

laid out potential long-term damages and difficult recovery. As the city progresses on through its next decade, staff and elected leaders must observe and prepare for economic adjustments.

These potentially turbulent factors could affect the entire region, driving up costs for various services and materials while at the same time placing potential project delays, budget adjustments, and contractor availability on an accelerated path. Still within the realm of possibility are potential rising interest rates and increased construction costs which always have an adverse effect on borrowing, construction, and development initiatives within the city and the region.

Properly balancing community needs with services and financial capabilities will become tantamount over 2019 and beyond. Alternative revenue sources may become critically important for Dunwoody to sustainably address the growing priorities and service levels which advance annually. The City will need to carefully plan and adapt its approach to funding personnel, operations and capital projects in order to address impending issues and challenges.

2019 Summary

By addressing the need for a sustained approach to economic investment and planning and closely matching service levels with community expectations, the City developed the proposed FY 2019 Budget in a manner consistent with previous years of successful stability. The city accounted for important public safety, infrastructure and quality of life initiatives to create a healthy and prolonged strategy for financial and operational prioritization. Dunwoody has an established history of sound management practices and the FY 2019 Budget continues to serve in that manner. The FY 2019 Budget seeks to establish a balance between quality services and financial reliability.

A continued approach of fiscally conservative policy and spending creates a stronger city, equipped to handle future uncertainties. Coupled with organized planning and the ability to leverage specialized funding sources the City can effectively bring about a better Dunwoody. We look forward to reviewing and discussing the FY 2019 Budget proposal over the next two months and appreciate your thoughtful input throughout the process.

Sincerely,



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