## FY 2024 PROPOSED REVENUE BUDGET

CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP

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#### BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

• To build a stronger Richmond and improve quality of life for all citizens by...



Making progress in a climate of economic uncertainty Planning a prosperous future to improve the quality of life for all Richmonders

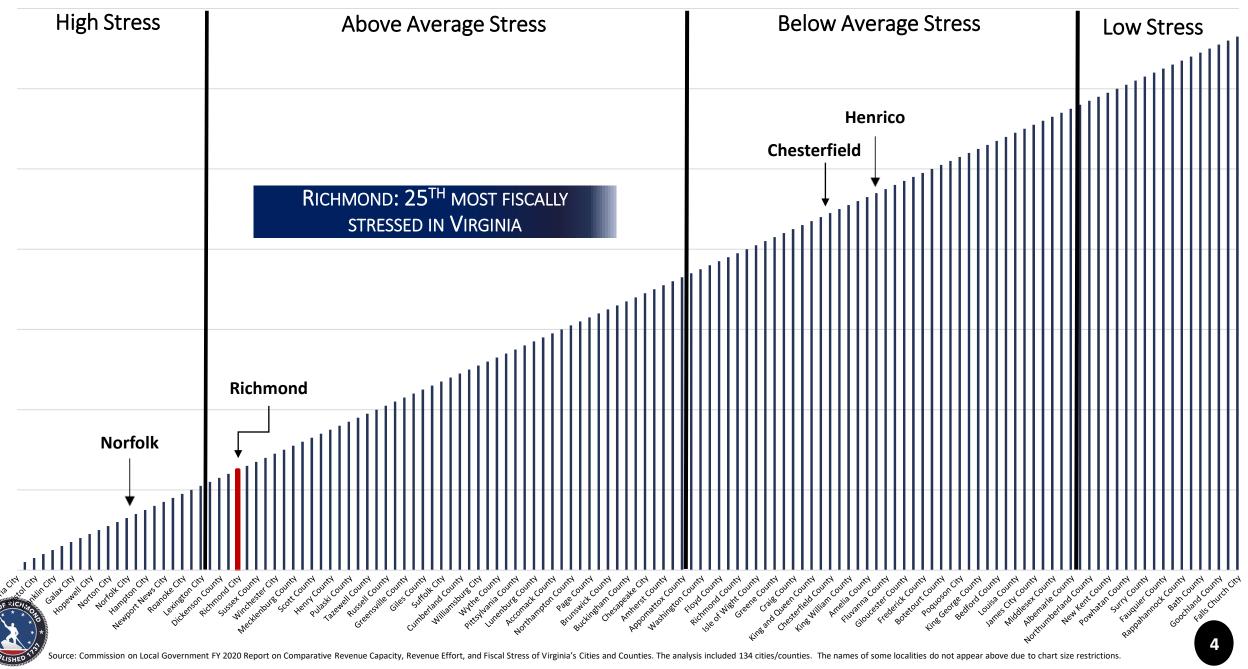


# How Does Richmond Compare to Its Neighbors In Being Able to Raise Revenue?

- The Fiscal Stress Index: an index that illustrates a locality's ability to generate additional local revenues from its current tax base relative to the rest of the Commonwealth.
- The index is offered as a means to distribute state aid to 95 counties and 38 cities in the Commonwealth. The three components are:
  - 1. Revenue capacity per capita (the theoretical ability of a locality to raise revenue)
  - 2. Revenue effort
  - 3. Median household income



