

City Council 2022 Budget Discussion before Adoption

December 8, 2021



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Agenda

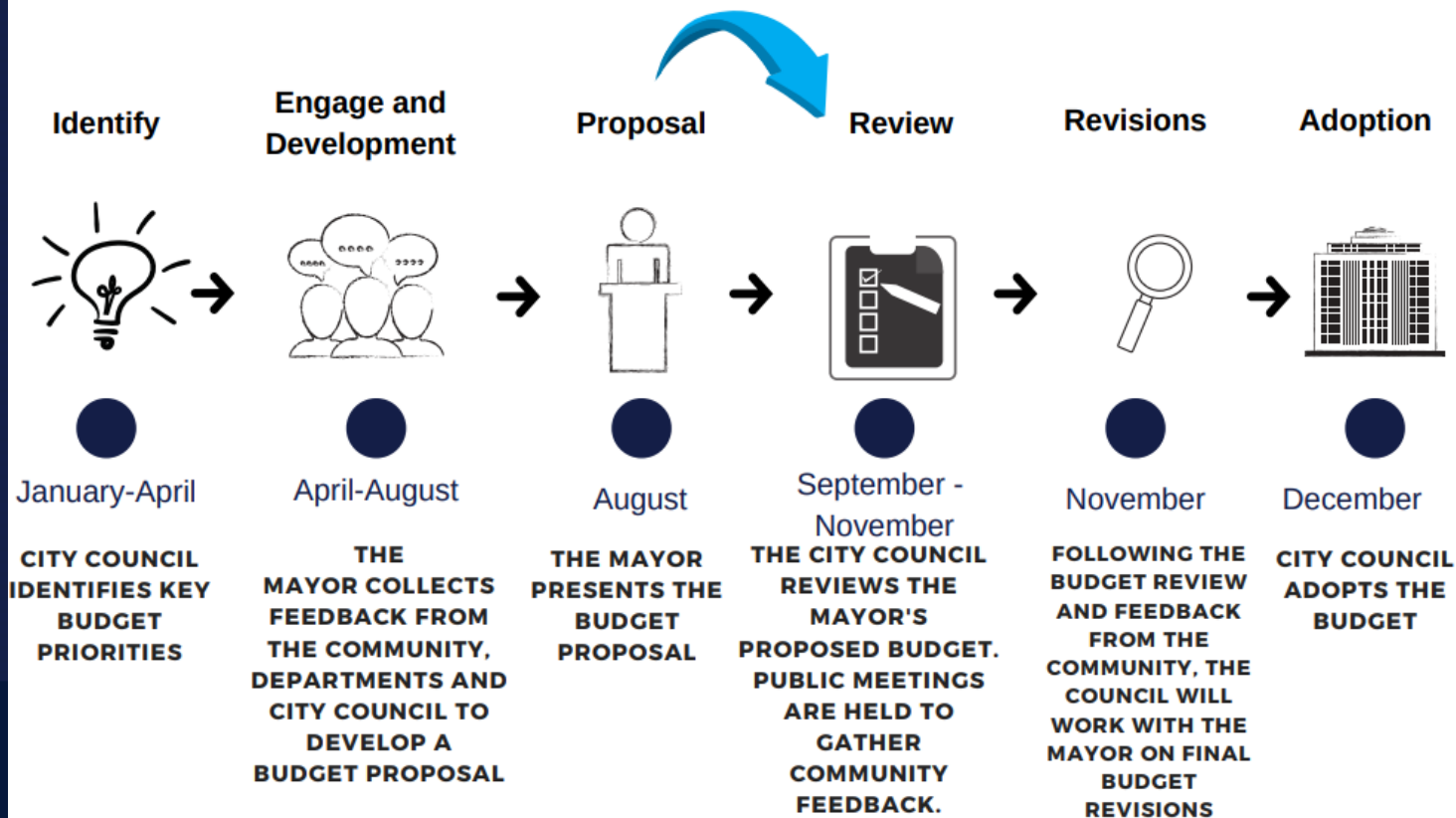
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- Community Engagement
- Survey and Council Budget Adaptations



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St. Paul City Council Budget

