

CONCORD CITY COUNCIL
EXTERNAL AGENCIES HEARING, WORK SESSION, AND BUDGET
PRESENTATION MEETING
APRIL 8, 2025

The City Council for the City of Concord, North Carolina, held the annual External Agencies Hearing, the scheduled City Council Work Session, and the annual Budget Presentation on April 8, 2025, beginning at 2:00 p.m. with Mayor William C. Dusch presiding.

Council members were present as follows:

Members Present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Andy Langford
Council Member Lori A. Clay
Council Member Betty M. Stocks
Council Member JC McKenzie
Council Member Terry L. Crawford
Council Member Jennifer Parsley-Hubbard
Council Member John A. Sweat, Jr.

Others Present:

City Manager, Lloyd Wm. Payne, Jr.
City Clerk, Kim J. Deason

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Representatives from the following agencies made presentations relative to funding requests in the FY 2025-2026 Budget:

City Grant Fund Requests:

Be the Lite CDC

Be the Lite CDC submitted a request for \$5,000. If granted, the funds will be used for the Summer Enhancement Program for children ages 5-12.

Cabarrus Arts Council

The Cabarrus Arts Council submitted a request for \$37,000. If granted, the funds will be used to support more diverse entertainment programming at The Davis Theater.

Cabarrus Victims Assistance Network (CVAN)

CVAN submitted a request for \$8,500. If granted, the funds will be used in to assist with providing shelter and support services for battered women and their children.

Flywheel Foundation

Flywheel Foundation submitted a request for \$10,000. If granted, the funds will be used to assist with support of the Retail Lab Bootcamp program.

Hellfighters Concord

Hellfighters Concord submitted a request for \$5,000. If granted, the funds will be used to assist with providing meals, groceries, and clothes to homeless/underprivileged individuals in the community.

Historic Cabarrus Association

The Historic Cabarrus Association submitted a request for \$20,000. If granted, the funds

will be used to support Concord's preservation efforts.

Old Courthouse Theater

Old Courthouse Theater submitted a request for \$7,500. If granted, the funds will be used to assist with costs associated with network improvements and new sound equipment.

Special Olympics NC-Cabarrus County

Special Olympics submitted a request of \$2,500. If granted, the funds will be used to assist with the cost of providing recreational programs for people with intellectual disabilities in Concord.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Requests:

Cooperative Christian Ministry (CCM)

CCM submitted a request for \$40,000. If granted, the funds will be used for continued support to partially cover Case Manager salaries for the Housing Program.

Cabarrus Meals on Wheels

Cabarrus Meals on Wheels submitted a request for \$10,000. If granted, the funds will be used to purchase food to be used to prepare meals for home bound clients.

Community Free Clinic

Community Free Clinic submitted a request for \$2,000. If granted, the funds will be used to assist with the cost of medical supplies.

Prosperity Unlimited, Inc.

Prosperity Unlimited, Inc submitted a request for \$20,000. If granted, the funds will be used to cover both administrative and operational costs.

Multiple Source (CDBG and City Grant) Requests:

AYA House, Inc

AYA House, Inc submitted a request of \$25,000 (CDBG) and \$35,000 (City grant). If granted, CDBG funds will be used to cover costs of counseling, therapy sessions, rehabilitation programs, mental health counseling, and support groups for homeless individuals and those suffering from substance abuse. City funds will be used to support operational costs and to cover the salaries of the Peer Support Specialists.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Carolinas – Cabarrus

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Carolinas - Cabarrus submitted a request of \$7,000 (CDBG) and \$8,000 (City grant). If granted, the funds will be used to assist with the continuation of providing youth activities and mentoring services.

Boys and Girls Club of Cabarrus County

Boys and Girls Club of Cabarrus County submitted a request of \$7,000 (CDBG) and \$8,000 (City grant). If granted, CDBG funds will be used for the meal box program for Boys and Girls Club participants during the summer months. City funds will be used to assist with the continuation of providing youth activities.