#### **Comparison of All Virginia Localities**



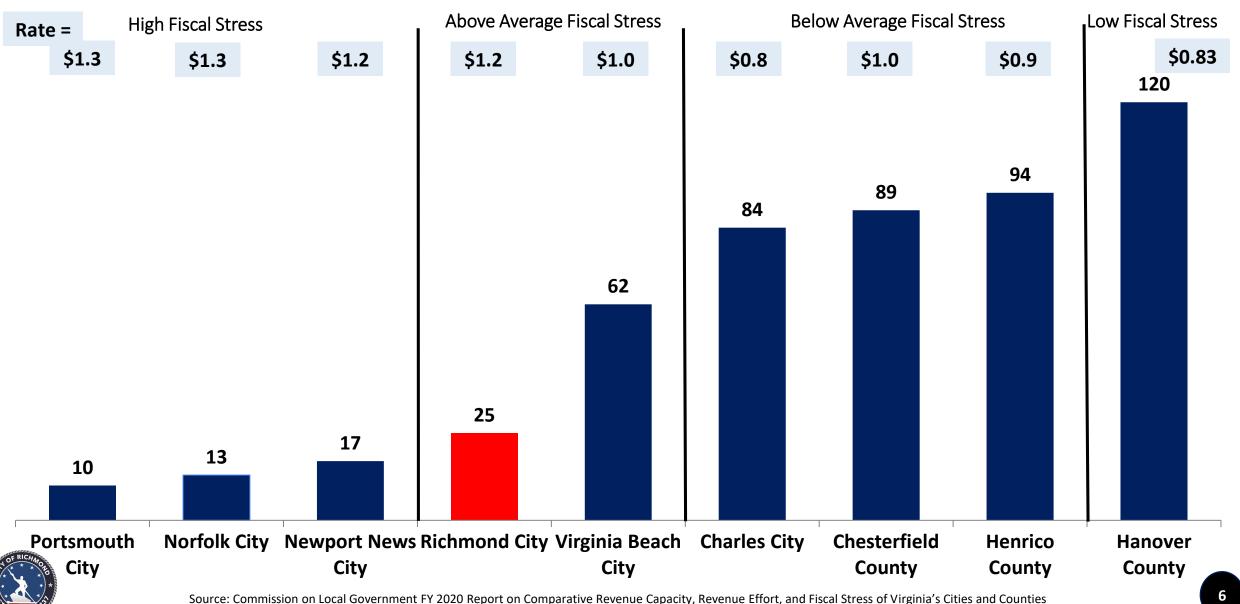
#### CHANGE FROM 2022 OF FISCAL STRESS RANKINGS

Locality	2020 Class	2019 Class
Albemarle County	Below Average	Low
Buchanan County	Above Average	High
Chesapeake City	Above Average	Below Average
Dickenson County	Above Average	High
Dinwiddie County	Below Average	Above Average
Fredericksburg City	Below Average	Above Average
Prince George County	Above Average	Below Average
Richmond City	Above Average	High
Roanoke County	Above Average	Below Average
Stafford County	Below Average	Low
Virginia Beach City	Above Average	Below Average
Washington County	Below Average	Above Average



Source: Commission on Local Government FY 2020 Report on Comparative Revenue Capacity, Revenue Effort, and Fiscal Stress of Virginia's Cities and Counties

### COMPARISON OF FISCAL STRESS AND REAL ESTATE TAX RATES



#### How the Economic Climate Impacts Our Revenues

- We have to look at the economic indicators:
  - Gross Domestic Product (GDP).
  - Labor Force Participation (Employment and Unemployment).
  - $\odot \mbox{Price trends and inflation}$  (Consumer Price Index).
- Key questions:
  - $\odot \text{How}$  will a recession affect the Richmond region?
  - How will an economic downturn impact city revenues and financial decisions?



