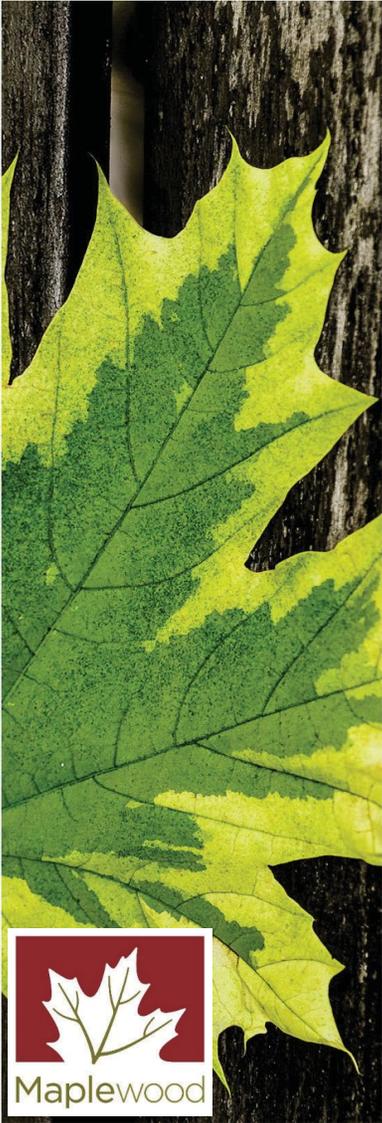




Nature Center Task Force
September 17, 2020

Agenda

- Introductions
- Review Role of the Task Force
 - Council Member Juenemann
 - City Manager Melinda Coleman
 - Parks and Recreation Manager Audra Robbins
- Review Background Information
- Discussion
- Next Meeting Topic/Agenda
- End



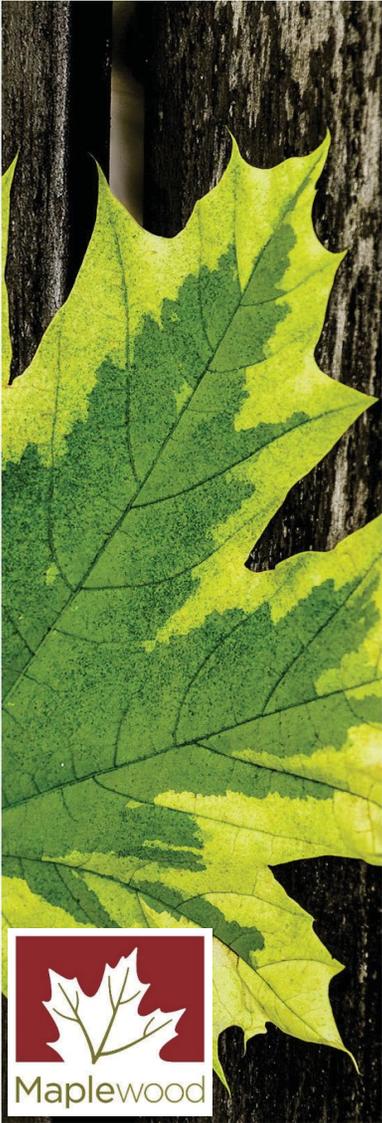
Introductions

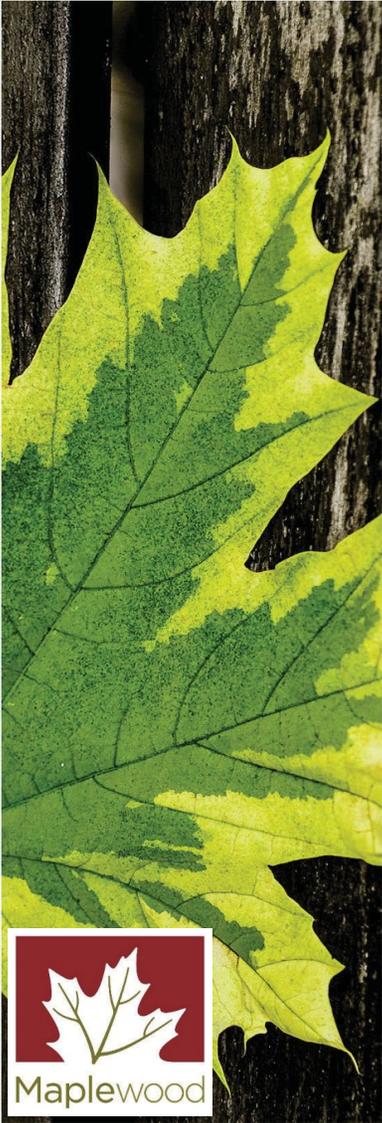
- Name
- Interest / Association with Nature Center
- 1 thing you hope to “get” from tonight’s meeting
- 1 thing you will “give” to the Task Force?



