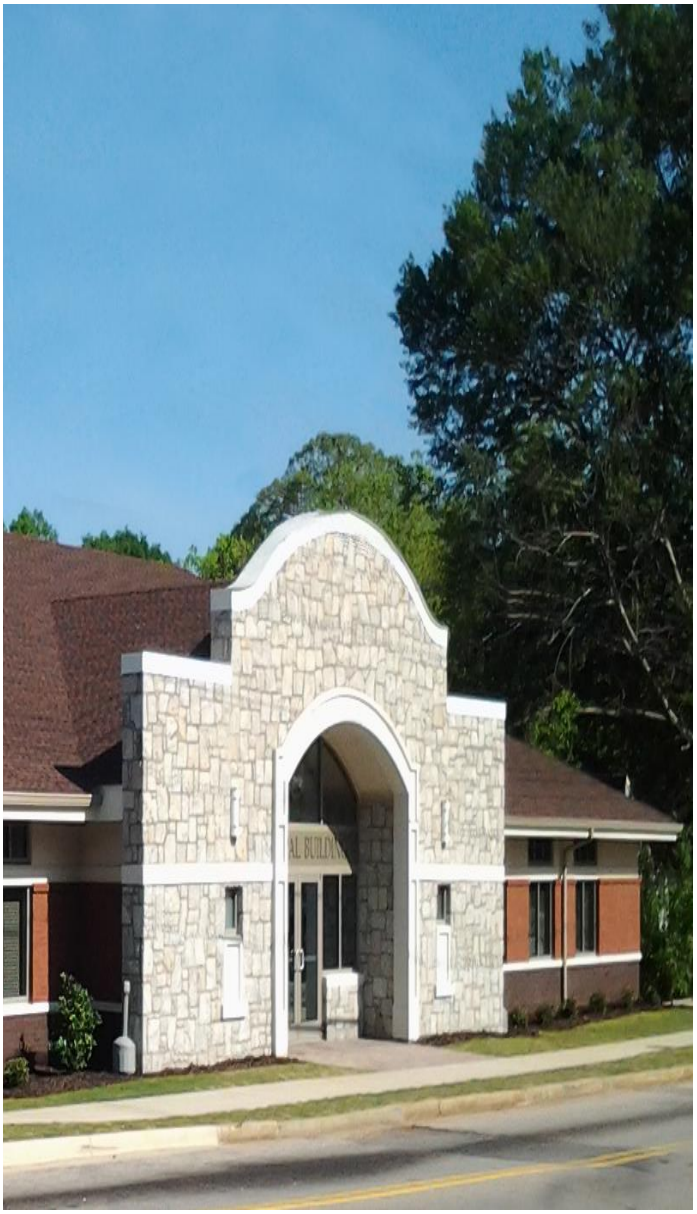
FY2021

Budget Proposal



NOVEMBER 5, 2020 - Presented

City of Stone Mountain, Georgia
Prepared and Presented by:
ChaQuias Thornton, City Manager

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2021 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET PROPOSAL – Forthcoming 11/5/2020

Pursuant to Section 6.25 – Operating budget of the Stone Mountain Charter

On or before a date fixed by the city council but not later than 45 days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the city manager shall submit to the city council a proposed operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The budget shall be accompanied by a message from the city manager containing a statement of the general fiscal policies of the city, the important features of the budget, explanations of major changes recommended for the next fiscal year, a general summary of the budget, and other pertinent comments and information. The operating budget and the capital budget provided for in Section 6.29 of this charter, the budget message, and all supporting documents shall be filed in the office of the city clerk and shall be open to public inspection. This document conforms to the provisions as set forth in the afore-mentioned section.