#### IS A RECESSION COMING AND WHAT WILL IT MEAN FOR RICHMOND?

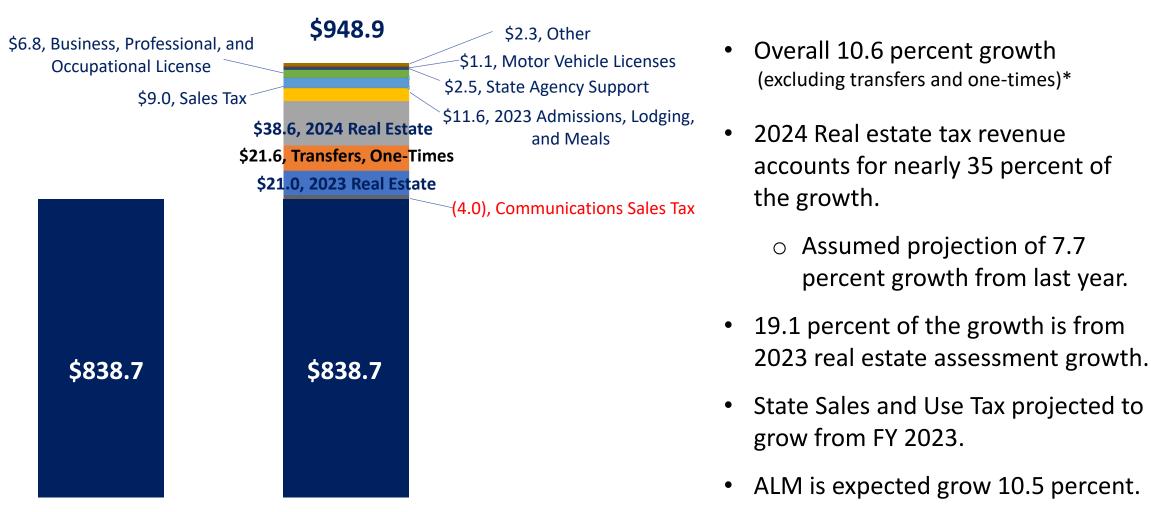
- Economists suggest we are in unchartered territory. Some indicators point to a recession, while others show rebounding and slight growth. In 2022:
  - Richmond employment grew 1.3 percent and unemployment dropped from 3.2 to 2.9 percent.
  - Prices in the southern US grew 7 percent compared to 6.5 for US cities overall.
- At the national level, a recession may look mild in comparison to 2008.
- As of the end of last year, service providers and businesses remain cautious about adding to payrolls and taking on additional expenses until revenues are comfortably outpacing costs.

### CITY SERVICES ARE NOT IMMUNE TO ECONOMIC CHANGES

- Richmond's population continues to increase.
- Employee recruiting and retention is extremely competitive. • Tight labor market
  - $\odot$  Higher expectations and competition for salary, benefits, and incentives.
- Inflationary increases
  - O Energy (fuel, natural gas, electricity)
  - $\circ$  Contractual increases
  - ○IT, vehicles, insurance, goods and services, and construction costs.
- In FY 2024, we must be wise with allocation of revenues and resources.



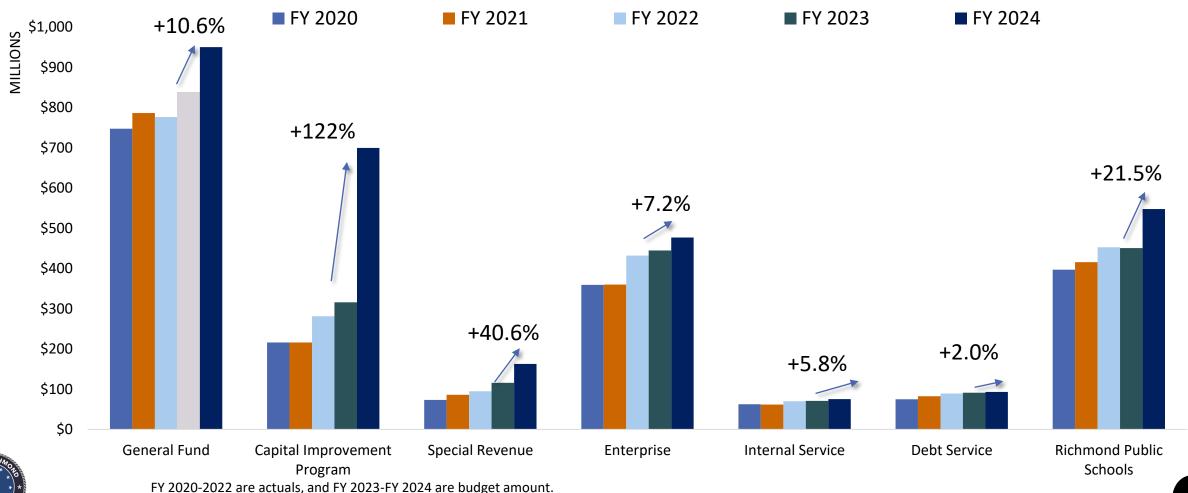
### GENERAL FUND REVENUES ARE REBOUNDING: \$948.9 MILLION GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET FOR FY 2024



