

**Measure L
Citizens
Oversight
Committee**

September 27, 2023

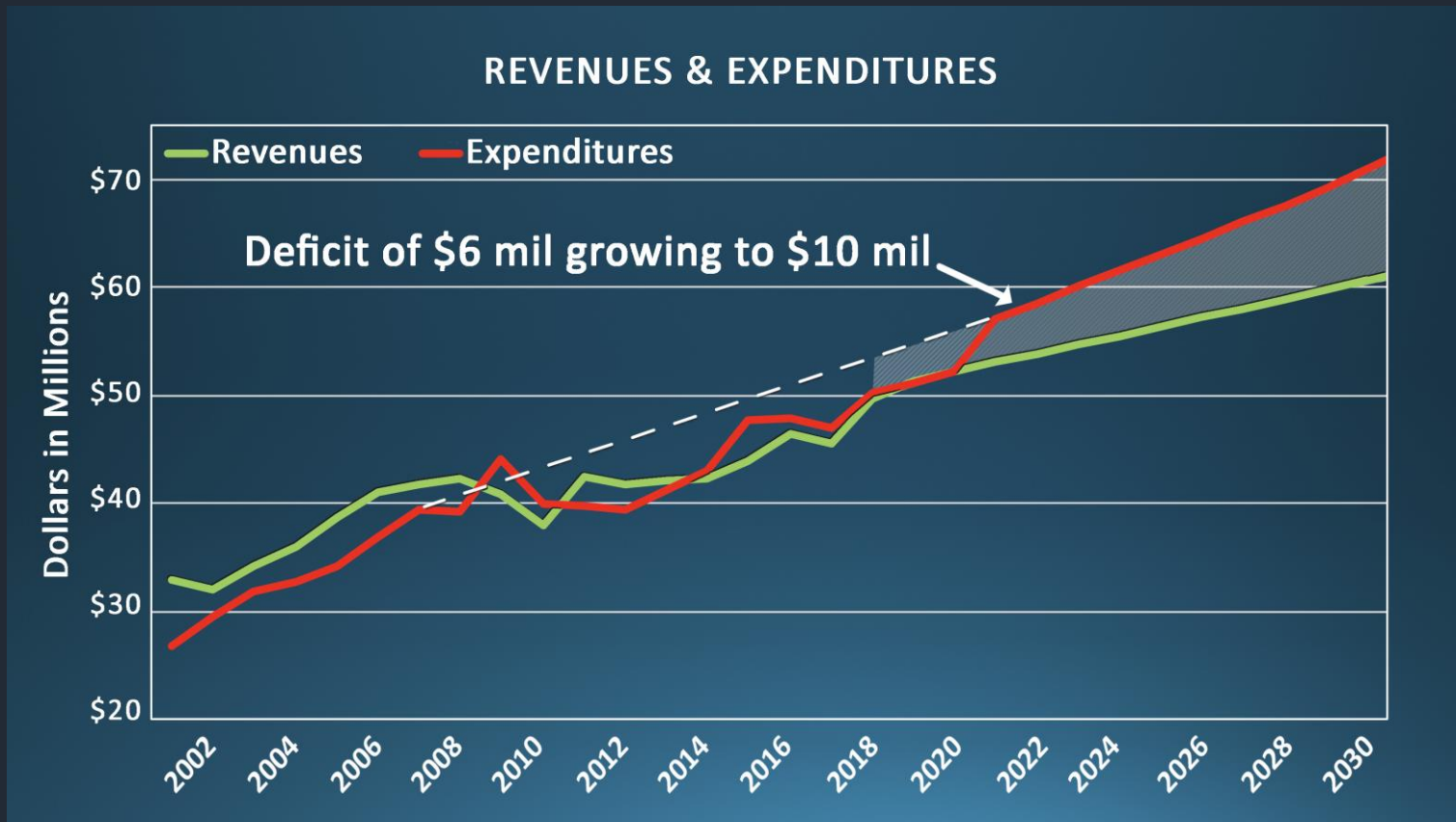


Measure L Citizens Oversight Committee

6932. Citizens Oversight. The City Council shall appoint a Citizens Oversight Committee to review revenues generated pursuant to this Chapter, and the expenditure thereof, as part of the City's budget preparation process.