Coltrane LIFE Center

Coltrane LIFE Center submitted a request of \$10,000 (CDBG) and \$10,000 (City grant). If granted, the CDBG funds will be used to assist with the cost of health care supplies, infectious waste removal services, and a portion of the nurse's salary. City funds will be

used to assist with operational and utility costs to provide adult day health care services to senior citizens, adults with disabilities, and their family caregivers.

Conflict Resolution Center of Cabarrus County

The Conflict Resolution Center submitted a request of \$5,000 (CDBG) and \$5,000 (City grant). If granted, CDBG funds will be used to expand the hours of the part-time contract mediator/mediation coordinator position. City grant funds will be used to support and expand the existing mediation services.

Dream Create Grow

Dream Create Grow submitted a request of \$50,000 (CDBG) and \$50,000 (City grant). If granted, CDBG funds will be used for scholarships to 50 families for Occupational Speech and/or Physical Therapy services or adaptive equipment. City grant funds will be used to create a new program, Empower, for the youth and their caregivers.

El Puente Hispano

El Puente Hispano submitted a request of \$20,000 (CDBG) and \$10,000 (City grant). If granted, CDBG funds will be used to reimburse the expenses of the Afterschool/Homework Help Programs. City grant funds will be used to provide English as a Second Language (ESL) and civil engagement classes for the Latino community.

Families First in Cabarrus County

Families First in Cabarrus County submitted a request of \$6,500 (CDBG) and \$8,500 (City grant). If granted, CDBG funds will be used to support access to Child Care Services for low-income families and their providers. City grant funds will be used to support job creation by launching 5-10 sustainable, women-owned home childcare businesses by 2026.

Habitat for Humanity Cabarrus County

Habitat for Humanity submitted a request of \$8,500 (CDBG) and \$12,000 (City grant). If granted, CDBG funds will be used to support the salaries for two Habitat Cabarrus positions; Critical Home Repairs Coordinator and Homeownership Coordinator. City grant funds will be used to continue the Habitat Cabarrus mission and further assist homeowners in need of critical home repairs.

In Bloom Advocacy

In Bloom Advocacy submitted a request for \$5,000 (CDBG) and \$10,000 (City grant). If granted, CDBG funds will be used for advocacy services for families who have a child or youth with a disability enrolled in public, charter, or private schools and reside within Concord. City grant funds will be used, in partnership with Cabarrus County EMS, to introduce the Blue Envelope Program to provide training for emergency personnel in Cabarrus county on how to work with drivers and frequent passengers who have a disability.

International Center for Community Development

International Center for Community Development submitted a request of \$10,000 (CDBG) and \$5,000 (City grant). If granted, CDBG funds will be used for child care services for 2025 summer education. City Grant funds will be used to support ICCD 2025 Summer program.

Midway's Opportunity House

Midway's Opportunity House submitted a request of \$5,000 (CDBG) and \$5,000 (City grant). If granted, CDBG funds will be used to cover the operating costs of the Day Shelter program. City funds will be used to cover the cost of supplies to assist homeless clients.

North Carolina Firefighter Cancer Alliance

NC Firefighter Cancer Alliance submitted a request of \$3,000 (CDBG) and \$3,000 (City grant). If granted, CDBG funds will be used to support the continued operation of the existing podcast and video training series. City funds will be used to support training initiatives for firefighters and first responders in the City of Concord and beyond.

Present Age Ministries

Present Age Ministries submitted a request of \$5,000 (CDBG) and \$5,000 (City grant). If granted, CDBG and City funds will be used to cover the cost of program materials, staffing, training, participant follow-through, and connecting participants to other services.

Shooting Starz

Shooting Starz submitted a request of \$25,000 (CDBG) and \$25,000 (City grant). If granted, CDBG and City funds will be used to cover operational costs and to also assist with afterschool activities and summer camp.

