



LIBRARY FUNDING

Troy City Council Meeting
August 10, 2020

Agenda

- Library Past
- Library Present
- Library Future
- Ballot Language



LIBRARY PAST

- The Library was funded through the City's operating millage until the Great Recession.
- Voters approved a five-year, 0.7 mill dedicated library millage on August 2, 2011 and again on November 3, 2015.
- This allowed the City to continue to operate the Library while relieving the strain on the City's 6.5000 mills operating millage.
- Nearly all of the 45 Class 6 Public Libraries (serving more 50,000 people) in Michigan have a dedicated millage.

LIBRARY PRESENT

Operations

- The current library millage does not cover the full cost of OPERATING the Library.
- Fiscal year 2020-2021 budgeted expenditures are \$4.128 million.
- \$4.128 million is equivalent to approximately 0.8000 mill.
- Library property taxes (\$3.452 million) are budgeted for 83.6% of expenditures.
- Library Fund Balance (\$393,000) is budgeted for 9.5% of expenditures.
- Other Library Fund revenue (\$283,000) are budgeted for 6.9% of expenditures.

LIBRARY PRESENT

Maintenance

- The current library millage does not cover the full cost of MAINTAINING the Library.
- The City has invested approximately \$2.8 million in building maintenance and upgrades since the library millage began in fiscal year 2011-2012 (about \$300,000 annually on average).
- The Capital Projects Fund, not the Library Fund, funded approximately \$1.2 million for renovations and roof replacement in fiscal year 2019-2020.
- The fiscal year 2020-2021 budget includes only \$48,000 for maintenance and repairs.
- Another \$228,000 of maintenance was deferred due to lack of funds.

LIBRARY FUTURE



Building Upgrades

7-Day Service

Library Materials

Building Maintenance

Financial Security

LIBRARY MILLAGE OPTIONS

	Present	1.0 Mill	1.1 Mill
Library Tax Revenue	\$3.5 million	\$5.1 million	\$5.6 million
Hours	6 days; 55 hours \$2.4 million	7 days; 65 hours \$3.0 million	7 days; 65 hours \$3.0 million
Building Maintenance & Upgrades	\$200,000	\$500,000	\$1 million
Collection	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Computer Services	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Everything Else	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Average Residential Library Tax Based on \$130,000 Taxable Value	\$7.37 monthly	\$10.83 monthly	\$11.92 monthly

BUILDING MAINTENANCE & UPGRADES

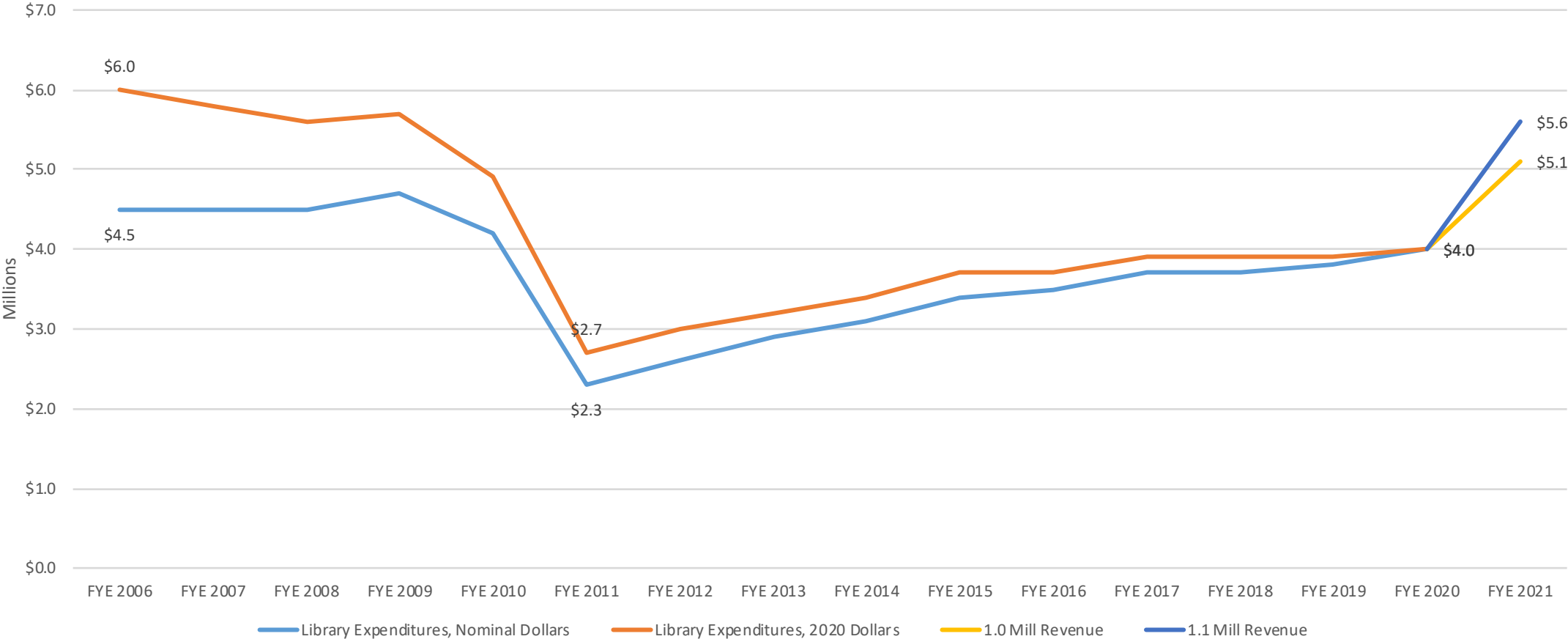
1.0 Mill (\$5 million over ten years)

