

## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES & FINANCE

### STANTON'S MID-YEAR BUDGET PROCESS IS UNDERWAY

Next month Stanton's City Council will receive a budget update for the City as part of our mid-year budget review process. The two-year budget adopted last year is balanced with the help of voter-enacted local funding through Measure GG. With Measure GG funds, this is the first balanced budget Stanton has had in seven years.



Voter-enacted funding has made a significant impact on the current budget for city services. Having gone into effect on April 1, 2015, Measure GG funds allowed the City to hire two new sheriff's deputies and a code enforcement officer, expand economic development initiatives, maintain levels of fire protection services/9-1-1 response and gang/youth violence prevention programs and prevent cuts to senior services and other programs.

While the current budget is balanced, the City is facing the future potential loss of these locally-controlled funds. On October 13, 2015 the City was notified that an initiative measure to terminate this funding has qualified for the November 2016 election. The impacts of this potential loss of funding are detailed in the current budget and can be viewed on the City's website and detailed budget information is listed on the City's new interactive financial webpage at [www.ci.stanton.ca.us/opengov](http://www.ci.stanton.ca.us/opengov).

To address recent questions on the effects of this initiative we are providing the below excerpt from the current budget (excerpted from City of Stanton Adopted 2015/2017 Budget, Page 40):

"The City would no longer be able to maintain local services including fire protection, neighborhood sheriff patrols, 9-1-1 response times, gang and youth violence prevention, senior programs and programs to stimulate local economic growth...

...These cuts would begin with eliminating the new increases to public safety services and economic development/job-creation programs that were added because of Measure GG including:

- **Loss of funds estimating \$3,290,000 from transactions and use tax in FY 16/17**
- **Elimination of 2 OC Sheriff's Department Deputies...added in FY 15/16**
- **Elimination of additional Business Relation funding established in FY 15/16**
- **Elimination of funding for school crossing guards**

Even with the above public safety and economic development cuts, without Measure GG funding the City would still need to make an additional \$2.5 million in cuts to balance the budget. These cuts would result in substantial reductions to nearly every City service including neighborhood sheriff patrols, fire protection and others.

...Because public safety services represents over 71% of the City's budget...they would need to have over 71% of the cuts. These additional cuts equate to \$1.22 million in cuts to the Orange County Sheriff's Department, \$560,000 in cuts to the Orange County Fire Authority and over \$710,000 in cuts to other essential City services."



It is important to note that the timing of the proposed cuts would not affect the current fiscal year 15/16 budget, but would impact the fiscal year 16/17 budget.

To learn more about the mid-year budget review process, please contact **Stephen Parker, Administrative Services Director** at **(714) 890-4226** or **[sparker@ci.stanton.ca.us](mailto:sparker@ci.stanton.ca.us)**.