The STUDIO

The STUDIO submitted a request of \$10,000 (CDBG) and \$5,000 (City grant). If granted, the CDBG and City funds will be used to respond to referrals for emergency assistance for families vetted by the school social workers as McKinney Vento within the Cabarrus County and Kannapolis City Schools.

The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army submitted a request of \$12,000 (CDBG) and \$6,000 (City grant). If granted, CDBG funds will be used to assist with operating costs of the 68-bed emergency shelter. City funds will be used to aid in providing rent and utility assistance to qualifying senior citizens.

Thompson Child & Family Focus

Transforming Youth Movement submitted a request of \$15,000 (CDBG) and \$15,000 (City grant). If granted, the CDBG funds will be used to cover a portion of 1 FTE Foster Care Licensing Specialist's salary. City funds will be used to support the existing foster care services for abused/neglected children and youth in the City of Concord.

Upwards, Inc

Upwards, Inc submitted a request of \$64,000 (CDBG) and \$64,000 (City grant). If granted, funds will be used to assist with salaries for key staff members integral to the execution of the BOOST program.

Zion Hill AME Zion

Zion Hill AME Zion submitted a request of \$5,000 (CDBG) and \$5,000 (City grant). If granted, funds will be used to assist with food and beverage costs and all supplies including cleaning, as well as educational items and sporting equipment for the Enlighten Summer Camp.

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Immediately following the External Agencies' presentations, the following City Council Meeting agenda was presented for discussion:

Members Present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Andy Langford
Council Member Lori A. Clay
Council Member Betty M. Stocks

Council Member JC McKenzie
Council Member Terry L. Crawford
Council Member Jennifer Parsley-Hubbard
Council Member John A. Sweat, Jr.

Others Present:

City Manager, Lloyd Wm. Payne, Jr.
City Attorney, Valerie Kolczynski
City Clerk, Kim J. Deason
Department Directors

Presentations:

Mayor Dusch presented a retirement plaque honoring Jackie Rushing for 43 years of dedicated service with the City of Concord.

Mayor Dusch presented a Proclamation recognizing April 18, 2025, as National Lineworker Appreciation Day in the City of Concord.

Mayor Dusch recognized the Electric Systems Department for receiving the RP3 award.

Departmental Reports:

Speed Limit Study Presentation.

The Transportation Director, Phillip Graham, explained how speed limit studies are conducted periodically to assess whether speeding is occurring in particular areas. He explained the methodology that is used to gather information, how the data is interpreted, enforcement, and how staff communicates any changes to the speed limit to the public.

The Transportation Director also explained that staff cannot verify signatures on the online form verses a hard copy with written signatures.

Council Member Stocks asked if all residents on Union Street would be impacted by the speed limit change. The Transportation Director explained that the change would only affect the impacted area, not all of Union Street.

Mayor Dusch asked if the study showed an impact to the greenway. The Transportation Director explained that it would not due to the sidewalks and due to the wider cross section of the road.

Council Member McKenzie asked what North Union is 25mph and South Union is 35mph. The Transportation Director explained Council can set the speed limits on Union Street and that it was determined by the Council at that time to set North Union at 25mph.

The Chief of Police, Jimmy Hughes, provided public safety data for the area between 157 Union Street S. and Wayne Ct. from March 2024 through February 2025. He stated there were 34 speed citations issued and 20 traffic accidents were had, but speed was not a factor in the accidents.

Mayor Dusch asked if it wasn't speed, what was the cause of the accidents. The Chief of Police stated minor accidents in that area are the cause of concern.

The City Manager, Lloyd Payne, stated that Council has the option of amending the petition form.

Council Member Crawford asked if this would be a public hearing. The City Attorney stated a public hearing is not required.

Mayor Dusch stated he will provide the data Council received to Mr. Harrison.

Parks and Recreation Bond Update

Staff will provide an update at the April 10, 2025 City Council meeting.