Prepared and Presented by:
ChaQuias Miller Thornton, City Manager

Departmental Submissions for Departmental Line Item Budgeting provided by:

Department Heads:
Jim Tavenner – Public Works
Thomas Brown and Chancey Troutman – Police Department

Department Supervisors:
Stephanie Capers – Municipal Court
Tourism Manager – Kim Cumbie
City Clerk – Mallory Minor, Assistant City Clerk Alicia Daniels

Component Unit
Downtown Development Authority Chairman – Jelani Linder
DDA Executive Director – Alan Peterson

TENTATIVE SCHEDULING FOR BUDGET PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2020
OFFICIAL PRESENTATION OF FY2021 BUDGET PROPOSAL

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020
PUBLIC HEARING TO TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUDGET PROPOSAL
FIRST READ OF FY2021 BUDGET ORDINANCE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020
SECOND READ OF FY2021 BUDGET ORDINANCE
FY2021 BUDGET ADOPTION

Stone Mountain, GA 30083

DATE : November 5, 2020
TO : Mayor and City Council
FROM : City Manager ChaQuias Thornton
RE : FY2021 Budget Proposal

Governmental accounting systems are organized and operated on a fund basis, with each fund classified by three categories. The three categories are:

1. **Governmental funds** – used to account for activities primarily supported by taxes, grants, and similar revenue sources.
2. **Proprietary funds** – used to account for activities that receive significant support from fees and charges.
3. **Fiduciary funds** – used to account for resources that a government holds as a trustee or agent on behalf of an outside party that cannot be used to support the government's own programs.

The City of Stone Mountain has eight separate fund accounts that operate within the first two of the categories listed above. These fund accounts are:

Governmental Funds

- General Fund 01
- Hotel/Motel Tax Fund 02 (Visitors Center)
- Cemetery Fund 03
- Police Asset Forfeiture Fund 06
- Capital Projects Fund 07
- Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund 09

Proprietary Funds

- Solid Waste Management Fund 05
- Storm Water Enterprise Fund 08

The City also operates within a collaborative partnership with the Downtown Development Authority which serves as a component unit within the City and is designated as Fund 20.

- Downtown Development Authority Fund 20

The Governmental Fund known as General Fund 01 is divided into several different classifications of activities. These activities are further categorized by department titles and types. The activities include:

- Legislative (Elected Body)

Department 018 – Johnson
Department 021 – Wheeler
Department 024 – Little
Department 025 – Hollis
Department 026 – Bryant
Department 028 – Cox
Department 029 – Monroe

- Administration – Department 030
- Buildings – Department 031
- General Government – Department 032
- Court – Department 035
- Public Safety – Department 040
- Public Works – Department 050
- Parks – Department 060
- Debt Service – Department 080

Revenues collected within General Fund 01 and fund balance reserves are used to offset expenditures that are incurred within the governmental activities' categories.

The fiscal year begins January 1, 2021 and ends December 31, 2021. Formal presentation of the FY2021 budget is scheduled to be conducted during the November 5, 2020 regular session of Mayor and Council. Public Hearing to receive comments on the Proposed FY2021 Budget is scheduled for November 17, 2020. The FY2021 budget appropriations ordinance is tentatively scheduled for first read on the agenda of the work session of Council scheduled for November 17, 2020 with final consideration of the appropriations ordinance and budget adoption expected to be conducted during the regular session of Council on December 1, 2020.

The City's budget is a collective of revenue estimation, expenditure expectations, and municipal finance policy. The budget is used to communicate the City's planned allocation of resources, provides a description of the City's activities, and – as formally adopted – provides a statement to the public for use of taxpayer dollars.

When managing the municipal finances of the City of Stone Mountain, I am committed to implementing sound financial principles, as required by Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements that govern local government finance.



GENERAL FUND

REVENUE

Please see below the summary of proposed general fund revenues anticipated for collection during the FY2021 budget cycle.

REVENUE	2020 AMENDED BUDGET	2021 RECOMMENDED BUDGET
Taxes	3,232,862	3,333,035
Licenses & Permits	98,560	83,230
Government Grants	781,385	56,541
Charges for Services	6,840	5,700
Fines & Forfeitures	739,418	551,691
Investment Income	0	0
Contributions	1,859	1,730
Miscellaneous Revenue	0	0
Other Financing Sources	678,825	1,205,464
Total Revenue	5,539,749	5,237,391

The City Manger submits preliminary budget estimates of a total General Fund Budget of $5,237,391 in revenues with offsetting expenditure estimation of $5,237,391.

CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL REVENUE PORTFOLIO

The City of Stone Mountain's capacity to generate revenue is founded upon the City's revenue-raising authority that is granted to the City per state law. Also, under Georgia law, the City is required to adopt a balanced budget (revenues = expenditures). Under this rule, the City cannot budget expenses in excess of available revenue. The task of the local government organization is to balance and manage revenues in a manner that funds services requested by the citizens and businesses while adhering to local, state, and federal statutes regarding municipal finance.

