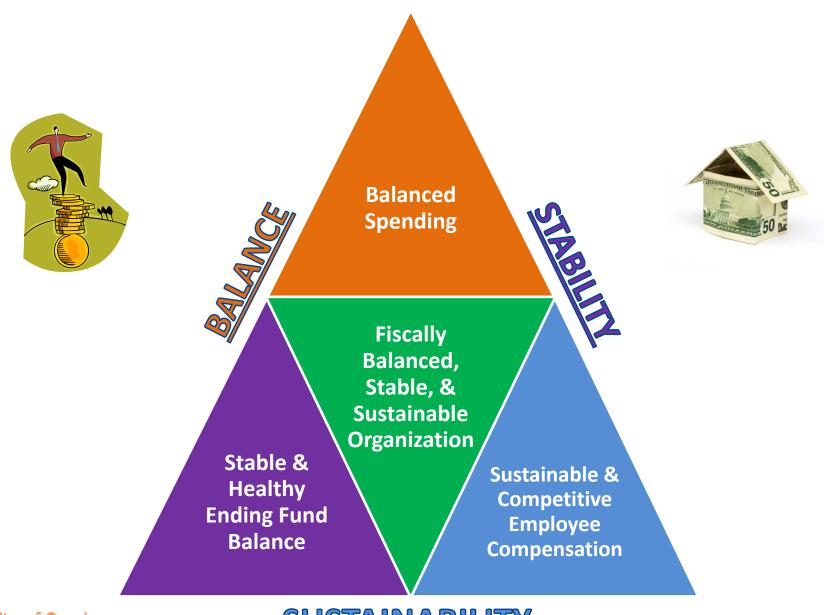
# Achieving Fiscal Balance, Stability, & Sustainability



# Overall Goal: Fiscal Sustainability

### **Achieving Sound Fiscal Policies**

#### **Balanced Spending**

- **➡** Living Within Our Means
- Revenues > or = Expenditures

#### **Stable & Healthy Fund Balance**

- Current Policy = 8.3% Minimum (1 month of exp's)
- Healthy Goal = 16.6% (2 months of exp's)

#### **Sustainable & Competitive Compensation**

- → Market Based Wages & Benefits
- ⇒ Balanced Against Other City Infrastructure Needs

Fiscally
Balanced, Stable,
& Sustainable
Organization

# **Balancing The Budget**

### **Balanced Spending**

- ➡ Living Within Your Means
- **Expenditures are Balanced with Revenues**
- ⇒ Emphasize Innovation, Efficiency, & Service
- → Spending is Relational to Other Fiscal Policies
  - Spending from Fund Balance = 1 Time \$\$
  - Balance Employee & Infrastructure Needs

Balanced
Spending
(Uses ~ Resources)

# Stabilizing The Fund Balance

### **Stable & Healthy Ending Fund Balance (EFB)**

- Current Policy = 8.3% EFB Minimum
  - 1 Month of Expenditures
  - Consider Increasing Minimum to 12.5%
- Healthy Goal = 16.6%
  - 2 Months of Expenditures
- Reserves to Withstand Economic Instability
- ➡ Better Management of Cash Flow Needs
  - Avoid Advance on Property Taxes
  - August & January Historically Lowest

Stable & Healthy
Ending Fund
Balance

(Goal: 12.5% - 16.6%)

(Curr. Policy Min.: 8.3%)

# Sustainable Employee Compensation

### **Employee Compensation**

- Competitive Wages & Benefits (+/- 5% of Market)
- ➡ Focus on Total Compensation
- ➡ Balanced With Other Infrastructure & Service Needs
  - Goal: Not To Exceed 75.0% of Total Revenues
  - Unaudited Results = 75.2% in FY '12
  - Expected to Reach 78.8% in FY '14, or About \$2M over 75.0% Goal (COPS Grant, etc.)
- Benefits Expected To Rise
  - PERS Rates Set Biennially (FY '14, '16, etc.)
  - Health Costs Expected to Increase in FY '15
- Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA's)
  - Dependent Upon Higher Revenue
  - Swap Benefits for COLA -- i.e., Reduced Health Insurance Costs In Exchange for Wage Increase

Sustainable & Competitive Employee Compensation

## **Proposed General Fund Fiscal Policies**

#### **Balanced Spending**

- Budget Expenditures According to Balance with Projected Revenues
- Only Spend From Fund Balance on 1 Time Expenditures

#### **Stable & Healthy Ending Fund Balance**

- Ending Fund Balance Goal of 16.6%
- Minimum Ending Fund Balance of 12.5%

#### **Sustainable & Competitive Employee Compensation**

- Total Personnel Costs Not To Exceed 75.0% of Total Revenues
- Total Compensation Within +/- 5% of Washoe County Market



