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2025 Proposed City Budget



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2025 Budget Priorities and Issues

Priorities

✓ Continuing to fund infrastructure projects throughout the City (i.e., roads, drainage)

Issues

General

• Inflation

Personnel and employee benefits

- Payroll and employee benefits are budgeted at \$22,681,115 and represent 41.0% of total annual expenditures.
- Medical insurance benefits increased approximately 9.38% and are included in the budget at \$2,732,637. Retirement benefits are budgeted at \$2,342,648 and represent an increase of 8.8% compared to last year.

Capital asset additions and replacements

• Approximately \$6.35 million invested in capital expenditures compared to \$3.16 million in 2024.

Assumptions

- 1. Local option sales tax (LOST) revenue is estimated to be comparable to the prior year's actual revenue and is budgeted at \$11.3 million. 2024 LOST revenue is currently up \$297 over the same period for 2023.
- 2. Total increase in the 2024 net property tax digest was 16.5%. Reassessment of existing real property accounted for 4.5% of the increase and new growth accounted for 12.0% of the increase.
- 3. The City's current millage rate is 3.780 mills. General property tax revenue is budgeted at \$13.8 million, a 5.6% increase over the prior year's original budget. One mill is equivalent to \$2.9 million.



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General Fund 2025 Budget Summary

	2023 Actual	Amended 2024 Budget	Proposed 2025 Budget	\$ Inc (Dec) Over Prior Year Budget	% Inc (Dec) Over Prior Year Budget
Revenues					
Taxes	\$29,158,225	\$27,963,000	\$29,163,000	\$ 1,200,000	
Licenses and permits	1,482,321	1,225,000	1,429,000	204,000	
Intergovernmental	838,727	425,000	485,000	60,000	
Charges for services	4,213,155	3,714,000	4,035,000	321,000	
Fines and forfeitures	809,965	815,000	800,000	(15,000)	
Interest	637,853	320,000	400,000	80,000	
Contributions and donations	87,666	15,000	25,000	10,000	
Miscellaneous	177,370	73,000	72,660	(340)	
Total revenues	37,405,282	34,550,000	36,409,660	1,859,660	5.38%
Expenditures					
General government	4,031,063	4,839,735	5,626,985	787,250	
Judicial	512,483	500,335	481,455	(18,880)	
Public safety	14,817,116	16,296,645	17,242,740	946,095	
Public works	6,881,518	8,187,130	8,166,320	(20,810)	
Health and welfare	208,517	220,095	222,920	2,825	
Recreation and parks	2,005,933	2,304,595	2,306,307	1,712	
Housing and development	1,253,395	1,438,730	1,644,405	205,675	
Debt service	2,267,423	2,110,580	2,038,110	(72,470)	
Total expenditures	31,977,448	35,897,845	37,729,242	1,831,397	5.10%
Excess (deficiency) of revenues					
over (under) expenditures	5,427,834	(1,347,845)	(1,319,582)	28,263	
Other financing sources (uses)					
Interfund transfers in	1,498,076	1,375,000	1,375,000	-	
Damaged property recoveries	77,128	-	-	-	
Sale of surplus equipment	272,129	-	250,000	250,000	
General long-term debt issued	19,431	-	-	-	
Interfund transfers out	(1,667,114)	(3,144,460)	(6,352,160)	(3,207,700)	
Total other financing sources (uses)	199,650	(1,769,460)	(4,727,160)	(2,957,700)	-167.15%
Net change in fund balance	\$ 5,627,484	\$ (3,117,305)	\$ (6,046,742)	\$ (2,929,437)	