The primary revenue sources for the City of Stone Mountain are taxes, non-tax revenues such as fees, and proprietary (enterprise) funds. The City operates in an intergovernmental system and generates revenue from its own sources as it is authorized to do by the state. The City also receives revenue in the form of federal and state aid.

The following revenue sources make up the City's revenue portfolio:

Taxes on Property

Ad Valorem Tax

The ad valorem tax (or property tax) is an important component of municipal revenue. It provides a stable source of revenue for the City. Residents and non-resident taxpayers receives a direct benefit for paying property tax. The City uses the tax revenue to fund its General Fund 01 activities such as public safety, street maintenance and repair, parks and recreation, transportation enhancement projects, community development projects, and to subsidize storm drain systems maintenance. The property tax rate can be adjusted to generate the amount of revenue necessary to provide municipal services.

Taxation of Motor Vehicles

As allowed by the Georgia Constitution, motor vehicles are taxed in a manner that is different than the taxation of other property. The "birthday day" or annual ad valorem tax for motor vehicles was exempted in 2012 legislation and was implemented as a one-time tax that is imposed on the fair market value of the vehicle.

Taxation of Mobile Homes

Mobile homes are treated as a separate class of property. The City of Stone Mountain has limited mobile home revenue because of prohibitions within the City's Code of Ordinances that do not allow mobile homes within the City's limits beyond the adoption of the most recent version of the City's Zoning Ordinance.

Real Estate Transfer Tax

A real estate transfer tax is imposed at a rate of $1 on the first $1,000 and 10 cents on each additional $10 of any conveyance of real property when the value of the interest transferred is more than $100. For such transactions on property that happen within the City's jurisdiction, the DeKalb County Superior Court Clerk collects the tax and distributes it to the City monthly. This revenue is distributed based on the City's millage rate.

Intangible Tax

Intangible tax is revenue on long-term real estate notes. Long-term notes are those that are due more than three years from the date of execution and are secured by real estate. The tax is assessed at $1.50 for each $500 of the face amount of the note with the maximum intangible recording tax being $25,000.

Alcoholic Beverage Excise Taxes

Taxes levied on distilled spirits (up to $.22 per liter on packaged sales and 3% of the sale price on sales by the drink), wine (up to $.22 per liter), and malt beverages (up to $6.00 per bulk container and up to $.05 per 12 ounce bottle, can, or other container).

Insurance Premium Taxes and License Fees

Insurance premium tax is a levy on life insurance companies based 1% of gross premium on policies of persons living within the City's jurisdiction. The City can levy a gross premium tax of no more than 2.5% on all other types of insurance companies. This tax is collected by the Georgia Commissioner of Insurance and is remitted to the City on an annual basis in October of every year.

The City also imposes and collects license fees on insurance companies doing business within the City's limits. By state statute, and through submission of the City's ordinance adopting the imposition of insurance license fees, the City can impose a $50.00 fee on insurance companies. The fee is based on population.

Business and Occupation Taxes

The City levies and collects business and occupation taxes on businesses and practitioners with offices or locations within the City. Some types of business are exempt from this tax (i.e. non-profits). The City uses the "number of employees" method of taxation. The City's method of taxation is $180 for 0-5 employees and $30 for each employee over 5. Occupation tax is levied on businesses with no location in the City if the business derives a majority of its income from business conducted within the City's jurisdiction.

Financial Institution Tax

The City levies a business license on depository financial institutions (i.e. banks) that have an office located within the City. The rate is assessed at 0.25 percent of the institution's gross receipts in Georgia.

Franchise Fees

The City enters into franchise agreements or contracts with cable, electric, gas and telephone companies doing business in the City. These agreements determine the terms that a public utility company abides by when using the City's right of way. The fee is most often a percentage of the utility's gross receipts within the municipality. The electric franchise fee is remitted to the City annually, while gas, telephone and cable franchise fees are remitted quarterly.

Fines and Forfeitures, Court Fees, and Costs

This revenue includes traffic fines, fines from violations of City Code, bonds posted to guarantee court appearances, and other court costs.

Charges for Use

The City charges for providing accident reports, conducting background checks, park rentals, and for providing administrative services for the Certificate of Appropriateness process for Historic Preservation Commission permissions.