Review Role of Task Force

Prepare a recommendation to the City Council on how best to reopen the Nature Center to serve the region that is financially sustainable without reliance on Maplewood property tax support?





City Budget: 2020 - 2021



Strategic Priorities

Financial Stability



Coordinated Communication



Infrastructure



Inclusiveness



Targeted Redevelopment



Operational Effectiveness



Preliminary Property Tax Levy

Fund	Adopted 2020 Levy	Preliminary 2021 Levy	\$ Increase (Decrease)	% Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	\$ 17,481,000	\$ 17,324,330	\$ (156,670)	-0.9%
Debt Service Funds	4,682,300	4,909,890	227,590	4.9%
EDA Fund	120,000	100,000	(20,000)	-16.7%
Capital Project Funds	934,000	883,080	(50,920)	-5.5%
Total Levy	\$ 23,217,300	\$ 23,217,300	\$ -	0.0%

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>2021 Levy</u>
0.0% Levy Increase		23,217,300
1.0% Levy Increase	232,173	23,449,473
2.0% Levy Increase	464,346	23,681,646



How Did the Levy Change?



What Increased/Decreased?	Amount	Impact on Tax Levy
Debt Service	\$227,590	👍
Workers' Comp Premiums (General Fund)	207,920	👍
Increase in Contribution for Leave Liabilities	128,500	👍
Reduction of One-Time Grant Revenue	350,000	👍
Elimination of Recreation & Nature Fees	339,500	👍
Reduction of Non-Tax Revenues	196,450	👍
Miscellaneous Net Changes (General Fund)	21,440	👍
Decrease in IT Costs	(19,400)	👎
Decrease in Fuel Costs (General Fund)	(38,000)	👎
Decrease in Capital Improvement Funds	(50,920)	👎
Decrease in EDA Levy	(20,000)	👎
Non-Payroll Reductions Recreation/Nature Center	(391,720)	👎
Payroll Reductions	(451,360)	👎
Increase Transfer from Utility Funds	(50,000)	👎
Decrease in Additional Fund Balance Levy	(450,000)	👎
Total Amount of Increase in the Levy	\$0	



Tax Levy History

Average Increase Past Nine Years is 2.8%





Budget Process

- Department heads calculate budgets, zero-based, with no increase in service levels;
- CIP forms basis for capital budget;
- Administrative review, strategic plan objectives, performance measures, tax levy target;
- Analytical review, finance department;
- City manager recommendations;
- Council workshops, policy decisions, tax levy.



