The Overland Park City Council adopted a budget for fiscal year 2022 in September of 2021. The annual budget is the City’s business plan to reflect the community’s priorities and values through funding the services, programs and projects that maintain the quality of life in Overland Park.

The City’s total 2022 Budget is $327,480,000. This is an increase of 9.7% over the 2021 Budget. The portion of the 2022 Budget allocated toward operating expenses, which supports the daily operations of the City, totals $152.0 million, a 6.5% increase from 2021. As depicted in the pie chart, half of operating expenditures support the public safety functions of police and fire, while departments emphasizing the quality of life areas of Public Works and Community Development comprise a third of the total.

**BUDGET ENHANCEMENTS: TARGETED SERVICE PRIORITIES**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic Overland Park implemented a conservative 2021 Budget. The 2021 Budget postponed planned service enhancements and included programmatic reductions and reallocation of resources based on projected revenue contractions. However, due to strategies implemented early in the pandemic, the City’s fiscal health remained strong in 2020, thus allowing restoration of some 2021 programmatic cuts and implementation of service enhancements in the 2022 Budget, especially in the areas of public safety, cyber security, infrastructure and community amenities.

The 2022 Budget focuses on priorities as determined by our community and Governing Body:

**Enhance public safety services, functions and resources:**
- Enhance the Police Department’s mental health response capabilities through the addition of a Behavioral Health Unit as recommended by the community-drive Mental Health Task Force.
- Provide resources necessary to maintain community-oriented policing and property investigations.
- Improve Fire and Emergency Services with additional staffing supporting southern Overland Park.
- Enhance protection against cyber attacks on City systems essential to community services.

**Invest in infrastructure and services supporting Overland Park residents’ quality of life:**
- Enhance parks and recreation services and amenities.
- Expand resources supporting citywide operations, administration and communications.
- Continue strong investment in the City’s Capital and Maintenance programs, ensuring roads and traffic systems support community vitality.
After revenue decreases in 2020-2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, **2022 revenues** are expected to rebound to pre-pandemic levels. Citywide annual revenue is projected to increase 7.5% for 2022, in part due to a one mill property tax increase supporting expanded public safety functions.

**Operational expenditures** are budgeted to increase 6.5% in 2022. Expenditure decisions are guided by the Overland Park City Council’s strategic priorities, budget policies, long-range fiscal sustainability, legal mandates and service level prioritization. For 2022, additional resources have been allocated towards public safety, community resources, public infrastructure, facilities and technology, and preservation of services. Annual expenditures related to **major maintenance and capital** are programmed to grow slightly in 2022. **Debt service** is increasing due to a recent bond issuance supporting infrastructure, amenities and facilities.

The City's **5-Year financial plan** remains in compliance with established parameters. Projections are that revenues and expenditures during 2022-2026 will remain structurally balanced. 2026 ending cash is projected at 29.2% of expenditures.

Overland Park’s **financial structure** is based upon funds. Each fund is a distinct accounting entity used to record all financial transactions related to the specific purpose for which the fund was created. The General Fund, the City’s primary fund, accounts for all money not required to be placed into designated-purpose funds. Most general municipal services are provided by the General Fund.

The citywide 2022 Budget is $327.5M. Of this amount, $230.1M is attributable to the General Fund.
Property taxes provide funding for basic city services, including support for police services, fire services, streets and parks. All of these services are vital components of making Overland Park a safe and thriving community.

The 2022 Budget includes a property tax rate of 14.578 mills, a one mill increase over the 2021 Budget. At 14.578 mills, Overland Park's property tax rate is substantially lower than the property tax rates of similar communities within Johnson County, which are between 24 and 30 mills.

Overland Park’s ability to maintain its low tax rate reflects the strong economic condition of the community, the City's stable fiscal position, strong financial management, and continued regional economic expansion.

Overland Park’s tax rate comprises between 11% and 14% of a property owner's total tax bill. Other entities’ property tax rates include the State of Kansas (1.500 mills), Johnson County (25.568 mills), school districts (between 51.667 mills to 70.572 mills) and Johnson County Community College (9.110 mills). An Overland Park property owner’s total property tax rate is between 102 and 122 mills, depending on the property location’s school district.

In order to deliver services to its residents, in 2022 the City will be staffed with 1,180.52 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions, including 52.7 FTEs added through the 2022 Budget and 21 FTEs added through the consolidation with Rural Fire District #2. With these new positions, the City is able to address targeted priorities in the areas of public safety, and community quality.

Over the last 15 years, while the population of Overland Park has grown 20%, the City’s total FTE count has remained constricted though streamlining efforts, consolidation and implementation of technology. In 2022, the City will employ 5.8 FTEs for every 1,000 residents, compared to 6.2 FTEs in the 2007 budget.
GENERAL FUND REVENUES

The General Fund is the City’s primary operating fund. All revenue not required to be placed in special purpose funds is receipted in the General Fund. The General Fund’s annual revenue portfolio is diversified between property taxes, sales taxes and user fees. Overall, the City is projecting 2022 General Fund annual revenues at 6.7% above the 2021 Budget. The 2021 Budget was artificially low due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sales Taxes are estimated at $4.5 million, or 6.0%, above 2021 budgeted levels (2.3% over 2021 estimates).

Property Tax revenues reflect an estimated 2.9% increase in assessed valuation applied to a one mill increase in the property rate. This results in a projected General Fund revenue increase of 10.2% for the 2022 Budget.

City Generated revenues include user fees collected for city programs, franchise taxes, fines and licenses. These revenues are projected at 2.6% above the 2021 Budget based on current activity related to development, fees, fines, franchise taxes and contractual reimbursements.

Intergovernmental Revenue is comprised of the state pass-through Liquor-by-the-Drink tax. This revenue is expected to increase 0.6% in 2022.

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

2022 budgeted General Fund expenditures are $230.1M, including $138.9M of operating expenditures to support the day to day operations of the City. As primarily a service organization, personnel costs comprise the largest portion of the General Fund operating budget, at approximately 80%.

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**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM**

- **Parks and Recreation**
  - 2022 Park Improvements: $675,000
  - Arboretum Visitor Center - Phase 1: $7,405,000
  - Farmstead Draft Horse Depot: $500,000
  - Maple Hills Restroom and Shelter: $675,000

- **Public Building**
  - City Facility energy conservation Upgrades: $5,225,000
  - Police Locker Room Remodel & Vehicle Outbuilding Construction: $3,525,000

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  - 2022 Fire Apparatus Replacement: $885,000
  - Bomb Truck Replacement: $450,000
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  - Storage Area Network Replacement: $1,000,000

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  - Brookridge Initial Perimeter Public Street Improvements: $9,225,000

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  - Metcalf Avenue Improvements 91st Street to 99th Street: $2,475,000
  - Switzer Road, 159th to 167th: $12,385,000

**MAINTENANCE PROGRAM**

- **Building Maintenance**
  - 2022 Building Maintenance: $505,000
  - Overland Park Convention Center LED Lighting Conversion: $2,200,000
  - Overland Park Convention Center Roof Replacement: $2,300,000

- **Parks Maintenance**
  - 2022 Major Storm Sewer Repair: $1,700,000
  - 2023 Major Storm Sewer Repair: $300,000

- **Street Maintenance**
  - 2022 Curb Maintenance Repair Program: $1,355,000
  - 2022 Street Maintenance Repair Program: $15,350,000
  - Soccer Complex/Farmstead Parking Lot Mill and Overlay: $1,135,000

- **Traffic Infrastructure Maintenance**
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