Alcoholic Beverage Licenses

The City requires that a person or business have a license from the City to sell alcohol, retail or wholesale, within the City. The amount of the fee, by license type, is established by resolution of the Council.

Private Contributions

The City solicits private contributions for the hosting of events such as the annual Back to School Bash.

Federal and State Grants and Loans

The City may sometimes receive federal and/or state funding through programs such as the Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG), the Georgia Department of Transportation's Local Maintenance Improvement Grant program (LMIG), etc.

Other Financing Sources

These sources include funding from leases (i.e. Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Capital Lease program), interest on investments, and from confiscated assets or the sale of contraband property.

General Fund revenues are summarized beginning on page 2 of the Exhibit 1. The following notes were made regarding the estimates of revenues:

TAXES

1) Ad valorem taxes
   a) Real estate ad valorem taxes ($113,539,442 in taxable real property as certified 07/28/2020)
      i) Assumes 0% increase in digest
      ii) A decrease in taxable value due to appeals is estimated at 1.2% of the digest
   b) Assumes an ad valorem tax rate of 20.00 mils as adopted in 2020
   c) Utility ad valorem taxes - Assumes no change in digest or any new appeals
   d) Motor vehicle ad valorem taxes – Assumes a reduction in tax due to the nature of the tax
   e) Television Cable Franchise is assumed at a lower revenue amount as opposed to FY2020. The lower estimate is based on actual revenue collected in FY2020.

2) Other taxes
   a) Motor vehicle sales tax revenue is expected to increase overtime as motor vehicle ad valorem taxes decline. Motor vehicle sales tax revenue has been received at approximately 137% of the expected revenue estimate for the current fiscal year.
   b) For all other taxes the estimate is based upon actual revenues collected in FY2020

LICENSES AND PERMITS

1) Beer & Wine Licenses; Liquor Beer and Wine Licenses – No increase is assumed
2) Insurance Licenses – Decrease is assumed based on current year's collections
3) Building Structure Permits – Revenue from Building Inspection Fees is expected to decrease slightly under the previous year's budget estimate. Although new single family structures are continuing to be built in the Hearthstone Subdivision, the City has experienced a decrease in other building and trade service permits.

   Other permits and fees:
   Revenue is not assessed for such permits as Peddler's Permits. Special Use Permits, Parade, and Variance Permits. The amount of revenue collected (if any) varies year-to-year and is not predictable based on the nature of the permit. Revenue adjustments are typically made to the budget after adoption of the budget, and during the budget cycle, as necessary.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES

1) Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG)
   The LMIG program was developed in cooperation with several Georgia organizations and operated in conjunction with the Georgia DOT to help local governments achieve much-needed improvements to the state's roadway network through grant funding. The revenue stated in the budget ($56,541) is the amount of funds designated to the City by LMIG for FY2021

improvements but, the grant opportunity does require a local funding match of 30%. The match is included in the allocation of expenditures in Department 050 Public Works.

CHARGES FOR SERVICE

1) Accident Report and Background Checks are estimated at $1,000 and $4,500 respectively based on current year collections.

   Other charges for services:
   Revenue is not assessed for charges and services such as Park Rental, Back Check Fees, and Certificates of Appropriateness. The amount of revenue collected (if any) varies year-to-year and is not predictable based on the nature of the service. Revenue adjustments are typically made to the budget after adoption of the budget, and during the budget cycle, as necessary.

FINES AND FORFEITURES

1) Fine and forfeiture revenue is estimated at $551,691 in relation to projected 2020 year-end revenue. This revenue source is calculated based on the amount of municipal revenue collected for fines and forfeitures minus fund calculation expenditures assessed by County and State agencies such as Local Crime Victims Funds, Peace Officers A &B Annuity Fund, GSCCCA, etc. The 2020 second quarter closed down period for court services and the limited capacity of the court calendar due to COVID-19 restrictions are credited for the reduction in collected revenue. Alternative methods of servicing court calendars are being explored by the Administration.

CONTRIBUTIONS PRIVATE SOURCES

1) The Back to School Bash contributions are currently the only revenue source that is accounted for as contributions from private sources. Revenue expectations are made based on the amount of event revenue collected from private sources in the previous year. The estimation is $1,730.