PROCESS MAP



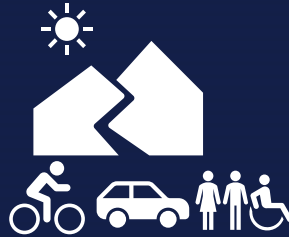
Council 2022 Budget Priorities



**Modest
Budget
Increase**



**Refund or
reform
programs
impacted
by the
pandemic**



**Sustainable
Complete
Street
Infrastructure
Plan**



**Affordable
Housing and
Stable
Neighborhoods**



**Neighborhood
Safety and Gun
Violence
Prevention**



**Responsible
Fiscal Policy
and Build
Community
Wealth**



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Council Engagement Opportunities



Budget Survey Responses 304



Community Public Hearing October 13th



12 Budget Committee Meetings



Budget and Levy Public Hearing December 1st



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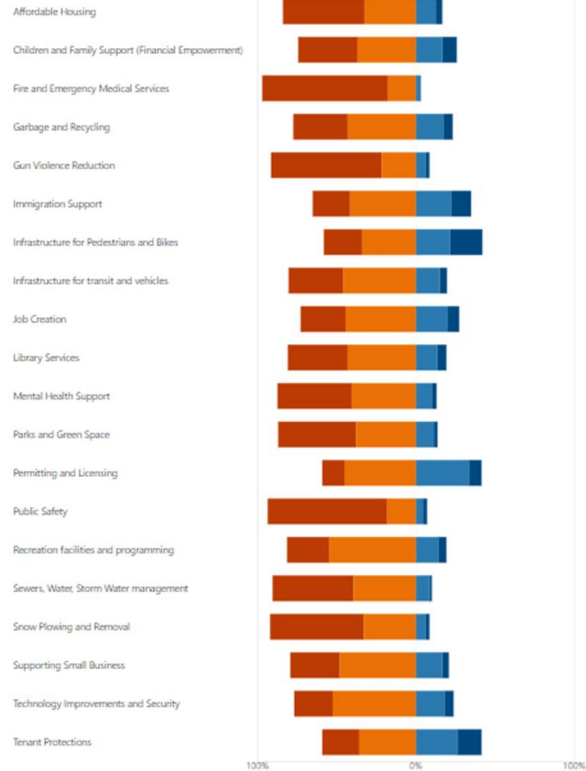
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Budget Survey

1. How important do you think the following programs or services are to the community?

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■ Extremely important ■ Somewhat important ■ Somewhat not important ■ Extremely not important



Extremely important TOP 3#

1. Fire and Medical Services
2. Public Safety
3. Gun Violence



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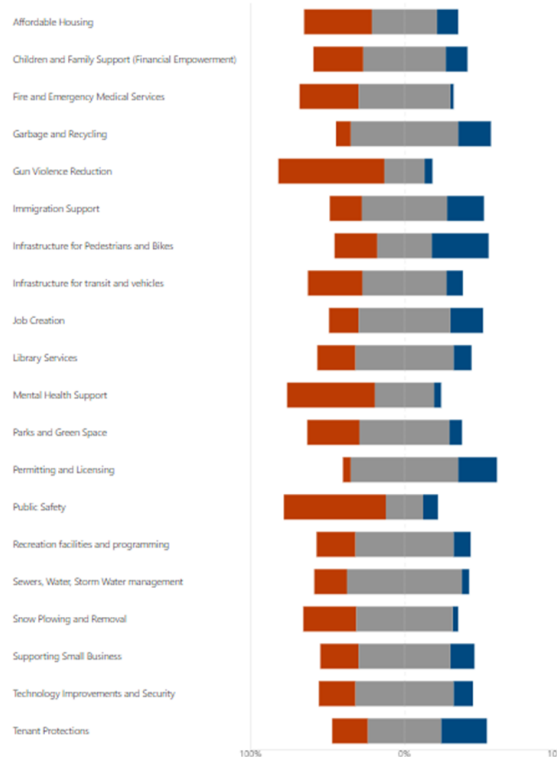
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Budget Survey

3. As you think about the 2022 budget, how would you prioritize funding for the programs or services listed in question one?

