

The 2017 Recommended Budget is based on projected citywide revenues of over \$315 million, representing a 1.3 percent decrease over the total revenues projected for the 2016 Approved Budget. The three largest revenue sources for the city are sales/use taxes, property taxes and utility rate charges. These three funding sources represent 72.3 percent of the total sources of city funds and are described in more detail below.

**Figure 5-02: Citywide Revenues (Sources) for 2017**  
 (in \$1,000s)  
 TOTAL = \$315,450

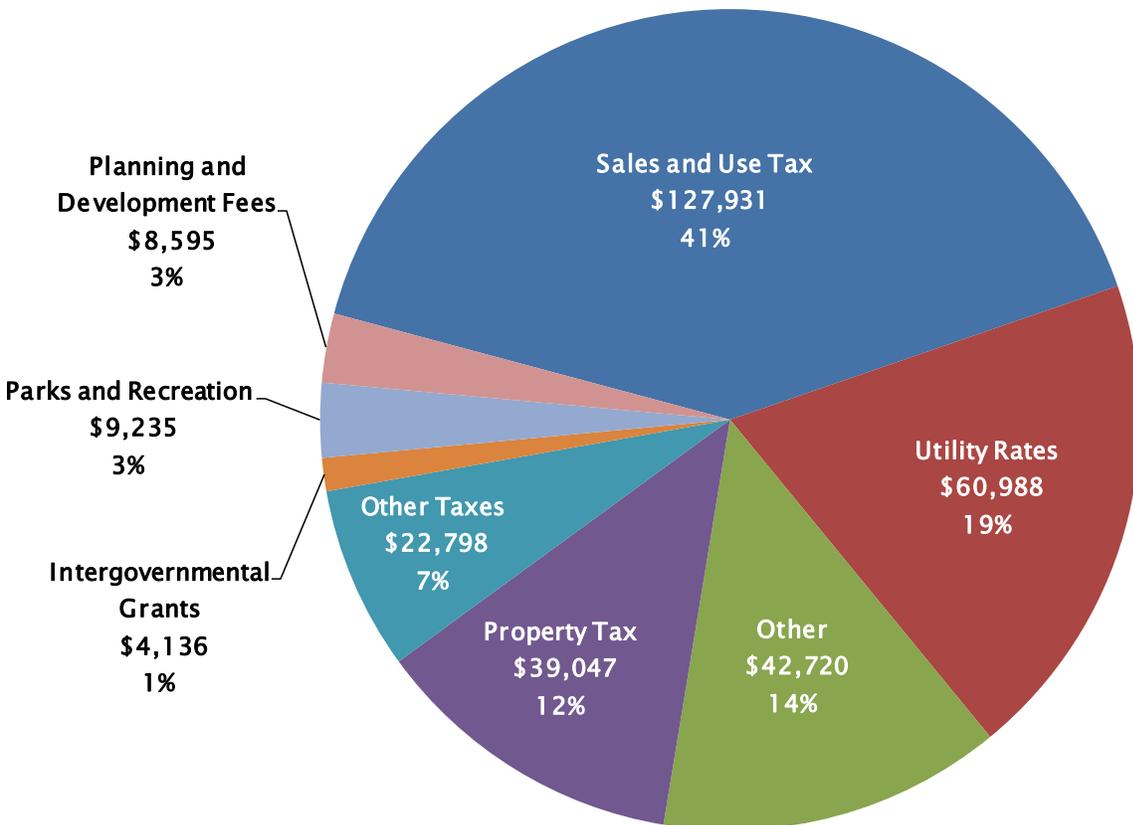
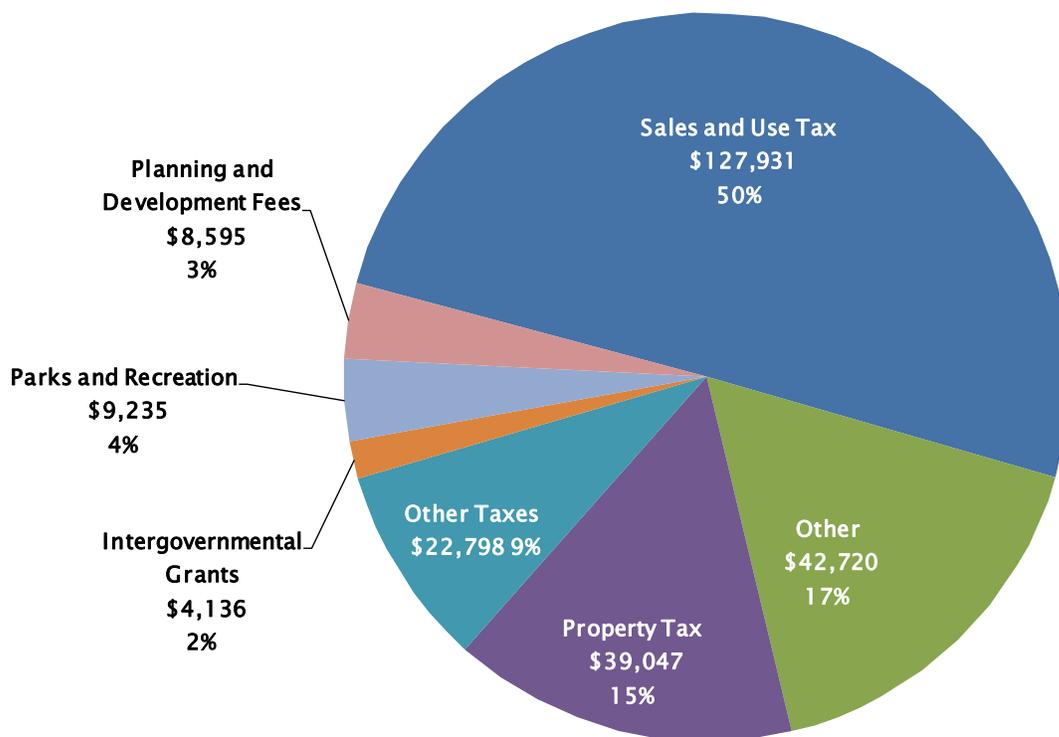




