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## City Council Joint Work Session with the School Board November 10, 2021 @ 6:00 pm Cordova High School Media Center Agenda

#### A. Call to order

#### B. Roll call

Mayor Clay Koplin, Council members Tom Bailer, Cathy Sherman, Jeff Guard, Melina Meyer, Anne Schaefer, David Allison, and David Glasen

Board President Barb Jewell, School Board members Sheryl Glasen, Tammy Altermott, Pete Hoepfner, and Henk Kruithof

#### C. Work Session topic

- 1. City of Cordova FY22 Budget Discussions and City funding of the Cordova School District
  - Superintendent Memo..... (page 1)

## D. Adjournment

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## Joint Work Session Cordova City Council | Cordova School Board November 10, 2021

RE: School District Budget Discussion

What is the school district's current year (Fiscal Year 2021-2022) revenue from the state and what is the city's maximum allowable contribution?

Our fiscal year began July 1, 2021 and we will not have final state revenue numbers until mid-late December. Those final numbers have a direct impact on the city's maximum allowable contribution for our current fiscal year.

#### What is the school district's maximum fund balance and what is it used for?

The school district can only roll over a fund balance of 10% of the prior year's General Fund expenditures. Currently, the maximum cash carryover can only be about \$640k. The cash portion of our fund balance is our operating cash and is used not only to pay General Fund expenditures, but also expenditures related to our grants which are not reimbursed to the district until months later.

## Why does the school district's fund balance change so much from what is budgeted?

First, our final revenue for the fiscal year is not known until half way through the year. If our estimates were different than the final numbers, this will impact our fund balance at year end. Second, over the past few years the district has had unfilled positions, and rather than re-allocating those funds the district often chooses to allow them be used in the next fiscal year.

# Why is the district's anticipated FY23 (Fiscal Year 2022-2023) expenditure budget higher than the current fiscal year?

The district has included estimates of contractual increases such as salaries and benefits, but also 6 additional positions which are necessary in order to meet the needs of our students and community interests. These 6 new positions include:

- <u>1 Special Education Teacher</u> and <u>3 Special Education Aides</u> to meet the 42% increase in students identified with special needs since the 2020-21 School Year.
- <u>1 Preschool Teacher</u> and <u>1 Preschool Aide</u> to provide pre-K education to a small group of children as well as a more structured classroom environment for our Special Education Preschool students.

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# **Cordova School District General Fund Estimates**

# Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021

Beginning Fund Balance	760,000
Revenue	
City Contribution	1,839,000
State Entitlement	3,795,890
Other Revenue	670,524
Total Revenue	6,305,414
Total Expenditures	(6,760,575)
Budget Surplus/(Deficit)	(455,161)
Ending Fund Balance	304,839

# Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2022

Beginning Fund Balance	304.839
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Revenue	
City Contribution	2,044,031
State Entitlement	3,760,073
Other Revenue	697,614
Total Revenue	6,501,718
Total Expenditures	(7,242,557)
Budget Surplus/(Deficit)	(740,839)

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**Ending Fund Balance** 

(436,000)

City Maximum Allowable Contribution (Estimated)