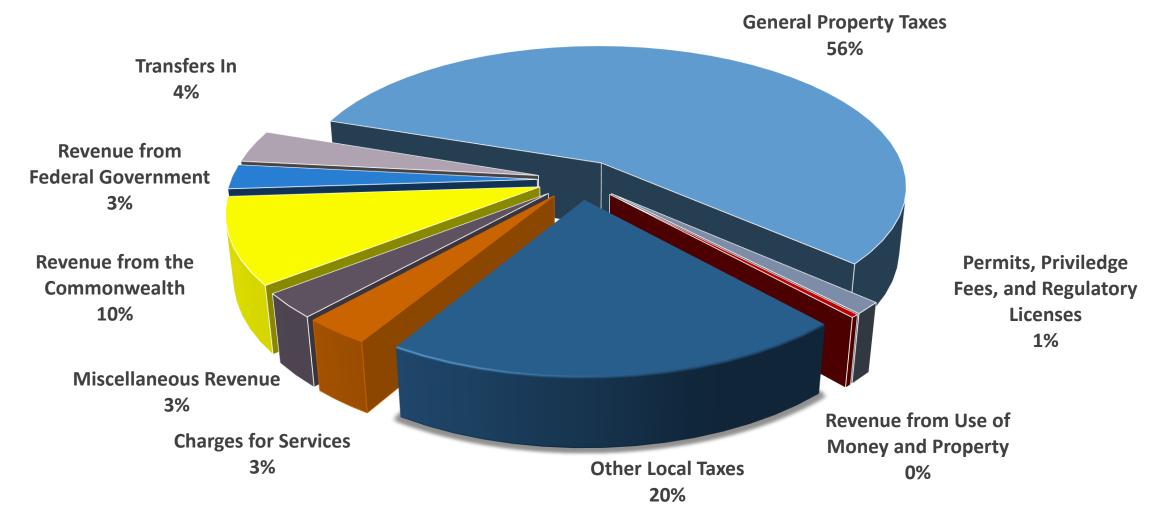


Note: Transfers and one-time revenue include money that can only be used for a specific purpose. One-times include money that was only present the prior year which are no longer available.

#### Revenue from FY 2020 – FY 2024, Percent Change From FY 2023



#### Sources of the General Fund





### GENERAL FUND REVENUE TIMELINE



 Real Estate and personal property taxes are levied in the fall and spring.

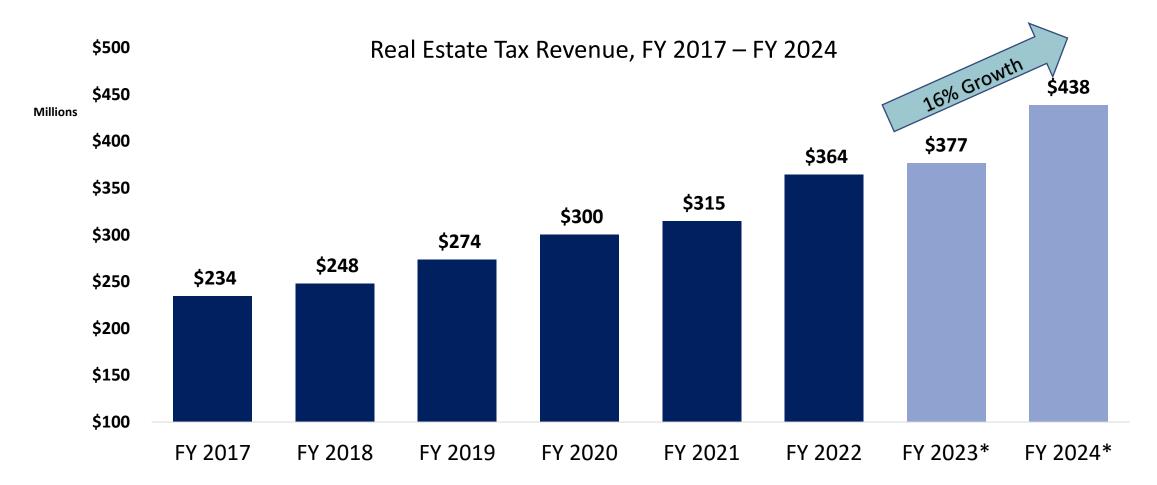
 Business License Renewal, Business Returns and Business Personal Property Filings are due in March.