Figure 5-03 represents the citywide revenue sources without the Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Utilities.

Figure 5-03: Citywide Revenues (Sources) for 2017, without Utilities  
(in \$1,000s)  
TOTAL = \$254,462



Sales and use taxes comprise 41 percent of the city’s total revenues. Sales or use tax is a transaction tax levied upon all sales, purchases, and leases of tangible personal property and taxable services sold or leased by persons engaged in business in the city and is collected by the vendor or lessor and remitted to the city.



Total sales and use tax collections were up 5.32 percent through June 2016 when compared to collections through June 2015. Retail sales tax revenues, which are the largest portion of total revenues and most indicative of ongoing revenue trends, are up 2.28 percent over 2015, through June 2016. It is anticipated that 2016 revenues will meet revenue projections.

Table 5-02 shows the total rate of sales and use tax authorized in the city.

Table 5-02: Sales and Use Tax Components

SALES AND USE TAX COMPONENTS IN 2017			
	Rate	Start Date	Expiration Date
Transportation Fund	0.15%	January 1, 2014 [1]	December 31, 2019
General Fund	0.30%	January 1, 2015 [2]	December 31, 2017
General Fund	0.15%	January 1, 2005	December 31, 2024
.25 Cent Sales Tax Fund (Parks and Recreation)	0.25%	January 1, 1996	December 31, 2035
Open Space Fund	0.15%	January 1, 2004 [3]	December 31, 2039
Open Space Fund	0.33%	January 1, 1990 [4]	N/A
General Fund	1.00%	January 1, 1964	N/A
General Fund	0.38%	January 1, 2009 [5]	N/A
General Fund	0.15%	January 1, 2010 [6]	N/A
Open Space Fund	0.40%	January 1, 1967	N/A
Transportation Fund	0.60%	January 1, 1967	N/A
<b>2017 Sub Total</b>	<b>3.86%</b>		

[1] A temporary Sales and Use Tax for Transportation was approved by voters in 2013.

[2] A temporary Sales and Use Tax dedicated for Community, Culture, and Safety projects was approved by voters in 2014.

[3] In 2013, voters approved the extension of this 0.15% Sales and Use Tax to be used for Transportation from 2020 through 2029, and to be used for general fund purposes from 2030 to 2039.

[4] In 2013, voters approved the extension of this 0.33% Sales and Use Tax as follows: 0.22% for Open Space and 0.11% for general fund purposes from 2019 through 2034; 0.10% for Open Space and 0.23% for general fund purposes starting in 2035.

[5] The 0.38% Sales and Use Tax component was extended indefinitely and deburred by voters in 2008.

