



July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

FY2027 Budget Proposal





FY26 Accomplishments

- Realized more than \$5MM Historic Tax Credits
- Increased MET Ridership 11%
- BPD hired 15 Police Officers
- \$1.2MM in Safe Routes to School approved through TAP funds
- Upgraded hundreds of school zone signs
- Billings 2045 Land Use Plan adopted



City Council Adopted Goals & Objectives

Balanced budget focused on Council priorities

- Improve Safety (\$77.5MM)
- Sustain & Upgrade Infrastructure (\$118.6MM)
- Education, Recreation & Cultural Services (\$33MM)
- Economic Vibrancy (\$17.7MM)
- High-Performance Organization

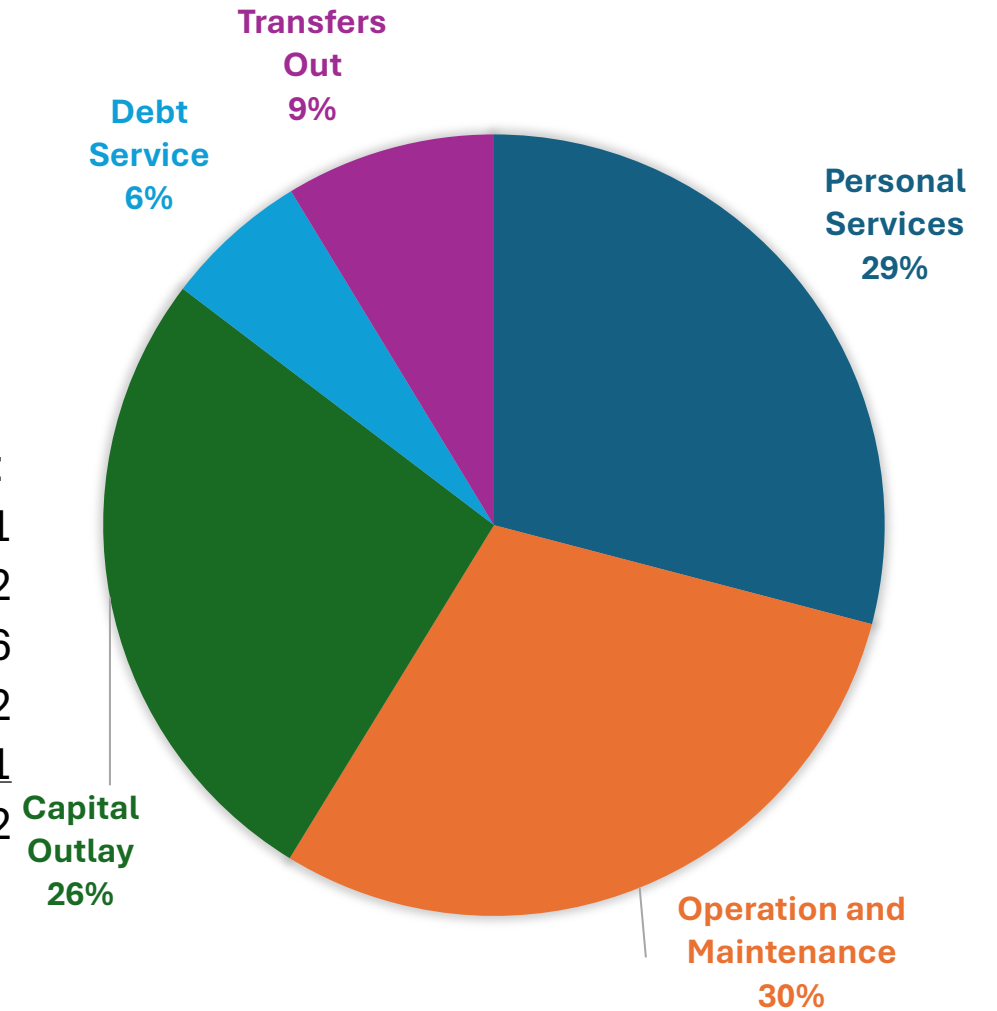
Budget at a Glance

- Total Revenues: \$465.8 million
- Total Operating & Capital Expenses: \$447 million
- Primary drivers of increase: Planned capital investments and personnel costs
- Balanced budget with targeted investments



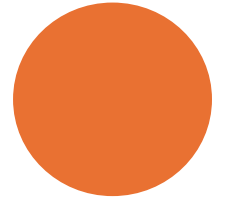
Budgeted Expenses

	FY27 Proposed Budget	FY26 Adopted Budget
Personal Services	\$ 130,015,763	\$ 123,510,041
Operation and Maintenance	132,221,329	125,443,132
Capital Outlay	118,633,538	105,324,696
Debt Service	27,412,207	25,711,032
Transfers Out	<u>38,861,008</u>	<u>36,222,531</u>
Total Budgeted Expenses	\$ 447,143,845	\$ 416,211,432



Capital Projects

- Solid Waste/Landfill: \$13.9MM Cell Expansion & leachate pond
- Transportation: Rimrock Road, SRTS, Monad Road
- Water: 48th Street transmission line
- Airport: \$18.9MM ticket counters, fire trucks, stormwater
- Parks: \$10MM for South Park Pool Renovation



