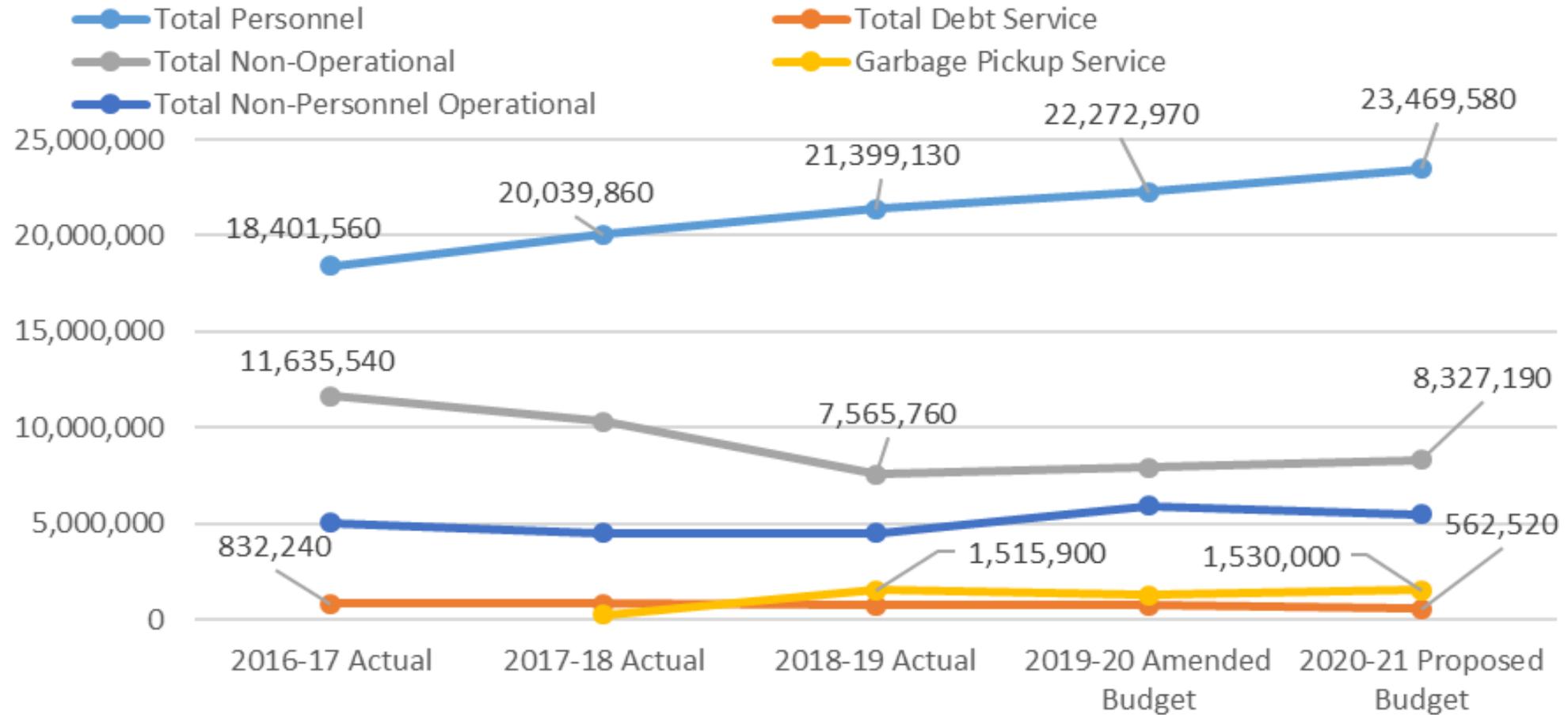
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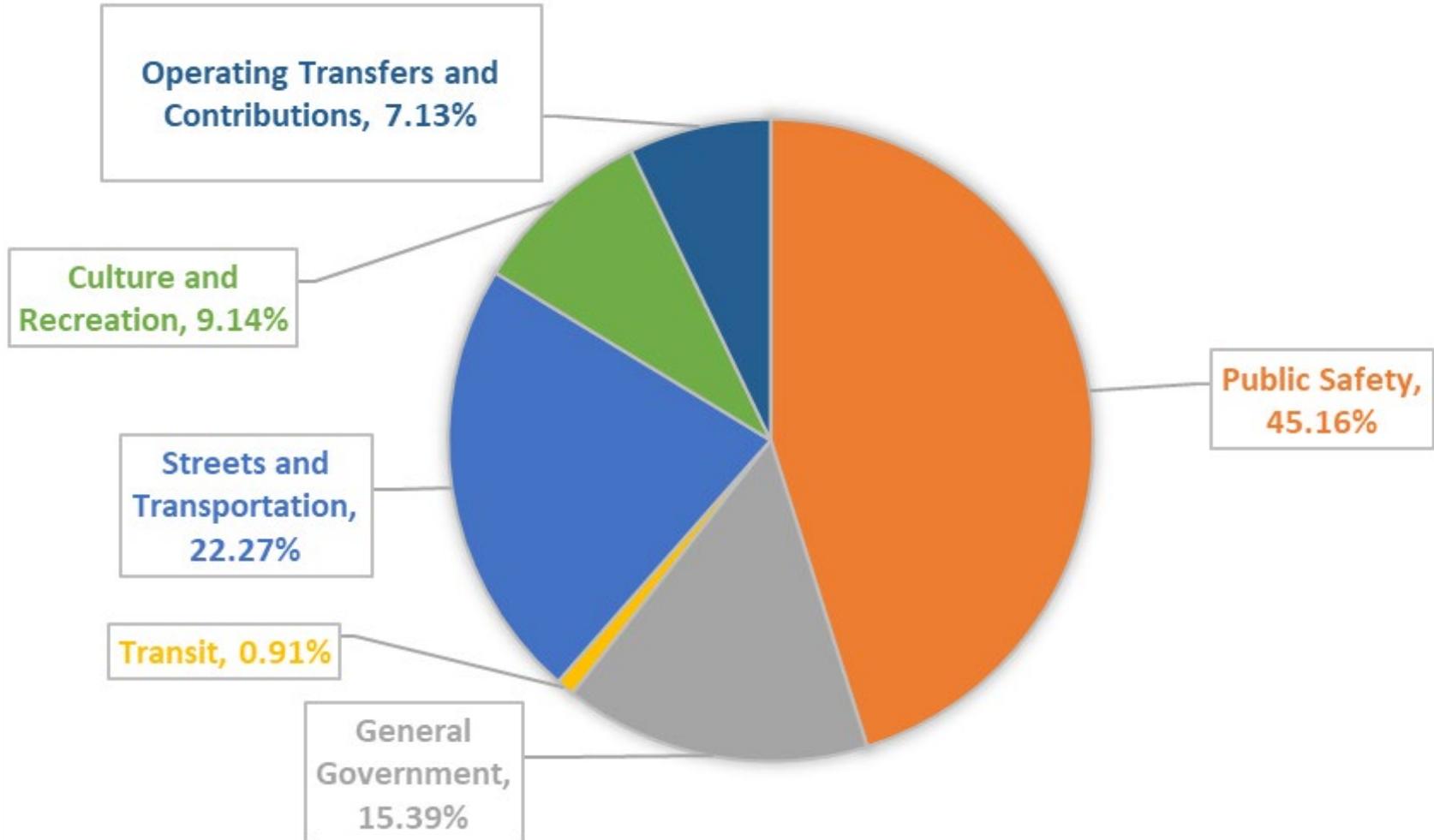
Major Service Fee Revenues