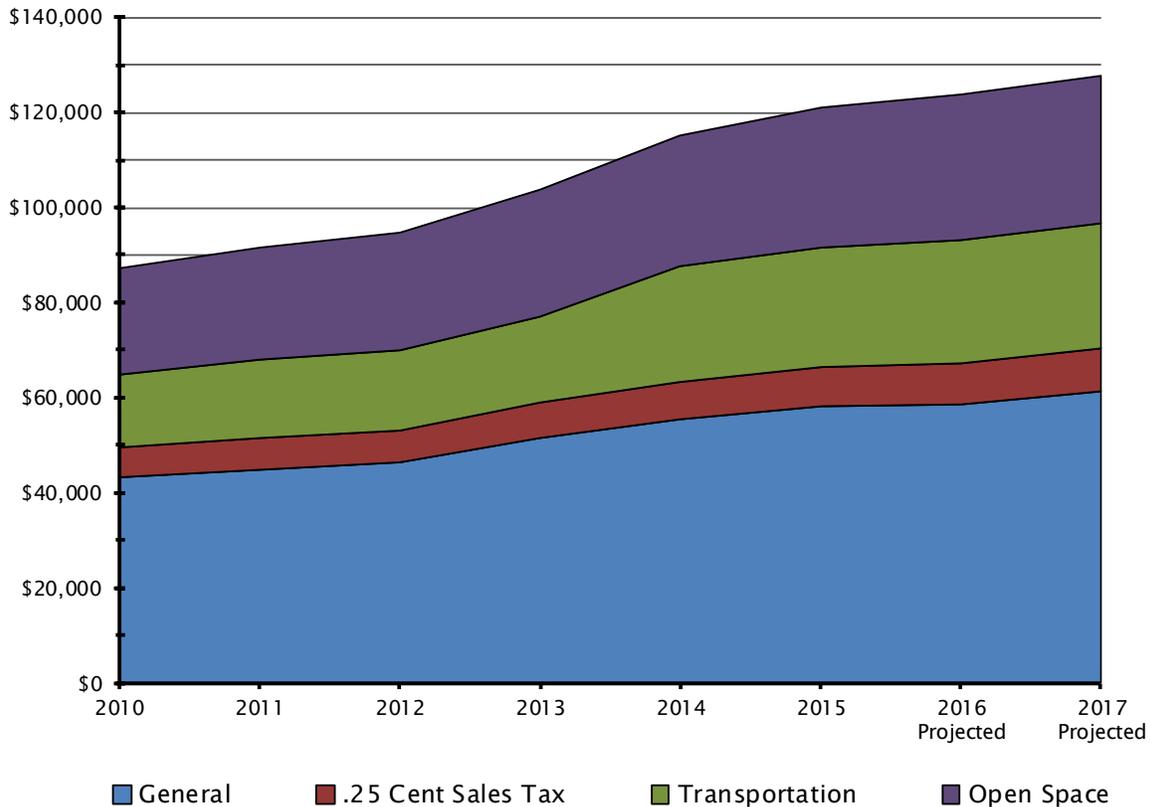
[6] The 0.15% Sales and Use Tax component was extended indefinitely and deburred by voters in 2009.

ADDITIONAL TAXES ON RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA			
	Rate	Start Date	Expiration Date
Excise Tax on Cultivation Facility	5.00%	January 1, 2014	N/A
Sales and Use Tax	3.50%	January 1, 2014	N/A



Figure 5-04 plots recent year trends in sales tax and shows the relative sizes of each major component of city sales and use tax revenue.

Figure 5-04: Sales Tax Revenues 2010-2017  
(in \$1,000s)



Property tax revenue estimates for 2017 utilize the city’s mill levy and current citywide assessed value. All property tax revenue growth (except the 2 mills for public safety services) was restricted to the Denver-Boulder Consumer Price Index (CPI) and a local growth factor, as provided by the TABOR Amendment to the Colorado Constitution. In the November 4, 2008 election, city voters approved the removal of the remaining TABOR restriction on property tax with a phase-in period and without any specific earmark for the use of the funds.

Approval of this ballot issue had the effect of reducing the mill levy credit by up to .50 mill each year until the credit was completely eliminated. In 2012, the remaining mill levy credit was completely eliminated.



In 2017, the mill levy rate remains the same as in 2016. **Table 5-03** shows seven years of the history of the mill levy and establishes the basis of the 2016 Recommended Budget mill levy.

