



Updates from the City Manager

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Administration and Finance

- On November 1, I submitted a preliminary 2020 budget proposal for Council's consideration. Council members directed that we balance the budget, set aside a \$750,000 ending fund balance reserve, and avoid general tax increases in the General Fund. Through a careful review of expected revenues and spending, we achieved those goals - all without proposing any staff layoffs.
- Next steps in the 2020 budget process include:
 - Public Hearings on November 12 and November 25.
 - Council deliberations and direction
 - Council action to adopt a final 2020 Budget on December 9.

Public Safety

- We are honored to announce some personnel updates. Officer Rob Layman has accepted promotion as Patrol Sergeant for the Police Department. In the Fire Department, Damian Ramos and Isidro Diddens-Maldonado have been hired to fill two vacancies. Both are graduates of Sunnyside High School and have served as SFD volunteers for several years.
- The Police Department is very happy to report that the October 30th Trunk or Treat event had over 3,000 attendees and a record 50 entries (trunks), compared to 34 trunks last year.
- The city continues to defend its Crime Free Rental Housing program. We await a ruling from U.S. District Court on our Motion to Dismiss the Attorney General's lawsuit.

Public Works

- This year's work on Skyline Reservoir maintenance is wrapping up. The goal is to have the tank filled and back online by December 2. Due to the cold weather, exterior finishes will likely wait for the return of warmer temperatures in the spring of 2020.
- Winter street preparations are well underway. Street crews are sweeping fallen leaves from curbs and gutters; we appreciate any help residents can provide to rake up their leaves for disposal. We have begun setting up our dump trucks with plow and sanding attachments.

Community Development

- Planning is starting a two-month trial period of closing their counter over lunch (our slowest time) to keep staff together during regular business hours to better assist with permitting, building and zoning questions. We will evaluate customer feedback after two months to determine whether to make the change permanent or adjust it further.