Motion: Approve the revised 2019 budget as presented.

Background: Based on revenue projections, the Mayor requested all general fund departments to make cuts to their proposed 2019 budgets. Collectively, those cuts were to total approximately $1.5 million.

Because the library constitutes about five percent of the general fund budget, we sought to find an equivalent amount in cuts, totaling approximately $80,000; the cuts presented achieved that goal. While the process required the reduction of some services, for example magazines and databases and the proposed mobile library pilot project, it also allowed the opportunity to find further efficiencies, such as with maintenance contracts. The cuts are shown in highlights on the budget spreadsheet.

In addition to budget cuts, the line item for interdepartmental charges will be removed entirely. This has simply been an accounting transfer, and its elimination does not impact the library’s operational budget.