DESPITE THE FACT THAT 2020 has been one of the most challenging times in our history and cities around us continue to struggle, I have something hopeful to share with you as I present the city’s proposed budgets for 2021 and 2022. It is the story of Renton and our resilience as a city. Our determination to face even the most difficult times with innovation, hard work, and a plan to weather the storm.

Thanks to smart and strategic actions delivered by our department leadership, we can remain financially strong in the upcoming biennium, not compromise our priorities, and still plan for key areas of focus that are important to our community.

Therefore I am pleased to present a balanced budget proposal for the 2021-2022 biennium.

The city’s Business Plan defines our commitment to our residents.

This includes:

- Providing a safe, healthy, vibrant community
- Promoting economic vitality and strategically positioning our community for the future
- Supporting planned growth and influencing decisions to foster environmental sustainability
- Building an inclusive informed city with equitable outcomes for all in support of social, economic, and racial justice for all
- And meeting service demands and providing high quality customer service

In order to build our city for the future, we are investing federal and state funding where it makes the most difference.

Using CARES funding, we have been able to provide significant funding for rental assistance, feeding programs, and business assistance, all actions that support our Business Plan.

We are using a “baseline” budget for 2021. That means we are using the budget we started with in January 2020 with no increased costs added.

This balanced budget proposal will allow us to continue to meet the service needs of our growing community, albeit under some rather challenging circumstances due to revenue losses associated with COVID-19.

Other than an adjustment to property tax for inflation and new construction, as allowed by state law, this budget does not include any new taxes for the next two years to meet our service level objectives.

For my full budget presentation and the detailed budget please visit rentonwa.gov/budget.

—Mayor Armondo Pavone
Fall and winter programs available

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT’S Recreation & Neighborhoods Division has introduced several virtual and in-person activities for fall and winter for all ages. The programming includes interactive activities, athletics, dance, adaptive recreation, and senior programs. Detailed information, including registration, is available for all events on our website at rentonwa.gov/recreation.

FOG poses problems for city’s sewers

DISPOSING FATS, OILS, AND GREASE (FOG) down your drain can clog the city’s sewer system.

Fats, oils and greases do not mix with water, so they float on top. As more and more flow into the line, the line will eventually clog. Even a small amount can cause a severe and expensive blockage and maybe an overflow. If that’s not enough, fats, oils and greases are a primary source of sewer odors.

Please dispose of fats, oils, and greases by putting them into a container and putting that container in your garbage cart.

Find more information on fats, oils, and grease at rentonwa.gov/fog.

Register to vote

THE GENERAL ELECTION is Tuesday, November 3, and if you haven’t registered, there’s still time. Online or mail-in registration is available until eight days before the election. Mail registrations need to be received, not postmarked, by the eight-day deadline. In-person registration is open through election day.

To be eligible to register to vote, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States.
- A legal resident of Washington state.
- At least 18 years old by election day.
- Not disqualified from voting due to a court order.
- Not under Department of Corrections supervision for a Washington felony conviction.

To register online, you need a current Washington state driver’s license or current Washington state ID card. If you do not have either, mail or in-person registration is still possible.

Sixteen and 17-year-olds can pre-register. These registrants will have their registrations held until they become eligible to vote.

Find more voter registration information at rentonwa.gov/voting.

City Contacts

City Hall remains closed due to COVID-19. Departments can be contacted via the phone numbers below. A department directory with email addresses can be found at rentonwa.gov/directory.

General Information ........ 425-430-6400
Mayor .......................... 425-430-6500
City Council ................. 425-430-6501
Chief Admin Officer ........ 425-430-6500
Administrative Services .... 425-430-6868
City Attorney ................ 425-430-6480
City Clerk ..................... 425-430-6510
Code Enforcement .......... 425-430-7723
Community & Economic Development .......... 425-430-6757
Community Services ....... 425-430-6600
Emergency Mgmt .......... 425-430-7723
Graffiti Reporting ......... 425-430-7362
Human Resources &
Risk Management .......... 425-430-7650
Municipal Court .......... 425-430-6550
Police (business line) ....... 425-430-7500
Public Works ............ 425-430-7394
Regional Fire Authority .... 425-271-7900
Street/Water/Sewer
Maintenance ............... 425-430-7400
Utility Billing ............. 425-430-6852

EMERGENCY ............. 911
Non-Emergency .......... 425-235-2121

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