Public Hearings:

Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of the Agency Annual Plan, which includes updates to the Policies governing the Public Housing Program.

The Public Housing Director, Della Robinson, stated the Housing Department staff is required to submit the Agency Annual Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) annually, seventy-five (75) days before the start of the fiscal year.

A public hearing must be held before adoption to gather public input on the proposed changes. Updated policies in this year's plan include: 1) conversion of Public Housing to Project-Based Rental Assistance or Project-Based Vouchers under RAD; and 2) continued collaboration with Planning and Neighborhood Development and WeBuild Concord to increase affordable market-rate rentals.

Council Member Stocks asked if the public hearing was for public housing residents specifically or for any residents within Concord. The Housing Director stated the public hearing is open to all.

Council Member McKenzie asked if the City has the capability of requiring public housing residents to complete financial training. The Housing Director explained that it is not a requirement in the annual plan.

Presentations of Petitions and Requests:

Consider renaming Fawn Circle SW (a private street) to Vic St. Pierre Pl SW. The street is located on the property of St. James the Greater Catholic Church and intersects with Manor Ave SW.

The Planning and Neighborhood Senior Planner, Fred Womble, stated Fawn Circle SW be renamed in honor of Victor Joseph St. Pierre, a longtime parishioner of the church. Mr. St. Pierre is a World War II veteran who has made a lasting impact in the community through years of selfless service.

Consider adopting a resolution of intent to schedule a public hearing on the matter of closing the right-of-way of an unopened +/- 30-foot-wide alley connecting Union St. S to Sunset Dr. SE and running parallel to Louise Dr. SE.

The Planning and Neighborhood Senior Planner stated the alley was never opened and is unimproved.

He stated Stephen Bradley & Karen Bradley, owners of 4 Louise Dr. SE, filed the application. The other adjoining property owners are Renda & Albert Powell and Seth and Bethany Jean Micarelli. Each property owner will receive a portion of the alley being abandoned. The notice requirement would allow the public hearing to be conducted at the May 8, 2025 meeting.

Consider approving an owner-occupied reconstruction of 133 Cypress Street for Ms. Elma Henderson and Ms. Joyce Redfern through a partnership with Habitat for Humanity Cabarrus in the amount of \$192,295.

The Planning and Neighborhood Community and Development Manager, Mary Carr, stated the City of Concord's mission within the HOME program is to aid low and moderate-income residents who need major housing rehabilitation to assist homeowners. HUD will allow size changes to the new home if the existing home is determined to be inadequate per the local building code.

Ms. Henderson and Ms. Redfern's home is currently 1,260 square feet with significant foundation issues and major flooring issues due to water leaking from various plumbing and water supply lines, roof damage from leaking, grossly inadequate electrical system,

inadequate bath facilities, and lack of safe heating. The size of the new house will only increase by 11 square feet to 1271 square feet to meet code requirements. The household income is under 44% of area median income. At this level, they would repay 50% of the project cost resulting in a monthly payment of \$277.48 with 0% interest for 30 years. A deed restriction will be placed on the property for the same 30 years.

If approved, HOME funds would be used to complete with the cost related to relocation for the owners being included within the project costs. Staff will work with the residents to finalize all details related to their relocation needs. The reconstruction cost of \$192,295 is estimated by Habitat based on current projects and includes estimated cost of demolition of the existing home.

Council Member McKenzie asked about the deed restriction. The Planning and Neighborhood Community and Development Manager explained the deed restriction.

Consider adopting a Resolution Giving Preliminary Approval to Issuance of Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds for Norcutt Mill.

This item was removed from the agenda.

Consider adopting a resolution authorizing an eminent domain action for a parcel located at located on the northeast quadrant of the intersection of George Lyles and Weddington Road.