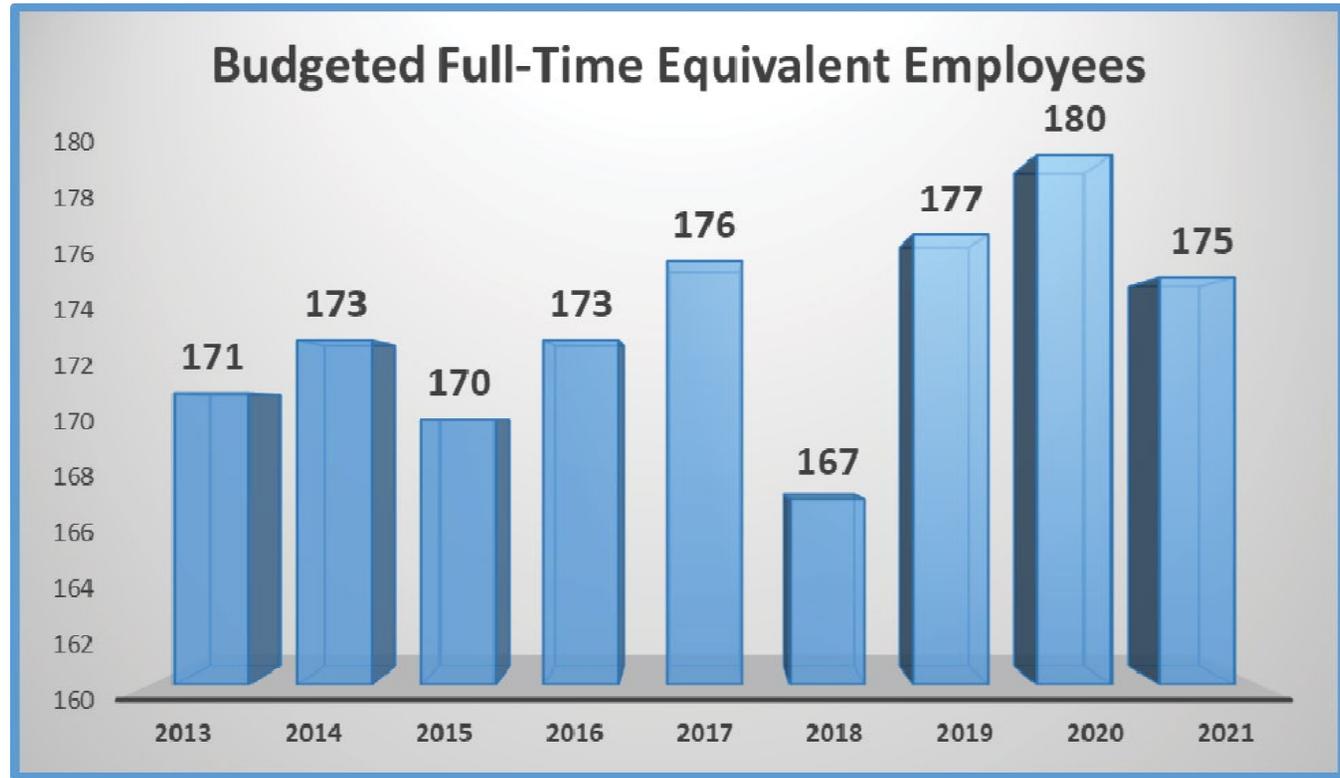
General Fund Overview

General Fund	Actual 2019	Original Budget 2020	Estimated 2020	Proposed Budget 2021	Budget % Incr/(Decr)
Funding Sources					
Property Taxes	15,980,159	17,481,000	17,000,000	17,324,330	-0.90%
Revenues	4,543,863	5,045,390	6,155,000	4,159,440	-17.56%
Transfers In	1,387,991	1,240,000	1,240,000	1,290,000	4.03%
Total Funding Sources	21,912,013	23,766,390	24,395,000	22,773,770	-4.18%
Expenditures					
Expenditures	20,508,588	23,316,390	22,574,000	22,773,770	-2.33%
Transfers Out	60,578	-	-	-	0.00%
Total Expenditures	20,569,166	23,316,390	22,574,000	22,773,770	-2.33%
Surplus Fund Balance	1,342,847	450,000	1,821,000	-	-100.00%