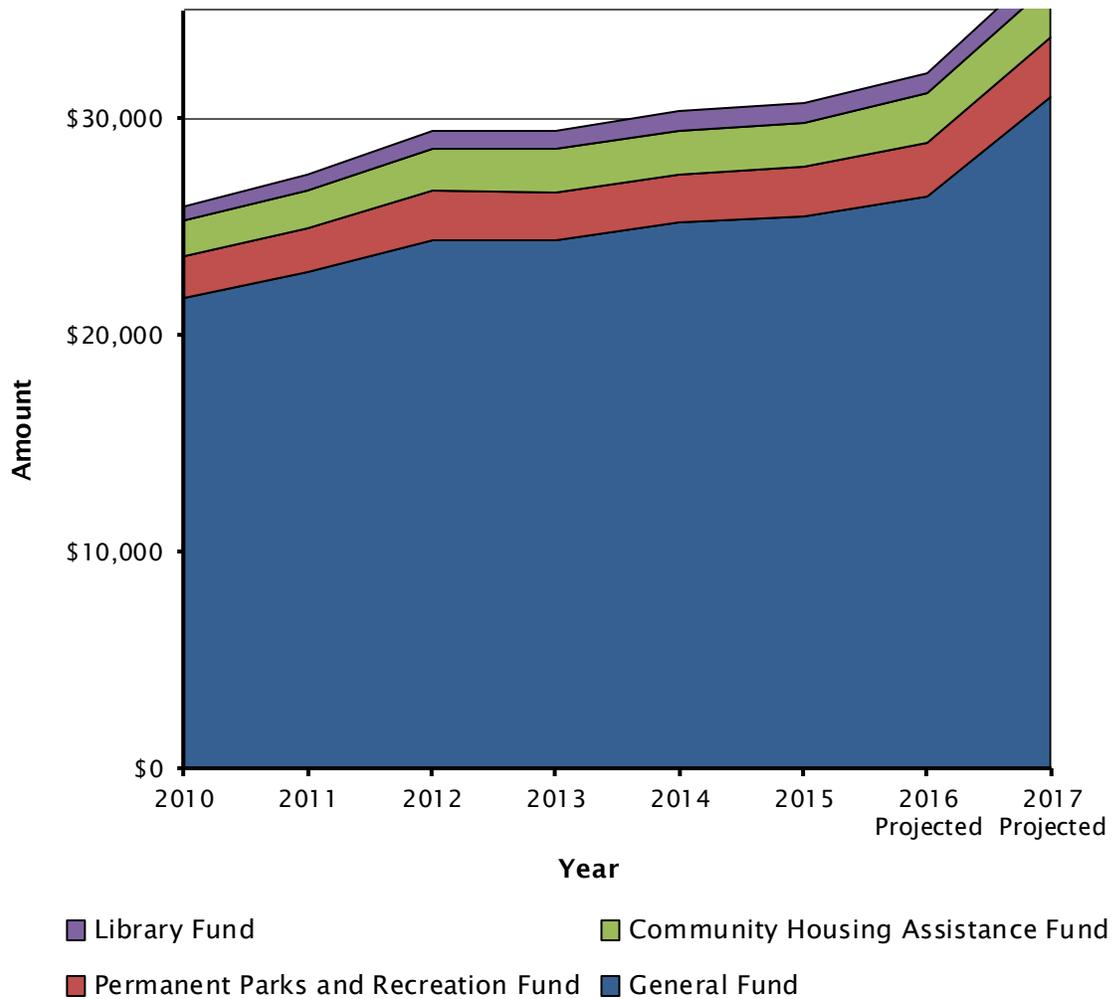
**Table 5-03: Property Tax Rates for 2017**

PROPERTY TAX							
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
General City Operations							8.748
Permanent Parks Fund (Charter Sec. 161)							0.900
Library Fund (Charter Sec. 165)							0.333
<b>Subtotal</b>							<b>9.981</b>
Less Mill Levy Credit							1.00
<b>Subtotal (Mills subject to Article X, Sec. 20 of the State Constitution)</b>							<b>8.981</b>
General City Operations (Public Safety)							3.000
<b>Net Mill Levy</b>	<b>10.818</b>	<b>11.981</b>	<b>11.981</b>	<b>11.981</b>	<b>11.981</b>	<b>11.981</b>	<b>11.981</b>



In **Figure 5-05**, the relative sizes of each component of property tax revenue is given for 2010 through 2017.