The City Attorney, VaLerie Kolczynski, stated this property is currently owned by Jolene P. Coble (50% Undivided Interest), Scott R. Needham (25% Undivided Interest), and Mark L. Needham (25% Undivided Interest). An acquisition of this property is necessary for the construction of a gravity wastewater main as part of the project to eliminate the Laurel Park Pump Station. The permanent utility easement of 12,383 square feet or 0.284 acres is estimated to have a value of \$42,643, and an appraisal has been ordered.

Mayor Dusch asked if any structure was located on the parcel. The City Attorney stated there was not.

Consider approving language to amend the deed restrictions for up to 6 units of the WeBuild project on Lincoln Street.

The City Attorney, VaLerie Kolczynski, stated that when the City transferred the Lincoln Street property to WeBuild, certain restrictions were placed on the property via deed restriction. One of the restrictions requires that at least 75% of the units sold or leased qualify as affordable housing but allows WeBuild to sell or lease up to 25% of the units at work force or market rate prices. The project consists of a total of 26 units and 6 of those are eligible for work force or market rate sale or lease. Any units chosen for work force or market rate lease of sale are at the sole discretion of WeBuild.

The proposed amendment to the deed restrictions will allow WeBuild to identify the specific unit chosen for work force or market rate lease or sale and memorialize that on the public record at the register of deeds. No amendment will be executed or filed until the specific unit is identified, and the amendment will be recorded at the time of or shortly prior to the closing of the chosen unit.

Consider authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with CITI Inc. in the amount of \$687,845 for water SCADA Integration and approve the attached budget amendment.

The Water Resources Director, Jeff Corley, stated Water Resources has been working towards a SCADA (System Controls and Data Acquisition) system upgrade as the current system is no longer upgradable and needs many changes to continue to meet our increasing data demands.

In February, an RFQ was released to identify potential vendors. CITI was selected based on their submittal and overall project plan.

Council Member McKenzie asked if this was a material and software contract and if staff was installing it. The Water Resources Director explained that most of the work is coding with no field devices.

Consider awarding a bid to Carolina Siteworks, Inc. for the sitework and grading at 1050 Vinehaven Dr. for construction of Substation N.

The Electric Systems Coordinator, Jarrin Hogue, stated site work and grading is necessary for the planned construction of Substation N.

The lowest bid was Carolina Siteworks, Inc. in the amount of \$184,644 and work is expected to take 90 days from the notice to proceed.

Consider authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with J.D. Goodrum Company, Inc., for the construction of the J.E. “Jim” Ramseur Park, a part of the Group 1 bond projects.

The Parks and Recreation Project Engineer, Noah Shaver, stated that the project was bid under the formal bidding process and four (4) bids were received on March 20, 2025. The lowest responsible bid was J.D. Goodrum Company, Inc., in the amount of \$17,975,041.95. He stated this amount is \$2 million under the estimated budgeted amount.

Consider authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with Carolina Siteworks, Inc. for the construction of the Logan Recreation Center Parking Lot Expansion.

The Deputy City Engineer, Rick Blat, stated the project was bid under the formal bidding process, and five (5) bids were received on March 27, 2025. The lowest responsible bid was Carolina Site Siteworks, Inc. in the amount of \$346,358.65. He stated the amount is \$160,000 under the estimated budgeted amount.

Council Member Stocks asked if the lot was vacant and would there be a retaining wall separating the current structure from the parking lot. The Deputy Engineer stated a wall will not be installed for the buffer, but trees would be planted.

Consider accepting a preliminary application from Ray D. Barnes & Amy B. Barnes.

The Engineering Director, Jackie Deal, stated Ray D. Barnes & Amy B. Barnes submitted a preliminary application to receive water service outside the City limits. The property is located at 5451 Flowes Store Rd., Concord NC. This .44 acre parcel is zoned county LDR and is located within Area B. The owners wish to build one new home and demolish the existing home. Sewer is not available to the parcel.

Consider accepting a preliminary application from Flowes Store LLC, Paul Goforth.

