

## Total Budget

\$301 million (excluding MCPS Budget)

## Major Revenues

- Real estate tax revenue increased 4.33% including new construction due to rise in assessments
- \$13.13 million in personal property tax revenue (no increase)
- \$79.6 million in utility fees (16% increase)

## Expenditures

- Overall increase of 11.1%
- 3% increase in local funds for school operations
- 5% increase in shared services with Prince William County
- 24% increase in Utility Services
- 1 new staff position in CoR office

## Tax Rate

- Current tax rate \$1.342
- Proposed Tax Rate \$1.260

## Average Residential Tax Increase

\$181 (3.71%)

## Average Non-Residential Tax Increase

\$977 (4.56%)

## Budget Drivers

- 10.79% assessment increase is the highest in more than a decade, thanks to a strong economy. The Commercial Growth Rate was higher than the Residential Growth.
- Maintenance of existing service levels in an inflationary environment.
- Commitment to staff recruitment and retention with implementation of ongoing strategies to address mental health, training and to maintain competitiveness within the region.
- \$64.9 million for schools, with \$58.7 million in operational support, and \$6.2 million for existing debt, plans for the replacement of Dean School in 2026 and other schools in the future.
- \$700k increase in Shared Services costs.
- \$18 million increase in Utility services costs to support increased operational costs, electric charges and capital projects.
- A \$3.96 monthly increase on a typical residential utility bill to support an electric rate increase.

## Unknowns

- Continued discussions with Prince William County on support for Shared Services, like courts, constitutional offices, jails, and public health.
- Possible actions by the General Assembly that may impact local revenue sources, create unfunded mandates or change school funding.
- Economic predictions of a recession during the Fiscal Year.

## Strategic Budget Priorities



- \$3.8 million for a 5% adjustment in salary scales and a merit/Public Safety Step increase in FY24 and market adjustments as necessary to maintain competitive salaries.



- \$2 million in support for Police Radio replacements.
- \$1.7 million increase in local fund support for MCPS Operating costs



- \$600k in Police including a local match for Cops Grant funding and technology cost increases.
- \$500k for replacement of a Fire Rescue Medic Unit & Command Vehicles.



- \$400k in Public Works to support increases in mowing, traffic control, VRE garage maintenance and equipment costs.



- \$350k Federal Grant for an updated Transportation Master Plan.



- \$250k increase in Pay-Go Funding along with continued capital investments in projects including Liberia Stream & Round Elementary Stormwater improvements, the 36" Water Transmission Line replacement, Mathis Avenue and Sudley 3rd Lane transportation projects, a Fuel Island Upgrade at the Public Works complex and lighting improvements.



- \$200k in debt service increases for City/MCPS capital needs.



- \$100k for a Tax Service Specialist in the Commissioner of Revenue's Office.



- \$100k in Human Resources for Mental Health Services and employee training.