General Fund Revenues

		Amended	Proposed	\$ Inc (Dec) Over Prior	
Account Description	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	Year Budget	
Taxes					
General property taxes	\$13,206,591	\$13,138,000	\$13,868,000	\$ 730,000	
General sales and use taxes	11,552,309	11,000,000	11,250,000	250,000	
Selective sales and use taxes	1,327,356	1,240,000	1,295,000	55 <i>,</i> 000	
Business taxes	3,022,245	2,565,000	2,730,000	165,000	
Penatlies and interest	49,726	20,000	20,000	-	
Total tax revenue	29,158,227	27,963,000	29,163,000	1,200,000	4.29%
Licenses and permits					
Business licenses	371,128	373,000	384,000	11,000	
Other business license fees	54,185	35,000	45,000	10,000	
Zoning and land use premits	120,077	80,000	90,000	10,000	
Regulatory fees	936,931	737,000	910,000	173,000	
Total licenses and permits	1,482,321	1,225,000	1,429,000	204,000	16.65%
Intergovernmental revenue					
Federal government grants	355,925	-	-	-	
State government grants	276,926	250,000	300,000	50,000	
Local grants	205,876	175,000	185,000	10,000	
Total intergovernmental revenue	838,727	425,000	485,000	60,000	14.12%
Charges for services					
General government	1,376,123	1,202,000	1,136,000	(66,000)	
Public safety	108,634	15,000	30,000	15,000	
Sanitation	2,493,640	2,260,000	2,608,000	348,000	
Recreation	234,757	237,000	261,000	24,000	
Total charges for services	4,213,154	3,714,000	4,035,000	321,000	8.64%
Fines and forfeitures					
Court revenues	809,965	815,000	800,000	(15,000)	
Total fines and forfeitures	809,965	815,000	800,000	(15,000)	-1.84%
Investment income					
Interest income	637,853	320,000	400,000	80,000	
Total investment income	637,853	320,000	400,000	80,000	25.00%
Contributions and donations					
Contributions and donations	87,666	15,000	25,000	10,000	
Total contributions and donations	87,666	15,000	25,000	10,000	66.67%
Miscellaeous revenue					
Rents and royalties	145,423	72,000	72,660	660	
Other miscellaneous revenue	31,947	1,000	-	(1,000)	
Total miscellaneous revenue	177,370	73,000	72,660	(340)	-0.47%
Total general fund revenue	\$37,405,283	\$34,550,000	\$36,409,660	\$ 1,859,660	5.38%

General Government

Account Description	2023 Actual	Amended 2024 Budget	Proposed 2025 Budget	\$ Inc (Dec) Over Prior Year Budget	
1000 - General government					
51 - Personnel services and benefits	\$ 2,095,372	\$ 2,260,580	\$ 2,578,650		
52 - Purchased services	1,655,962	2,002,690	2,527,065		
53 - Supplies	279,729	576,465	521,270		
Total general government	\$ 4,031,063	\$ 4,839,735	\$ 5,626,985	\$ 787,250	16.27%
1000 - General government					
1110 - City council	\$ 141,993	\$ 162,430	\$ 158,635		
1130 - City clerk	221,567	202,475	293,180		
1320 - City manager	618,704	490,180	439,515		
1510 - Financial administration	1,048,252	1,137,715	1,536,980		
1530 - Legal administration	150,551	151,000	151,000		
1535 - Information technology	582,694	714,935	676,715		
1540 - Human resources	376,823	387,495	481,945		
1555 - Risk management	381,008	410,000	470,800		
1565 - Government buildings	439,833	382,510	511,150		
1566 - Government buildings	4,714	725,595	823,065		
1595 - General administrative fees	64,924	75,400	84,000		
	\$ 4,031,063	\$ 4,839,735	\$ 5,626,985		

- 1. New positions (1130) Communications Coordinator, (1510) Procurement Manager
- 2. (1510) Credit card fees have increased significantly compared to 2023.
- 3. (1565) The City began using a third-party landscaping service for the municipal complex grounds during the final months of 2023. The annual cost for these services was not included in the 2024 budget. The landscaping contract has been added to the 2025 proposed budget.

