



2010 VS. 2020 BUDGET COMPARISON

	Budgeted Expenses		CAGR
	2010	2020	
Police Department	\$2,144,884	\$2,476,708	1.45%
Public Works Department	\$1,219,171	\$1,483,234	1.98%
Administration Department	\$749,039	\$622,567	(1.83%)
TOTAL	\$4,113,094	\$4,582,509	1.09%

Notes:

CAGR = Compound Annual Growth Rate

2016 Accounting Changes that impact the above numbers:

1. Until 2015, the City's pass-through expense of hotel taxes to the Tourism Commission was accounted for in the Administration Department budget. Beginning in 2016, this was moved to the Conservation and Development budget. The 2010 budget included \$100,000 for this pass-through expense. Therefore, to do an apples-to-apples comparison of the Administrative Department budget, you could subtract this \$100,000 from the 2010 Administrative Department budget. Even after doing this, the Administrative Department budget is still down by over \$26,000 from 2010 to 2020.
2. Similarly, until 2015, the City's Bark River Gaging Station expense and Dam Maintenance & Repairs expense were accounted for in the Lake Welfare budget. Beginning in 2016, these expenses were moved to the Public Works budget. The 2020 Public Works Department Budget includes \$4,800 for these items. Therefore, to do an apples-to-apples comparison of the Public Works Department budget, you could subtract this \$4,800 from the 2020 Public Works Department budget. After doing this, the adjusted Public Works Department CAGR is 1.95%.

These numbers clearly demonstrate the City's fiscally conservative budgeting practice over the past decade. Prior to 2017, City budgets did not utilize the full levy amount that the state levy limit laws allowed, often levying a significant amount less than what was allowed. This practice diminished the City's long-term budget flexibility and has resulted in our current levy limits being far less than what they would've been had the City maximized its levy in the past as allowed by state law. Obviously, past Councils did this to minimize tax increases to its constituents. But it's unfortunate that such a positive practice to minimize taxes would have a negative impact on our future levy limits and budget flexibility. Such is the nature of the state's levy limit laws.