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“The City with Spirit”

FY 2021 Budget Approved - No Tax Increase

The Fiscal Year 2021 City budget has no tax increase, it is a continuation budget from the current fiscal year, and we did not use any General Fund to balance the budget. The budget includes key investments in neighborhood street paving, police and fire services, sidewalk investments, and traffic congestion projects. The City will appropriate \$1.3 million in street paving and \$639,234 for a new fire engine that will be delivered in FY 2021. The FY 2021 budget is predicated on the Mayor and City Council’s two-year goals that were discussed at our 2019 and 2020 Council Retreats.

City Manager Joe Fivas said, “Due to the global and local Coronavirus Pandemic, this budget is predicated on a stormy and uncertain economic climate. Therefore, I have used conservative revenues and expenditures for FY 2021. This was the most difficult budget I’ve had to prepare. While we have included a number of key City investments, we also understand the current economic climate and have made difficult decisions to not budget any new City positions, we are implementing a temporary hiring freeze, and reducing training.”

Fivas continued, “Everyone should thank our Mayor, City Council members, and our finance staff for putting the City in a position to weather this uncertain storm. Without difficult budget decisions in the past few years, we would not be able to weather these difficult times. We prepared the last few years for this economic uncertainty, and it looks like we will pass this test with flying colors.”

Furthermore, the City Council was also successful in refinancing our City debt and saving the City \$6.3 million, they continued investing in strategic technology to make us more efficient, investing in infrastructure so we can be ahead of the curve and didn’t fall behind, and they have supported our employees. Mayor Kevin Brooks said, “These are difficult times, and the City stepped up. Our City strategic planning has given us focus and allowed us the strategic investment of City tax dollars. I am thankful of our street paving and public safety investments. I look forward to conquering the Coronavirus and getting back to business.”

City Manager Joe Fivas said, “This City Council also considers and approves the budget for the City School System, Cleveland Utilities (Water, Sewer, and Electric Services), and the Cleveland Bradley Public Library. The budgets for these component units of the City have presented solid budgets with key investments, but are largely status quo in nature.”

Murals Exemplify Cleveland's Spirit



#We Believe in Cleveland

In these challenging times with COVID-19, recent tornadoes and the impact to our economy. This is a reminder of the strength of our community and how our community comes together. These displays of expression exemplify Cleveland, "The City with Spirit".

Inspired by the mural "I believe in Cleveland" at Bear Brew Coffee & Terra Running Company. Mainstreet Cleveland and Allied Arts Council of the Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce partnered with several local artists to develop these inspiring works of chalk art.

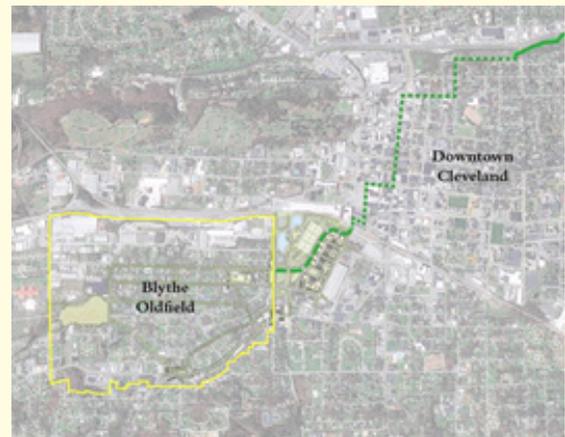
You can see the artwork at the following downtown locations: Back Alley Gallery off of 1st Street which has a chalk mural and additional paintings behind closed doors, other murals can be seen on 1st Street, 2nd Street, Central Avenue, and Parker Street.

The Neighborhood That Built Cleveland

Blythe Oldfield is known as "the neighborhood that built Cleveland" because of its industrial history in the city. As the first planned neighborhood in Cleveland, Blythe Oldfield housed a population of workers who supported the downtown manufacturing economy. (Source: Blythe Oldfield Master Plan)

This plan will reconnect downtown to its oldest neighborhood. The master-plan includes new streetscapes, park area, pond, new homes, bike trail, pickle-ball courts, amphitheater, skate park, a carousel, basketball courts, community center and a cannery.

Things are changing in the Blythe area. Homes and businesses are being refurbished and transformed. Many thanks and credit goes to the work of City Fields, Lyndhurst Foundation, BOCA, CHA, CU, City of Cleveland, B&G Club, Habitat, SETDD, 100 Black Men, a grant from TVA and numerous others are jointly breathing new life into this community.



Public Safety



In the interest of the rapidly changing public health situation. “We continue to remain vigilant in evaluating and adapting our operational approaches and procedures to ensure the safest and best possible access to city core services,” said City Manager Joe Fivas.

There are many factors for our Governor, Mayor and community leaders to consider when public health is at risk. What we do in the next 12 to 18 months can ensure that our city gets up and running again while protecting our community against another wave of increases in COVID-19 cases.

Stay Home.

Stay Safe.

Save Lives.

The Governor's order to stay-at-home remains in effect. For everyone's safety, city offices are closed to the public until further notice. Please visit our website: clevelandtn.gov or our Facebook page at City-of-Cleveland-TN-Government for more information.

Financial transactions continue to be handled via US Mail, by phone or by drop box, located in front of the Municipal Building at 190 Church Street N.E. Be assured, departmental services are still on-going. (See page 4 for department contact information).

Candies Lane Closure - Bridge Replacement



Candies Lane N.W. road closure to through traffic began on Monday, May 4th. Construction, including replacement of the bridge over Candies Creek tributary, is expected to last 3 months. Citizens are encouraged to find another route, if possible.

To alleviate years of flooding problems and to develop a pedestrian friendly section of greenway, the section of Candies Lane to be raised is located between Inverness Drive N.W.

and Rolling Hills Drive N.W. Two 60-inch culverts will be replaced with larger precast culverts to accommodate water flow. In addition, a bicycle-friendly, 8-foot-wide sidewalk will be built on the south side of Candies Lane, which will eventually connect to a greenway that will be constructed near Westmore Church of God's new campus. The greenway project will be paid for by a private donation.

“This infrastructure project is long overdue and I am glad that to be a part of it”, said, District 3 Councilman Tom Cassada. Candies Lane is one of the busiest roadways in the city. This is a residential area with children and pedestrians. Please be mindful of the city-wide speed limit when traveling in this area. Also use caution and obey warning and detour signage.

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- Development & Engineering Services: (423) 479-1913
- Fire (non-emergency): (423) 476-6713
- General City Offices: (423) 472-4551
- Parks and Recreation: (423) 479-4129
- Police (non-emergency): (423) 476-1121
- Public Works: (423) 472-2851

Job Opportunities

- Police Officer
- Call-Taker/Telecommunicator Bradley County ECD
- Firefighter
- Public Service Worker

Board Meetings

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic
**All non-essential Board/Committee meetings
 are cancelled until further notice.**
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 Call (423) 472-4551.**

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