Municipal Court

ccount Description		ccount Description		2023 Actual		Amended 2024 Budget		Proposed 2025 Budget		Inc (Dec) ver Prior ar Budget	
2650 - Municipal Court											
51 - Personnel services and benefits	\$	311,370	\$	271,960	\$	278,205					
52 - Purchased services		200,949		224,375		201,000					
53 - Supplies		164		4,000		2,250					
Total municipal court	\$	512,483	\$	500,335	\$	481,455	\$	(18,880)	-3.77%		

Public Safety

Account Description	2023 Actual	Amended 2024 Budget	Proposed 2025 Budget	\$ Inc (Dec) Over Prior Year Budget	
3000 - Public Safety					
51 - Personnel services and benefits	\$12,335,571	\$13,603,080	\$14,743,180		
52 - Purchased services	781,359	1,140,000	1,046,560		
53 - Supplies	1,700,186	1,553,565	1,453,000		
Total public safety	\$14,817,116	\$16,296,645	\$17,242,740	\$ 946,095	5.81%
3000 - Public Safety					
3200 - Police Department	\$ 7,235,993	\$ 8,107,660	\$ 8,431,345		
3500 - Fire Department	7,581,123	8,188,985	8,811,395		
	\$14,817,116	\$16,296,645	\$17,242,740		
	\$14,817,116	\$16,296,645	\$17,242,740		

NOTES:

1. New position – (3200) Community Resource Officer

Public Works

Account Description	2023 Actual	Amended 2024 Budget	Proposed 2025 Budget	\$ Inc (Dec) Over Prior Year Budget
4000 - Public Works				
51 - Personnel services and benefits	\$ 1,791,327	\$ 2,009,255	\$ 2,112,865	
52 - Purchased services	3,878,330	4,841,555	4,678,155	
53 - Supplies	1,211,861	1,336,320	1,375,300	
Total public works	\$ 6,881,518	\$ 8,187,130	\$ 8,166,320	\$ (20,810) -0.25%
4000 - Public Works				
4100 - Public Works Administration	\$ 687,320	\$ 893,880	\$ 868,235	
4200 - Roads and streets	2,685,618	3,247,305	3,000,840	
4250 - Storm drainage	769,528	1,018,350	1,255,795	
4251 - Canal maintenance	234,469	411,470	387,795	
4500 - Solid waste and recycling	2,086,370	2,139,800	2,194,540	
4900 - Fleet maintenance	418,213	476,325	459,115	
	\$ 6,881,518	\$ 8,187,130	\$ 8,166,320	
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NOTES:

1. New position – (4900) Administrative Coordinator

Health and Welfare

Account Description		2023 Actual		Amended 2024 Budget		Proposed 2025 Budget		nc (Dec) er Prior r Budget	
5520 - Senior Citizens Center									
51 - Personnel services and benefits	\$	123,187	\$	124,025	\$	130,600			
52 - Purchased services		45,037		47,200		40,300			
53 - Supplies		40,293		48,870		52 <i>,</i> 020			
Total senior citizens center	\$	208,517	\$	220,095	\$	222,920	\$	2,825	1.28%

Recreation and Parks

Account Description		count Description		ccount Description		023 Actual	-	Amended)24 Budget		roposed 25 Budget	Ove	c (Dec) er Prior Budget	
6000 - Recreation and Parks													
51 - Personnel services and benefits	\$	955,208	\$	1,045,985	\$ 1	L,147,250							
52 - Purchased services		587,889		784,090		627,495							
53 - Supplies		462 <i>,</i> 836		474,520		531,562							
Total recreation and parks	\$	2,005,933	\$	2,304,595	\$ 2	2,306,307	\$	1,712	0.07%				
6000 - Recreation and Parks													
6100 - Recreation	\$	1,228,047	\$	1,302,765	\$ 1	L,384,652							
6220 - Parks		777,886		1,001,830		921,655							
	\$	2,005,933	\$	2,304,595	\$ 2	2,306,307							