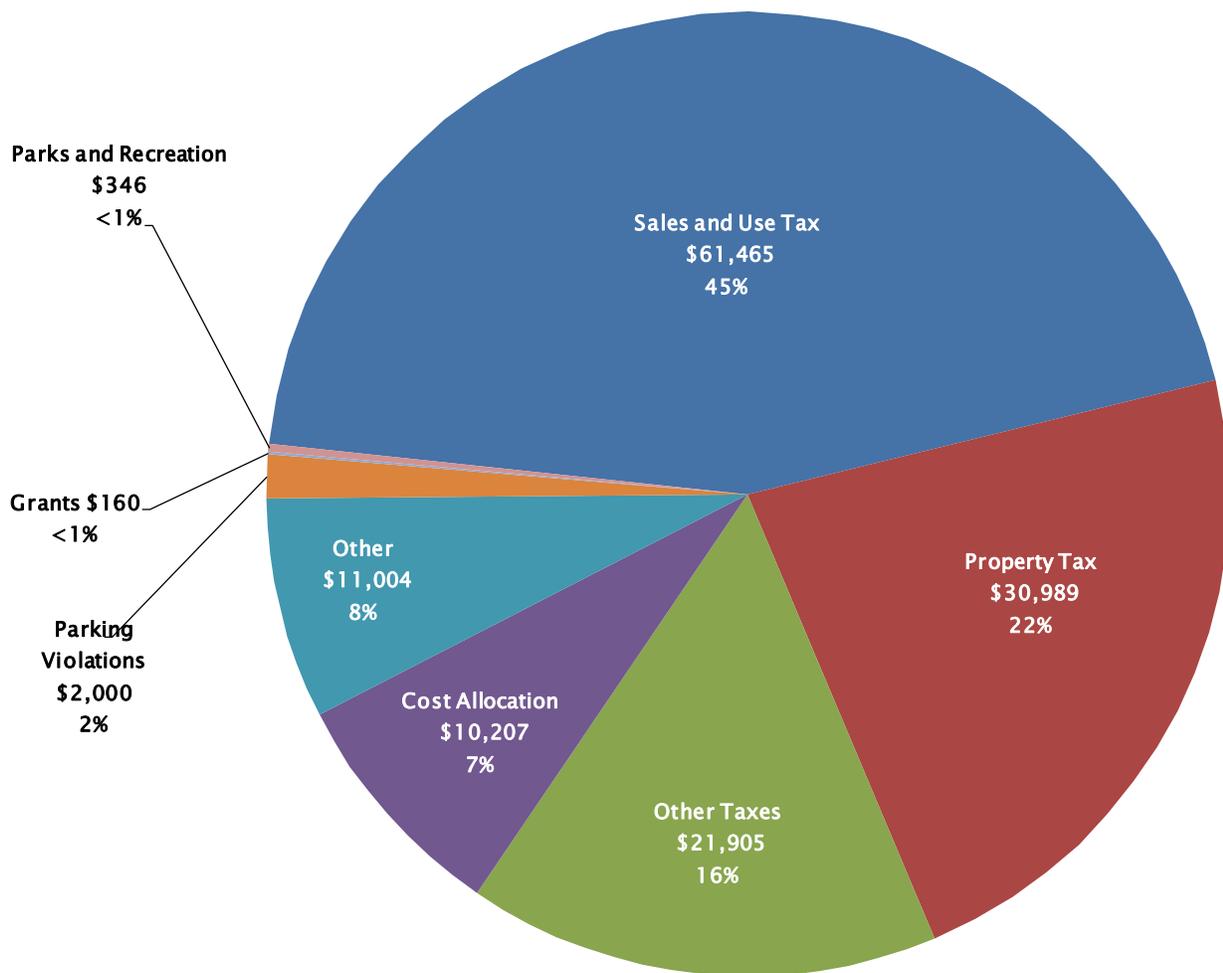
**Figure 5-05: Property Tax Revenues 2010-2017**  
(in \$1,000s)





The 2017 Recommended Budget is based on projected General Fund revenues of \$138 million (see Figure 5-06), representing a 7.6 percent increase over the total revenues projected for the 2016 Approved Budget.

**Figure 5-06: General Fund Revenues (Sources) for 2017**  
(in \$1,000s)  
**TOTAL = \$138,075**





**Table 5-04: Summary of Revenues (Sources) by Fund  
(in \$1,000s)**

SOURCES BY UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			
Fund and Source	2015 Actual	2016 Approved	2017 Recommended
<b>General (includes Public Safety Fund)</b>			
Revenue-			
Sales and Use Taxes	\$ 56,287	\$ 58,366	\$ 59,374
Food Service Tax	660	682	714
Accommodation Tax	6,385	6,502	7,389
Admission Tax	634	574	666
Property Tax	20,381	21,067	24,759
Property Tax (Public Safety)	5,100	5,301	6,230
Trash Hauler/Recycling Occupation Tax	1,799	1,766	1,777
Liquor Occupation Tax	605	326	335
Telephone Occupation Tax	787	729	775
Cable Television Franchise Tax and PEG Fee	1,387	1,448	1,400
Utility Occupation Tax	6,381	6,365	6,365
Specific Ownership Tax	1,758	1,530	1,829
Tobacco Tax	352	303	352
Rec Marijuana Tax, Fees & Licenses	2,868	1,560	3,131
Misc. Charges for Services	568	1,041	1,244
NPP and Other Parking Revenue	230	258	260
Meters - Out of Parking Districts	709	596	650
Meters - Within Parking Districts	2,969	2,845	2,920
Sale of Goods	61	75	65
Misc. Fines and Administr. Penalties	26	5	28
Municipal Court Charges & Fines	1,420	1,600	1,420
Parking Violations	1,846	2,003	2,000
Photo Enforcement	1,648	1,522	1,600
Business Licenses	393	423	311
Misc. Intergovernmental Charges	760	442	500
Court Awards	148	158	150
Grants	1,605	606	160
Interest & Investment Earnings	367	225	300
Leases, Rents and Royalties	262	152	286
Miscellaneous Revenues	892	329	288
Parks Fees	173	249	347
Housing/Human Services Fees	370	200	217
<b>Subtotal General Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 119,831</b>	<b>\$ 119,249</b>	<b>\$ 127,842</b>
Transfers In-			
Cost Allocation - All Funds	\$ 8,037	\$ 8,854	\$ 10,207
Other	177	161	28
<b>Subtotal General Fund Transfers In</b>	<b>\$ 8,214</b>	<b>\$ 9,015</b>	<b>\$ 10,235</b>
<b>Total General Fund Sources</b>	<b>\$ 128,045</b>	<b>\$ 128,264</b>	<b>\$ 138,076</b>
<b>Community Housing Assistance (CHAP)</b>			
Property Tax	\$ 2,049	\$ 2,265	\$ 2,492
Development Excise Tax	413	150	150
Interest and Investment Earnings	39	16	9
Other Revenues	407	-	-
Loan Repayment	-	120	-
<b>Total CHAP Sources</b>	<b>\$ 2,909</b>	<b>\$ 2,551</b>	<b>\$ 2,652</b>
<b>Total Unrestricted Sources</b>	<b>\$ 130,954</b>	<b>\$ 130,815</b>	<b>\$ 140,728</b>


