



NEWS RELEASE

TOWN OF HERNDON PROPOSED FY 2018 BUDGET PRESENTED TO TOWN COUNCIL *Town Council to Hold Public Hearings on April 11 and April 25*

Herndon, VA (March 31, 2017) – Herndon Acting Town Manager William H. Ashton II has proposed a FY 2018 Budget of \$51,181,877, a 7.8 percent decrease from the adopted FY 2017 Budget. The town's FY 2018 begins July 1, 2017 and extends to June 30, 2018.

“The proposed FY 2018 Budget funds the Town Council priorities, such as redevelopment of Herndon’s downtown into a vibrant, mixed-use space as well as continued planning for the coming of Metrorail,” said Ashton. “It also recommends continuation of the services and programs our citizens expect and enjoy.”

Highlights of the proposed FY 2018 Budget include:

- Maintenance of the town real estate tax, meals tax and all other tax rates at their current levels;
- Continued allocation of resources to strategic capital projects, including downtown redevelopment and Metro planning;
- Resources to support development of a first-class arts facility that will act as an economic driver for the downtown;
- Implementation of a town-wide sustainability plan;
- Technology initiatives to include future radio upgrades for Herndon’s police and public works personnel and expanded wi-fi at the Herndon Municipal Center; and
- Increased personnel costs to include a one percent adjustment to the town’s pay scales and an average pay-for-performance increase of three percent.

The proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) calls for funding of longer-term projects such as Phase 5 of the Herndon Community Center, a Nature Center at Runnymede Park, vehicular and pedestrian access to Metro and Van Buren Street improvements.

FY 2018 Proposed Budget “Facts-at-a-Glance” follow. The complete budget is available online at www.herndon-va.gov and hard copies are available for review at the Herndon Municipal Center and Herndon Fortnightly Library. All citizens and businesses located in the town will receive “A Citizen’s Guide to the Proposed FY 2018 Budget” via U.S. Mail.

The Town Council will hold two public hearings on the budget, on Tuesday, April 11, and Tuesday, April 25, both beginning at 7pm in the Ingram Council Chambers, 765 Lynn Street. Citizens may also submit comments about the budget online at www.herndon-va.gov or send an email to budget@herndon-va.gov.

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FY 2018 PROPOSED BUDGET AT-A-GLANCE

The complete FY 2018 Proposed Budget is online at herndon-va.gov.

Total Budget Expenditures

\$51,181,877 for all funds (General Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, Golf Course Fund, Chestnut Grove Cemetery Fund, Downtown Parking Enterprise Fund and the Capital Projects Funds). The total reflects a decrease of 7.8 percent under the adopted FY 2017 budget of \$55,486,261.

General Fund Recurring Budget Expenditures

\$34,599,127, an increase of 2.8 percent over the FY 2017 recurring expenditures of \$33,652,961. Includes personnel, operations and maintenance, debt service and minor capital (excludes transfers).

General Fund Expenditures

\$35,618,127 which reflects an increase of \$508,166 or 1.4 percent more than the FY 2017 adopted budget.

Personnel

Personnel costs for all funds total \$26,882,555, an increase of \$461,455 when compared to FY 2017.

Capital Improvement Program

\$6,683,000 (all funds).

Real Estate Tax

Remains at \$0.2650 per \$100 of assessed value.

One Penny on the Real Estate Tax Rate

Equivalent to approximately \$432,196 in tax revenues (includes assessed value of public service corporations and real property assessments).

Average Residential Property Value

Projected at \$373,721.

Average Residential Real Estate Tax Bill

\$990.36 based on \$0.2650 per \$100 assessed value.

Personal Property Tax Rate

Remains at \$0.00 per \$100 assessed value.

Meals Tax

Remains at 2.5 percent.

Cigarette Tax

Remains at 75 cents per pack.

Business Professional and Occupational License Tax

All classifications and thresholds remain at the current amounts.

Motor Vehicle License Fee

Remains at \$25 for private passenger and other vehicles weighing less than 4,000 lbs; and \$32 for vehicles weighing in excess of 4,000 lbs.

Consumer Utility Tax

Tax based on the purchase of utility services within the corporate limits of the town. The amount of the tax for residential consumers contains a monthly cap of \$3 per utility.

Sewer Service Rate

Base rate remains at \$5.05 per 1,000 gallons of water consumption.

Sewer Availability Fee

Remains at \$7,490 for new, single-family homes.

Sewer Lateral Repair and Replacement Program

Remains at \$2 per year (\$0.50 per quarter).

Water Service Rate

Base rate remains at \$2.90 per 1,000 gallons of water consumption. Peak rate remains at \$4.95.

Water Availability Fee

Remains at \$4,863 for new, single-family homes.

Recycling Fee

Remains at \$16 per year (\$4 per quarter).