CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY KEEPING EXISTING MILLAGE RATE

2021 fiscal year improves services while keepings costs low

THIS YEAR'S BUDGET INCLUDES AN EMPHASIS ON:



Funding improvements to the water and sewer systems throughout West Columbia



Providing increased operation and maintenance to the water and sewer system in line with the 2018 plan



More than half a million in grant funds will be allocated through the new budget year



Police and Fire budgets maintained while utilizing proactive strategies to continue to provide efficient and effective emergency response



Continuing to expand and improve the ease, convenience, and efficiency of doing business in and with the City of West Columbia with a new online portal and additional inspection staff to maximize economic development goals for 2020-2021



Continued support of the hospitality industry and services in the area to attract newcomers and exciting events, beautification, and improved parking in commercial areas



The addition of more efficient sanitation equipment, upgrades to parks and public spaces, and maintaining the recycling program

OTHER PRIORITIES INCLUDE:



- Expanding sewer services on Sunset Boulevard to facilitate economic development and provide service to in-city properties
- Providing funding for River District asset planning
- Supporting resources in development services to leverage current assets and achieve mid and long-range plans
- Continued focus on comprehensive code enforcement
- $50,000 allocated funding for Façade Improvement Grants
- $25,000 allocated funding for blight removal
- West Columbia Fire Department received the highest possible ISO rating of "1" which is the highest rating for fire service in the nation for providing superior emergency services.

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FISCAL YEAR 2020 - 2021 GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY



