

Information Item

Date: 6/11/2024

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Scott Tesh, Budget and Performance Management Director

Subject: Report and Presentation on FY 2023-24 Citizens' Budget Advisory Council Annual Work Plan

Strategic Focus Area: Service Excellence

Strategic Objective: Maintain City's Financial Strength

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



The Citizens' Budget Advisory Council (CBAC) met monthly between November of 2023 and June of 2024 to review information and formulate recommendations for review by the Mayor and City Council related to its FY 2023-24 work plan. That work plan included items related to the City Fire Department's operations and staffing and the budget development process for the FY 2023-24 operating and capital budgets.

The CBAC's work plan included a review of the City of Winston-Salem's Fire Department operations. This consisted of a review of staffing levels and performance goals, including a review of peer comparisons. The Fire Department provided analysis of strengths and areas of needs in the administration, operations, safety & training, logistics, and fire & life safety branches. There was also an update provided on the behavioral evaluation and response (BEAR) team. The CBAC report attached to this item provides ten recommendations related to the areas of staffing, facilities, and equipment within Fire Department services.

A presentation of the work plan and recommendations will be provided by the Chair of the CBAC.