Committee's Mission: To provide additional transparency through oversight of Measure L by reviewing revenues and expenditures generated by the measure.

Measure L Background



For several years prior to Measure L being passed (March 2020), the city's expenditures were growing faster than revenues

Three reasons:

- Loss of local control of our funding
- Flattening of revenues
- Rising cost of doing business

The Challenge: Preserving the “Lakewood Way”

Maintaining our local quality of life, keeping local property values high, keeping our streets well-maintained, maintaining our quality parks and recreational programs and protecting our public spaces and neighborhoods that keep our community a desirable place to live, do business and raise a family

Lakewood's Fiscal Responsibility

- In keeping with Lakewood's tradition of living within our means, the City had to make cuts and delays to critical projects to make ends meet
- On top of that, there is also a critical need to maintain our existing infrastructure that was literally falling apart



Measure L

- After considering all options on the table, the City Council decided to place the ballot measure for the voters to decide
- Measure L passed with 64% of the vote
- Revenues received from Measure L are intended to maintain the quality of life in Lakewood, including preservation of the Lakewood Way and to address infrastructure needs

Fiscal Environment – After Passage of Measure L

- Maintain core services and programs
- Addresses infrastructure needs
- Allows focus on long-term perspective

City Budget vs. ACFR

(Annual Comprehensive Financial Report)

- Budget: City's prospective work plan or "blueprint" using estimated funding inflows & outflows
- ACFR: City's formal report with actual results of the past fiscal year's activity (as of June 30th)
- Budget: Council formally adopted for a 2-year period and amended in between
- ACFR: Highly structured & covers only 1 fiscal year. Includes audit & opinion by an independent CPA firm

CITY OF LAKEWOOD:

General Fund Budget

	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	
	<u>Final Estimate</u>	<u>Adopted</u>	<u>Revised</u>
Sources:			
Revenues/Transfers in	\$ 76,543,194 *	\$ 71,780,362	\$ 77,077,018
Total Sources	\$ 76,543,194	\$ 71,780,362	\$ 77,077,018
Uses:			
Departmental Expenditures	66,529,312	64,481,479	70,360,258
CIP Set-Aside	3,500,000	3,000,000	3,100,000
Total Uses	70,029,312	67,481,479	73,460,258
Surplus	\$ 6,513,882	\$ 4,298,883	\$ 3,616,760

