Community Development Department

City Council Budget Study Session # 3 Police/Fire Conference Room May 21, 2015



Presentation Overview:

- Department Overview
- Budget Highlights
- Important Trends
- Community Feedback
- Department Goals
- Performance Measures
- Division Summaries
 - Major Services
 - Changes in Service Delivery
 - Accomplishments



Mission Statement

To preserve and enhance the quality and harmony of our community's neighborhoods and commercial areas by providing superior building, planning, code enforcement, right-of-way and traffic engineering services



Department Overview

The Department consists of the following four divisions:

- Administration
- Planning
- Building & Safety
- Traffic Engineering





Budget Overview: Highlights

Expenditures

- Historic Preservation Program (Administration)
- Plan Check Services (Building)
- Accela Automation (Building)
- Traffic Signal Maintenance (Traffic Engineering)

Revenues

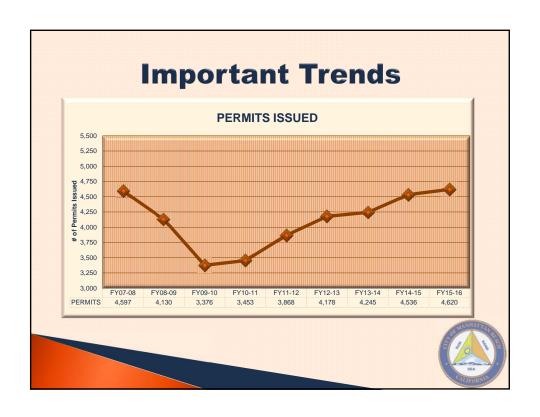
- 83% of expenses will be recovered for FY 14-15
- \$1M increase in program revenues for FY 15-16
- Department expenditures will be fully recovered for FY 15-16

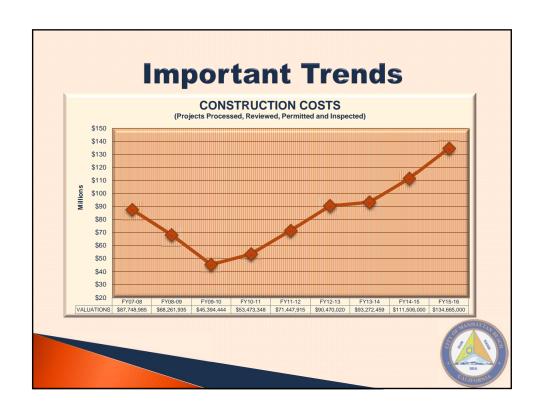


Important Trends

Revenue Increases (Actuals) Summary: 2010-2015				
2010 vs. 2011	2011 vs. 2012	2012 vs. 2013	2013 vs. 2014	2010 vs. 2015
20.9 %	12.7%	8.4%	22.5%	85.0%







Community Feedback

Administration

- Widespread support for limiting Downtown store sizes (ULI)
- Increased funding should go to Non-car infrastructure (Mobility Plan)

Planning

- · Top budget and staffing priority
- Need for more Downtown parking (7 in 10 residents) (ULI)

Building - Code Enforcement

• Top budget and staffing priority

Traffic Engineering

- Congestion issues (29% of respondents)
- Need for more Downtown parking (7 in 10 residents)
- Increased funding should go towards Traffic Engineering



Department Goals

Primary Goals for FY 15-16:

- Implement various recommendations by the Urban Land Institute
- Adopt/Implement City's Historic Preservation program
- Complete and adopt the Mobility Plan
- Launch the Accela Automation permitting system
- Proactively work with residents and the construction community
- Initiate an update to the Downtown Parking Management Plan
- Initiate projects in the City Council's Strategic Plan



Performance Measures

- Efficiency & Customer Service
 - Planning applications reviewed for completeness within 30 days of submittal
 - 2. Plan Checks performed within six (6) weeks
 - Performed building Inspections by next business day
 - Resolve Code Enforcement cases within a timely manner
 - 5. Process parking and traffic requests within 30 days





Administration

Major Services:

- Department Support
- Budget Management
- Departmental Training and Development
- Special Projects
- Support for Economic Development Partnerships





Administration

Major Change in Service Delivery:

- Position Change
 - Transfer of the Senior Management Analyst position from Traffic Engineering Division to Administration
 - Position focuses on Special Projects:
 - · Mobility Plan
 - · Urban Land Institute recommendations
 - · Downtown Specific Plan



Administration

Major Accomplishments of FY 14-15:

- Urban Land Institute week-long Downtown Visioning Charrette
- Department staff involvement in MBFIT activities
- Completed first full draft of the Mobility Plan





Planning

Major Services:

- Advance Planning
- Current Planning
- Plan Review
- Planning Commission
- Historic Preservation Commission





Planning

Major Accomplishments of FY 14-15:

- Historic Preservation and Mills Act Property Tax Incentives Program
- Manhattan Village Shopping Center Project
- Housing Element Zoning Code and related Local Coastal Program Amendments
- Coastal Commission coordination



Planning

Major Change in Service Delivery:

- Funding added to support new Historic Preservation Program
- Additions include:
 - Consultant
 - Administrative support
 - Historic Preservation Commission



Building & Safety

Major Services:

- Building Plan Check
- Building Permits
- Building Inspection
- Board of Building Appeals





Building & Safety

Major Change in Service Delivery:

- Accela Automation
 - Targeted for completion
 - Web-based system will significantly enhance overall customer service
- Plan Check Engineer
 - In 2012, the Principal Plan Check Engineer position was eliminated
 - Proposal to restore with a Plan Check Engineer
 - 5-year sustained increase in building activity
 - Restoration of this position will allow for more in-house expedited plan check services

Building & Safety

Major Accomplishments of FY 14-15:

- Initiated Accela Automation to streamline permit processing
- Processed and permitted new key tenants
- Performed community outreach and education on the California Building Codes and construction rules
- Formally documented all permitting procedures for counter staff
- Supported the on-going demand of Public Records Requests



Code Enforcement

Major Services:

- Respond to Code Violations
- Residential Construction Meetings (RCO Program)
- Enforce Codes Related to Environmental Programs
- Conduct Multiple Day Inspections





Code Enforcement

Major Accomplishments of FY 14-15:

- Implemented amended Construction Rules
- Performed community outreach and education to the construction community
- Reduced the number of construction related complaints
- Acknowledged and confirmed complaints received within one business day, and conducted timely initial inspections
- Proactively assisted residents and builders



Traffic Engineering

Major Services:

- Traffic & Parking Requests
- Right-of-Way Permits
- Transportation Planning / Studies
- Parking & Public Improvements
 Commission



Traffic Engineering

Major Change in Service Delivery:

- Senior Management Analyst
 - The Division's Senior Management Analyst position transferred to Administration



Traffic Engineering

Major Accomplishments of FY 14-15:

- Completed design of two Safe Routes to School projects and two Highway Safety Grant projects
- Designed and completed installation of new bike lanes on Rosecrans Avenue
- Completed and approved a multi-jurisdictional Mini-Bike Corral Plan
- Increased efficiency in completing traffic requests from an average of 16 days to 6 days.

