

## Office of Policy and Budgetary Affairs

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Jennifer Moon, Chief

FROM:

and Members, Board of County Commissioners

September 26, 2021

Additional Analysis Prior to

Office of Policy and Budgetary Affairs Second Budget Hearing

DATE:

SUBJECT:

This memorandum serves to provide an update to the analysis provided last week. As we reported, with the submission of the Second Change Memo, approximately \$12 million projected by the Office of Policy and Budgetary Affairs (OPBA) as part of our budgetary analysis had not yet been appropriated. A portion of that revenue was carryover funding in excess of what had already been budgeted due, in part, to a \$4.763 million expenditure projection that was not explained in the documents we received from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). After continued discussion and analysis this weekend, OMB was able to provide us with documentation supporting the projection. We now agree that OPBA's original finding of \$12.372 million in available funding should be reduced to \$7.609 million. Given the intent expressed by Commissioners at the First Budget Hearing and at last week's Sunshine Meeting, our recommendation remains that this be allocated to a reserve to offset the future costs associated with the transition to Constitutional Officers, either as an action at the second budget hearing or as part of the End-of-Year Budget Supplemental item, when the final amount of unbudgeted carryover is known.

At the Sunshine Meeting on Budget Priorities last week, a productive discussion regarding the increases to the retail water and sewer fees occurred. Strategies such as review of operating and overhead expenditures and reconciliation of the timing and budget for the capital program were discussed and should be implemented by the Administration to mitigate future increases.

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Once again, we appreciate the time staff from OMB spent with us to discuss this information. Should you have additional questions or want further clarification or information, please feel free to contact me.

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