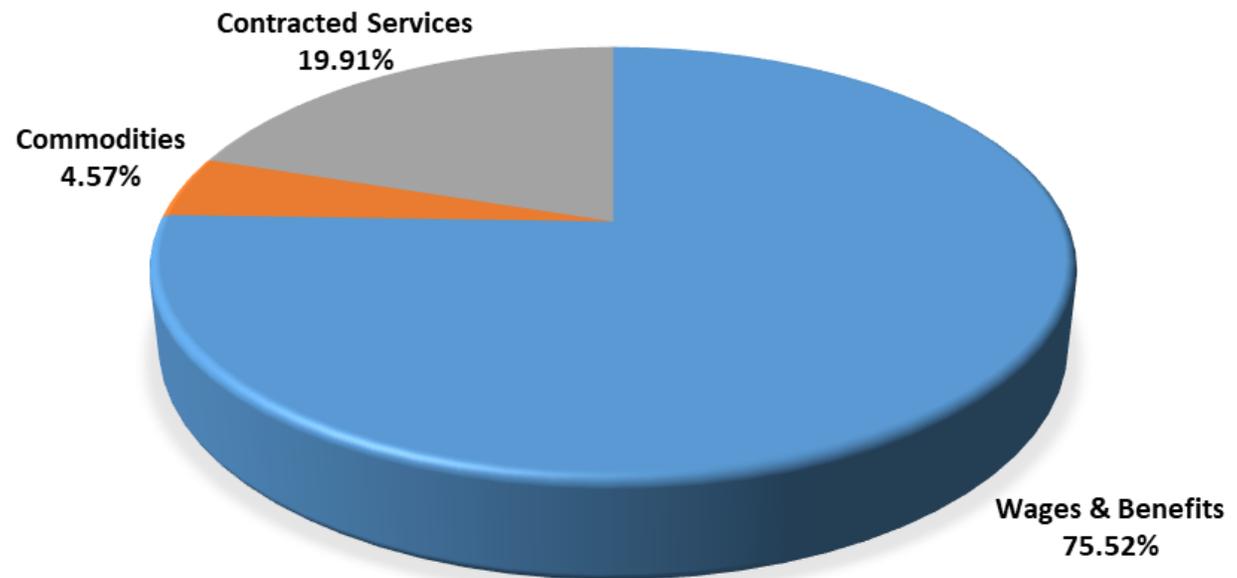
Staffing Changes



How is General Fund money spent?

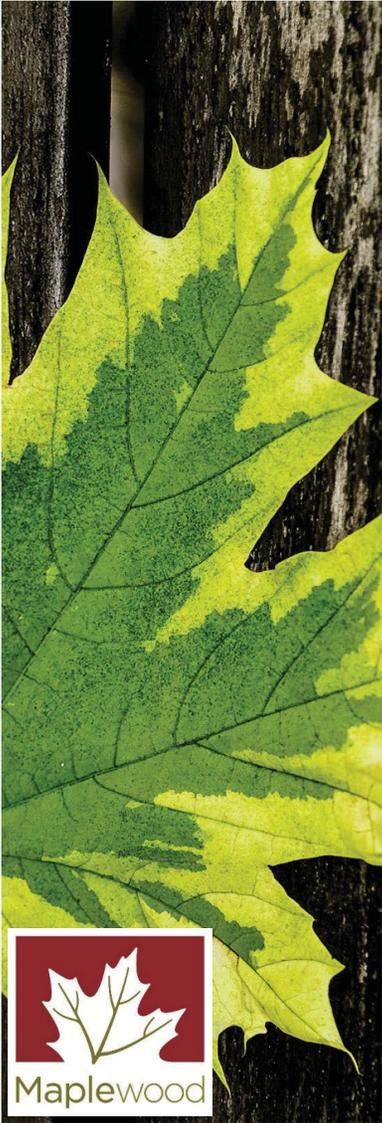


GENERAL FUND 2020 EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY



2021 Budget Goals and Challenges

- 0% Tax Levy Increase Overall
- Debt Service Levy Increase \$227,590
- Workers' Compensation Premium Increase \$207,920
- Increase in Employee Leave Funding \$128,500
- Projected Reduction in Revenues \$196,450
- Potential Tax Petitions \$\$\$



What Is Not Funded in the Budget?

