

Council Budget Questions and Requests for Information
2019-20 Council Retreat (01.26.2019)
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Business Management

1. Should ½ of the Town's revenue come from property taxes? Is that a good percentage?
2. Can we have a more in-depth conversation about the political and financial consequences of a rating downgrade?
3. How much would it cost to bring firefighter's retirement compensation up to parity with police officers?
4. Is it possible to think about a "discretionary" versus "fixed" (e.g., fire, police) part of our budget?
5. What has been the trend in filled (not budgeted) FTEs over the past 3-4 years?
6. What is impact of new retail on incremental sales taxes?
7. Trajectory for different categories of expenditures. Provide more details on the 3.4% average annual expenditures. What is the driving force for the increase?

Housing

8. What is the timeline for Trinity Court?
9. Impacts on Housing Dept. Re: HUD \$ & RAD conversion & shift to Section 8?
10. Who are we targeting for affordable housing?
11. Can and how would affordable housing bond factor into the Housing Fund?
12. What is the status of the stormwater projects that we are using FY18 GO Bonds for (\$2 Million +)? What are the projects, not yet begun, that the other \$3 million in GO bonds would pay for?

Parking

13. Is there a way to monitor how much parking revenue is coming through the parking app? Is it a successful project?

Transit

14. How much dedicated transit sales tax comes to Chapel Hill Transit? Last 3 years please.
15. I'd like to better understand how transit fits into our budget picture? For example – significant gap (capital and operating) for funding BRT. How does the County's new transit funding plan relate to our needs for BRT? Do we need to advocate for more \$ in/from the transit tax to support our bus/BRT system? (1/2 cent sales tax – how much do we actually receive that does NOT go to DOLRT?)

Human Resources

16. Employee info request: #/percent employees in Chapel Hill, #/percent in Orange County. Ideas of where employees are coming from. Average commute distance.
17. What do people go to the wellness clinic for? Would allowing employee's time to visit PCP increase preventive care maintenance? (This could be important with people seeking services like mental health care.)