New Employee Proposed for FY27

Fund	Department/Division	# of Positions	Position
General	Human Resources	1	Assistant HR Director
General	CodeEnforcement	1	Commercial Code Enforcement Officer II
Information Tech.	IT	1	Assistant Network Admin
Information Tech.	IT	1	PW Systems Analyst
Amend Rec Center	PRPL	1	Facilities Maintenance Support II
Amend Rec Center	PRPL	1	Rec Event Specialist
Amend Rec Center	PRPL	1	Rec Facility Supervisor
Aviation and Transit	Airport	1	Airport Advertising & Marketing Specialist
Aviation and Transit	Airport	1	Equipment Oper/Maint Worker
PMD	PRPL	1	PRPL Equipment Op/Maint Worker
PRPL	PRPL	1	Arborist
Engineering	Engineering	1	Utility Locator
Engineering	Engineering	1	Traffic Analyst
Water	Water	2	Water Treatment Tech
Solid Waste	Solid Waste	1	Eq Operator Collections
Solid Waste	Solid Waste	1	Landfill Operator/Mechanic
Planning	Planning	1	TIF Coordinator
Total Additional New FTE in FY27 Budget		18	

Revenue Highlights

- Property Taxes
 - 2.95% increase plus new construction
 - Increase total mills from 244.39 to 255.39
- Intergovernmental
 - \$44.5MM total, down \$2MM
 - State Entitlement Share increase 2.9%
- Marijuana Excise Tax
 - Shifted in use to support Public Safety operations
- Special Assessments
 - Recommended increases to support districts (Street, Lighting, Parks)



Budgeted Revenues

Revenues	FY27 Proposed Budget	FY26 Adopted Budget
TAXES	\$ 72,940,521	\$ 70,629,199
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	25,673,691	22,117,875
LICENSES & PERMITS	4,085,098	4,753,445
INTER-GOVERNMENTAL	44,301,906	46,401,298
CHARGES FOR SERVICE	183,818,856	174,267,713
FINES & FORFEITS	1,565,100	1,700,400
INVESTMENT EARNINGS	10,393,495	9,234,760
DONATIONS / CONTRIBUTIONS	790,500	881,750
INTERFUND TRANSFERS	38,861,008	36,222,531
DEBT PROCEEDS	80,115,950	66,172,733
MISCELLANEOUS	<u>3,045,828</u>	<u>2,274,624</u>
Total Budgeted Revenues	\$ 465,591,953	\$ 434,656,328

Property Tax Mill Levy

FY2027 Budget Tax Assumptions		
Median Home Value	\$	345,200
Assumed Value of 1 mill	\$	228,191
Annual Cost of 1 mill for the Median Home	\$	2.62

	Number of Mills		
	FY2027	FY2026	Change
General	90.77	86.71	4.06
Public Safety	139.69	133.43	6.26
Library	6.13	5.86	0.27
Transit	12.25	11.71	0.54
GO Bonds	<u>6.55</u>	<u>6.68</u>	-0.13
Total Mills	255.39	244.39	11.00

Median Home Property Taxes (Annual)			
	FY27	FY26	Change
General	\$ 238.14	\$ 227.49	\$ 10.65
Public Safety	366.48	350.06	16.42
Library	16.08	15.37	0.71
Transit	32.14	30.72	1.42
General Obligation	<u>17.18</u>	<u>17.53</u>	<u>(0.34)</u>
Median Home Property Tax	\$ 670.02	\$ 641.16	\$ 28.86

Utilities & Assessments

- Average monthly residential utility bill: \$106.22 (increase \$4.35)
- Median Home Street Maintenance Assessment: \$229.44/year an increase of \$13.19
- Many residential utility rates held flat in FY26



Average Home Monthly Utility Bill

	FY2027	FY2026	Change
Water	48.71	47.71	1.00
Wastewater	31.80	30.85	0.95
Solid Waste	15.75	14.50	1.25
Storm Sewer	<u>9.96</u>	<u>8.81</u>	<u>1.15</u>
Monthly Utility Bill	106.22	101.87	4.35

General & Public Safety Funds (GFPS) Detail

- Revenue increase of \$2.95M
- Fund Balance slightly below recommended minimum – mitigated by new construction potential

Expenses by Department	FY27 Proposed Budget	FY26 Adopted Budget	Change
City Administration	1,914,600	2,463,201	-548,601
Finance	2,190,062	2,072,519	117,543
Fire Department	30,471,233	29,075,540	1,395,693
Human Resources	1,480,691	1,129,513	351,178
Legal	3,575,411	3,351,051	224,360
Mayor & Council	442,722	467,713	-24,991
Municipal Court	2,365,349	2,232,552	132,797
Non-Departmental	1,350,060	1,977,098	-627,038
Transfer to Library	1,211,824	1,392,818	-180,994
Transfer to PRPL	7,235,188	7,027,866	207,322
Code Enforcement	1,351,253	1,229,951	121,302
Police	<u>35,687,569</u>	<u>33,169,009</u>	<u>2,518,560</u>
Total	\$ 89,275,962	\$ 85,588,831	\$ 3,687,131

New World – Law Enforcement Records Management

- Not currently included in the budget
 - Recommendation to move to cloud based platform
 - Estimated year 1 cost \$1.1M
 - Annual ongoing increase \$350k
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- Efficient Report writing
 - Improved mobile access and real-time data
 - Reduced system downtime

Challenges & Strategic Approach

- State tax law changes
- Declining intergovernmental share
- Rising personnel, health insurance, and infrastructure costs
- Commitment to transparency, accountability, and Council priorities
- Minimal impact on taxpayers despite investments



Timeline & Calendar

- Monday May 4
 - Budget Overview
 - General Fund – City Admin, Finance, Non-department
 - Library
 - Police
- Tuesday May 5
 - City Attorney
 - Parks, Recreation, and Public Lands
 - Fire
- Monday May 18
 - Human Resources
 - Information Tech
 - Public Works
 - DBID & TBID
- Tuesday May 19
 - Aviation & Transit
 - Urban Renewal
 - Planning, Community Development, Code Enforcement
 - Budget Wrap-up
- Monday June 8
 - Budget Adoption