



CITY OF EMERYVILLE

BUDGET PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION

“The City of Emeryville provides innovative and responsive services to the community to create and sustain a vibrant, livable city.”

Budget Principles

1. *Current year expenditures should be supported by current year revenues. One-time revenues should not be used for ongoing costs, but should instead be used for necessary one-time expenditures or to strengthen fund reserves.*
2. *Fund balances should be maintained in all major operating funds that provide for unforeseen circumstances. The appropriate level of fund balance depends on the particular fund.*
3. *Unfunded liabilities should be identified and funded with surplus funds when they are available. Liabilities that are currently accruing should be funded currently.*
4. *When necessary, a strategy should be formulated and implemented to address potential impacts of the State budget and other State actions that may affect City revenues.*
5. *The operating costs of any planned capital improvement should be estimated in the planning stage, so that these amounts can be recognized and budgeted.*
6. *Capital improvement projects, including related maintenance costs, should be identified with community input. The funding of many of these projects will require current, planned resources, such as special revenues, grants, and surplus general funds. The City will adhere to prudent spending of discretionary funds to allow the City to provide the necessary resources for capital improvements, including one-time expenditures and adequate replacement reserves.*