



# Police Officer Funding

October 16, 2017



# Police Officers Background

- ▶ April: Council authorized the addition of 5 new Police Officers
  - ▶ Funding to be discussed at a future date
- ▶ Increased patrol strength on each shift by 1 Police Officer (4 Total)
- ▶ 1 Police Officer to function as the School Resource Officer Current Funding Status:
  - ▶ 2 Police Officers are funded and identified in the hiring process
    - ▶ 1 Police Officer funded through 4.5 cent increase in Property Tax
    - ▶ 1 Police Officer funded through 50 cent per month Public Safety Support Fee and State Marijuana Tax
  - ▶ 3 Police Officers remain Unfunded



# Hiring Process Update

- ▶ Funded Officer update
  - ▶ 1 Police Officer to be hired in 2 weeks
  - ▶ 1 Police Officer to be hired in December (potentially)
- ▶ 2 recruit Police Officers will be on solo duty during next tourist season
  
- ▶ Status of the yet to be funded 3 Police Officers
  - ▶ 1 in background
  - ▶ 2 not identified, open recruitment
    - ▶ Testing/Interview November
    - ▶ Feb/March academy



# Potential Expenditure Reductions

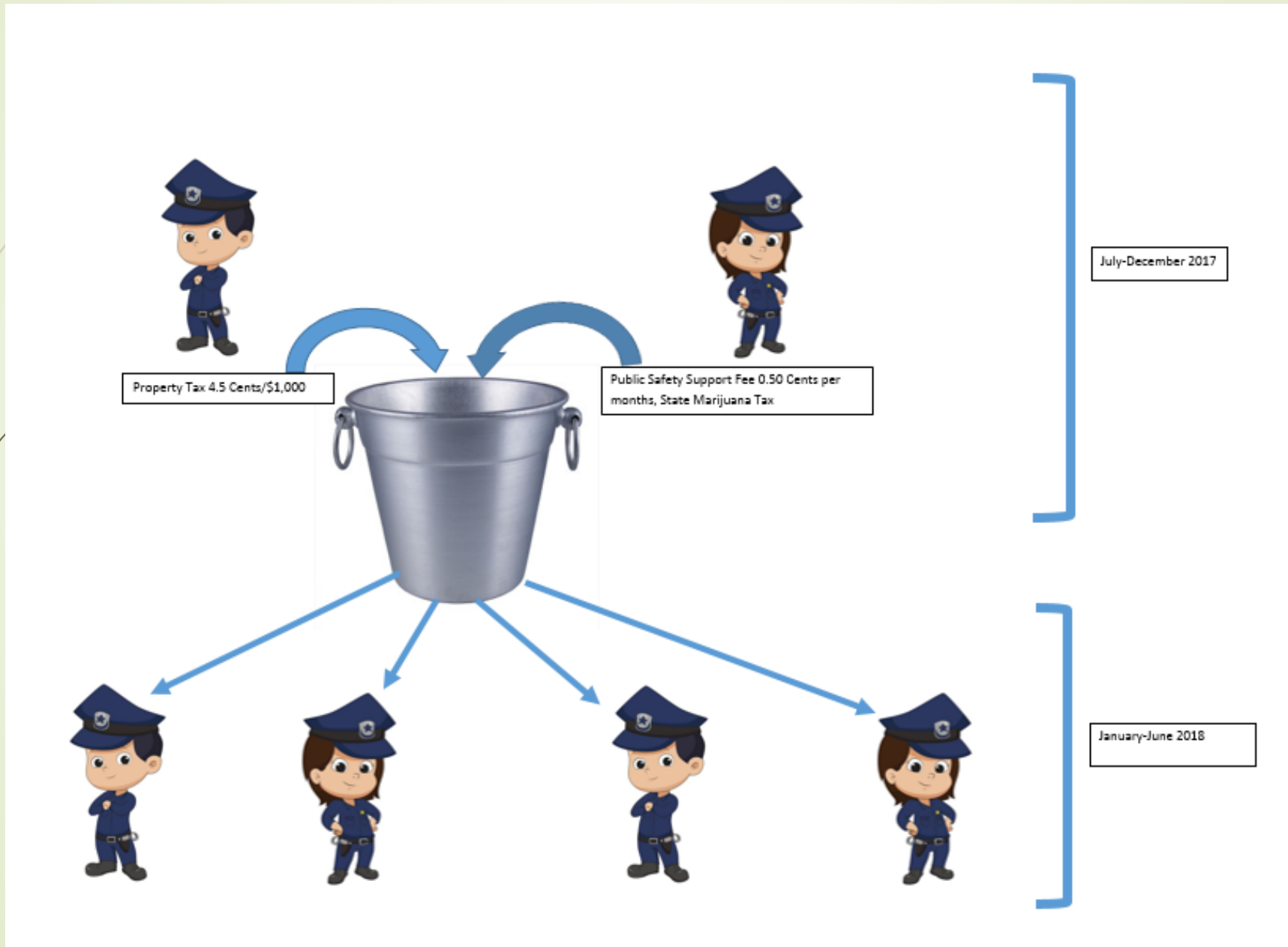
- ▶ General Fund is constrained in potential reductions
- ▶ Major Expenditures:
  - ▶ Police
  - ▶ Fire
  - ▶ Community Development
  - ▶ Social Service Grants: 2 Year Contracts (\$265,000 per Biennium)
  - ▶ Economic Development Grants: 1 Year Contracts (\$1.6 million per Biennium)
- ▶ Reduction in General Fund expenditures would necessitate a reduction in service levels.



# Potential Revenue Enhancements

- ▶ Transient Occupancy Tax Increase: Each 1% increase funds an additional Police Officer, Also provides \$250,000 for Tourism Infrastructure
- ▶ Public Safety Support Fee Increase: Each \$1/per funds 1 Officer
- ▶ FY 2018/19 Property Tax Increase: FY 2017/18 Funded 1 Officer
- ▶ Food and Beverage Tax: Potential Update to distribution formula
- ▶ Live Entertainment Ticket Tax: Unknown revenue amount
- ▶ Parking Meter Fees: Estimated to generated \$1 million per year
- ▶ Local Gas Tax: No clear nexus with Officers

# Year 1 Proposal





# Staff Recommendation

- ▶ Increase TOT by 1% to fund an additional officer and use the 70% restricted for tourism infrastructure, effective July 1, 2018
- ▶ Authorize the hiring of 2 additional Police Officer, and implement a \$2 increase in the Public Safety Support fee on July 1, 2018
- ▶ Continue exploring outside funding sources for the School Resource Officer
  - ▶ If outside funding identified, then reduce Public Safety Support Fee by \$1