 Admission, Lodging, and Meals taxes are filed monthly and are due by the 20<sup>th</sup> for the previous months receipts.



#### REAL ESTATE TAX REVENUE IS THE SINGLE LARGEST SOURCE

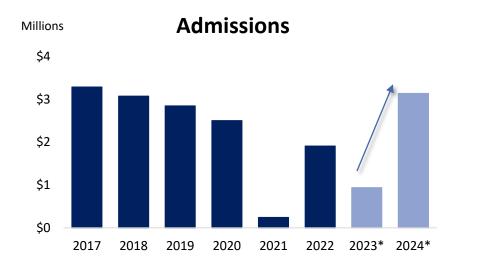
FY 2024 real estate tax revenues projected to increase approximately 16 percent from FY 2023.

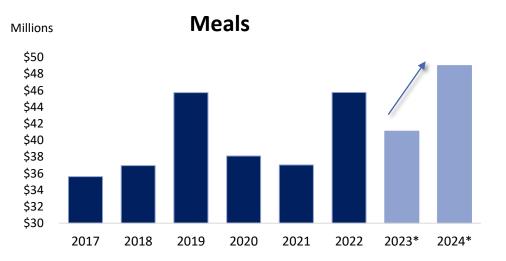




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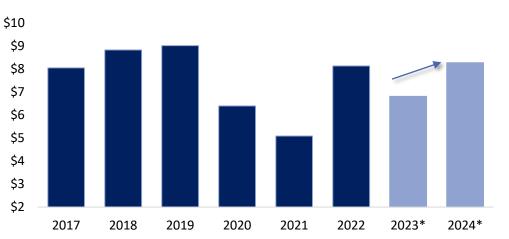
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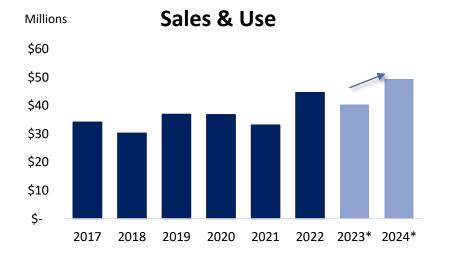
Lodging Tax

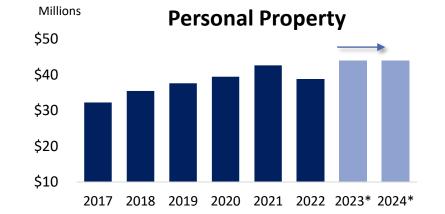


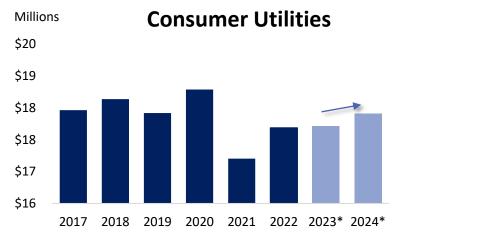


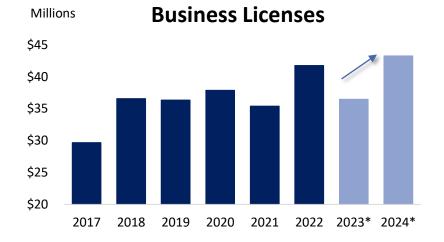
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