

*City of Gautier,
Mississippi*



Strategic Plan 2013-2018

Recommended Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2013

*City of Gautier,
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Overview

- PROPOSED FY2013 BUDGET
- WHERE WE STARTED
- STEPS TAKEN
- PROPERTY TAXES
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- POTENTIAL SAVINGS
- OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE

BUDGET CALENDAR

Adopt Budget Sept. 24th

Public Hearing – Sept. 17th

Work Sessions

August 14th, 21st, 27th & 31st

Budget Council Retreat at MGCCC July 31st

PROPOSED FY2013 BUDGET GENERAL FUND REDUCTIONS

At a Glance:

- No increase in taxes
- No increase in fees
- Reduction in City's insurance costs
- Reduction in departmental operating costs
 - less government, more efficiency
- Transfer of Special Revenue Funds to General Fund

FY2013 Total Budget \$9.559 million:

Total budget decrease of \$680,000 from FY2012

Decreases primarily due to:

- FY12 budget \$430,665 revenue adjustments
- FY12 budget \$196,286 expenditures over revenues
- increased fees and charges from providers

WHERE WE STARTED – GENERAL FUND

(from FY11-FY12)

- Expenditure Increases
 - Healthcare (\$ 40,000)
 - PERS (\$ 69,000) (State increase for FY2013)
- Decreases in revenue
- Millage Rate 8% lower than FY2007-8
(26.4 mils in 2007 versus 24.35 mils today.)

In 2007, the City rolled back the millage to offset an increase in County taxes for citizens. However, the same year County property assessments were lowered, netting the City less revenue than expected from the new, lower millage. Additionally, water/sewer loans increased the City's debt.

STEPS TAKEN

BALANCED BUDGET

Steps taken to reduce expenditures by \$680,000:

- Decreased FY12 department budgets based on proposed reductions submitted including:
 - Streamlined job duties and thereby eliminated 3 of the General Fund vacant positions(\$110,000)
 - Other reductions based on spending analysis(\$600,000)
- Solid Waste expenditure (Contract Renewal) (26% reduction) \$322,000
- Reduction in overtime \$40,000
- Modernizing/streamlining \$57,000
- Reduce capital projects for FY2013 \$250,000

STEPS TAKEN

BALANCED BUDGET

(Continued)

- FY13 unexpected increase for property valuations (\$111,969,872 up from \$106,647,724)
- Anticipated savings from FY12
- Reduced Cultural Support spending

Revised Shortfall for FY12 Fund Balance Transfer

- Transferred \$400,000

Restructure of Police Department \$103,605

STEPS TAKEN BALANCED BUDGET

PRIVATIZE PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITY SERVICES ANTICIPATED SAVINGS: AT LEAST \$360,802

Contract with a Company to provide Streets and Utility Services operating, management and maintenance at a lower cost than the City can operate.

Benefits: Ensure that the Company is contractually obligated to hire existing employees, and provide annual step increases, training programs, comparable retirement and health insurance.

INVESTING IN NEIGHBORHOODS

MODEST BUDGET PROGRAMS

Code Enforcement	\$40,896
Police Substations (Occupy Existing Facilities)	\$1,500
Neighborhood Projects	\$10,000
Parks/Rec	\$161,304
Street Resurfacing	\$98,000 (bond)

FURTHER COST REDUCTIONS

- LIABILITY INSURANCE & HEALTHCARE

Contract negotiations resulted in a net savings of \$70,000.

- SOLID WASTE CONTRACT.

Contracting debris pick-up/drop-off at a savings of \$38,400. (Average \$3,200/month disposal or \$1.27 /household/month. Doesn't include savings for diesel, repairs, etc.)

Consult-A-Doc Program

Predicted Annual Savings approx. \$50,000 .

Service:

- Telephone or Web
- Licensed Doctors
- Non Emergency Medical Issues
- Pharmacy of Choice
- After Hours, Nights, Weekends, Out of Town

Benefits:

- Reduces Expensive Doctor Visits
- Reduces Missed Work Hours for Doctor Visits
- Reduces Employee Cost/CoPay
- Reduces Employer Cost

FURTHER COST REDUCTIONS

- POLICE DEPARTMENT RESTRUCTURE

Savings \$70,000+/annual. Reduce from 5 to 3 Captain Positions and reorganize. Reduce operational expenditures for motorcycles. Cancel non-essential contracts.

- SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR FIREFIGHTERS

Savings \$25,000/annual. Firefighters currently are guaranteed 4 hours of overtime each month due to their schedule. Adjust shift rotations. Implement Paid-on-Call program with area-wide certified firefighters.

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*Thank you
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