

Capital Projects

Using restricted monies allocated from other governmental agencies, and remaining amounts from redevelopment revenue; the City was able to budget capital projects totaling \$43 million in FY15-16.

SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS:

Wilmington/I-405 Freeway Interchange	\$15.9 Million
Carson Street Master Plan	\$17 Million
Dominguez Channel Bike & Pedestrian Path	\$1.3 Million
39 other projects to improve the City's parks, streets and other infrastructure	\$8.8 Million

Did You Know?

On June 14, 2015, the City of Carson was named the recipient of the 2015 All-America City Award given by the National Civic League (NCL). Carson was one of 10 communities that received this award across the country that has developed innovative solutions to pressing problems.



The three community-driven projects for which the City of Carson got the All-America City Award for are:

- The Gang Diversion Team
- The Male Success Alliance (MSA)
- The Joseph B. Jr. and Mary Anne O'Neal Stroke Center



Dolphin Park

City Officials

Mayor
ALBERT ROBLES
Mayor Pro Tempore
LULA DAVIS-HOLMES
Council Member
ELITO M. SANTARINA
Council Member
JAWANE HILTON
City Clerk
DONESIA GAUSE
City Treasurer
MONICA COOPER



City Manager
KEN FARFSING
Assistant City Manager
CECIL RHAMBO
Director of Finance
KATHRYN DOWNS
Director of Human Resources
DR. GAIL MCMAHON
Director of Community Development
JOHN RAYMOND
Director of Public Works
DR. MARIA SLAUGHTER

Quick Facts

The City of Carson has

- about 93,000 residents
- 19.2 square miles
- 12 parks with 147.8 acres

Carson is home to California State University Dominguez Hills, the Los Angeles Galaxy Soccer Team, the Goodyear Blimp, and the International Printing Museum.



Calas Park

Want to learn more about the City?

Visit the City's website at www.ci.carson.ca.us
City Council meetings are broadcast live on the City's website 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6:00pm
Follow us on Facebook and Twitter

Budget Questions?

Call or email Kathryn Downs, Director of Finance
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Budget In Brief

