

Special Report from Commissioner Emma I. Darnell

November 25, 2015

Fulton County District 6



BUDGET COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS FY 2016 PROPOSED GENERAL FUND AND SOUTH FULTON TAX DISTRICT FUND BUDGET Most-Frequently-Asked Questions

Q. Did the Police Department receive funds to hire additional patrol officers?

A. No. However, additional funds were recommended as follows: 50 pursuit vehicles (\$350,000); 50 dash-cam cameras (\$300,000); 100 body cameras (\$100,000); replacement of three detective vehicles (\$100,000).

Q. How many new positions were recommended for the Fire Rescue Services Department?

A. None. Funds were allocated to fund 18 firefighter positions previously funded by a federal grant however, 14 remaining positions will not be funded.

Q. Does the General Fund Budget provide additional funding for road-resurfacing, restriping; streetlights and sidewalks within Unincorporated South Fulton?

A. No.

Q. Does the Budget Commission recommend that the Department of Information Technology receive \$22.6 million over the next three years “to position the County to be a leader in digital government” and fund the Department \$6 million in FY 2016?

A. Yes.

Q. Does the General Fund Budget provide increased funding for County Youth Services Programs?

A. No. Grant-funded programs focusing on children and families have been replaced by a new program which combines the former F.R.E.S.H. Program with Human Services grants.

Q. Have funds been provided to replace program equipment at senior centers?

A. No.

Q. Has the Budget Commission recommended an increase in fees for the Adult Day (Special Needs) program at senior multipurpose facilities?

A. Yes.

Q. What is the dollar amount of FY 2016 General Fund Reserves (Fund Balance) recommended by the Budget Commission?

A. \$101 million or 16.7 percent. South Fulton Reserves? \$900,000.

Q. Has the Budget Commission recommended employee layoffs for FY 2016?

A. Yes.

Q. When will the Budget Commission hold Public Hearings in District 6 on the FY2016 General Fund and South Fulton Tax District Fund Proposed Budgets?

A. Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2015 6 P.M., South Fulton Service Center,
5600 Stonewall Tell Rd., College Park, GA 30349

AND

Monday, Dec. 14, 2015 6 P.M., Harriett G. Darnell Senior Multipurpose Facility,
677 Fairburn Rd., Atlanta, GA 30331

Q. When will the Board of Commissioners vote on the FY2016 General Fund and South Fulton Tax District Fund Proposed Budgets?

A. The Board of Commissioners will vote on the Proposed Budget on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2015, 10 A.M.,
Fulton County Government Center - Assembly Hall, 141 Pryor St., SW, Atlanta, GA 30303