Finance and Budget Team: Analysis of Potential Relief Measures

FY 23 Property Tax Relief Measures: Five-Year Impact (City Revenue)								
Revenue/Relief Measures	Admin Proposal - \$65k Homestead + Wage Tax Reduction	\$65K Homestead	\$75K Homestead	\$90K Homestead				
2023 Assessment Increases	\$457,446,000	\$457,446,000	\$457,446,000	\$457,446,000				
*LOOP Cap Increase	-\$25,000,000	-\$51,000,000	-\$51,000,000	-\$51,000,000				
**Homestead Increase	-\$136,684,000	-\$136,684,000	-\$205,026,500	-\$307,539,000				
***Wage Tax Reduction	-\$257,575,000	\$0	\$0	\$0				
****Increased Outreach/Enrollment	-\$39,200,000	-\$39,200,000	-\$39,200,000	-\$39,200,000				
Total Impact of Tax Relief Measures	-\$458,459,000	-\$226,884,000	-\$295,226,500	-\$397,739,000				
Revenue Available For Other Uses	-\$1,013,000	\$230,562,000	\$162,219,500	\$59,707,000				

^{*} Estimated increase in LOOP Cap for additional eligible properties resulting from the 2023 reassessment. Admin is proposing \$5 million annual increase.

^{**** \$6.7} million in in expenditures for enrollment outreach, plus an additional \$32.5 million in Senior Tax Freeze relief

FY23-27 General Fund Balance Projections													
		FY21		FY22		FY23		FY24		FY25	FY26		FY27
Q2 Projections													
Budget Proposal	\$	298,542	\$	234,691	\$	152,795	\$	152,455	\$	262,550	\$ 65,619	\$	60,046
	Updated Q3 Projections												
No Legislative Action	\$	298,542	\$	389,925	\$	412,378	\$	506,754	\$	701,155	\$ 590,355	\$	672,727
Current Admin Proposal: \$65k													
Homestead, Wage Tax	\$	298,542	\$	389,925	\$	354,066	\$	352,164	\$	447,760	\$ 235,688	\$	214,267
Reductions													

Homestead Value

The current homestead exemption, which can lower a property's assessed value by \$45,000, saves property owners up to \$629/annually and \$52/month. The below table shows the increased savings for homeowners with a \$65,000, \$75,000, and \$90,000 Homestead Exemption. This assumes the real estate tax rate of 1.3998%.

	Value of Homestead Exemption					
	Annual Savings Monthly Savings					
\$45,000	\$629.91	\$52.49				
\$65,000	\$909.87	\$75.82				
\$75,000	\$1,049.85	\$87.49				
\$90,000	\$1,259.82	\$104.99				

^{**} Each \$5,000 increase in Homestead reduces City revenue by \$34 million over five years (\$6.8m annually)

^{***}Admin Proposal would reduce the Resident Wage Tax rate to 3.7% and the Non-Resident rate to 3.4%

LOOP Expansion

As of FY22, the current total program cap is \$25 million. If more than \$25 million in assistance is requested and approved, the discount for homeowners decreases proportionally. The administration has proposed to increase the LOOP cap from \$25 million to \$30 million. According to the 2023 assessment data, there are approximately 35,000 owner occupied properties which increased 50%+ from 2022 to 2023 and have a sales date greater than ten years in the past. These properties may be eligible for LOOP. If all potentially eligible properties enrolled in LOOP, the LOOP cap would need to be increased by \$10.2 million per year with a cost of \$51 million over the Five-Year-Plan.

Wage Tax Cost

	Resident	Non-Resident
FY22	3.8398%	3.4481%
FY23	3.80%	3.44%
FY24	3.70%	3.44%
FY25	3.70%	3.44%
FY26	3.70%	3.44%
FY27	3.70%	3.44%

	Cost of Wage Tax Reductions (000s)							
		Resident		on-Resident	Total			
FY23	\$	(14,865)	\$	(1,909)	\$	(16,775)		
FY24	\$	(54,449)	\$	(1,993)	\$	(56,442)		
FY25	\$	(56,884)	\$	(2,083)	\$	(58,967)		
FY26	\$	(59,264)	\$	(2,171)	\$	(61,435)		
FY27	\$	(61,695)	\$	(2,261)	\$	(63,956)		
Total	\$	(247,157)	\$	(10,418)	\$	(257,575)		