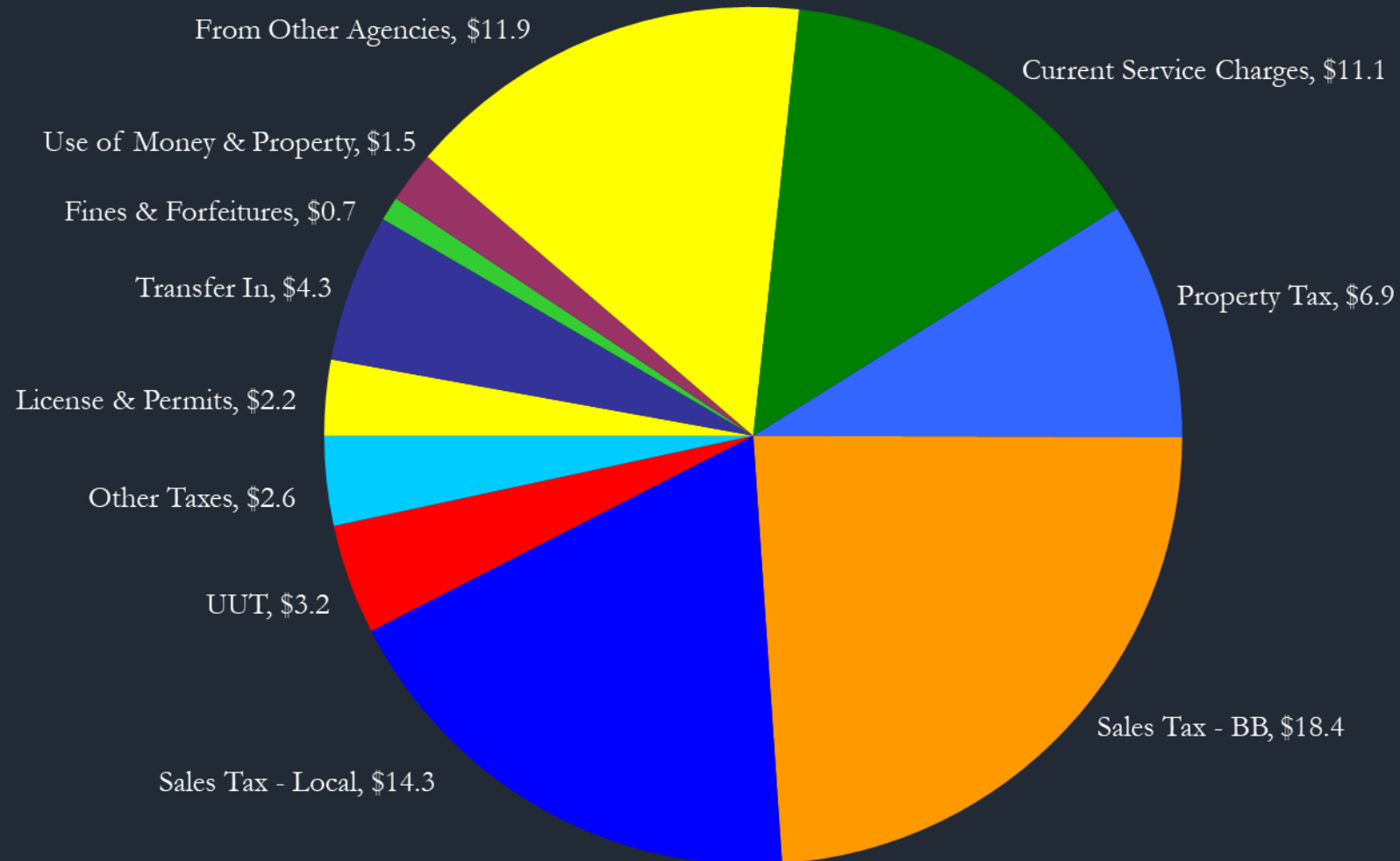
* Includes \$1,293,969 in one-time class action lawsuit settlement funds

