

**Flagged item #8****Budget Process, November 2022**

<b>Flagged Item #8</b>	<b>Elected Officials Budget Reduction</b>  THAT Administration provide the impact of reducing the Professional Development and Public Relations portions of the Council and Mayor budgets by 10%.
<b>Date of Request</b>	November 21, 2022
<b>Moved By</b>	Corey-Ann Hartwick
<b>Response Required by</b>	November 23, 2022, 4:30 p.m.
<b>Presentation Date</b>	November 24, 2022
<b>Department / Division</b>	Financial and Strategic Services, Legislative and Legal Services / Corporate Services, Senior Administration and Elected Officials

**Response:**

A 10% reduction of both Professional Development and Public Relations for Mayor and Council equates to a total savings of \$19,460.

Should Council approve this reduction, Administration would recommend achieving these savings through the following:

- Reduction of each Councilor's Professional Development budget by \$900, equaling \$7,200
  - As the Mayor's PD budget is only \$5,000 compared to each Ward budget of \$9,000, it is recommended to not adjust this amount.
- Reduction of the Mayor's Public Relations budget by \$3,700
  - Reduction is \$3,200 (10% of \$32,000) plus additional \$500 to balance for not reducing Mayor's PD budget
- Reduction of each Councilor's Public Relations budget by \$1,070, equaling \$8,560

The total reduction of \$19,460 is equivalent to 0.01% of the tax rate requirement.