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES

1) Revenue from General Fund Unrestricted Reserves is estimated at $127,863 and is subject to change pending Council decision regarding budgetary priorities or adjustments, and other necessary changes to budgeted revenue or expense projections.
2) Unrestricted (Committed) Revenue is assigned to the Depot Renovation Project in the amount of $233,499. This assignment is made in accordance with the FY2019 decision of Council to commit excess ad valorem tax proceeds to future phase of the renovation project.
3) Capital Lease Proceeds are anticipated in the amount of $156,480 for the purchase of police vehicles and equipment through the Georgia Municipal Association's lease payment option. (Reference expenditure information for Public Safety Department 050).

EXPENDITURE INFORMATION ON NEXT PAGE

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

DEPARTMENT	2020 AMENDED BUDGET	2021 RECOMMENDED BUDGET
Johnson	7,233	7,233
Wheeler	16,463	16,685
Little	7,233	7,233
Hollis	7,233	7,233
Bryant	7,233	7,233
Cox	7,233	7,233
Monroe	7,233	7,233
Administration	673,137	599,591
Buildings	136,191	109,243
Gen. Government	1,837,131	1,683,267
Municipal Court	296,376	286,742
Public Safety	1,541,255	1,567,119
Public Works	615,823	515,603
Parks	172,342	187,935
Debt Service	207,633	227,808
Total Expenditures	5,539,749	5,237,391
Surplus/Deficit	0	0

This document provides proposed expenditure detail for all departments and funds within Exhibit 1, beginning with page 5 of the exhibit. Highlighted expenditure detail is included for all General Fund departments within the FY2021 Budget Proposal document, beginning on page 14.

EXPENDITURES

GOVERNING AUTHORITY DEPTS 018, 024, 025, 026, 028, 029

Personal Services/Benefits – The annual salary for each Council Member with associated payroll tax. $3,878 each member.

Purchased/Contracted Services – The annual allotment for education and training and associated travel expenses. $3,355 each member.

Total expenditure per Council Member is estimated at $7,233/each member.

DEPT 021 – MAYOR PATRICA WHEELER

Personal Services/Benefits – The annual salary for the Mayor with associated payroll tax. $12,923

Purchased/Contracted Services – The annual allotment for education and training and associated travel expenses. $3,712

Total expenditure estimated for the Mayor is $16,685.

NOTE: All Personal Services and Benefits Salaries

The Administration presents the following scenario for Council consideration:

During preliminary discussion, no salaries increases were presented and per discussion with Council, the following scenario is now presented for Council consideration in accordance with Social Security Administration percentage calculation of cost of living adjustment (COLA). No adjustments for merit (performance) based increases are included in the budget proposal. Total cost of living allocation is estimated at $25,599 (includes applicable payroll taxes).

The increase in salaries is funded by General Fund Reserves in the absence of any other determined reduction of general fund expenditures.

DEPARTMENT 030 ADMINISTRATION

Personal Services/Benefits – FY2021 proposed budget of $60,031 less than that of the FY2020 budget as amended to-date. The decrease is attributed, in large part to the 2020 year-end expiration of the Police Safety Administrator position.

Purchased/Contracted Services – FY2021 proposed budget of $9,255 less than that of the FY2020 budget as amended. The decrease is attributed, in large part, to a reduction in expense of the third-party Permit Technician and expenses for building inspection services relative to increased Building Structure permit issuances. This reduction correlates with expected reduction in building permit revenue collections.

Small Equipment – A reduction of $4,500 is preliminarily stated.

Capital Outlay - Computers – No capital outlay funds are proposed to be assigned at onset of the FY2021 budget cycle. All necessary computers and relative equipment have been acquired and/or replaced in the 2018, 2019, and 2020 fiscal years.

DEPARTMENT 031 BUILDINGS

Purchased/Contracted Services – FY2021 proposed budget is estimated at $22,538 less than the FY2020 budget as amended to-date. The decrease is attributed to the non-assignment of COVID-related expenditures at the onset of the 2021 fiscal year. Adjustments to the line item will be proposed, as necessary.

DEPARTMENT 032 GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Personal Services/Benefits – FY2021 proposed estimate is $1,790 more than the FY2020 budget as amended to-date. The increase is the net total of a decrease the retirement plan expense in the amount of $2,210 and an increase in Medical Reimbursement expense of $4,000. Retirement expense is determined by actuarial valuation of the City's pension plan. Council approved a medical plan cost reimbursement of up to $400 per eligible employee. The $4,000 is based on the estimated expense incurred in 2020.

