



# THE CITY OF AUGUSTA

WILLIAM R. BRIDGEO, CITY MANAGER

To: Mayor and Council  
Fr: City Manager Bill Bridgeo  
Da: May 29, 2018  
Re: Possible Amendments to Manager's Proposed 2018/2019 Budget

To facilitate Council adoption of a final budget for the coming fiscal year (and consistent with your recent budget deliberations, Ralph St. Pierre and I have prepared five draft amendments to my original budget proposal. They include an amendment that would adopt the recommended additions to revenues and reductions in expenditures that were outlined in my memorandum to you dated May 21<sup>st</sup> that increased valuation by \$30,372,000; that estimates that Homestead Reimbursement and Business Equipment Tax Exemption will each be \$25,000 higher; and that adjusts expenditures to a net reduction of \$115,614 (a copy of that memo is included for easy reference.)

A second proposed amendment, coming as a result of instructions you gave me last Tuesday evening, would reduce General Fund expenditures by an additional \$25,000 and restore funding for Parks/Cemeteries by the same amount to be used for "curb appeal" work this summer.

Amendments 3, 4, and 5 are variations that address the Council intention to adjust the School Department by \$300,000. #3 would reduce department spending by that amount. #4 would reduce spending by \$150,000 and allow another \$150,000 to be taken from School fund balance. #5 would allow the School Department to maintain its proposed spending level by permitting it to take an additional \$300,000 from its fund balance.

## Budget Modifications

### Mgr. . Amendment 1

BETE revenue	\$25,000
Homestead reimbursement	\$25,000
Police wage & benefits	-\$12,500
Fire wage & benefits	-\$12,500
Parks & Cemeteries (curb appeal)	-\$25,000
Snow wages	-\$6,000
snow contracted services	-\$45,000
salt(700 tons) snow	-\$44,100
P.T wages snow	-\$5,000
Asphalt crushing P.W.	-\$12,500
various Gasoline/Diesel	\$33,013
County Tax	\$13,970
<b>Reduced needs from taxation</b>	<b>-\$165,614</b>

### Mgr. . Amendment 2

BETE revenue	\$25,000
Homestead reimbursement	\$25,000
Police wage & benefits	-\$12,500
Fire wage & benefits	-\$12,500
Snow wages	-\$6,000
snow contracted services	-\$45,000
salt(700 tons) snow	-\$44,100
P.T wages snow	-\$5,000
Asphalt crushing P.W.	-\$12,500
various Gasoline/Diesel	\$33,013
County Tax	\$13,970
electricity street lights.	-\$5,000
interpreter services	-\$100
city staff training	-\$1,500
freight fire	\$500
tech services	-\$500
EOC equipment	-\$400
various training	-\$7,005
various travel	-\$2,510
various repair/maintenance of equipment	-\$2,700
parking garage repair	-\$2,000
various office supplies	\$940
retiree health insurance	-\$2,900
historic preservation contract services	-1825
<b>Reduced needs from taxation</b>	<b>-\$165,614</b>

## Education Budget Modifications

Amendment 3	\$ 300,000
Reduce authorized spending pre K -12	

Amendment 4	\$150,000
Reduce amount raised from taxation pre K -12	
( increase use of unassigned fund balance)	\$ 150,000
Reduce authorized spending pre K -12	

Amendment 5	\$300,000
Reduce amount raised from taxation pre K -12	
( increase use of unassigned fund balance)	
	\$30,372,000

Increase property valuation estimate by