• Recreation Programming	\$397,610
• Nature Center Programming	\$215,620
• Funding for Playground	\$125,000
• Fund Balance Reserve Levy	\$230,000
• HRA Levy	\$100,000
• Additional EDA Levy	\$ 20,000

Note: \$230,000 = approximately 1.0% levy increase



Maplewood Property Tax Values

Total County Estimated Market
Value Increase: 8.1%

Maplewood Median Value Home Increase: 6.1%

Value Increase in Maplewood Residential Property

Median Value Home Payable 2020	\$234,100
Median Value Home Payable 2021	\$248,300



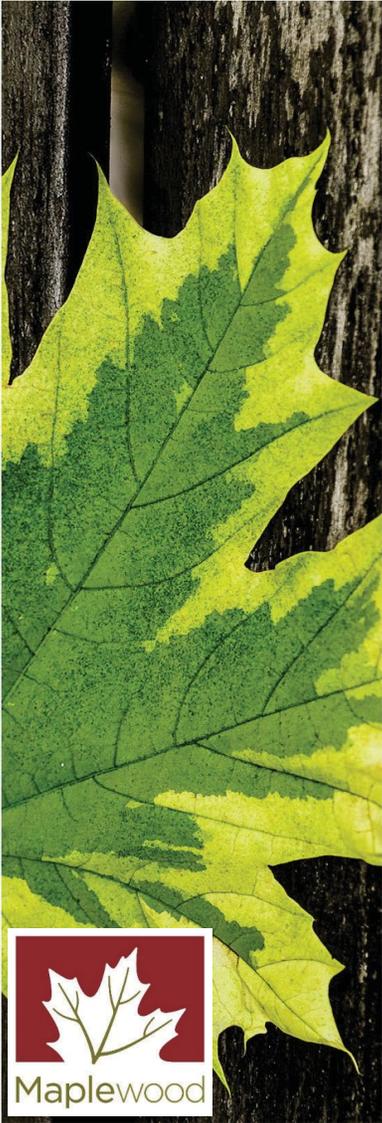
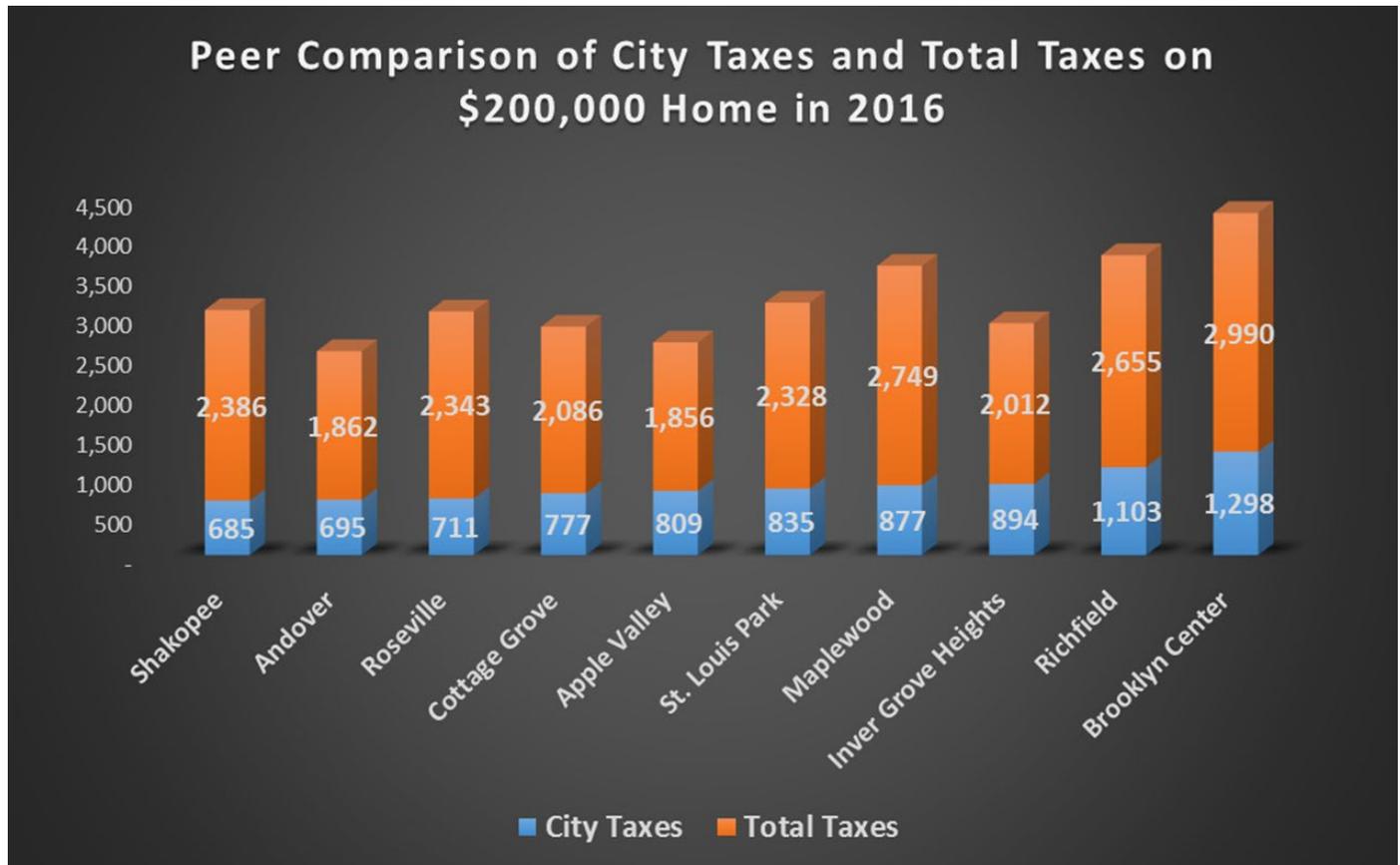