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■ Increase funding to enhance service levels ■ Maintain existing levels of service ■ Reduce funding and service levels



Increase Funding TOP 3#

1. Gun Violence
2. Public Safety
3. Mental Health Support



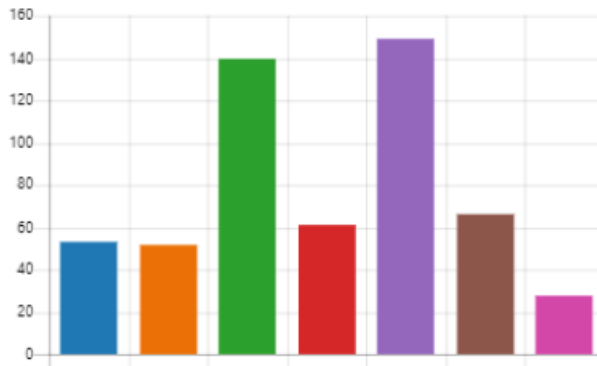
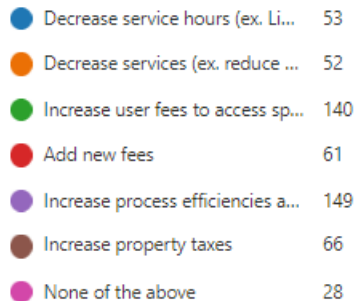
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Budget Survey

5. Which of the following options would you prefer the City use to balance its budget?

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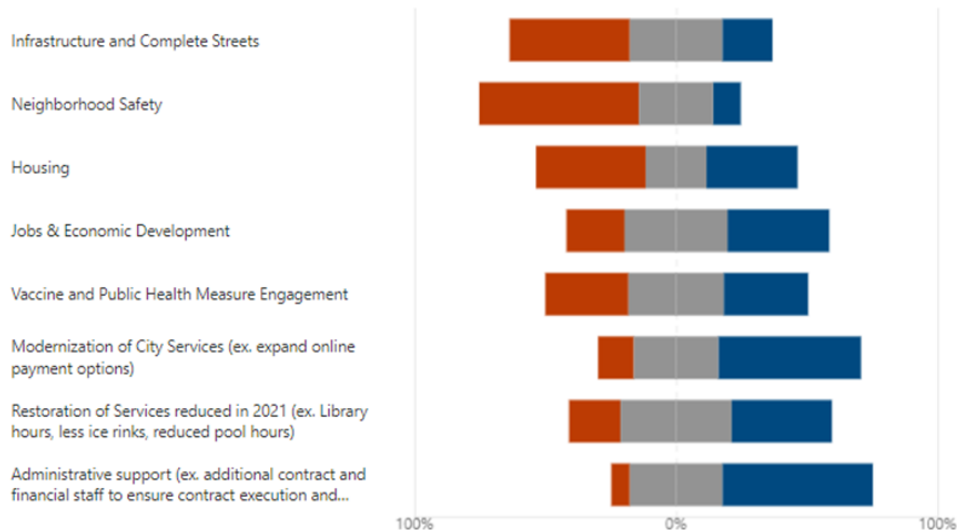


Budget Survey

7. The City of Saint Paul received \$166M of American Rescue Plan funding. The funding can be used for public health emergency response, premium pay for essential workers, revenue recovery, and necessary investments in water, broadband and sewer infrastructure. How should the City invest this one time funding to support the COVID-19 recovery? Please rank your top three priorities in the the list below.

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■ Priority 1 ■ Priority 2 ■ Priority 3