The Engineering Director stated Paul Goforth submitted a preliminary application to receive water service outside the City limits. The property is located at 6300 and 6272 Flowes Store Rd., Concord NC. This 3.88 acre parcel is zoned county LDR and is located within Area B. The owners wish to build two new homes and are requesting water services. Sewer is not available to the parcel.

Consider making appointments/reappointments to the Concord United Committee.

Council Member McKenzie clarified the Council is only reappointing the members that are eligible for reappointment and appointing two new Co-chairs. Mayor Dusch stated that that was correct. He stated the Council will not make any new appointments to the Committee until the new legislation is clarified.

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Consent Agenda:

There were no comments regarding the consent agenda.

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Following the Work Session, the annual Budget Workshop was held.

The Budget Manager, Lesley Reder, presented updates to the Strategic Plan.

She briefly recapped the process of developing the Strategic Plan; the Mission, Vision, and Goals. She explained how the Plan has been woven into staff's duties.

She presented FY 2025 Plan Achievements for each of the six goals and what's planned for FY 2026.

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The City Manager presented the FY25-26 proposed budget.

Council priorities

- Maintain the current tax rate
- Funding Strategic Plan priorities
- Dedicate Funding for Affordable Housing, Greenways, and Transportation
- Replenish Ronnie Long settlement costs

He stated the proposed FY25-26 budget is \$379,644,465.

Proposed Fee Schedule Changes

- Aviation
- ClearWater
- Electric
- Engineering
- Fire
- Parks & Recreation
- Planning
- Rocky River Golf Course
- Solid Waste
- Utility Billing & Collections
- Water
- Wastewater
- Stormwater

Dedicated Priority Funding

The City Manager stated the following amounts have set aside per Council's priorities:

- Parks & Recreation - \$1,800,000
- Affordable Housing Revolving Fund - \$1,800,000
- Transportation - \$4,400,000

The City Manager stated he is proposing a 3% market adjustment for all employees effective July 1, 2025, 1-4% for merit based on annual evaluations, and 1.5% increase for achieving Career Development accomplishments/goals in FY25/26.

Position Changes

7.5 new positions

- Finance – Executive Assistant
- Police – four officers (downtown)
- Aviation – Aviation Operations Supervisor
- Electric – Electric Education Coordinator

- Parks & Recreation – one PT Custodian

1 position transfer

- Water Resources to Engineering – Staff Engineer

4 reclasses

- Billing – Senior Meter Technician to Meter Technician Supervisor
- Parks & Recreation – additional hours for PT Recreation Center Leader
- Water – System Protection Inspector to Project Engineer and Utility Systems Tech to Water Treatment Manager

Flex banding

- Engineering – CAD Tech I to II; Construction Inspector I to II; and Survey Tech IIs to IIIs (2)
- Cemeteries – Cemetery Maintenance Worker I to II (6)
- Electric – Electric Engineering Tech I to II

Property Tax

The City Manager stated assessed values have increased but staff has not received the final numbers from the Cabarrus County Tax Office.

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General Fund Preliminary FY25/26 Budget by Department – Personnel and Operations Costs Only

General Fund

The City Manager stated a 5.1% increase in property tax revenue is anticipated. An estimated 1.6% decrease in sales tax revenue is anticipated.

He stated an 8.4% increase is anticipated in General Fund revenues.

General Government

A proposed 67.2% decrease in non-departmental due to reallocating the \$2.1 million for the use of streetlights to the Electric Systems budget.

Public Safety

Proposed 10.2% increase for the proposed four downtown officers.

Public Works

An anticipated 23.9% increase in Powell Bill operations.

A 100% increase in Buildings and Grounds due to reallocating the department to a General Fund department.

Economic Development

Proposed 8.6% increase overall.

Culture & Recreation

Proposing to continue the allocation into the Parks & Recreation Reserve (\$1.8 million). A 45.1% increase due to a water leak issue at ClearWater Artist Studios.

