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## Buffalo Common Council Approves Amended 2023-24 Budget

**Buffalo, N.Y.** - The Buffalo Common Council has voted 6-3 in favor of adopting the Mayor's Proposed 2023-24 Budget following deliberations and negotiations that started on Thursday, May 18, 2023 after the Council's Special Meeting on the Mayor's Proposed Budget went into recess.

Several amendments were made to the Mayor's Proposed budget to better align with the evolving priorities of the city. In recognition of the need for prudent financial planning, the Council has reduced \$5 million to the administration's estimated cannabis revenue and corresponding expenditures. These adjustments will contribute to maintaining a balanced budget and safeguarding the city's financial stability.

To optimize resource allocation and support community safety initiatives, the Council has made strategic cuts of \$2 million to the Police Department overtime budget and \$1.5 million to the Fire Department overtime budget. These reductions were carefully assessed to minimize any potential impact on public safety while ensuring that taxpayer dollars are utilized efficiently.

In a further commitment to transparency and accountability, Council President Darius Pridgen announced that the administration will now be required to submit Police and Fire overtime reports to the Council in writing every two months. This measure will enhance oversight and enable the Council to monitor the utilization of overtime resources within city departments.

While the property tax and garbage fee increases in the Mayor's proposed budget remain unchanged, the Council recognizes the importance of balancing the needs of the community with the resources available. These increases will contribute to the sustainable delivery of essential services and the ongoing maintenance of Buffalo's infrastructure.

University District Council Member Rasheed N.C. Wyatt, North District Council Member Joseph Golobek Jr., and Lovejoy District Council Member Bryan J. Bollman voted against the adopted budget.

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