



**CITY OF PUNTA GORDA  
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

To: City Council Members  
From: Gregory R. Murray, City Manager  
Date: October 20, 2021  
Subject: FY 2022 Adopted Budget Summary

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Members of City Council,

The adopted millage rate is 3.9500 mills, the same as used for the proposed budget and that was presented at public hearing.

The final adopted budget, approved September 22, 2021, is \$161,959,899 (net of transfers - \$135,853,172), which is \$602,155 more than the proposed budget submitted August 13, 2021. This was caused by a change in several State revenue projections on August 24, 2021. They reflected the impacts of legislation enacted during the 2021 Legislative Session and impacts adopted at the August 17 General Revenue Estimating Conference. The City was notified of these changes on August 26 and revised the proposed intergovernmental revenues accordingly based on State Statute requiring local municipalities to budget at least 95% of State revenue projections. This was also presented at the budget hearing as it affected the following funds:

- General Fund increase to revenue of \$252,155 with corresponding increase to ending carryover.
- 1% Sales Tax Fund increase to revenue of \$350,000 with corresponding increase to capital outlay undesignated projects to be used at Council direction for projects in the capital improvement plan.

The Strategic Plan for 2022 was adopted on September 22, 2021. It details specific initiatives, staffing considerations, and long-range operating plans that impact our budget and the City. Progress has already been made on the following initiatives identified in the proposed budget message:

- Citywide Master Plan – The City and the consultant have hosted several workshops to gather input from the community towards development of form-based codes. An additional

workshop is being scheduled for further discussions with the Planning Commission, and then City Council.

- Firefighters Bargaining Unit Contract – Negotiations are on-going. A new contract has not yet been finalized for October 1, 2021. Agreement may require retroactive application and/or supplemental appropriations as needed.
- Minimum Flow Level Requirements – Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) will present the proposed Minimum Flows and Levels (MFLs) of Lower Shell Creek to City Council on October 22, 2021 for consideration.
- Annexation Initiatives – City Council is considering annexation requests for parcels located at 9511 Mac George Street and 9298 Mac Ever Street in the Jones Loop area.

Thank you for the effort expended on the adopted FY 2022 budget. I look forward to continuing our progress as we move forward.