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TO: Members of the Lithonia City Council
FROM: Deborah A. Jackson, Mayor *dj*
Cheryl Foster, City Administrator *C.F.*
RE: Transmittal of Budget Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2018
DATE: November 20, 2017

We are pleased to present for your review the Budget Recommendations for the 2018 Fiscal Year. There will be an opportunity to review and discuss the budget during the regular Council Meeting on Monday, December 4th at 7:00 pm, and Monday, December 18th before the Work Session at 6:30 pm.

Two Public Hearings on the Budget are scheduled for Monday, December 4th from 10:00 to 11:00 am and 6:00 to 7:00 pm at City Hall, 6920 Main Street. The budget for the 2018 Fiscal Year will be adopted at the Council Work Session on Monday, December 18th at 7:00 pm.

The Budget Recommendations project an increase in the sources of funds from last year in the amount of \$195,823.00 or an increase of 15.2%. Part of the increase in revenues reflects the increased housing developments, permitting fees, as well as film permits and new businesses. There is an increase in expenditures that includes a proposed pay raise of 2% for all city employees, as well as temporary staffing and some overtime.

The City should actively pursue other opportunities to increase revenue by expanding services such as background checks; as well as review our fee structure and contract for services. We will work with the Lithonia Downtown Development Authority to increase use of the Lithonia Amphitheater and other city venues to create opportunities to collect rental fees and sponsorships. No increase in the millage rate is proposed at this time.

We look forward to working with you in this budget process and continuing to move the City in a positive direction for the benefit of our residents!