

2025-2026 Budget

City Council Meeting | November 25, 2024

Thank You!

Community

- 379 participants in budget activity
- Numerous public comments

City Council

- 11 budget meetings
- 100+ questions

City Staff

- 2 rounds of budget reductions

Budget Team

- 400 pages of budget & CIP



Budget Philosophy

- Generally maintain LOS and hold staff harmless – following Council direction
- Follow Fiscal Sustainability Taskforce recommendations
- Reflect Council’s Fiscal Sustainability goal
- Improve trust and transparency in the budget and capital planning process
- Acknowledge structural imbalance requires new revenues
 - Implement 6% Utility Tax by January 2026
 - Direction to staff to explore creation of Metropolitan Park District



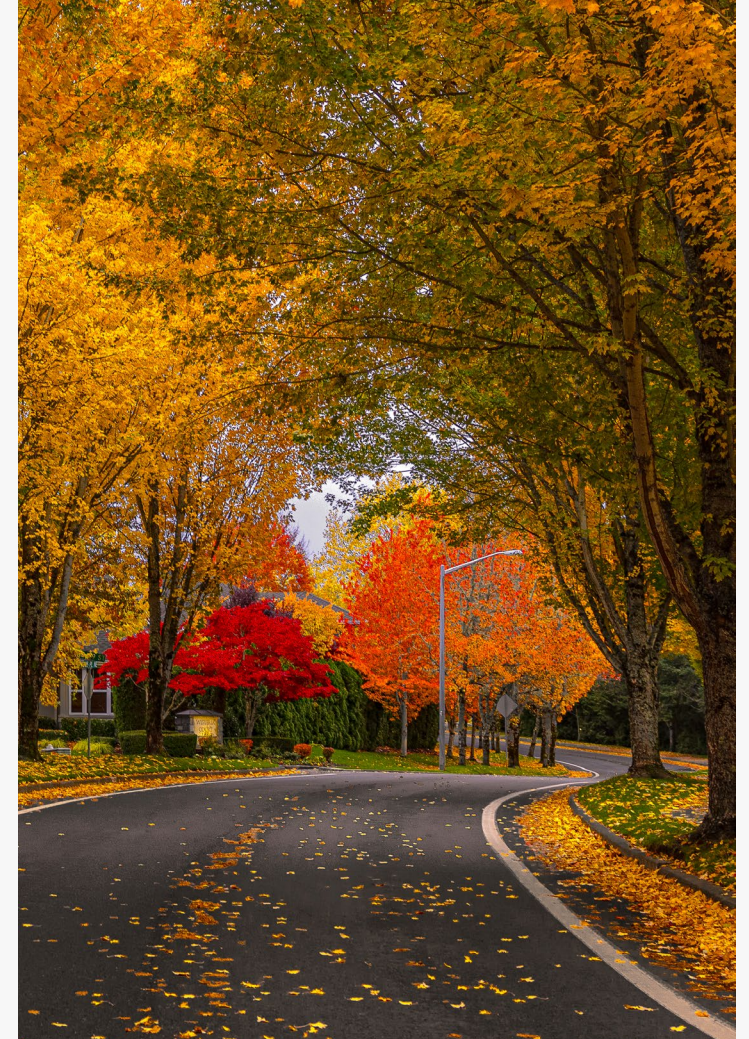
2025-2026 Budget Highlights

Cost-saving measures applied to all departments

- “What ifs” and contingencies eliminated
- Office supplies reduced
- Out of state travel restricted & training reduced
- Reduced number of seasonal positions
- Greatly reduced meeting meals
- Limited overtime
- Continuing to reduce costs (e.g., cell phones)

Net result: Total 2025-2026 departmental General Fund budget increase of 0.5% over 2023-2024

Excluding transfers for capital projects



Budget Improvements

How we budget

- Budgeted for current level of services & no longer budgeting for “what ifs”
 - *Partnership between Council and staff – budget amendments*

Greater transparency

- Break out one-time from ongoing
- Focused General Fund more on ongoing, operational costs

First Citywide Capital Improvement Plan

- Works toward **fiscal sustainability** by better understanding/planning for capital needs
- Improves **trust and transparency** by combining all information into one document

