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City of Norman Municipal Finance Series

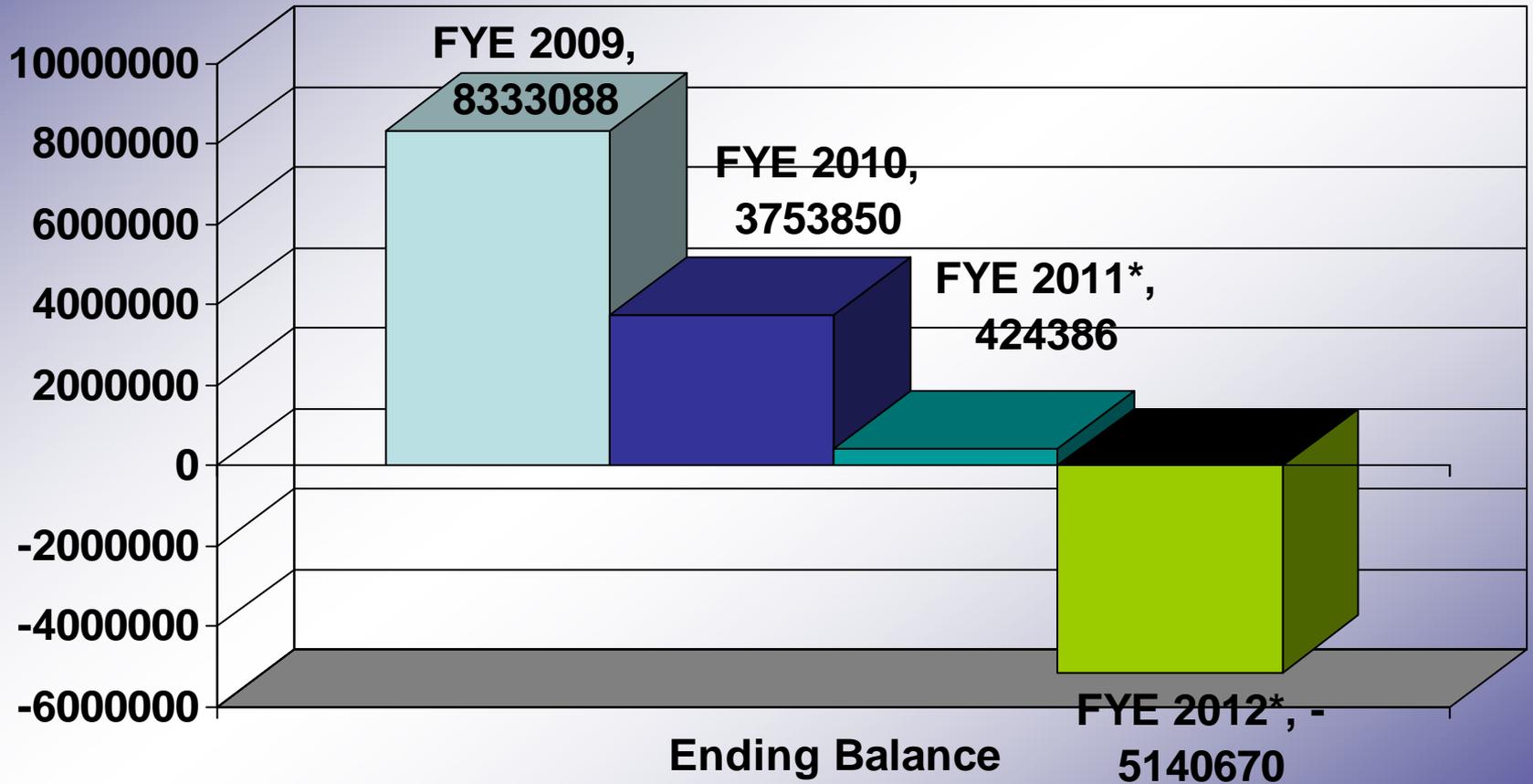
Session V

November 18, 2010

Municipal Finance Series

- 10/14 (Budget Basics/Fund Accounting)
- 10/21 (City Funds & Fund Balance Policies)
- 10/28 (Capital & Economic Dev. Finance)
- 11/4 (Inter-City Finance Panel)
- 11/18 (Public Forum and Finance Exercise)

General Fund Summary (Handout)



Efforts already taken to save costs and increase revenues . . .