Financial Outlook

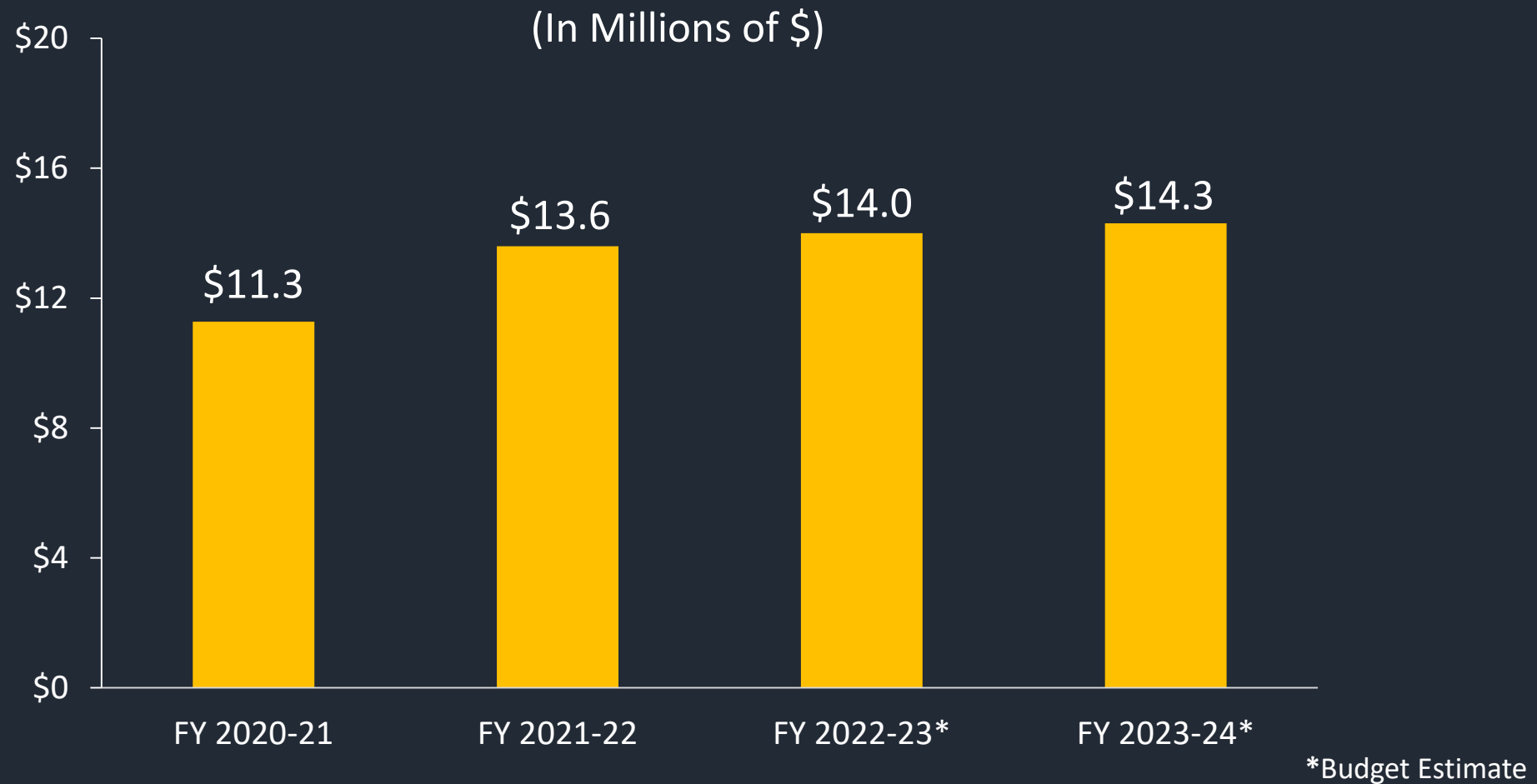
- FY 2022-23 Projected surplus: \$6.5 million
 - Actual amount will be known in the Fall
 - Reserves: \$38.7 million available
- Measure L: Not too late....or too soon
 - Continuation of City services
 - \$3-\$3.5 million in CIP funding each year
- Year-end surplus allows long-term fiscal security