Purchased/Contracted Services – FY2021proposed estimate is $57,689 in excess of the FY2020 budget as amended. The excess is attributed, in large part, to an increase in proposed Code Revision expense of an estimated $68,255 for review and rewrite of the City's Code. This increase is offset, in large part, by a decrease in General Liability Premium ($8,387) – based on the estimation of a 15% increase on general liability insurance over the actual amount ($12,316) incurred in 2020.

Supplies - FY2021 proposed estimate of $5,103 less than the FY2020 budget as amended to-date. The decrease in expenditures is attributed to a reduction in the Community Affairs line item.

Other Costs - Interfund Transfers – FY2021 proposed budget estimate of $208,240 less than the FY2020 budget as amended to-date. The decrease is attributed, in large part, to a decrease in the fund

contingencies (see note below), a reduction in General Fund transfer ($14,141) to the Visitor Center fund due to work force reductions as currently established. $233,499 is allocated for costs specifically associated with Depot Renovation expenses and an increase of $8,890 is estimated as transfer to Fund 08 Storm Water. A reduction in $40,000 allocation is realized for the anticipated 2020 completion of the East Mountain Street Sidewalk Extension.

Payment to Other Agencies – DDA – FY2021 proposed budget estimate recognizes a decrease in General Fund allocation by the Downtown Development Authority (FY2020 allocation 327,008/FY2021 allocation $184,853).

Contingencies are estimated to decrease by $19,577 – in correlation with the reduction in expenditures realized across GF departments. The General Government contingencies line item accounts for the contingencies allocations for all General Fund Departments.

035 MUNICIPAL COURT

Personal Services/Benefits – FY2021 proposed estimate is $5,685 less than the FY2020 budget as amended to-date. The decrease is attributed, in large part, to the decrease in part time personnel benefit expenditures.

Purchases/Contracted Services – FY2021 proposed estimate is $3,514 less than the FY2020 budget as amended. The decrease is attributed, in large part, to a decrease (3,485) in Technical Services for Courtware Software liabilities and integration capability necessities due to case load decreases.

DEPARTMENT 040 PUBLIC SAFETY

Increase of $36,075 is projected overall within Personal Services/Benefits for the department. The increase is attributed, in large part, to an increase in Group Health Insurance Premium of $36,552 which accounts for full participation of 17 eligible employees of the police department and a net increase of $6,558 in regular and part-time service positions. A $7,825 decrease in overtime expense is expected.

Purchased/Contracted Services – FY2021 proposed estimate is $6,817 in excess of the FY2020 budget as amended to-date. The increase is attributed, in large part, to the $4,996 increase in law enforcement liability insurance premium as estimated.

Supplies - $6,575 is estimated in excess of the FY2020 appropriation for the purchase of ammunition and other supplies.

Capital Outlay – FY2021 proposed estimate is 23,603 less than the FY2020 budget as amended for the expected purchase of two new police service vehicles/equipment, two non-pursuit vehicles for the Criminal Investigations Division, computers/equipment for the department, and two portable radios.

DEPARTMENT 050 PUBLIC WORKS

Personnel Services/Benefits – FY2021 proposed estimate is increase over the FY2020 budget in the amount of $1,899.

Purchases/Contracted Services - FY2021 proposed estimate is $101,399 less than the FY2020 budget as amended to-date. This decrease is attributed, in large part, to Local Maintenance Improvement project allocations. The FY2020 budget appropriated $173,734 for project related expenditures due to a rollover of project expense from the 2019 year. The FY2021 budget proposes $73,505 in project related expenditures. The FY2021 allocation accounts for the $56,541 in grant funds plus the City's required 30% match of $16,963.

Supplies – FY2021 proposed estimate is $2,780 more than the FY2020 budget as amended to-date. The increase is attributed, in large part, to increases in computer software for a storm water tracking and work order system program ($4,200), electricity costs ($3,025) and offsetting decreases in the gasoline expenditure ($3,500) and general supplies ($1,000).

Capital Outlays – No capital outlay is projected for the FY2021 year, resulting in a preliminary decrease of $3,500 in comparison to Fy2020 allocations.

