

To: Residents of the City of West Buechel, City Council Members, and Staff

From: Mayor Brenda Moore

Date: June 1, 2023

Subject: Budget Message

All,

We are looking forward to another productive year for the City of West Buechel with our top priorities being a fully staffed police department and another phase of drainage work being completed.

We will be focused on making sure that the City's budget is being funded correctly and used correctly to benefit the city residents. We must make certain we have resources that we need to provide services to all residents and businesses they need to ensure we remain a viable community. I look forward to using my experiences to support growth and have a sustainable future.

As we grow, we must maintain a good balance and not over promise and underdeliver. We want to do our best to enhance the quality of life and move forward from the past.

We have worked and continue to work to restore fiscal discipline to protect and promote the American Dream of diversity, equity, and inclusion for all.

#### Goals Completed:

- ✓ Completed our audits and financial reporting to the Department of Local Government. We submitted the 2022 audit 3 ½ months before the deadline.
- ✓ We have worked with many businesses to have each one report correctly.
- ✓ Committed the ARAP Funding to enhance the West Buechel Police Department.
- ✓ Continued to spend wisely and stay within our means.

#### Projects on Going and New:

- Continue to pursue all delinquent accounts.
- All City Street Signs replaced.
- Continue recruitment of Police Officers
- Explore and evaluate going to LED streetlights.
- Improvement to the City's infrastructure.

This year my budget allows us to grow, continue to make improvements to our city and continue to build our staff with well-qualified and experienced individuals.

#### Expenses:

1. Investment in infrastructure.
2. Continued recruitment of Police Officers.
3. Drainage Project with MSD for final phase.
4. Paving and Completion of Selma Avenue.
5. 20% increase in property, law enforcement, and workers' compensation coverage.
6. Increase in fuel cost.

Inflation has not only affected you as an individual but also overall city expenditures. The city will continue to plan for the future by keeping improvements to our infrastructure and keeping equipment up to date that make it a safer place to live and work.

I commit to you once again to spend wisely, to bring experienced staff on board and to continue to make improvements to our infrastructure.

**Conclusion:**

I am focusing on Police Officer recruitment and the MSD Drainage Project. I will continue to listen to the needs of our residents and what is best for the majority. I will continue to keep the city compliant with the Department of Local Government. I urge our residents to call city hall anytime with questions or concerns so that you get accurate information. Check our website for information, ordinances, and city meetings minutes. Often inaccurate information gets distributed to residents or more information is needed which would make a difference of opinion. Please remember that the city **does not have a Facebook Page, so post and comments on the page may just be an opinion or not enough information included to make a qualified opinion/decision where you stand on an issue.**

Warm Regards,

Mayor Brenda Moore