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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 5, 2020

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND EMPLOYMENT

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Authority to Accept the Executive Director's 2021 Budget Recommendations and the Attached Changes

Dear Sir:

The attached changes to the Executive Director's 2021 Budget Recommendations (BF-19 budget forms) are submitted for your consideration during the Committee on Budget and Employment Special Meeting beginning on November 5, 2020. The requested net changes to appropriations are summarized below:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>NET CHANGE</u>
CORPORATE	General Administration	\$0
	Monitoring & Research	0
	Maintenance & Operations	<u>0</u>
	TOTAL CORPORATE FUND	\$0
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BOND		\$5,382,500
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT		\$0

The total appropriation request for the 2021 Budget is \$1,127,325,050, an increase of \$5,382,500 from the initial appropriation request of \$1,121,942,550. Compared to the 2020 total adjusted appropriation of \$1,151,786,467, this is a decrease of \$24,461,417, or 2.1 percent. The decrease in appropriation is primarily due to the \$20.0 million advance funding to the Retirement Fund during 2020, a \$3.9 million reduction in the Construction Fund, the result of changing project schedules, and a \$6.3 million reduction in the Stormwater Management Fund, offset by a \$5.2 million increase in the Reserve Claim Fund.

The Corporate Fund revenue estimate for TIF surplus receivable in 2021 has been increased by \$9.0 million to

account for the revenue increase expected from the City of Chicago's declaration of TIF Surplus in the City's 2021 Budget. The original revenue estimate was \$10.0 million. The allocation from the City of Chicago TIFs to the District is now estimated at \$17.8 million while suburban Cook County TIFs are projected at \$1.2 million.

The estimated total tax levy for the 2021 Budget is \$658,492,358, unchanged from the initial budget request. Compared to the 2020 total adjusted levy of \$651,357,170, this is an increase of \$7,135,188, or 1.1 percent.

The total appropriation request for the Corporate Fund is \$397,719,000, unchanged from the initial budget request. Compared to the 2020 adjusted appropriation of \$398,200,800, this is a decrease of \$481,800, or 0.1 percent.

The total appropriation request for the Capital Improvements Bond Fund is \$245,659,200, an increase of \$5,382,500 from the initial budget request of \$240,276,700. The change in appropriation is due to changes in project schedules and cost estimates. Compared to the 2020 adjusted appropriation of \$244,547,400, this is an increase of \$1,111,800, or 0.5 percent.

The total appropriation request for the Stormwater Management Fund is \$109,965,900, unchanged from the initial budget request. Compared to the 2020 adjusted appropriation of \$116,258,000, this is a decrease of \$6,292,100, or 5.4 percent.

Revised budget pages 42-43 include appropriation changes with no changes to the estimated tax rate.

Revised budget pages 53-54 summarize the appropriations and positions and reflect all proposed changes for the 2021 Budget. The total number of positions requested for 2021 is 1938, a net decrease of 15 positions from 2020. The amended position changes, detailed below, result in a decrease of three positions from the Executive Director's Recommendations.

Revised budget pages 73-75 present a summary of revenues and expenditures for all funds for 2021, as budgeted, and 2020, as estimated, and include changes in 2020 estimated revenues and expenditures.

Revised budget page 82 presents changes to the estimated 2020 year-end receipts for the Personal Property Replacement Tax (PPRT) and are due to an October 2020 allocation that exceeded original projections.

Revised budget pages 86-87 present estimated balance sheet and revenue for the Corporate Fund due to changes in 2020 revenue estimates and 2021 appropriated assets. Additionally, the original estimate for TIF Surplus has been increased by \$9.0 million based on the City of Chicago's announcement of surplus in conjunction with their budget process.

Revised budget page 92 presents estimated balance sheet for the Capital Improvements Bond Fund due to changes in cost estimates and project schedules.

Revised position analysis page 161 for the Monitoring & Research Department in the Corporate Fund shows the transfer of one Environmental Specialist position and one Pollution Control Technician II position from Section 192 to Section 194, the reclassification of one Environmental Specialist position to a Senior Environmental Specialist position in Section 192, and the drop of one Environmental Specialist position in Section 194. Revised position analysis pages 260 and 262 for the Maintenance & Operations Department - General Division in the Corporate Fund show the drop of one Administrative Assistant #2 position in Section 642, the reclassification of one Associate Electrical Engineer position to an Assistant Electrical Engineer position in Section 681, and the transfer of one Associate Electrical Engineer position from Section 681 to Section 724 for the Maintenance & Operations Department - North Service Area in the Corporate Fund. Revised position analysis page 274 for the Maintenance & Operations Department - North Service Area in the Corporate Fund shows the transfer of one Associate Electrical Engineer position to Section 724 from Section 681 for the Maintenance & Operations Department - General Division in the Corporate Fund. Revised position

analysis page 304 for the Maintenance & Operations Department - Stickney Service Area in the Corporate Fund shows the drop of one Administrative Clerk position in Section 943.

Revised budget pages 333-334, 366-369, 444, and 446 provide an updated list of capital projects for the Construction Fund, Capital Improvements Bond Fund, and Stormwater Management Fund, respectively.

BF-19 budget forms, pages 1 through 8, detail all requested changes in appropriation and staffing. Revised "Pink Pages" 30-31, 36-37, and 39-41 reflect the BF-19 staffing changes.

Requested, William S. Sheriff, Acting Administrative Services Officer, SAR:IG
Respectfully Submitted, Frank Avila, Chairman Committee on Budget and Employment
Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Special Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for November 5, 2020

Attachments

- 1) Revised budget pages 42-43, 53-54, 73-75, 82, 86-87, 92, 161, 260, 262, 274, 304, 333-334, 366-369, 444, and 446 dated October 28, 2020
- 2) BF-19 budget forms, pages 1-8, dated October 28, 2020
- 3) Revised "Pink Pages" 30-31, 36-37, and 39-41, dated October 28, 2020