**SOURCES BY RESTRICTED FUNDS**

Fund and Source	2015 Approved	2016 Approved	2017 Recommended
<b>.25 Cent Sales Tax</b>			
Sales and Use Taxes	\$ 8,384	\$ 8,685	\$ 8,835
Interest and Investment Earnings	24	20	20
Other	317	200	100
Subtotal	\$ 8,725	\$ 8,905	\$ 8,955
<b>Affordable Housing Fund</b>			
Cash In Lieu of Affordable Units	\$ 4,364	\$ 858	\$ 1,650
Interest and Investment Earnings	99	20	20
Transfers In	240	240	240
Other	80	1,000	-
Fees	-	4	-
Subtotal	\$ 4,782	\$ 2,122	\$ 1,910
<b>Airport</b>			
Misc. Charges for Services	\$ 12	\$ 11	\$ 12
Interest and Investment Earnings	2	5	14
Leases, Rents and Royalties	510	564	579
Intergovernmental	187	-	-
Subtotal	\$ 711	\$ 580	\$ 604
<b>BMPA Debt Service Fund</b>			
COP Proceeds	\$ 41,725	\$ -	\$ -
Leases, Rents and Royalties	1,875	1,862	3,828
Subtotal	\$ 43,601	\$ 1,862	\$ 3,828
<b>Boulder Junction Access GID - TDM</b>			
Property and Specific Ownership Tax	\$ 136	\$ 40	\$ 307
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	-	110	-
Interest and Investment Earnings	1	2	4
Subtotal	\$ 137	\$ 152	\$ 311
<b>Boulder Junction Access GID - Parking</b>			
Property and Specific Ownership Tax	\$ 49	\$ 53	\$ 138
Parking Charges	-	61	73
Transfers in	324	313	-
Subtotal	\$ 373	\$ 427	\$ 212
<b>Boulder Junction Improvement</b>			
Excise Tax	\$ 938	\$ 423	\$ 402
Use Tax	7	240	236
Interest and Investment Earnings	20	5	5
Miscellaneous Revenues	-	137	-
Subtotal	\$ 965	\$ 805	\$ 644
<b>Capital Development</b>			
Development Excise Tax	\$ -	\$ 102	\$ 3
Impact Fees	3,607	1,170	1,664
Transfers in	811	811	811
Interest and Investment Earnings	47	30	116
Subtotal	\$ 4,465	\$ 2,113	\$ 2,595
<b>Capital Improvement Bond Fund</b>			
Interest Income	\$ 39	\$ 8	\$ 8
Subtotal	\$ 39	\$ 8	\$ 8
<b>Climate Action Plan</b>			
Climate Action Plan Tax	\$ 1,813	\$ 1,842	\$ 1,838
Interest and Investment Earnings	10	2	1
Grants	16	-	-
Subtotal	\$ 1,839	\$ 1,844	\$ 1,839
<b>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)</b>			
Federal - Direct Grants	\$ 361	\$ 634	\$ 650
Subtotal	\$ 361	\$ 634	\$ 650