Personnel & Operations Cost



FY 2021 Budget By Service Type



Financial Stabilization Fund

- The purpose of the fund is a separate set of financial accounts maintained in the City's accounting system. These funds may be used to cover the General Fund's operating short falls and other purposes City Council deems appropriate.
- Current balance of \$1,047,000.
- In FY15 the balance was \$377,000.

Funding for BOPARC

- The General Fund appropriation is \$1.747 million, up by \$107,000 over the current year.
- BOPARC funding is \$491,000 (up from \$456,000 in 2020). This is based on combined amounts for the Capital Escrow and Coal Severance Funds.



Pension & OPEB Key Information

- Firemen's Pension and Relief Fund
 - Investments as of 6/30/19 - \$13.5 million
 - FY21 Contribution - \$920,415
 - Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability as of 7/1/18 - \$36.5 million or 25.9% funded
- Policemen's Pension and Relief Fund
 - Investments as of 6/30/19 - \$16.6 million
 - FY21 Contribution - \$1,158,547
 - Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability as of 7/1/18 - \$50.5 million or 23.8% funded

Pension & OPEB Key Information (cont.)

- Employee Pension and Relief Fund
 - Investments as of 6/30/19 - \$57.7 million.
 - FY21 Estimate Employer Contribution - \$891,000.
 - Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability as of 7/1/19 - \$13.9 million or 80.6% funded.
- Other Post Employment Benefits
 - Investments as of 6/30/19 - \$992,000.
 - 2019 Estimated Cost - \$2.4 million.
 - Unfunded Liability as of 6/30/19 - \$21.2 million (pay as you go).

Regional Outlook

- Monongalia County continues with strong economic growth both in recent quarters and over last several years.
- Despite the positive economic indicators, the region is subject to considerable risk due to Mylan's merger with another pharmaceutical company.
- West Virginia University acts as a stabilization force amid the ups and downs caused by macroeconomic fluctuations and regional volatility in energy production.