- Mostly maintenance and a few upgrades.
- New furniture! Existing seating, shelves and tables are from 1971 and 1986.
- Administration area renovation to add office space for additional staff.

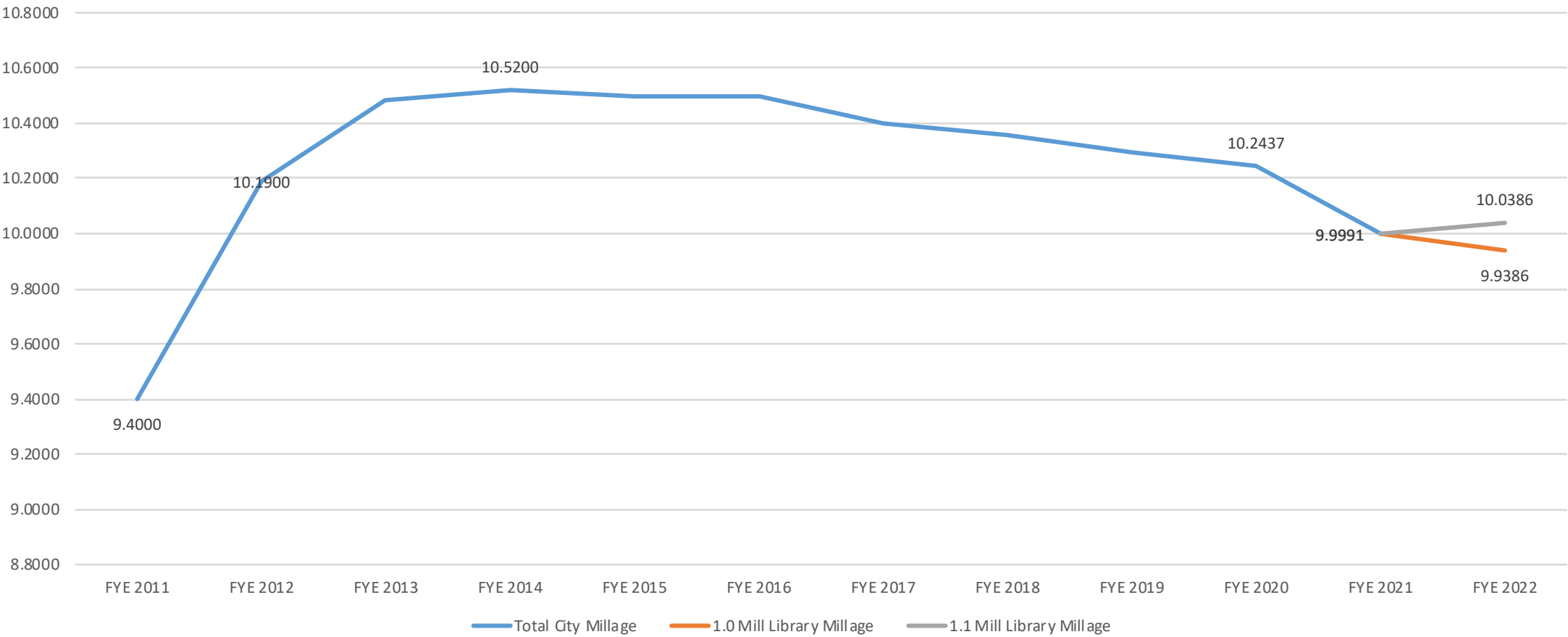
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- Some, but not all, of these most frequently requested upgrades.
- New study spaces.
- Youth services area renovation.
- New enclosed dedicated teen area.
- New maker space and technology area.
- Circulation renovation to free up lobby space.

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Considerations

- The current millage rate is not sustainable and must increase to prevent service reductions.
- City Council may levy less than the maximum millage rate approved by voters.



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- J.R.R. Tolkien, The Fellowship of the Ring

"No act of kindness,
no matter how small, is ever wasted."
- Aesop, The Lion and the Mouse

"Learning is

BALLOT LANGUAGE

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