

La Mirada~The City Council has approved the City's budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18 with emphasis on public safety, capital improvements, and quality programs and services.

Developed using the city's traditional prudent fiscal management practices and a conservative approach to revenue forecasting, the budget provides public safety services at a high level, maintains City programs and services to meet community needs and continues the robust capital improvements schedule.

General Fund operating revenues are projected at \$44,166,147 for the year and expenditures are budgeted at \$35,017,904 including non-capital project transfers.

Result: \$8 million city surplus for this fiscal year.

"The adopted budget puts safety first by prioritizing funding for law enforcement services while continuing our commitment to responsible fiscal management," says City Manager Jeff Boynton. "City finances have remained stable and investment in key infrastructure projects is evident throughout La Mirada."

Some \$8,926,208 is provided for Public Safety, including general law enforcement services, the Community Sheriff's Station, probation and district attorney services, emergency preparedness, code enforcement, Neighborhood Watch, and other public safety volunteer programs.

A total of \$28,303,000 is allocated for the city's continued aggressive capital improvements and repair program. Major projects proposed in Fiscal Year 2017-18 include Residential Street Improvement Phases III and IV and the Santa Gertrudes (Alicante to Rosecrans) Sidewalk and Block Wall,

Other projects include the Leffingwell Road Street Rehabilitation, and median improvements on La Mirada Boulevard, Rosecrans Avenue, and Valley View Avenue.

Funding for the proposed projects includes \$10.35 million from Measure I, \$7.11 million from the General Fund, \$2.36 million in Prop C funds, \$2.25 million in Gas Tax funds, \$2.55 million in Measure R funds, and \$950,000 in Agency bond proceeds.

The Public Works Department will receive \$7,245,978 to maintain the City's streets, parks, and recreational areas, parkways, medians, public buildings, and storm drain facilities. This department will also coordinate and manage the City's capital improvement projects.

The Community Services Department will receive \$5,870,679 to serve La Mirada's recreational, leisure, and social needs. The Department enhances the quality of life for La Mirada residents through senior services, youth sports, and community events, aquatics programs, contract classes, facility reservations, gymnasium programs, and social services. Other programs include counseling, youth employment, and home-bound meal delivery for seniors.

The La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts will receive \$6,486,347 for productions, presentations, and other activities. Fiscal Year 2017-18 will mark the Theatre's 40th anniversary. The Theatre is scheduling a special anniversary show for this October (with a special guest) in addition to a season of popular productions and presentations, which are expected to result in strong revenues and cover much of these costs.

The Community Development Department will receive \$1,247,588 for planning and building services, and housing programs. With the improving economy, the number of projects reviewed and building permit activity has grown in recent years.

Some \$3,686,872 is budgeted for City administration, finance, economic development, personnel, risk management, information technology, and communications. Another \$712,632 is budgeted for legislative and policy responsibilities, city attorney services, city clerk's office, and intergovernmental activities.

The new fiscal year began Saturday, July 1.