DEPARTMENT 060 PARKS

An increase of $14,143 is projected in comparison to the FY2020 budget as amended to-date. The increase is attributed to increases of $1,728 in salaries, $10,000 for a newly established line item for tree removal in the City's parks, the assignment of $1,000 for equipment repair, and a net increase of $3,000 for building and park repair.

DEPARTMENT 080 DEBT SERVICE

A proposed increase of $20,175 is estimated as compared to the FY2020 budget as amended to-date. The increase is attributed to a proposed allocation of $34,464 for 2021 lease purchase of vehicles and equipment in the police department, a decrease of $9,200 in net principal and interest expense for the City Hall loan, and the 2020 pay off of the 2016 capital lease.

ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

VISTORS CENTER FUND 02

As estimated, the proposed FY2021 visitors center budget accounts for an estimated $9,141 decrease in revenue from $74,235 to $65,094, with $31,944 estimated to be allocated through general fund transfer.

Estimated expenses are accounted for in the amount of $64,574 ($9,141 less than the FY2020 budgeted expenses as amended.) Reduction in expense is attributed to a reduction in workforce (replacement of the part-time position with current workforce.)

CEMETERY FUND 03

As estimated, the FY2021 cemetery fund budget remains virtually unchanged overall, in comparison to the FY2020 budget as amended to-date.

POLICE ASSET FORFEITURE FUND 06

No funds are assigned within Fund 06 until beginning account balances are determined by FY2020 audit. Reconciliation of funds is accomplished through monthly cash account (bank account) reconciliations.

CAPITAL PROJECT FUND 07

As proposed, the capital projects fund only accounts for the request of $233,499 for capital improvements expected to be completed within future phase of Historic Train Depot Renovations. In 2019 Mayor and Council approved an allocation of funding derived from the estimated collection of tax proceeds in excess of 2019 budgeted amounts. The Administration recommends Council consideration for reallocation of the funding to serve as an offset for any increase in property taxes assessed in 2021, where the increase is due to an increase in property tax valuations. Reallocation of these funds in this manner will result in reapportioning the funds to the source from which the funds were initially derived.

SPLOST FUND 09

As proposed, the FY2021 SPLOST fund budget accounts for $951,399 in revenue from estimated sales tax proceeds.

The budget, as estimated, also accounts for expenses in the amount of $951,399 ($669,777 for hardscape – street resurfacing, $219,530 - park building improvements/infrastructure, $30,937 – traffic signals/signs/crosswalks, $1,743 – other equipment police, and $29,412 – intergovernmental allocation for Fire Station improvements).

Infrastructure/storm water system/relative street resurfacing projects previously approved/prioritized by Council will be completed with revenue that has been recorded in previous years of the SPLOST term. Police expenditures of $59,540 can also be acquired with previous years collections on SPLOST revenue.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND 05

In 2019 Council elected to contract, through intergovernmental agreement, with DeKalb County Sanitation Services for solid waste collection and recycling services for the City. The expense line items remaining in the fund are personal services and benefits calculated at 2.7% of the wages and salaries for public works personnel.

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT FUND 08

As estimated, the storm water management fund accounts for proposed revenue expectations in the amount of $205,232 ($148,075 storm water utility revenue and $57,157 general fund contribution).

Limited Storm Water Reserve funds are available to be allocated at the onset of 2021 budget cycle. Therefore, no storm water reserve allocation is shown.

The budget, as estimated, also accounts for expenses in the amount of $205,232 ($39,640 – personal services/benefits, and $165,592 – purchased/contracted services (system repairs)). No contingencies are assigned.

Because the fund is a proprietary fund and expenses within the fund should be charged against fees and charges for services, the City may want to consider reviewing its fund related fee structure.

COMPONENT UNIT – APPENDIX A

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FUND 20

The revenue and expenditures for the Downtown Development Authority are reduced by $152,662 each in the FY2021 budget proposal.

Revenues and expenditures are reduced primarily due to completion of the Master Plan document (Professional services) in 2020 and a substantial reduction in the Contingencies allocation due to an overall reduction in expense.

Purchased/Contracted Services – FY2021expenditures are projected at $145,541 less than the FY2020 budget as amended to-date. Reductions in professional services ($139,900), legal services ($2,500), advertising ($3,850), and an increase in building insurance ($1,000) account for a major portion of the expense reduction as proposed.

