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South Fulton Adopts \$125 Million FY 22 Budget with no Property Tax Increase

(City of South Fulton, GA – Sept. 20, 2021) – City of South Fulton officials recently adopted a balanced fiscal year 2022 budget of \$125 million with no tax increase for property owners.

Entitled “Resilience, Inclusion, Strength and Experience” (RISE), the budget includes \$91.5 million in general fund expenditures, such as a 3-percent salary increase for all employees in April 2022. It also creates a five-year capital improvements plan focusing the city’s investments on its infrastructure, technology, equipment and public safety fleet.

“The city is committed to ensuring all residents feel and are safe, providing an environment where they can succeed and thrive in these difficult times,” said Mayor William “Bill” Edwards. “By strategically managing our spending, we will do this without the extra burden of a property tax increase. That’s a milestone we all can celebrate.”

Building on the city’s commitment to enhancing public safety, the budget provides for the purchase of new vehicles, including police patrol cars, two new fire engines and other response vehicles.

It also reflects an investment in public safety personnel, allowing the city to recruit and retain police officers as it expands coverage along Fulton Industrial Boulevard. That includes a pilot program offering public safety personnel who live within the city limits a monthly housing allowance.

Funds are available for the design and engineering of new fire stations sites, essential software and technology to improve operations and efficiency and the installation of an electric charging station to promote clean transportation. The city will spend more than \$1.5 million on bridge maintenance, much-needed public works equipment and a municipal separate storm sewer system program.

“As we continue to move through the worldwide pandemic, we must make the critical investments needed to become even stronger and ensure we provide world-class service in a safe environment focused on inclusive prosperity,” said City Manager Tammi Saddler Jones. “Through careful planning, prioritizing and collaboration, we have created a budget that will allow us to do just that.”

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