Fiscal Year 2015-16

Updated at Midyear



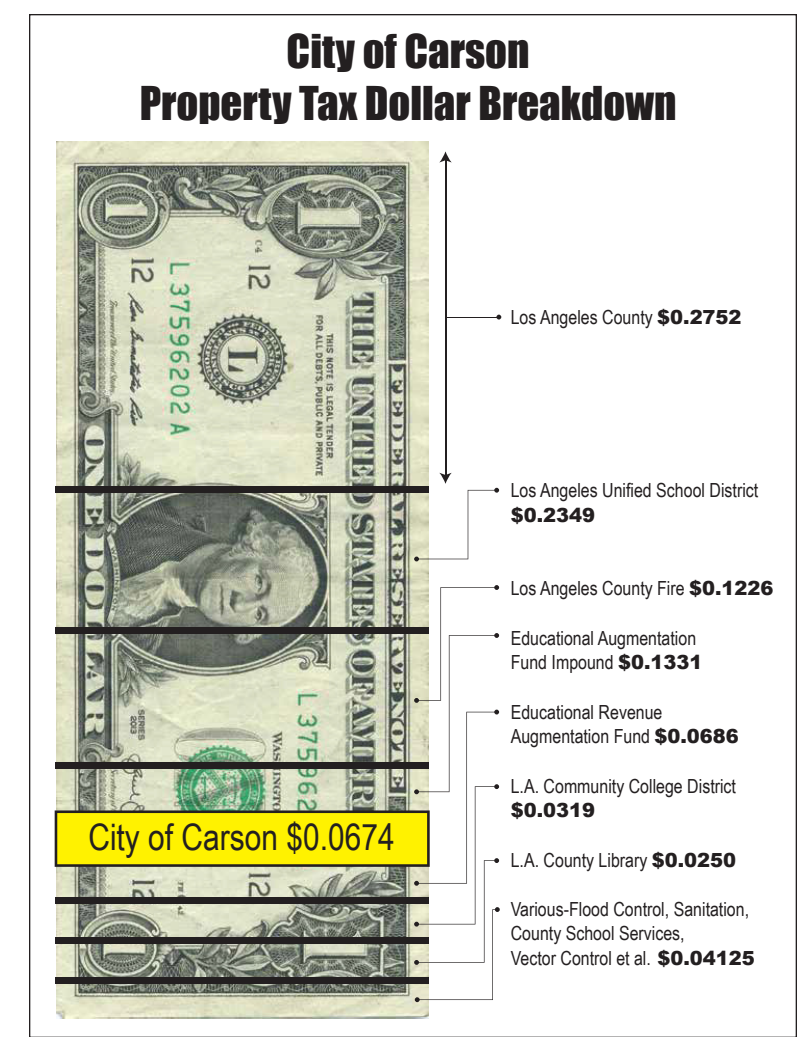
City Staff

The City has 327 full-time employees, with 257 providing service in Public Works, Community Development, Recreation, Public Safety and Human Services.

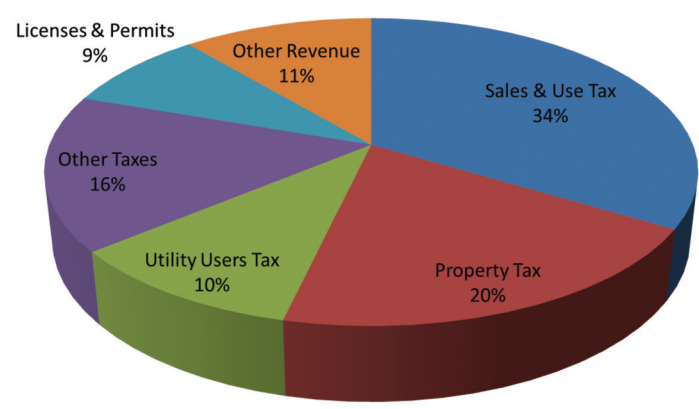
The City also employs about 400 part-time staff, primarily serving the City's Recreation and Human Services programs.

The salary & benefits budget totals \$38 million or 51% of General Fund.

The City of Carson only receives a tiny portion of your property tax, as shown below.



General Fund Revenues



Total General Fund Revenue \$74.2 million



Challenges for the Future

The City faces numerous financial challenges. The utility user tax generates about 12% of the City's General Fund budget, and sunsets in June 2016. Voters will be asked to renew the tax on June 7, 2016, with no changes. The 2% tax applies to gas and electric only, and is one of the lowest rates in the County. This revenue pays for vital services, including public safety.

Recovery following the 2008 recession has been slow. Property values increased an average of about 0.5% per year since 2008. Neighboring South Bay cities have seen average annual increases of 1.5% to 2.1% over the same period.

Fuel taxes allocated to the City have been declining, and less money is available to repair the City's streets.

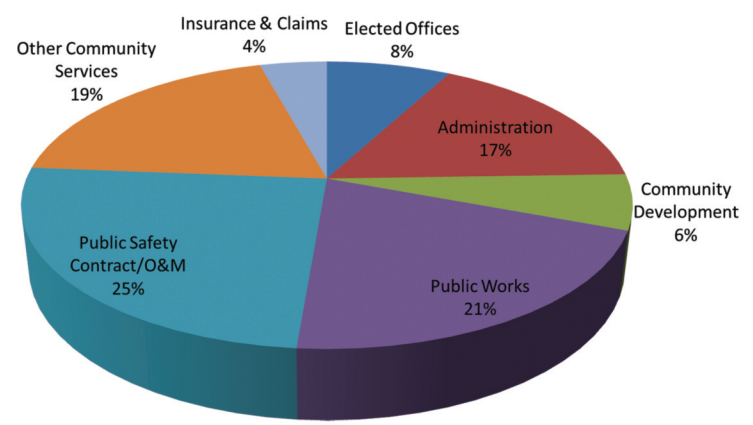
The employee pension and other retirement benefit plans have unfunded liabilities totaling more than \$78 million (104% of the annual General Fund budget). The City's costs to fund pension and other employee benefits are expected to continue growing much faster than the cost of living.

Federal and state law requires the City to ensure only clean water runs into local watersheds. The City has no dedicated funding source, and is expected to spend millions of dollars to comply with the mandates.

When California redevelopment agencies were dissolved in 2012, the City lost its most significant source of money to repair City infrastructure such as streets and parks.

The City will have to make some tough choices, and develop a long-term strategy to address priorities for the future.

General Fund Expenditures



Total General Fund Expenditures \$74.8 million