Council Considerations

- Affirm Target Tax Levy Increase
- Policy Decisions on Unfunded Items
- 2020 CIP Items
 - Sherwood Park Playground
 - Open Space Improvements
- Other



How do we compare?



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More Info	Area - click name for historical data	Local Unemployment Statistics for July 2020					
		Labor Force	Labor Force Participation Rate	Employment	Employment to Population Ratio	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
	Ramsey County	295,094	NA	267,931	NA	27,163	9.2%
	Maplewood	21,427	NA	19,322	NA	2,105	9.8%
	Minneapolis-St Paul-Bloomington MN-WI MSA	2,029,218	NA	1,863,250	NA	165,968	8.2%





Nature Center 2019
Financial Analysis

Maplewood



Maplewood Nature Center

Revenues

Program Fees	10,531.67
Property Taxes	279,341.37
Donations	-

289,873.04

Expenditures

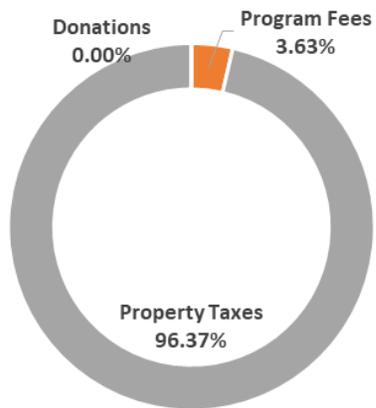
Wages Full & Part Time	245,728.25
Wages Temporary	15,802.30
Supplies	9,719.24
Fees for Service	14,247.96
Rentals	4,375.29

289,873.04

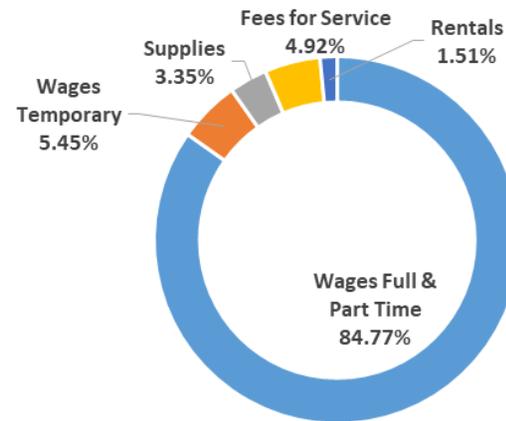
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Nature Center Revenues



Nature Center Expenditures



Maplewood

Recreation Programs	\$297,288.71
Nature Center	<u>\$279,341.37</u>
Total Property Tax Contribution	<u>\$576,630.08</u>



Discussion

How do we want to use this information going forward?

Next Meeting Topic/Agenda

Review Nature Center Master Plan

