

# Archon – Week 2

Redeemer Lutheran Church – Peoria, IL

Summer 2019

# Archon's Financial Status

- \$156.0M Income (+2.0%)
  - \$88.2M from Business Taxes (+1.9%)
    - \$27.7M from Tourism (+2.0%)
    - \$36.5M from Industrial Processes (+1.8%)
    - \$24.0M from Technology Industries (+2.0%)
  - \$67.7M from Individual Taxes (+2.1%)
    - \$65.2M from Income Tax (+2.1%)
    - \$2.5M from User Fees(+2.1%)
- \$170.1M Expense (+0.3%)
  - \$77.3M from City Services (+3.3%)
    - \$22.5M from Police (+2.0%)
    - \$18.1M from Fire and EMS (+7.7%)
    - \$18.4M from Public Works (+2.0%)
    - \$18.5M from Public Transportation (+2.0%)
  - **\$36.5M from Public Aid (-33.7%)**
  - **\$37.0M from Education (+71.2%)**
    - \$13.1M from Faculty (+64.7%)
    - \$15.6M from Facility (+50.2%)
    - \$8.3M from Curriculum (+158.7%)
  - \$19.3M from Debt Service (+6.4%)
- **\$14.1M Loss (-15.2%)**
  - \$0.1M in Capital last year
  - \$14.1M in Notes Issued
  - \$14.2M in Capital Available
  - \$0.1M for next year
- \$276.1M Debt last year
- \$290.2M Debt this year

## Additional Impacts...

- Due to the evolving situation with public aid and the increasing costs of living, the following occurred:
  - Earl Bushwack
    - Homeless, due to being pushed into the next bracket of public aid programs. Living in the Central City Homeless Shelter run by Christian Giver.
  - Sam Aster
    - Dead, of unknown malady contracted in Central City Homeless Shelter. Sam's 2 children are moving to foster care.
  - Tarah O'Connor
    - Dead, victim of violent crime rate increase in Central City. Assailant unknown, but appears to be a run of the mill mugging.

## Week 2 Agenda – Anne Royals, Chair

- Welfare Adjustment Act
  - Modify the public aid allocation formula
- Equal Lunch Initiative
  - Free School Lunch for all K-12 students to prevent unintentional discrimination
- Economic Discovery Act
  - Authorize and fund a new business study to expand Archon's economy

# Welfare Adjustment Act

- Current Public Aid is allocated as follows:
- IF YOUR JOB PAYS LESS THAN \$20,000 - All of your housing and medical costs are paid from public funding, and 50% of your food and clothing are provided from charitable organizations.
- IF YOUR JOB PAYS MORE THAN \$20,000 BUT LESS THAN \$30,000 – 50% your housing and medical costs are paid from public funding, and 25% of your food and clothing are paid from charitable organizations.
- Persons making more than \$30,000 do not currently receive aid of any kind.

# Welfare Adjustment Act

- The city's spend in this area dropped significantly last year, from \$55.0M to \$36.5M.
- The drop was caused by three things:
  - Some persons found new opportunities that increased both their income and their net financial position. Neat!
  - Some persons found new employment opportunities, resulting in new income levels above the thresholds. HOWEVER – in several cases their household net income went DOWN because the increase in expense was more than the increase in income.
  - Some persons were pushed out of their original aid bracket due to inflation. This resulted in extremely negative consequences, and in some cases increased the homeless population.
  - Percentages are difficult to determine. According to the Central City Homeless Shelter, the permanently homeless population increased by at least 30 over the previous year's 82, to about 112. Of those, we know at least 23 are children under age 18. There are only 100 beds.

# Equal Lunch Initiative

- Current: Students on Public Aid receive free or reduced cost lunch as part of the overall aid package.
- Proposed: All K-12 students receive a free school lunch, regardless of income level.
- There are about 10,000 students total in Archon's school districts today. Of those, about 1500 receive reduced or free lunch under Archon's Public Aid program. Almost all of these students are in Central City, a few more are in Hillsafar, and none are in Mt. Olympus.
- To expand the program to all students is projected to cost between \$6M and \$7M per year, depending on student enrollment.
- Education spending went up significantly (\$15.4M) last year due to
  - unexpected facility repairs due to ageing infrastructure (\$5.2M) OTO?
  - deferred COLA payments that came due (\$5.2M) - OTO
  - mandated curriculum updates from the federal government (\$5.0M) - OTO

## Economic Discovery Act

- Approval of this measure will authorize spending of \$1.0M to find 3-5 new businesses that could move into Archon and expand its economic base.
- To keep the funds local, Professor Alfred Exedor at Archon University can carry out this study. He has significant experience in this area, having done this work on other consulting projects in the Business School.
- The results will be presented to the next city council, which can authorize any required spending and/or tax incentives to implement the proposed business ideas. This will use one slot out of three on next year's agenda.

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# Governments and Justice

## Romans 12:16-13:8

- Hey, if you have trouble following the apostle Paul's writing, you're not alone...
- 2 Peter 3: 15b-16
  - “So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, speaking of this as he does in all his letters. There are some things in them hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other scriptures.”

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## Romans 12:16-13:8

- Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.
- Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary:
  - "If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
  - if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
  - In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."
- Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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## Romans 12:16-13:8

- Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.
- This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

