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**CITY OF AZUSA ADOPTS BUDGET WITH UNPRECEDENTED RESERVES AND INVESTMENTS
IN LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE, FACILITIES, AND CRITICAL COMMUNITY NEEDS**

AZUSA – At their regular meeting on June 20, 2022, the Azusa City Council adopted the City’s Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget along with key spending priorities, including over \$13 million toward various community improvements. Following another year of significant financial impacts to local communities across the country as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Azusa remains in a strong financial position with a balanced General Fund Budget of \$55.2 million, over 55% in reserves, and a surplus of approximately \$9.3 million after all anticipated expenditures for the year.

“This marks the healthiest budget the City has seen in several years, and we are very pleased with the direction the City is going”, said Mayor Robert Gonzales. “The past couple years of the pandemic and the health restrictions that followed highlighted the lasting value of our parks and community facilities – that is why the City’s spending priorities include some of the largest investments in our local infrastructure and community gathering places to date,” he said.

Community improvements identified by the City Council will include a comprehensive modernization of various popular facilities such as the Azusa Library, Senior Center, Memorial Park campus, Women’s Club, Boy Scout House, and the construction of a new Dog Park (the City’s first). The City also set aside additional funds for enhancements to Azusa’s downtown, along with \$500,000 in assistance to local businesses through a Small Business Support Grant Program. Following a public study session last month, the City Council also earmarked approximately \$2 million to address impacts related to those experiencing homelessness in the City.

“This budget reflects the City’s core values. It is an investment in local infrastructure, modernizes our aging facilities, and expands resources for our youth, seniors, and our most vulnerable populations, while being fiscally prudent and building upon the City’s reserves,” said City Manager Sergio Gonzalez.

The City of Azusa also announced at last night’s meeting that it has received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. This award recognizes local government budget documents of the highest quality that reflect both the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and the GFOA’s best practices.

For additional information about the City’s budget, please visit the Azusa City website or contact the City’s Finance Division at 626-812-5203.

About Azusa

Founded in 1887, Azusa is a thriving community of some 50,000 residents. Nestled against the San Gabriel Mountain foothills in the County of Los Angeles, Azusa has been recognized for its diverse community programs, premier public parks and facilities, and business friendly initiatives.

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