**SOURCES BY RESTRICTED FUNDS**

<b>Fund and Source</b>	<b>2015 Approved</b>	<b>2016 Approved</b>	<b>2017 Recommended</b>
<b>Compensated Absences</b>			
Charges from Departments	\$ 764	\$ 819	\$ 846
Interest and Investment Earnings	11	9	12
Subtotal	<b>\$ 775</b>	<b>\$ 828</b>	<b>\$ 858</b>
<b>Computer Replacement</b>			
Charges from Departments	\$ 1,983	\$ 1,954	\$ 2,209
Interest and Investment Earnings	49	19	22
Subtotal	<b>\$ 2,032</b>	<b>\$ 1,973</b>	<b>\$ 2,231</b>
<b>Downtown Commercial District</b>			
Property and Specific Ownership Tax	\$ 1,101	\$ 1,245	\$ 1,208
Parking Charges	5,798	4,920	5,698
Interest and Investment Earnings	53	32	44
Leases, Rents and Royalties	326	415	240
Miscellaneous Revenues	8	68	52
Transfers In	1,663	1,798	1,735
Subtotal	<b>\$ 8,949</b>	<b>\$ 8,478</b>	<b>\$ 8,977</b>
<b>Equipment Replacement</b>			
Charges from Departments	\$ 1,157	\$ 1,128	\$ 1,117
Interest and Investment Earnings	40	42	62
Subtotal	<b>\$ 1,197</b>	<b>\$ 1,170</b>	<b>\$ 1,179</b>
<b>Facility Renovation &amp; Replace</b>			
Charges from Departments	\$ 736	\$ 489	\$ 2,871
Transfer from Major Maintenance	1,669	1,669	320
Energy Contract Revenue	721	698	-
Interest and Investment Earnings	86	52	88
Other	234	-	-
Subtotal	<b>\$ 3,446</b>	<b>\$ 2,908</b>	<b>\$ 3,279</b>
<b>Fire Pension</b>			
City Pension Contributions	\$ 83	\$ 158	\$ 173
Subtotal	<b>\$ 83</b>	<b>\$ 158</b>	<b>\$ 173</b>
<b>Fleet Maintenance</b>			
Charges from Departments	\$ 2,897	\$ 3,412	\$ 3,175
Interest and Investment Earnings	0	4	1
Miscellaneous Revenues	150	382	108
Subtotal	<b>\$ 3,047</b>	<b>\$ 3,798</b>	<b>\$ 3,284</b>
<b>Fleet Replacement</b>			
Charges from Departments	\$ 5,109	\$ 6,145	\$ 6,219
Sale of Assets	498	209	196
Interest and Investment Earnings	105	92	162
Miscellaneous Revenues	174	174	173
Subtotal	<b>\$ 5,886</b>	<b>\$ 6,620</b>	<b>\$ 6,751</b>
<b>HOME</b>			
Federal - Direct Grants	\$ 300	\$ 780	\$ 825
Subtotal	<b>\$ 300</b>	<b>\$ 780</b>	<b>\$ 825</b>


**SOURCES BY RESTRICTED FUNDS**

Fund and Source	2015 Approved	2016 Approved	2017 Recommended
<b>Library</b>			
Property Tax	\$ 853	\$ 942	\$ 1,037
Misc. Charges for Services	155	135	-
Interest and Investment Earnings	15	8	-
Leases, Rents and Royalties	2	10	-
Grants	243	34	250
Transfers In	6,586	6,357	-
Other	138	84	-
Subtotal	\$ 7,993	\$ 7,570	\$ 1,287
<b>Lottery</b>			
Lottery Funds	\$ 1,029	\$ 849	\$ 999
Interest and Investment Earnings	15	8	8
Transfers	12	-	-
Subtotal	\$ 1,056	\$ 857	\$ 1,007
<b>Open Space</b>			
Sales and Use Taxes	\$ 29,512	\$ 30,804	\$ 31,101
Interest and Investment Earnings	240	104	304
Leases, Rents and Royalties	249	431	431
Other	957	-	825
Grants	264	-	2,266
Voice and Sight Tag Program	186	227	249
Transfers In	1,282	1,327	1,210
Subtotal	\$ 32,690	\$ 32,893	\$ 36,386
<b>Permanent Parks and Recreation</b>			
Property Tax	\$ 2,305	\$ 2,548	\$ 2,804
Interest and Investment Earnings	11	15	15
Miscellaneous Revenues	93	25	25
Subtotal	\$ 2,409	\$ 2,588	\$ 2,844
<b>Planning &amp; Development Svcs</b>			
Misc. Development Fees	\$ 8,601	\$ 6,928	\$ 7,518
Interest and Investment Earnings	74	35	56
Transfers In	3,022	3,148	3,428
Charges for Services	25	-	55
Grants	77	-	-
Other	76	-	-
Subtotal	\$ 11,876	\$ 10,111	\$ 11,057
<b>Police Pension</b>			
City Pension Contributions	\$ 113	\$ 218	\$ 314
Subtotal	\$ 113	\$ 218	\$ 314
<b>Property &amp; Casualty Insurance</b>			
Charges from Departments	\$ 1,658	\$ 1,742	\$ 1,863
Interest and Investment Earnings	51	33	32
Subtotal	\$ 1,709	\$ 1,775	\$ 1,895
<b>Recreation Activity</b>			
Admission & Activity Charges	\$ 8,624	\$ 9,010	\$ 9,110
Interest and Investment Earnings	16	11	11
Transfers In	1,486	1,478	1,616
Grants	65	-	-
Subtotal	\$ 10,192	\$ 10,499	\$ 10,737



