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Dumfries Town Council Adopts 2021 Fiscal Plans

April 23, 2020 –The Dumfries Town Council adopted the Town’s Fiscal Plan for FY 2021 and the Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2021 - 2025. The \$5.6M operating budget, which maintains current tax rates, reflects the strategic goals of the Town with investments made in the areas of Public Safety, Economic Vitality, Sustainability and Infrastructure, and Well-Managed Government.

Highlighted General Fund enhancements include:

- 2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for all agency employees
- 100% employer-funded healthcare for all Town employees
- Increased starting salary for Police officers to \$60,000
- Funding to hire additional Planning staff to improve development reviews
- *Destination Dumfries Initiative* loan program to support property enhancements for new businesses

“I want to commend the staff for their hard work in putting together the budget,” stated Mayor Derrick Wood. “The enhancements in personnel position us to be highly competitive in our region, with regards to recruitment. I am excited that in spite of the unique challenges of the present times, we are able to fund priorities without tapping into our reserves or increasing our debt capacity.”

The Adopted Capital Improvement Plan is one of the boldest in the Town’s recent history and is fully funded through grants and Pay-As-You-Go cash, resulting in no additional impact to the Town’s debt capacity. Keith Rogers Jr., Town Manager recommended funding the enhancements and delaying implementation until the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2021. Stating, “We are in the midst of unprecedented times. This budget seeks to address the harsh realities of the present, while yet – making plans for a brighter future. My staff worked diligently to include projects that are responsive to the requests of the community, while balancing fiscal constraints. We are excited to work with the community to bring their ideas to fruition.”

The Fiscal Plan Documents, including the Town Manager’s overview presentations are available on the Town’s website: <https://www.dumfriesva.gov/government/departments/finance/budget.php>