FY 2023-24: General Fund Revenues

\$77.1 Million



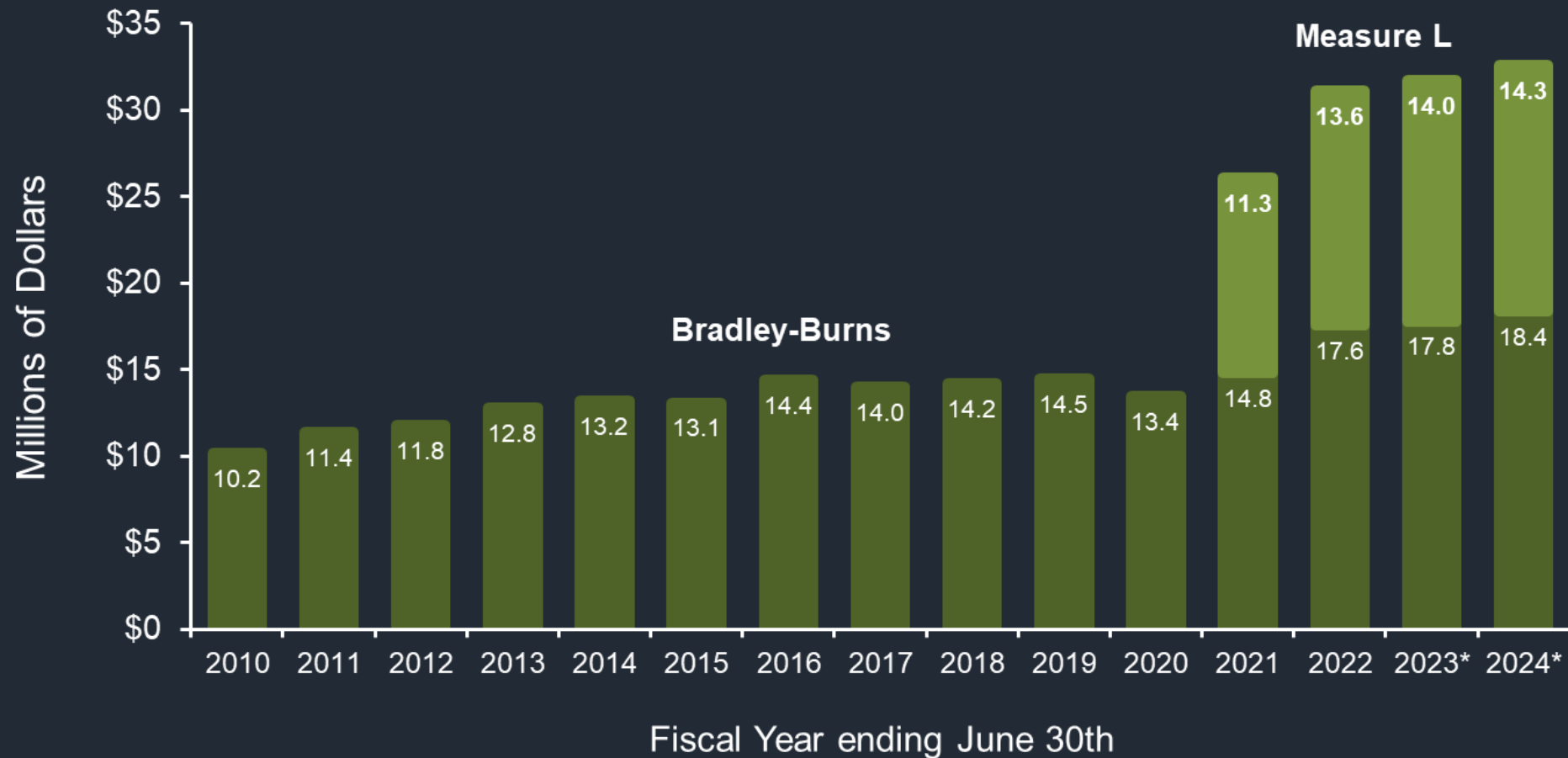
Measure L - Sales Tax Revenue



Sales Tax Revenue History

FY 2010 to FY 2024

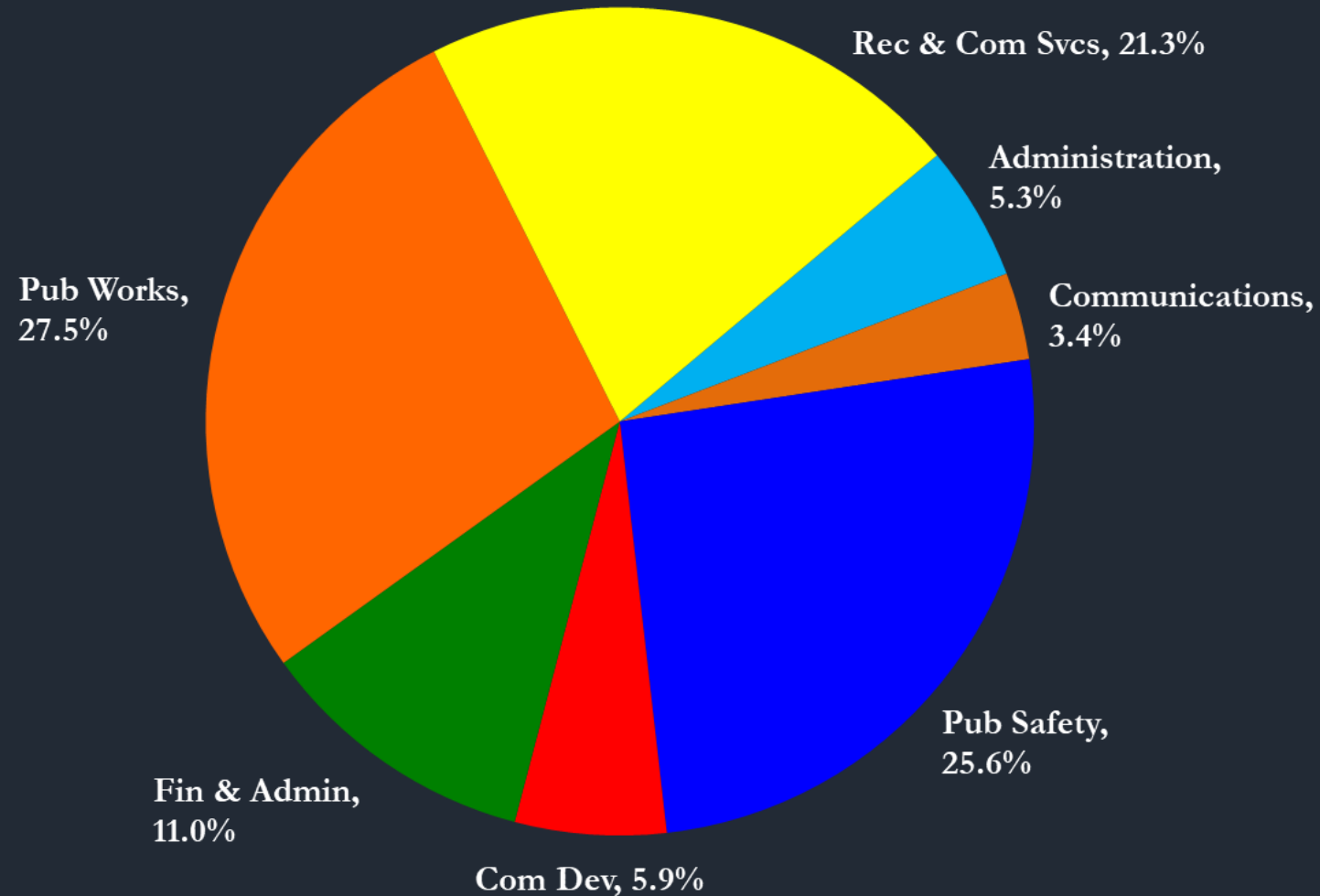
(in millions of \$)



*Estimate

FY 2023-24 : Departmental Expenditures

\$70.4 Million



Lakewood Budget Principles

- **Prudent Fiscal Management**
- **Strong Financial Oversight**
- **Living Within Our Means**

Budget Summary

- City continues to be well-positioned financially
- Able to maintain City programs/services
- Annually setting aside funds for needed infrastructure improvements
- Budget surpluses anticipated & part of long-term stabilization strategy

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