Housing and Development

Account Description		023 Actual	Amended 124 Budget	Proposed 025 Budget	0	Inc (Dec) ver Prior ar Budget	
7000 - Housing and Development							
51 - Personnel services and benefits	\$	776,061	\$ 903,600	\$ 1,108,855			
52 - Purchased services		447,632	487,680	507,900			
53 - Supplies		29,702	47,450	27,650			
Total housing and development	\$	1,253,395	\$ 1,438,730	\$ 1,644,405	\$	205,675	14.30%
7000 - Housing and Development							
7200 - Inspections	\$	406,740	\$ 450,240	\$ 470,925			
7410 - Planning and Zoning		695,027	813,220	930,590			
7420 - Code Enforcement		151,628	175,270	242,890			
	\$	1,253,395	\$ 1,438,730	\$ 1,644,405			

NOTES:

1. New positions – (7410) City Planner; hired in November 2024, (7420) Code Enforcement Officer

2. New software subscription to monitor short-term rentals.

Debt Service Expenditures

Account Description	2023 Actual	Amended 2024 Budget	Proposed 2025 Budget	0	nc (Dec) /er Prior ar Budget	
8000 - Debt Service 58 - Debt Service	\$ 2,267,423	\$ 2,110,580	\$ 2,038,110	\$	(72,470)	-3.43%

Debt Obligation	Start Date	End Date	Interest Rate	Balance 12/31/24	
Fire station no. 4	Feb-12	Mar-25	3.26%	\$ 969	
Emergency radio equipment	Feb-23	Feb-27	2.76%	916,304	
Fire breathing apparatus and tanks	Apr-17	Apr-27	3.08%	80,933	
Municipal Complex	Jan-16	Jul-30	2.60%	8,240,000	
(2) 2021 Pierce Enforcer pumpers	Mar-22	Mar-31	3.08%	929,376	
				\$10,167,582	

NOTES:

1. Management is not planning to incur new debt in 2025.

Other Financing Sources (Uses)

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	2023 Actual	Amended 2024 Budget	Proposed 2025 Budget	Inc (Dec) Over Prior Year Budget
Other financing sources				
Interfund transfers in	\$ 1,498,076	\$ 1,375,000	\$ 1,375,000	\$-
Reimbursements for damaged property	77,128	-	-	-
Proceeds of capital asset dispositions	272,129	-	250,000	250,000
General long-term debt issued	19,431	-	-	-
Other financing uses				
Interfund transfers out	(1,667,114)	(3,144,460)	(6,352,160)	(3,207,700)
Total other financing sources (uses)	\$ 199,650	\$ (1,769,460)	\$ (4,727,160)	\$ (2,957,700)

NOTES:

1. Transfer in from Accommodation Excise Tax Fund

2. Transfer out to the Local Resources capital projects fund



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Tree Fund 2025 Budget

	20	23 Actual	Mended 24 Budget	Proposed 25 Budget	0	Inc (Dec) ver Prior ar Budget	
Revenues							
Private contributions and donations	\$	484,650	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	
Interest income		3,435	2,500	2,000		(500)	
Total revenues		488,085	 2,500	 2,000		(500)	-20.00%
Expenditures							
Parks		252,074	572,500	107,500		(465,000)	
Total expenditures		252,074	 572,500	107,500		(465,000)	-81.22%
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures		236,011	 (570,000)	 (105,500)		464,500	
Net change in fund balance	\$	236,011	\$ (570,000)	\$ (105,500)	\$	464,500	

NOTES:

1. Increased expenditures for maintenance of tree canopy in 2025.

Accommodation Excise Tax Fund 2025 Budget

	2023 Actual	Amended 2024 Budget	Proposed 2025 Budget	\$ Inc (Dec) Over Prior Year Budget	
Revenues					
Accommodations excise tax	\$ 2,996,153	\$ 2,750,000	\$ 2,750,000	\$-	
Total revenues	2,996,153	2,750,000	2,750,000		0.00%
Expenditures					
Tourism	1,498,077	1,375,000	1,375,000	-	
Total expenditures	1,498,077	1,375,000	1,375,000		0.00%
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	1,498,076	1,375,000	1,375,000		
Other financing sources (uses) Interfund transfers out	(1,498,076)	(1,375,000)	(1,375,000)		0.00%
Total other financing sources (uses)	(1,498,076)	(1,375,000)	(1,375,000)		
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	\$-	<u>\$ -</u>	