- Budgeted furlough savings = \$2.3 Million
- Non-union furlough savings to date = \$207,000
- No merits = \$476,000
- 2% reduction in Supplies & Materials / Services & Maintenance accounts
- No Base Budget Adjustment increases allowed
- Increased several utility related fees, some that had not been increased in over 10 years (utility deposits, utility initiation, additional cart fee, etc.)
- Increased return check fee
- Increased collection efforts at Municipal Court and increased traffic fines
- Cut outside agency funding by 10%
- Cut NLC and OCOM dues
- Reduced Mass Transit Services

Long-term Planning Considerations

- **Change capital sales tax allocation formula? (decrease from .7% to fund capital projects)**
- **Prioritize General Services**
- **Establish Stormwater Utility?**
- **More GO Bond Financing?**
- **Water, Sanitation & Wastewater Future?**

Capital Sales Tax Re-Allocation

- .7% of sales tax currently used for capital projects – citizens approved in 1976 to fund capital needs – FYE 2011 TOTAL = \$10,100,000
- CHANGE DISTRIBUTION OF SALES TAX (2.3% General; 0.7% Capital)?
- Change Allocation of Capital Sales Tax?



NOTE: 0.1% of Sales Tax = Approximately \$1.4 Million

GENERAL CITY SERVICES

Animal Welfare and Control
City Holiday Decorations and Fireworks
Code Compliance and Neighborhood Services
Community Arts and Service
Community Planning and Zoning Administration
Development Service and Permitting
Economic Development and Job Creation
Emergency Communications
Fire Suppression/Emergency Response
Fire Prevention
Maintenance of City Buildings and Custodial Service
Metro Planning Funding and Intergovernmental Relations
Municipal Court Service
Parks Facilities and Ground Maintenance
Police - Patrol Services
Police – Investigations
Police – Crime Prevention
Public Information and Citizen Contact Services
Public Transportation
Senior Programs
Sports Recreation Programs
Social Services
Stormwater Management and Flood Control
Streets, Sidewalks and Roadside Maintenance
Traffic Control and Planning
Westwood Pool & Golf Course

**WHAT ARE YOUR
TOP 5 PRIORITIES?**

**WHAT ARE
YOUR
LOWEST 5
PRIORITIES?**

CUT

MAINTAIN

ADD MORE

Stormwater Utility

- Voters could enact a utility fee for existing and improved stormwater services similar to other cities (OKC, Edmond, Weatherford, etc.)
- Improved flood and pollution control
- Improved Detention Basins
- Improved Street Sweeping
- Federal Storm Water (Pollution Control) Standard Compliance
- \$83 Million in Capital Improvements (“Lake McGee”, West Main Street, Little River Crossings, etc.)
- \$31 Million in Improved Trails and Greenways
- Free up General Fund moneys (\$2 Million)

More GO Bond Financing

- Have enough legal debt capacity to issue more General Obligation Bonds
- Would increase debt, but would relieve pay-go funds for other projects
- Could address critical capital needs (“Lake McGee”, Street Improvements, Library, Fire Stations, Park and Recreation Facilities, etc.)
- Could free up General Fund moneys

Water Fund Future



- Will need vote of the people to increase water rates to meet operating and project expenses
- Future water projects will provide future water supplies and meet changing federal requirements

Wastewater Fund(s) Future



- Additional plant capacity and new discharge permit requirements

Sanitation Fund Future



- Voters will need to consider rate increases to help meet rising operating expenses
- Changes in service levels may be required to maintain existing rate structure (yard waste collection schedule, Fall/Spring Cleanup, alley collection, etc.)

Questions/Comments

OTHER ISSUES CLOSING COMMENTS

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