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Fund and Source	2015 Approved	2016 Approved	2017 Recommended
<b>Stormwater/Flood Mgmt Utility</b>			
Utility Service Charges	\$ 9,508	\$ 9,613	\$ 10,001
Rate Increase	-	385	800
Utility Plant Invest. Fee	1,543	300	350
Urban Drng and Fld Contr Dist.	476	882	-
State and Federal Grants	896	-	-
Interest and Investment Earnings	198	130	130
Misc. Intergovernmental Chg.	58	148	404
Miscellaneous Revenues	16	40	5
Sale of Real Estate	304	-	-
Bond Proceeds	23,318	-	-
Subtotal	\$ 36,317	\$ 11,498	\$ 11,689
<b>Telecommunications</b>			
Charges from Departments	\$ 594	\$ 625	\$ 628
Interest and Investment Earnings	11	10	11
Miscellaneous Revenues	77	112	83
Transfers in	97	-	-
Subtotal	\$ 779	\$ 747	\$ 722
<b>Transit Pass GID</b>			
Property Tax	\$ 10	\$ 11	\$ 11
Transfers In	5	5	5
Subtotal	\$ 15	\$ 16	\$ 16
<b>Transportation</b>			
Sales and Use Taxes	\$ 25,147	\$ 26,056	\$ 26,507
Sale of Land	1,214	-	-
Highway Revenues	3,206	3,358	3,383
HOP Reimbursement	1,211	1,335	1,335
Interest and Investment Earnings	144	52	52
Miscellaneous Revenues	412	99	160
Special Assessments	50	58	42
Third Party Reimbursements	101	350	350
External Funding	2,670	996	3,366
Lease Revenue - BTV	160	103	160
Transfers from Other Funds	150	-	41
Subtotal	\$ 34,465	\$ 32,407	\$ 35,396
<b>Transportation Development</b>			
Development Excise Tax	\$ 2,135	\$ 977	\$ 736
Interest and Investment Earnings	25	9	25
Third Party Reimbursements	100	100	100
Subtotal	\$ 2,259	\$ 1,086	\$ 861
<b>University Hill Commercial District</b>			
Property and Specific Ownership Tax	\$ 32	\$ 35	\$ 36
Parking Charges	157	127	132
Interest and Investment Earnings	5	5	8
Transfers In	425	425	425
Subtotal	\$ 619	\$ 592	\$ 601


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Fund and Source	2015 Approved	2016 Approved	2017 Recommended
<b>Wastewater Utility</b>			
Utility Service Charges	\$ 17,670	\$ 18,401	\$ 19,321
Rate Increase	-	920	966
Sale of Real Estate	303	-	-
Utility Plant Invest. Fee	2,098	700	750
Utility Connection	10	10	10
Federal and State Grants	1,038	-	-
Interest and Investment Earnings	110	152	204
Miscellaneous Revenues	1	118	143
Special Assessments	23	5	25
Bond Proceeds	10,257	2	-
Subtotal	\$ 31,510	\$ 20,308	\$ 21,419
<b>Water Utility</b>			
Utility Service Charges	\$ 22,385	\$ 23,529	\$ 25,461
Rate Increase	-	1,882	2,037
Misc. Charges for Services	2,165	2,369	1,880
Utility Plant Invest. Fee	6,274	2,800	2,500
Utility Connection	214	130	130
Interest and Investment Earnings	274	253	297
Leases, Rents and Royalties	88	21	21
Special Assessments	(27)	5	5
Sale of Real Estate	607	-	-
State and Federal Grants	396	-	-
Miscellaneous Revenues	-	25	-
Transfers In	93	93	93
Bond Proceeds	-	24,240	-
Subtotal	\$ 32,469	\$ 55,346	\$ 32,424
<b>Worker Compensation Insurance</b>			
Charges from Departments	\$ 1,606	\$ 1,663	\$ 1,721
Interest and Investment Earnings	24	22	22
Miscellaneous Revenues	134	19	20
Subtotal	\$ 1,764	\$ 1,704	\$ 1,763
<b>Total Restricted Sources</b>	<b>\$ 299,947</b>	<b>\$ 236,381</b>	<b>\$ 219,531</b>
<b>Total City Sources of Funds</b>	<b>\$ 430,901</b>	<b>\$ 367,196</b>	<b>\$ 360,258</b>
Less: Transfers from Other Funds	\$ 43,492	\$ 47,661	\$ 44,808
<b>Net Total City Sources of Funds</b>	<b>\$ 387,409</b>	<b>\$ 319,535</b>	<b>\$ 315,450</b>

**Note:**

Subtotals may not equal sum of line items due to rounding.

<sup>1</sup>Beginning with the 2008-09 budget process, all Internal Service Funds (ISFs) were included in the annual budget process. This change was made for purposes of enhanced transparency and improved accountability across the organization. The ISFs, such as Fleet Replacement, Computer Replacement and the self-insurance funds, provide services to all city departments and receive funding directly from the departments. Funding is reflected as an expense (or "charge to") in each department and a revenue (or "charge from") in each applicable ISF. When an expenditure is made in the ISF, a second counting of the same money (the expense) has occurred. As a result, the actual revenues and expenses from departmental charges in each ISF are reduced from the total city budget to avoid the "double counting" that occurs.