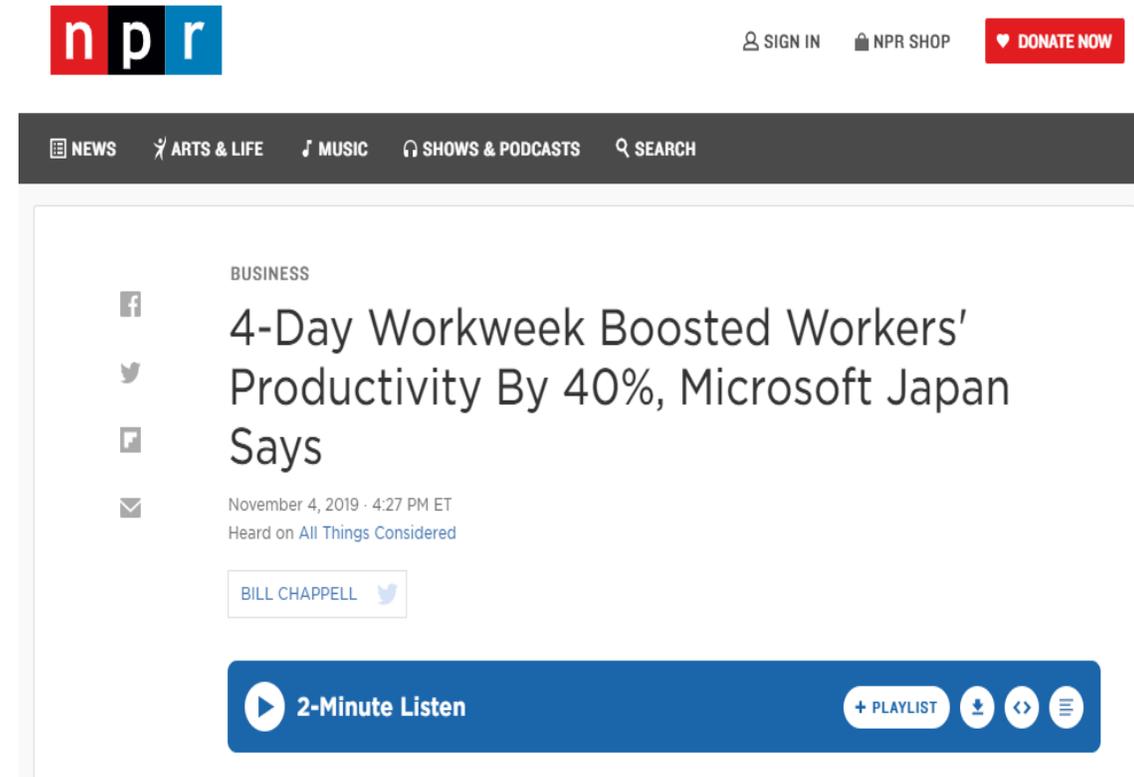
Employer of Choice

- A classification and compensation study is underway to ensure pay practices and rates are comparable to other similar sized municipalities.
- Working to improve working conditions, by improving security, building condition (lighting, temperature), shared spaces (kitchen, bathrooms), workspaces, and furniture.
- Continue to look at overall Health and Wellness of employees, by proving health assessments and looking into the possibility of an employee clinic.



Employer of Choice (cont.)

- Looking at the alternative work schedule of a four-day compressed work week (four 10-hr days) for all office and non-emergency response personnel. All City buildings would be closed on Fridays.
- Other municipalities that operate on a four-day work week.
 - Westminster, CO;
 - North Las Vegas, NV;
 - Ferndale, MI; and
 - El Mirage, AZ.



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City Infrastructure Improvement Bond

- Several City owned buildings are aging and in need of repairs. Without near-immediate attention, maintenance costs will continue to rise, or may not be possible at all.
- HVAC/Windows – City Hall, PSB, Woodburn, Garage. Numerous HVAC units are old, difficult to repair or retrofit, and are not energy efficient. Every winter, weeks are spent both internally and externally to try and keep the heat running.



City Infrastructure Improvement Bond (cont.)

- Roof – Woodburn, MET Theatre. Multiple buildings need roof replacements. They have been patched numerous times, but they are well past their lifespan.
- Interior Renovations – City Hall, Woodburn, Public Safety Building, and Norwood and South High Fire Stations. Interior renovations are needed to address inadequate workspaces.

City Infrastructure Improvement Bond (cont.)

- Additional items address energy efficiency, air circulation, security, lighting and electrical items, façade repairs, and backup generators.
- The work that needs to be done would likely take 5-10 years to complete using traditional capitol escrow funds. In that timeframe, the City will run into more emergency repairs.



Next Steps in Budget Process

- 1st Reading Budget Ordinance
 - March 3
- Budget Workshop
 - March 10
- 2nd Reading Budget Ordinance
 - March 17
- Laying of Levy
 - April 21

Welcome to Morgantown

Welcome to Morgantown! The City of Morgantown welcomes all people regardless of race, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, color, ancestry, age, abilities, blindness, economic, family or veteran status, or life situation. We strive to be an inclusive community for our residents and visitors. We ask everyone to act with a helpful intent, to respond to each other with civility, and to treat our environment with respect.

Whether you're in town for a conference at the Waterfront Place Hotel, attending a WVU Football or Basketball game, shopping or dining in our historic downtown, or exploring the great outdoors in one of our parks, Morgantown is a city that has something for everyone!



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