SPLOST Fund 2025 Budget

	2023 Actual		Amended 2024 Budget		Proposed 2025 Budget	\$ Inc (Dec) Over Prior Year Budget		
Revenue								
SPLOST	\$	7,824,588	\$	6,000,000	\$ 10,450,000	\$	4,450,000	
Interest income		343,694		350,000	325,000		(25,000)	
Total revenue		8,168,282		6,350,000	10,775,000		4,425,000	69.69%
Expenditures								
Roads and streets		1,724,050		1,500,000	27,000,000		25,500,000	
Storm drainage		250,716		-	2,000,000		2,000,000	
Recreation		2,263,642		1,850,000	100,000		(1,750,000)	
Total expenditures		4,238,408		3,350,000	29,100,000		25,750,000	768.66%
Change in fund balance	\$	3,929,874	\$	3,000,000	\$ (18,325,000)	\$	(21,325,000)	

- 1. Current referendum (SPLOST VII) runs October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2026; estimated proceeds are \$46,000,000,
- 2. The SPLOST fund reports project length budgets,
- 3. The following table summarizes outstanding project commitments:

Project		Project	Remaining
Commitment	E	Expenditures	Commitment
\$ 26,111,825	\$	3,865,925	\$ 22,245,900
3,000,000		-	3,000,000
3,000,000		-	3,000,000
2,000,000		-	2,000,000
100,000		-	100,000
\$ 34,211,825	\$	3,865,925	\$ 30,345,900
	Commitment \$ 26,111,825 3,000,000 3,000,000 2,000,000 100,000	Commitment E \$ 26,111,825 \$ 3,000,000 3,000,000 2,000,000 100,000	Commitment Expenditures \$ 26,111,825 \$ 3,865,925 3,000,000 - 3,000,000 - 2,000,000 - 100,000 -

Local Resources Capital Projects Fund 2025 Budget

	2023 Actual	Amended 2024 Budget	Proposed 2025 Budget	\$ Inc (Dec) Over Prior Year Budget	% Inc (Dec) Over Prior Year Budget
Inflows					
Transfers from other funds	\$ 1,667,114	\$ 3,144,460	\$ 6,352,160	\$ 3,207,700	
Total inflows	1,667,114	3,144,460	6,352,160	3,207,700	102.01%
Outflows					
General administration	603,373	131,500	2,175,870	2,044,370	
Public safety	314,928	809,000	2,637,000	1,828,000	
Public works	648,753	2,124,000	1,515,290	(608,710)	
Recreation	100,060	79,960	24,000	(55,960)	
Total outflows	1,667,114	3,144,460	6,352,160	3,207,700	102.01%
Change in fund balance	\$-	<u>\$</u> -	\$ -	<u>s</u> -	
	<u> </u>		<u>+</u>	<u>+</u>	
NOTES:					
General administration:					
Vehicle	\$ 62,805	\$ 92,000	\$-		
Computer equipment/software	14,968	-	139,870		
Other equipment	-	39,500	10,000		
Land, buildings and improvements	525,600		2,026,000		
	603,373	131,500	2,175,870		
Public safety:					
Vehicle(s)	47,145	399,000	602,000		
Fire trucks	267,783	-	2,035,000		
Other equipment		410,000			
	314,928	809,000	2,637,000		
Public works:					
Street and road projects	554,990	1,925,000	1,196,940		
Drainage and canal improvements	-	-	208,850		
Buildings	80,075	26,000	-		
Vehicle(s)	-	45,000	-		
Other equipment	13,688	128,000	109,500		
	648,753	2,124,000	1,515,290		
Recreation:					
Other equipment	100,060	79,960	24,000		
	100,060	79,960	24,000		
Totals	\$ 1,667,114	\$ 3,144,460	\$ 6,352,160		

