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Good Evening Council President and Members,

I want to thank the members of the BEA for their hard work on this recommended budget for the 2021 year. I want to thank the department heads of all of our city services. The budget being presented to you is a bare bones budget that keeps in mind the important city services and the shortfalls that have been dealt to our city during C0vid-19. Every department has seen a decrease or has come in equal to their 2020 budgets. Our youth center has consolidated positions in order to make room for lasting positions to better suit our youth. As well as playing a small role in our senior center. Our Senior Center is in the most need of resources and hopefully we can prioritize them if we are able to attain federal relief. Our clerk's office will be down a full-time worker understanding that our great workers in that office are very much overworked and we are grateful for them. DPW has seen cuts across the board as well as Police both have departments have seen changes in personnel. In the Legislative branch which unbodies you all, our Common Council President has chosen to forgo his entire salary for the 2021 year. There are still possible negotiations on the table that could save the city an additional 100k. Regardless of how they play out I am grateful for all the sacrifices that have been made city-wide. I want to go on record to thank all of our city workers for their contribution to the work and a budget that will not increase any property taxes. As well as not deplete our fund balance. Our citizens are our number one priority and our city will still be fully functional.

Thank you

Mayor Kamal Johnson