Higher Level of Public Engagement

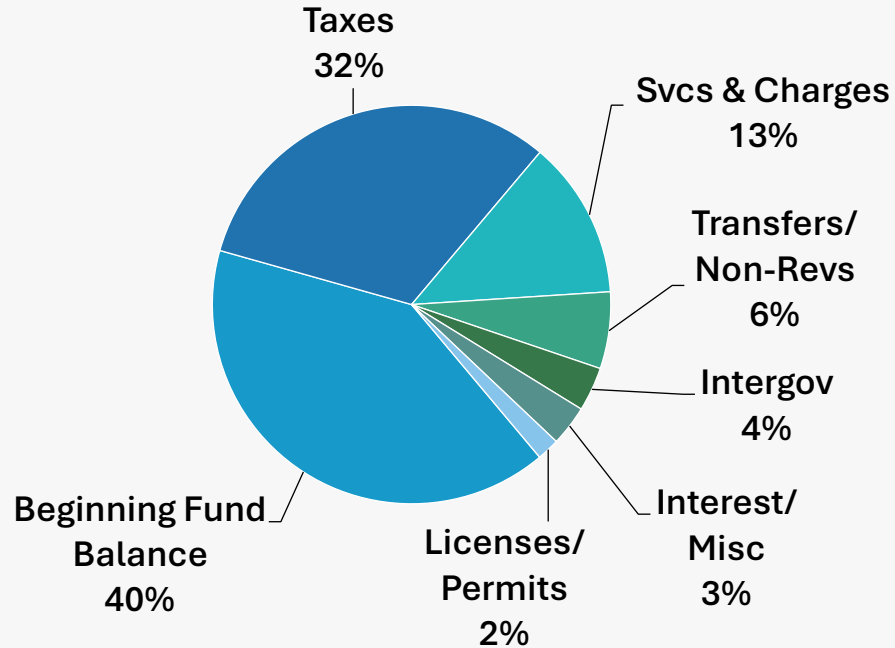
- Increased engagement and information over past budget cycles

Presented complete GFOA budget to Council, showing the “why” behind the dollars

- Incorporated new two-year work plan and new performance metrics into the budget

