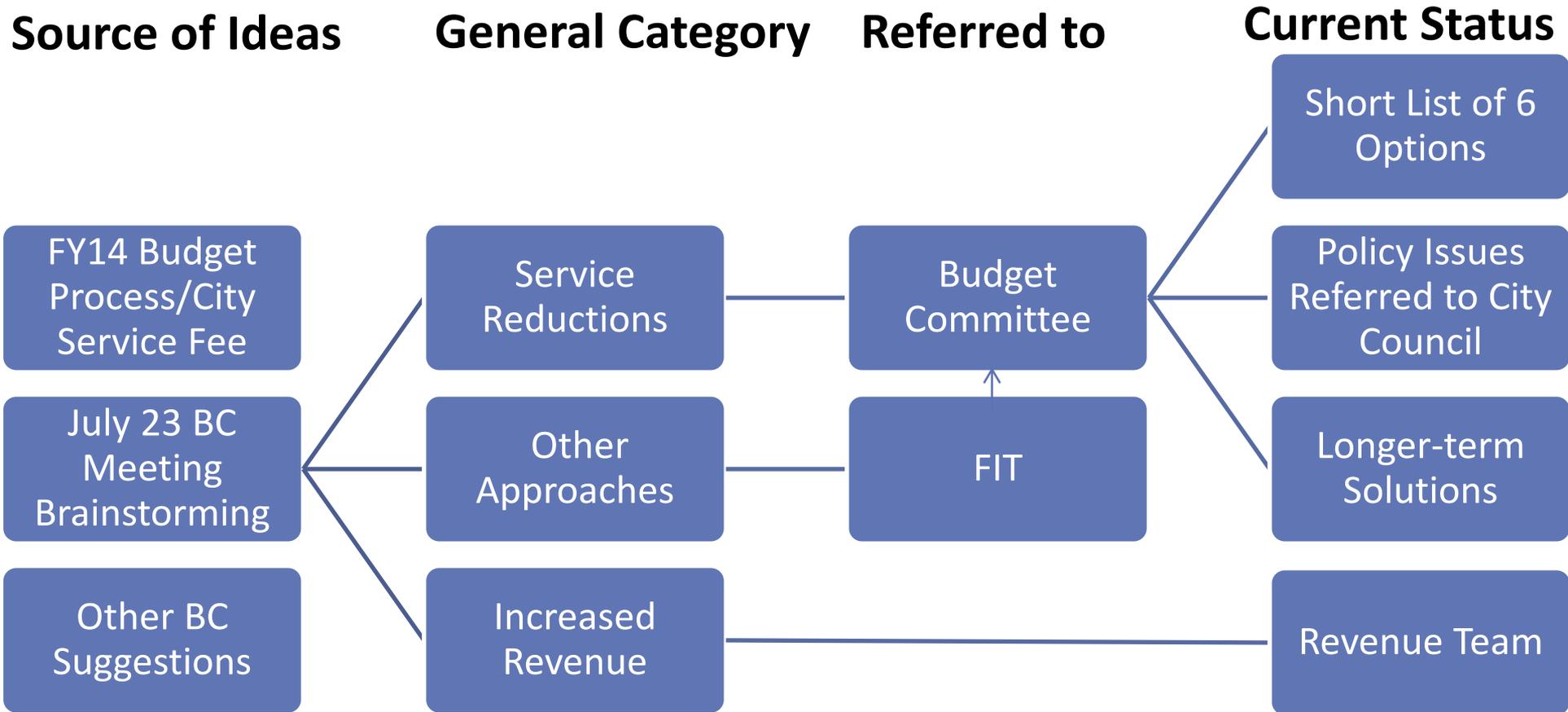


Budget Discussion: Council Policy Items

City Council
January 13, 2014



FY15 Budget Balancing Ideas





Council Policy Items for FY15 Budget

- Staff Recommendation:
 - Refer three revenue items to the Revenue Team for consideration.
 - None of the other items should be considered for balancing the FY15 budget.
- Some of these items are / will be scheduled for policy discussions not related to the budget.





Council Policy Items for FY15 Budget

- Discontinue MUPTE
- Fund Capital Improvements with Bonds
- Increase Transient Room Tax
- Create Business License Fee
- Create Bicycle Registration Fee
- Terminate Riverfront Urban Renewal District
- Use Parking Funds to Solve Budget Gap



Discontinue MUPTE

- What the FIT said:
 - No potential for solving the FY15 budget gap
 - Consider reducing the exemption time period for future projects
- Council has suspended the program pending additional policy discussions.
- Staff Recommendation: Take this item off the list for consideration in solving the FY15 budget gap.





Fund Capital Improvements with Bonds

- What the FIT said:
 - Asking voters to approve GO bonds would increase available revenues for a limited time period.
 - Bonds paid from existing revenues could be used but would reduce dollars available for capital purposes.
 - Either approach would cost more money than using current pay-as-you-go method
- Staff Recommendation: Take this item off the list for consideration in solving the FY15 budget gap.





Increase Revenues

- Three ideas were included:
 - Transient Room Tax
 - Business License Fee
 - Bicycle Registration Fee
- Staff Recommendation: Refer to the Revenue Team.





Terminate the Riverfront Urban Renewal District

- What the FIT said:
 - This could provide ~\$360K per year in ongoing funding to the General Fund, plus 1X\$ from tax increment funds remaining at district termination.
- Staff Recommendation: This item should not be considered for balancing the FY15 budget. Further conversations are needed about the potential use of UR dollars for redevelopment of the EWEB site.





Use Parking Funds to Solve Budget Gap

- What the FIT said:
 - There may be funds that could be used to solve the budget gap, but ...
 - Parking garages have significant unfunded deferred maintenance needs.
 - Consider impacts on downtown.
- Staff Recommendation: Take this item off the list for consideration in solving the FY15 budget gap.



Parking Fund Transfer History

Budgeted Amounts	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15
Downtown Police	\$760	\$771	\$784	\$797
Central Service Allocation	207	268	273	226
General Fund Support	<u>1,137</u>	<u>1,166</u>	<u>928</u>	<u>972</u>
Total	\$2,104	\$2,205	\$1,985	\$1,995

Actual Amount	\$1,536	\$1,775		
Shortfall	(\$568)	(\$430)		





Summary of Recommendations

Do Not Consider for FY15 Budget
(maybe in a future year)

Refer to Revenue Team

Drop from Further Budget Consideration

Terminate Riverfront URD

Parking Funds

Transient Room Tax

Business License Fee

Bicycle Registration Fee

Discontinue MUPTE

Bonds for Capital