The biennial budget is a key communication tool that shows the public what they are getting for their money and where the City is headed in the future. The Budget is linked to the City's Strategic Plan, which was developed with widespread Council and community involvement. The Strategic Plan contains goals:

**3 Year Goals (2002)**
- Improve and Preserve our Quality of Life
- Reduce Transportation Congestion and Improve Traffic
- Address Riverside's Social Concerns with Community Involvement
- Beautify the City
- Increase our Investment in Youth and Children

**Additional Goals (2004)**
- Economic Development
- Growth and Annexation
- Transportation
- Livable Communities and Neighborhoods

These goals are at the heart of what our community expects from its local government. In turn, these goals are woven throughout the FY 2005/06 Biennial Budget, which allocates the resources necessary to achieving our shared vision.
Total Budget by Fund Type

The City’s total combined annual budget for FY 2005/06 is $653.2 million.

The City’s principal General Fund revenue sources include taxes (mainly sales, utility users, and property taxes), and licenses and permit fees. Combined, these revenues comprise approximately 69 percent of the General Fund Revenues.

Multiple businesses

$188.8 Million excludes transfers

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It may be helpful to think of the different city funds as multiple businesses. Just as businesses vary by size and revenue, so do the various city funds, with some performing better financially than others. There is a tendency to equate the City’s General Fund with the City’s financial status as a whole, but it is important to remember that the General Fund is just one of many funds, or places of city business.

Where it comes from?

Where it goes to?

The General Fund provides core city services including police, fire, parks, recreation, street maintenance, planning, and animal control. The FY 2005/06 General Fund budget, including transfers to the Library, and Refuse totals $191.9 million.