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Capital Outlay and Projects

The City Manager presented the following Vehicle and Equipment Projections:

- FY26 - \$10,426,728
- FY27 - \$10,276,320

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General Fund Capital Projects

The City Manager presented the following General Fund Capital Projects Projections:

- Clarke Creek Greenway Development and Cox Mill Loop (P&R) - \$742,368
- Major Corridor Resurfacing (Streets) - \$2,000,000
- White Street Bridge (Streets) - \$650,000
- Weddington @ Rock Hill Church Roundabout (Streets) - \$2,900,000
- Fire Station 13 (Flowes Store Rd.) - \$7,225,000
- Future SCBA Replacements (Fire) - \$2,786,000
- Communications & Emergency Management Operations Building - \$6,197,948
- Fleet Facility Redesign for Radio Shop - \$50,000

General Capital Project Reserves

- Projected balance after FY 2026 allocation - \$12.3M
- Projected available balance after FY 2026 allocation - \$5.6M
- FY 2026 Proposal
\$2,100,000 to General Fund (fire truck)
\$2,786,000 to project fund (SCBA)

Recreation Capital Project Reserves

- Projected balance after FY 2026 allocation - \$2.4M
- Proposed FY26 transfer - \$1,800,000

Utility Capital Project Reserves

- Projected balance after FY 2026 allocation - \$16.9M
Water \$5.9M
Wastewater \$2.8M
Electric \$8.2M
- FY 2026 Proposal - \$6M from Electric for projects

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Preliminary FY25/26 Budget – General Fund Revenues

Upcoming potential debt issues include:

Communications/EOC Building

- Start financing process in late FY26/early FY27
- Projecting debt service to begin FY27
- Installment financing or LOBS
- Term options – 10, 15, 20
- Recommend paying debt service using debt service fund

Fire Station 13

- Design was funded in FY25 CIP
- Construction is in FY26 CIP
- Will work with Fire to determine exact timing
- Installment financing or LOBS

Housing Repositioning

- To be determined

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Preliminary Update – Enterprise Funds

The City Manager presented the following Enterprise Fund Reserves & Available Retained Earnings:

- Water - \$21.2 million
- Wastewater - \$21.3 million
- Stormwater - \$7.7 million
- Electric - \$58.7 million
 - Rate Stabilization - \$15 million
- Aviation - \$7.8 million

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The City Manager presented the following proposed projects and expenditures:

Water Resources

- AMI System replacement - \$6,000,000 (future project reserves)
- Coddle Creek WTP Aluminum Tanks - \$800,000 (transfer from Water)

Wastewater

- Irish Buffalo 42” Interceptor Tie-Overs - \$500,000 (future project reserves)

Stormwater

- Buffalo Avenue culvert replacement - \$750,000 (transfer from Stormwater)

Electric System

- 100 kV Interconnect between Delivery #4 & Sub E - \$6,000,000 (transfer from Utility Capital Reserve)
- Delivery #1 replacement - \$400,000 (transfer from Electric)
- AMI System - \$8,000,000 (transfer from Electric)
- Substation N - \$2,000,000 (transfer from Electric)
- Substation S - \$1,500,000 (transfer from Electric)
- 100 kV Interconnect - Liles Blvd to Substation O - \$1,000,000 (transfer from Electric)
- Substation R - \$250,000 (transfer from Electric)

Aviation

- North General Aviation Apron/Taxilane A1 Rehabilitation - \$3,431,828 (future grants)
- Runway 20 EMAS Study - \$938,676 (future grants and transfer from Aviation)

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The City Manager stated he would have the full proposed FY26 budget available to the Council no later than May 23, 2025. The budget public hearing and adoption is proposed for June 10, 2025.

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The Council Members each commented on the proposed budget and thanked the City Manager and the staff for their work on the proposed budget.

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There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Council Member Crawford and seconded by Council Member Sweatt to adjourn—the vote: all aye.

William C. Dusch, Mayor

Kim J. Deason, City Clerk