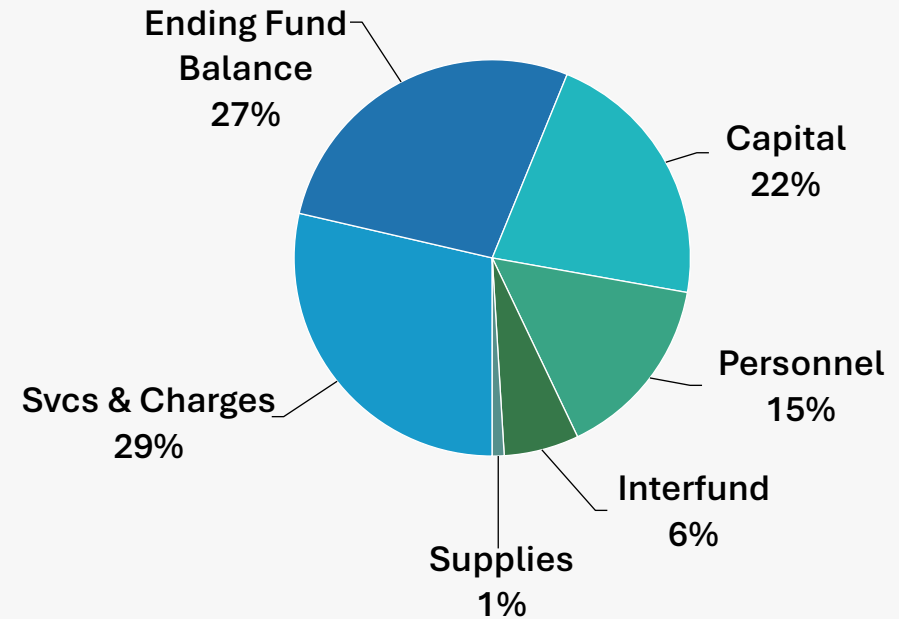
Revenues and Expenditures

**2025-2026 Budget
All Funds - Revenues**



Total Revenues: \$331 million

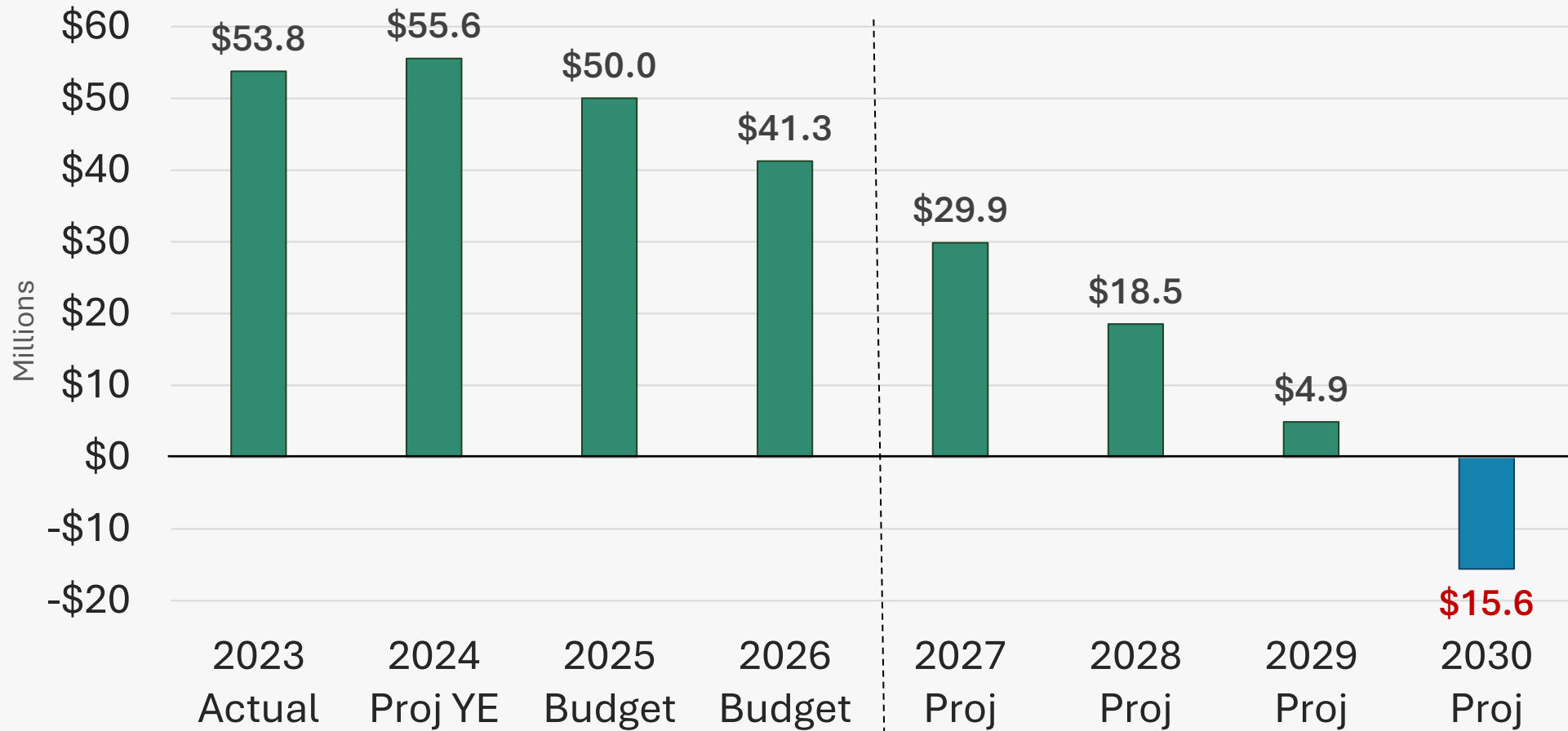
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All Funds - Expenditures**



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General Fund Projection

General Fund Balance Total - Spending proposed reserve requirement
as currently budgeted/projected



Budget Schedule

~~**Sept 3:** Discuss funds, the budget, and CIP document~~

~~**Sept 10:** Discuss the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)~~

~~**Sept 17:** Focus on maintenance and operations~~

~~**Oct 1:** Full budget and CIP presented to Council~~

~~**Oct 8:** Department budget presentations~~

~~**Oct 15:** Department budget presentations / Revenue Options~~

~~**Nov 4:** Public hearing & Council deliberations~~

~~**Nov 12:** Public hearing & Council deliberations (continued)~~

~~**Nov 19:** Public hearing & Budget adoption~~

Questions?