Water and Sewer Fund 2025 Budget Summary

	2023 Actual	Amended 2024 Budget	Proposed 2025 Budget	\$ Inc (Dec) Over Prior Year Budget	
Operating revenues					
Charges for services	\$11,984,603	\$ 9,704,135	\$11,070,230		
Total operating revenues	11,984,603	9,704,135	11,070,230	\$ 1,366,095	14.08%
Operating expenses					
Sewer and WWTP	6,539,458	5,286,110	6,361,945		
Water	4,653,682	4,350,270	4,882,910		
Total operating expenses	11,193,140	9,636,380	11,244,855	1,608,475	16.69%
Operating income	791,463	67,755	(174,625)		
Non-operating revenue (expense)					
Interest income	481,230	250,000	300,000		
Interest expense	(340,266)	(317,755)	(125,375)		
Total Non-operating revenue (expense)	140,964	(67,755)	174,625	242,380	357.73%
Income before capital contributions	932,427				
Capital contributions					
Tap fees	840,710	450,000	600,000		
Capital cost recovery fees	5,020,566	2,742,510	2,518,600		
Transfers in	9,609,445				
Total capital contributions	15,470,721	3,192,510	3,118,600	(73,910)	-2.32%
Net change in net position	\$16,403,148	\$ 3,192,510	\$ 3,118,600		

Water and Sewer Fund 2025 Budget Detail

Amended Proposed Over Prior 2023 Actual 2024 Budget 2025 Budget Year Budget	
Operating revenues	
Charges for services:	
Water charges \$ 5,281,788 \$ 4,460,500 \$ 5,032,000 \$ 571,500	
Sewer charges 6,484,006 5,117,135 5,886,785 769,650	
Miscellaneous charges 218,809 126,500 151,445 24,945	
Total operating revenue 11,984,603 9,704,135 11,070,230 1,366,095	14.08%
Operating expenses	
4300 - Sewer and WWTP	
52 - Purchased services 2,554,413 1,584,800 2,422,955 838,155	
53 - Supplies 2,294,716 1,913,810 2,163,990 250,180	
55 - Interfund charges237,654287,500275,000(12,500)	
56 - Depreciation 1,452,675 1,500,000 1,500,000 -	
Total sewer and WWTP 6,539,458 5,286,110 6,361,945 1,075,835	20.35%
4400 - Water operations	
51 - Personnel services and benefits 739,251 800,395 784,270 (16,125)	
52 - Purchased services 603,003 668,520 912,895 244,375	
53 - Supplies 2,574,981 2,143,855 2,460,745 316,890	
55 - Interfund charges268,414287,500275,000(12,500)	
56 - Depreciation 468,033 450,000 -	
Total water operations 4,653,682 4,350,270 4,882,910 532,640	12.24%
Total operating expenses 11,193,140 9,636,380 11,244,855 1,608,475	16.69%
Operating income 791,463 67,755 (174,625) (242,380)	
Non-operating revenue (expense)	
Interest income 481,230 250,000 300,000 50,000	
Interest expense (340,266) (317,755) (125,375) 192,380	
Total Non-operating revenue (expense) 140,964 (67,755) 174,625 242,380	357.73%
Income before capital contributions 932,427	
Capital contributions and transfers	
Tap fees840,710450,000600,000150,000	
Capital cost recovery fees 5,020,566 2,742,510 2,518,600 (223,910)	
Transfers in 9,609,445	
Total capital contributions 15,470,721 3,192,510 3,118,600 (73,910)	-2.32%
Net change in net position \$16,403,148 \$ 3,192,510 \$ 3,118,600 \$ (73,910)	

NOTES:

1. Completion date for wastewater treatment plant expansion has been delayed too early in the first quarter of 2025.

2. East Highway 80 12" water main replacement