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Budget Survey Results

Background:

- Survey was released December 2021 & closed January 15th ,2022
- Survey asked citizens to answer 5 questions
- 403 responses at closing

Question 1: Please rank this year's budget priorities from most important to least important.

57.7% Accurately budget for all known costs

20.5% Prepare appropriately for future spending based on conservative revenue estimates

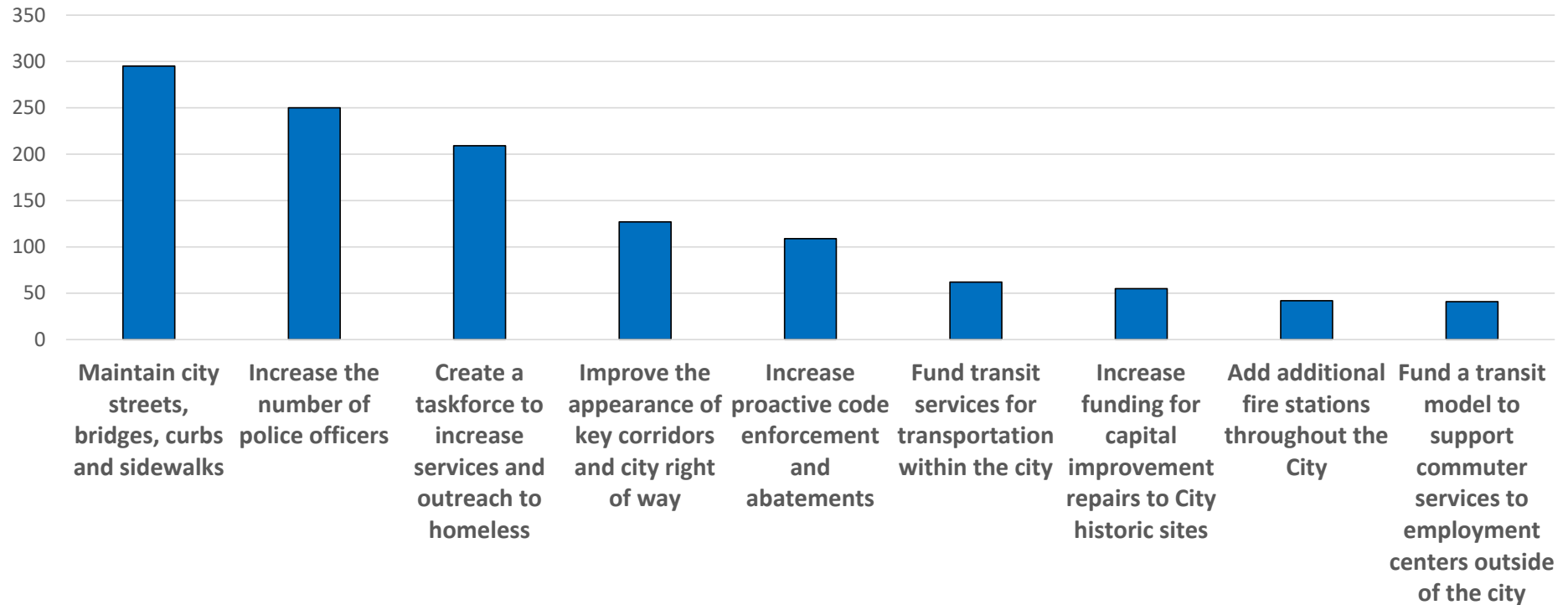
12.1% Address the adopted strategic priorities outlined in Independence for All and identified as part of this survey

9.7% Strategic use of one-time revenues to navigate economic uncertainties

Question 2: Please rank the following areas from most important to you, to least important to you.



Question 3: Select the three items you believe should receive the most emphasis over the next 24 months.



Question 4: As the City looks toward the future, what is most important to you?

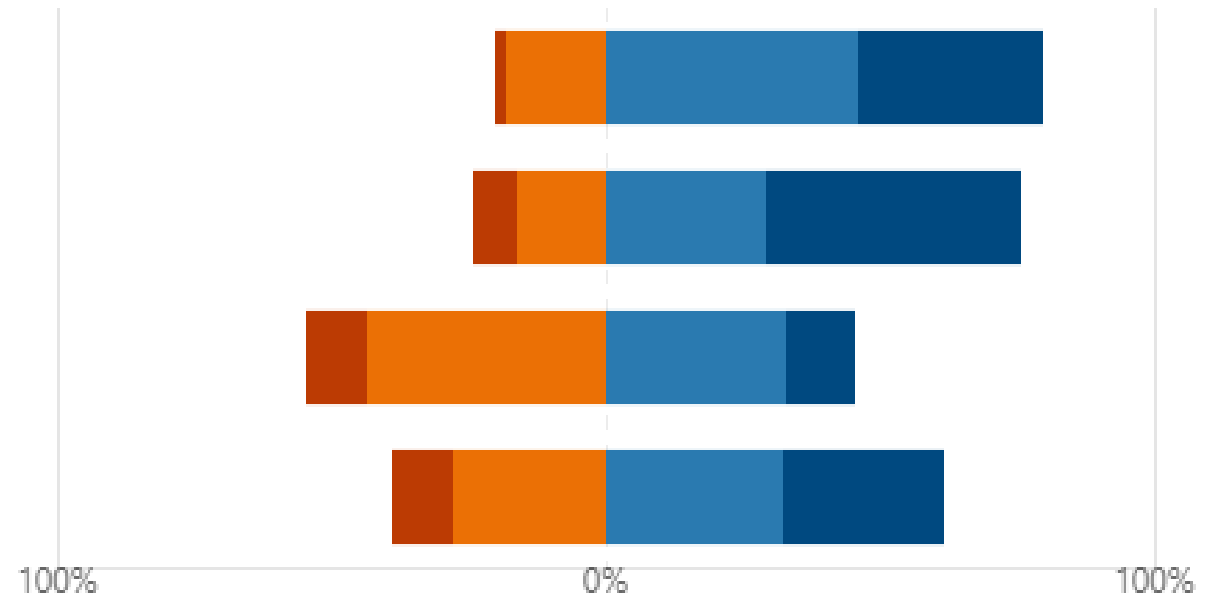
■ Not important at all ■ Somewhat important ■ Important ■ Extremely important

Paying for basic services like code enforcement, park maintenance, and street repairs.

More investments in Police services

Looking at alternative service delivery models to improve efficiency of City services

Investing in community mental health services



Question 5: What other budget or service priorities do you feel have not been addressed?

Common responses:

Utilities- Upgrade infrastructure, Improve billing, Improve services provided to customers.

Police- decrease crime, increase officers, additional speed enforcement, new facility, address homeless population/panhandlers.

Codes- additional code enforcement, additional abatements, demolition of dangerous buildings.

Health and Animal Services- additional food inspections, additional staff for stray animals.

Streets- debris clean up, updating road conditions (potholes & overlay)

please see handout for complete list of citizen responses



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