TOP 3 Priorities

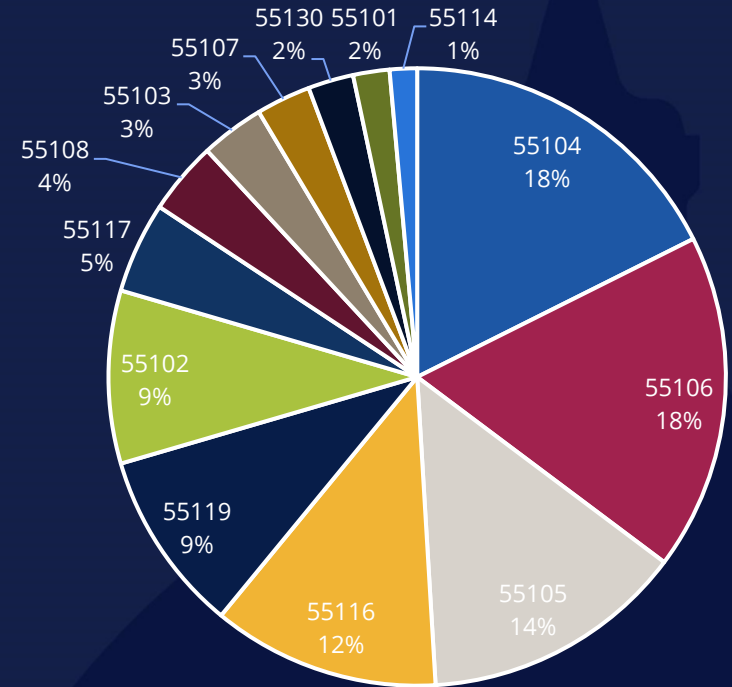
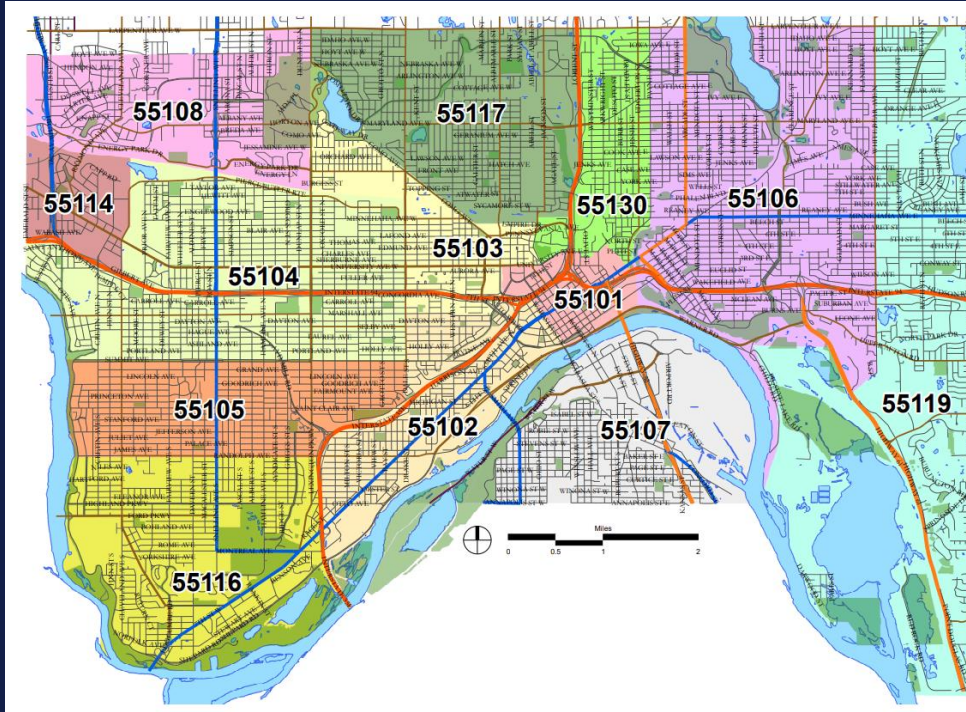
1. Neighborhood Safety
2. Housing
3. Infrastructure



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Survey Responses



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Survey Comments and Council Investments

Survey Comments

Lower Taxes

Streets and Infrastructure

Police

Neighborhood Investment

Council Action

- ✓ Reduce Property Tax Levy by 0.75% or \$1.2M
- ✓ \$15M Saint Paul Streets and launch three large capital improvement projects for the Fire Department, Library, and Parks
- ✓ Implement semi-annual police academies to maintain staffing levels
- ✓ Permanent funding for our Law Enforcement Career Pathways Academy
- ✓ Established \$1.6M Neighborhood Development Fund – local support for small business economic development
- ✓ Graffiti and plywood abatement



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Survey Comments and Council Investments

Survey Comments

Forestry

- Council Action**
- ✓ Concentrated investments to eradicate infected emerald ash borer and reestablish a trimming cycle

Housing

- ✓ Affordable Housing 30% AMI

Safety

- ✓ Office of Neighborhood Safety
- ✓ Continued investments in Community First Public Safety
- ✓ Enhance Pedestrian and Traffic Calming Safety \$250,000



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Next Steps

HRA Meeting at 2:00 pm Today

City Council Meeting 3:30pm Today



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