Other Costs are estimated at $45,676 less than the FY2020 budget as amended with the contingencies appropriation being represented at $32,859 less than the previous year's allocation.

The DDA budget, as estimated, represents the DDA's self-funding of the OPO project.

The enclosed information represents the City Manager ChaQuias Thornton's presentation of the City of Stone Mountain's FY2021 proposed budget estimates by Fund, per Line Item Detail.

Please feel free to contact me at the Administrative Office of the City at 770-498-8984 or email manager@stonemountaincity.org for questions or concerns regarding any aspect of the 2021 fiscal year budget as proposed. Please note that estimates for FY2020 budget as amended and FY2021 projections are subject to change up to and through final adoption of the FY2021 budget document.

Thank you,



ChaQuias Miller Thornton
City Manager

AMENDMENTS – PRESENTED 11/17/2020 (PRIOR TO ADOPTION)

GENERAL FUND REVENUE AMENDMENTS

3000.39.1100 GF Unrestricted	Increase of $12,133 from originally proposed amount of $127,836 to $139,969 to balance expenditure amendments noted below.
3000.39.1201 GF - COVID Relief	Decrease of $203,060 from originally proposed amount of $687,649 to $484,589 is proposed. As expenditures increase during the 2020 fiscal year for COVID related expenses, the revenue reserved for COVID relief will decrease. See expenditure amendments below.

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE AMENDMENTS

BUILDINGS – DEPT 031

5031.52.3200 Communications	Increase of **$10,200** from $109,243 as originally proposed to $119,443 for ethernet/internet upgrades for the City Hall and Welcome Center facilities.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – DEPT 032

5032.52.3902 COVID Relief	Decrease of $203,060 from $687,649 as originally proposed to $484,589. An expense of $165,000 in COVD relief reserve funds has been accounted for in 2020 for residential mortgage/rent/utility relief. An additional $38,060 has been account for in 2020 for other COVID related expenditures such as hazard pay, PPE, and building alterations.

MUNICIPAL COURT – DEPT 035

5035.51.1100 Regular Employees	Increase of **$1,800** for an error in calculation of annual payroll expenditures for the Court Judges positions. An increase of $132 is required for associated payroll taxes.

Summary:			
	Revenues	$(203,060)	
		12,133	Required Increase in General Fund Allocation
	Expenditures	10,200	Buildings
		(203,060)	General Government
		1,933	Municipal Court
		0	

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AMENDED REQUEST SUMMARY:

REVENUE	2020 AMENDED BUDGET	2021 RECOMMENDED BUDGET	2021 AMENDED REQUEST	2021 BUDGET
Taxes	3,333,852	3,333,035	0	3,333,035
Licenses & Permits	98,560	83,230	0	83,230
Government Grants	781,385	56,541	0	56,541
Charges for Services	6,840	5,700	0	5,700
Fines & Forfeitures	551,691	551,691	0	551,691
Investment Income	0	0	0	0
Contributions	1,859	1,730	0	1,730
Miscellaneous Revenue	0	0	0	0
Other Financing Sources	769,562	1,205,464	(190,927)	1,014,537
Total Revenue	5,543,749	5,237,391	(190,927)	5,046,464
DEPARTMENT	2020 AMENDED BUDGET	2021 RECOMMENDED BUDGET	2021 AMENDED REQUEST	2021 BUDGET
Johnson	7,233	7,233	0	7,233
Wheeler	16,463	16,685	0	16,685
Little	7,233	7,233	0	7,233
Hollis	7,233	7,233	0	7,233
Bryant	7,233	7,233	0	7,233
Cox	7,233	7,233	0	7,233
Monroe	7,233	7,233	0	7,233
Administration	673,137	599,591	0	599,591
Buildings	143,054	109,243	10,200	119,443
Gen. Government	1,834,268	1,683,267	(203,060)	1,480,207
Municipal Court	296,376	286,742	1,933	288,675
Public Safety	1,541,255	1,567,119	0	1,567,119
Public Works	615,823	515,603	0	515,603
Parks	172,342	187,935	0	187,935
Debt Service	207,633	227,808	0	227,808
Total Expenditures	5,543,749	5,237,391	(190,927)	5,046,464
Surplus/Deficit	0	0	0	0