Monterey, CA – The City of Monterey's budget faces a devastating loss of $31 million over the span of two years as a result of Covid-19. The State’s Stay at Home and Monterey County Health Department’s Shelter in Place orders required the temporary closure of many of the City’s facilities and the cancellation of many cherished community programs and services, including those provided by the Monterey Public Library, Monterey Sports Center, four community centers, and the Monterey Conference Center.

The City’s priorities during this global pandemic continue to be to 1) maintain public safety; 2) keep core functions of local government operational; and 3) encourage a speedy recovery to our economic engines. Despite the passing of Measure G, the City is facing a structural deficit.

“It is imperative that the City’s budget is balanced,” said City Manager Hans Uslar. “The devastation of our General Fund revenues force us to look at our core services in search of adapting new standards, which we can actually afford.”

We need your input! The community is invited to attend a virtual town hall on Monday, June 1, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The registration link is available at the top of the page at www.monterey.org/coronavirus. Residents should register if they want to actively participate. They can also watch the town hall at youtube.com/cityofmonterey.
For any questions, please contact the City Manager’s Office at (831) 646-3760, or visit https://monterey.org/Coronavirus/Fiscal-Impacts-and-Labor-Issues.