

**What is the total needed in the General Fund to cover the Police Contract for 2017?**

We already had 2.5% built into the budget for an across the board increase for FOP. The additional 4.5% portion represents \$160,000 in association with the contract supported by Mayor and Council on Nov 28th.

**The total property tax from 2016 not going into the general fund in 2017 is \$375,000 (per Tom Coleman memo of 12/1/16), correct?**

Yes, see attached 12/1 memo <http://cityofnewarkde.us/DocumentCenter/View/7257>

**What are the expected step increases in general fund for 2017?**

If we understand the question correctly, Merit step increases for the General Fund = \$\$198,636. FOP accounts for \$99,424, AFSCME \$6,983.60, CWA \$55,295.89, Management \$36,933.00.

**When the terminology "Current Resources" is used in the CIP, is that from expected sales (ie water) for 2017?**

"Current Resources" in the CIP budget is \$4,355,000. This funding is coming from the electric, water and sewer funds via 2017 fees, and not any type of reserves (capital or equipment depreciation).

**What tasks/areas, in order of priority, and approximate costs are in Water Project W9308?**

**Same question Project H1701?**

In response to both questions above:

Attached is the raw output from our pavement management analysis that shows all of the streets that are in the program to be resurfaced in the next 5 years. It is important to point out that this has not been optimized to address efforts to minimize equipment "moves" by grouping adjoining blocks of the same street if they are in separate plan years that are close enough together to not undermine the planned surface treatment method, i.e. making a 2" mill no longer possible which would increase the rehab cost above what was in the model. We will also need to coordinate this schedule with our water, sewer, and stormwater projects anticipated over the next few years which are still in development.

We performed non-destructive water main testing on a little over 12000' of water main this fall that will be used to finalize what mains we tackle in 2017, depending on how much funding is available. We have received the first draft from the consultant and have comments on some of their assumptions that will likely change the result of their analysis for which pipes need to be replaced versus rehabilitated so I am not comfortable stating a priority for them quite yet. I can say that we have a good idea of where we will be working but I can't say for sure whether or not we will be replacing or rehabbing the pipes yet, unfortunately.

Flora Lane – Replace

East Park Place – TBD

Dallam Road between Old Oak and Bent – TBD

Choate Street - Swap services to 12" and abandon old 6"

Wilson Road Briar to Sypherd – TBD

We have also identified a Railroad crossing (Choate Street) and a creek crossing (Paper Mill Road) that will likely need to be replaced soon unless the change in assumptions is enough to push them out of the immediate need category which we won't know for a few weeks.

**Stormwater Additional Information:**

The same "what is planned for 2017" question could be asked for stormwater and the answer to that question is that we are nearing completion of the corrugated metal pipe inspection program which will provide the information needed to prioritize our rehab/replacement work. We plan to focus on stormwater outfall pipes from ponds for 2017 as there are plenty in need of rehab. We completed one this fall in the Woods at Louviers and there are two more that still need work which will likely be at the top of the list when the inspections are returned. After those two we will prioritize accordingly using the provided data. We are also aware of one severely compromised pipe under Freemont Road that has been on our radar for improvement. This will likely require a full dig and replace though which may, depending on how it stacks up priority wise to the other inspections, price it out of 2017.

**Do we have a list of storm water projects for 2017? If so, please provide a link.**

Slide #49 of the Budget Presentation lists them all together. See attached or <http://cityofnewarkde.us/DocumentCenter/View/7209>. They are also located on the 2017-2021 CIP in two places, water fund and sewer.

**Since the tax rate takes affect mid-year, the residents have only seen half of last year's increase in July 2016's bill so far, correct?**

No, we only recognize half of the 12-month tax year increase between July-December, and the second half of the increase is recognized between January-June. However, the July bill does reflect the entire annual amount of tax, including the increase. To be clear in a given calendar year the first six months' revenue recognized is at the previous rate. As you know, this is necessary as we use the county assessments which are fiscal year and we are calendar year.

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Subject: Budget Questions

Carol,

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December 1, 2016

To: Mayor and Council

From: Tom Coleman, PE – PWWR Director 

Via: Carol Houck – City Manager

Subject: Summary of Council Direction on Future Application of 9.5% Tax Increase Toward Infrastructure Projects

At the November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Council meeting, Councilwoman Wallace requested information on any restrictions or agreements made by Council when authorizing the additional 6.5% tax increase (for a total of 9.5%) as part of the 2016 budget that should be considered with this year's budget. After reviewing the minutes from the November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Council Meeting, the application of this additional funding was discussed at length and there was agreement that the additional revenue should be directed toward infrastructure needs. The specific infrastructure identified and funding amounts, however, varied between year 1, and future years as a result of need and the nature of tax increases becoming effective halfway through the tax year.

Staff provided a recommendation for where funding should be directed, to which Council agreed. There was also discussion as to whether or not the direction of these funds toward infrastructure would be binding on future Councils and the agreement was that it would not. It would instead be up to each Council, during the budget process, to agree to follow the original recommendation. Below is a summary of the agreed upon projects and funding levels for each year

**2016**

Funding increase would total \$187,500. This funding would be distributed across two capital projects: \$100,000 for inspection of corrugated metal pipe through the H1301 capital project and \$87,500 toward the sanitary sewer study and repair project S0904.

**2017 and Beyond**

Funding increase would total \$375,000 each year. This funding would be distributed across two capital projects: \$200,000 annually for rehabilitation and replacement of corrugated metal pipe through the H1301 capital project and \$175,000 annually toward the annual street program (titled H1601 in 2016).

The summary sheets for each of these projects in the 2017 capital improvement budget continues to reflect the increased funding amounts that came as a result of the above direction from Council.

# Stormwater CIP 2017-2021

## BUDGETED/PLANNED (\$2,738,253) 2017-2021

- Storm Drainage Improvements \$400,000 2017
- Stormwater Startup (in Sewer Fund) \$250,000 2017
- Vehicle Replacement \$78,000 2017-2018
- NPDES Phase II Stormwater Quality \$200,000 2017-2021
- Stormwater Study and Repairs \$1,810,253 2018-2021