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Reader's Guide to the Budget Document

This budget document has been prepared to present a financial plan that an average citizen can read and understand and to provide the City Council and City Management with a tool to help meet their goals and provide quality service levels at the lowest cost to citizens. This budget document is also designed to continue our long tradition of meeting or exceeding the standards set by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award by providing: A Policy Document, an Operations Guide, a Financial Plan, and a Communications Device.

Executive Summary – This section presents the City's priorities, challenges, and successes. Included in this section are overviews of balancing strategies, revenues, expenditures, ongoing savings and efficiencies, and the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Community and Organizational Profile – Within this section are the City's Mission Statement, Biographies of City Officials, Organizational Chart, City Maps, and Community Profile with Demographics and Statistics.

Budget Policies, Process, and Decisions – This section begins with a summary of strategic goals, organizational priorities, financial policies, the budget process overview, and calendar. The remainder of the section describes the major issues considered when developing the budget, Council amendments to the Proposed Budget, as well as position and program additions and reductions for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 Adopted Budget.

Financial and Personnel Overviews – In this section are the Adopted Budget Summaries, which cover resources and appropriations at citywide, fund, and cost center levels. Fund balance analysis and authorized personnel are also included in this section.

Resources – The resources section provides summarized data comparing the FY 2016-17 Budget and the FY 2017-18 Budget. Detailed descriptions of major revenue sources with historical trends and analysis are also presented.

Department Budgets – Each Department section includes budget information summarized at Department and division levels; department significant accomplishments; division goals, objectives, and performance measurements; authorized positions; and significant changes by divisions within City Departments. Each division is assigned a unique number, known as a "cost center," in the City of Chandler.

Capital Budget – Capital appropriations are provided at the summary and cost center level for major capital programs, operating capital, and capital replacement. The relationship between capital and operating budgets is also included in this section.

Bonded Debt – This section includes the City's debt obligations, bond capacity available, schedule of total outstanding debt, brief descriptions of bond types with revenue sources used to repay bonded debt, and bond payment schedules with actual principal and interest due through 2035.

Schedules and Terms – Included in this section are the following: The Resolution adopting the FY 2017-18 Budget, the State-required Auditor General Summary Schedules, Financial Schedules by Fund, the Salary Plan Effective July 1, 2017, Expenditure Categories, a Glossary of Terms, and a list of acronyms used in this document.



Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Chandler Budget

The following will assist the reader with answering some of the more commonly asked questions about the City of Chandler's Annual Budget.

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