



City of Ashland

BN 2019/21

Department Presentations

MARCH 20, 2019

Welcome!!!!

- ▶ First meeting in the BN 2019/21 Budget Process
- ▶ Tonight: Police, Fire Administration, Administrative Services, Recorder (General Fund and Central Services)
- ▶ April 3: Enterprise Funds: Public Works, Electric, AFN
- ▶ April 10: Community Development, Parks, Capital Improvement Plan

- ▶ April 17: Budget Message



Current Status

- ▶ The City of Ashland continues to have a strong financial future
- ▶ The General Fund's working deficit is \$1.8 million a year
- ▶ This is \$600,000 larger than the yearly deficit that was approved last BN
 - ▶ The current working budget fully funds Central Services (\$850,000 transfer)
- ▶ A plan is currently being developed that not only reduces the deficit, but removes it entirely
- ▶ The other City Funds (Water, Wastewater, Streets, Electric, AFN, etc.) do not have a deficit and remains committed to ensuring the long term sustainability of each system

Fund Balance/\$49 million

Of the \$49 million (12/31/18), \$29.5 million is restricted for future enterprise fund operations/projects:

- Water: \$11.1 million
- Wastewater: \$8.8 million
- Streets: \$5 million
- Electric: \$2.8 million
- Storm Drain: \$1.8 million
- AFN: \$971,100

- General Fund: \$8.5 million
- Parks General Fund: \$743,941
- Capital Improvement Fund: \$1.25 million

Fund Balance serve two main purposes.

- General Fund: Helps ensure continuation of services when revenue decreases, while also allowing for a positive cash flow throughout the year
- The other purpose of fund balances, and more specifically in the enterprise funds, is to have resources available for capital projects, debt service, and maintenance needs.

City Government Financial Structure

Terms for Reference

- ▶ Fund Accounting: Financial Organization to reflect different units and the proper usage of restricted funds
- ▶ City of Ashland: All operations that are under the control of the Mayor and City Council
- ▶ Restricted Funds: Revenue raised for a specific function cannot be used for any purposed other than its intended operation
- ▶ Enterprise Funds: Business type operations with a dedicated revenue source
- ▶ General Fund: Unrestricted funds to be used at the discretion of the Mayor and City Council

