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PROPOSED BUDGET-IN-BRIEF

Fiscal Year 2027

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR SHAUNDEL WASHINGTON-SPIVEY

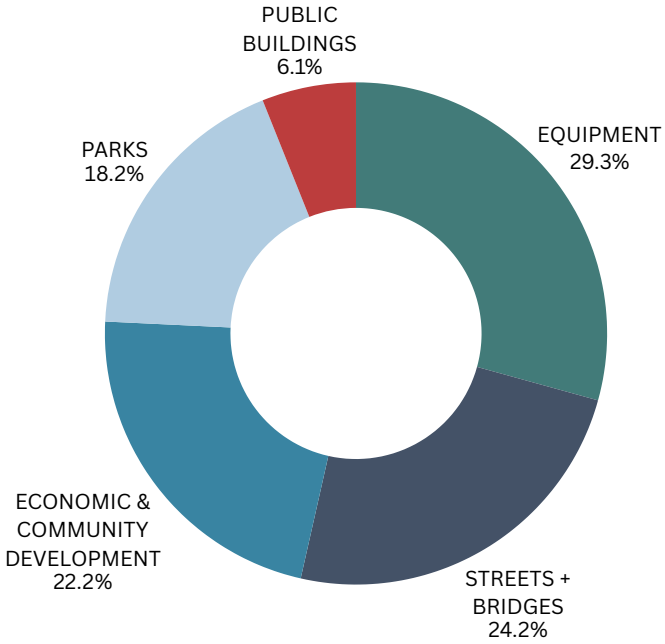


This budget reflects a dedicated effort to maintain high-quality services while navigating the financial constraints placed on municipalities. Even so, the City approached this process with resilience, equity, and resourcefulness to continue meeting the needs of residents. Looking ahead, we will continue developing long-term strategies to strengthen financial stability: exploring operational consolidation, identifying new revenue sources, and reducing redundancies. These steps are critical to ensuring a resilient and sustainable future for our great city.

2027 HIGHLIGHTS

- River Point Marina & Park
- Love Your Block Neighborhood Improvement Projects
- Lending Library Kiosk
- Memorial Pool Upgrades
- Trail Expansions
- Infrastructure Preservation & Maintenance

*The capital budget is the City's multi-year plan for major, long-term investments in infrastructure, buildings, equipment, and other assets. This breakdown does not include Enterprise Fund expenses covered by user fees (Utilities & Airport).



*CAPITAL BUDGET

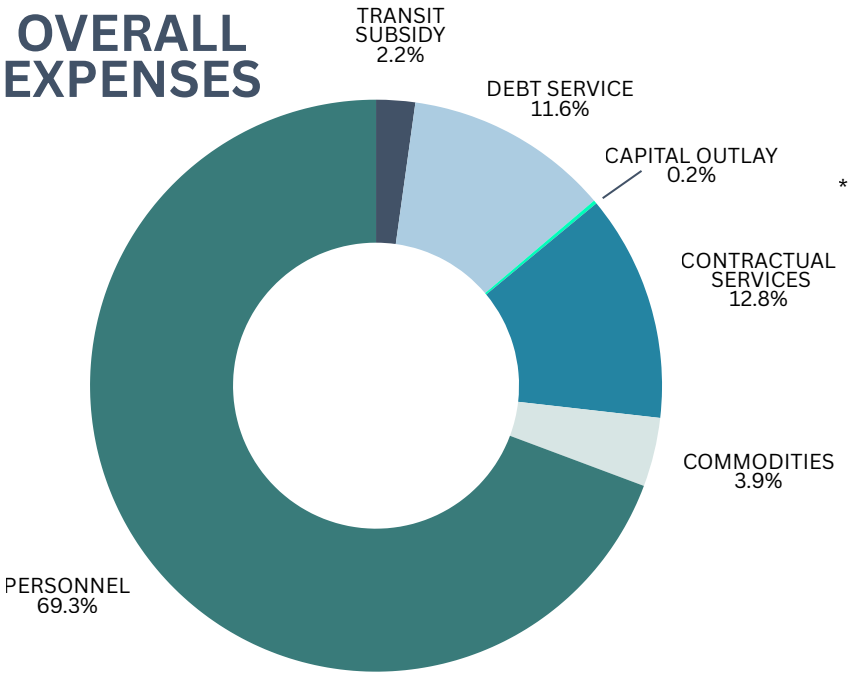
In 2027, homeowners will see a property tax increase of $18.10 per $100,000 of value.*
Every dollar of property tax paid is divided among these taxing districts.



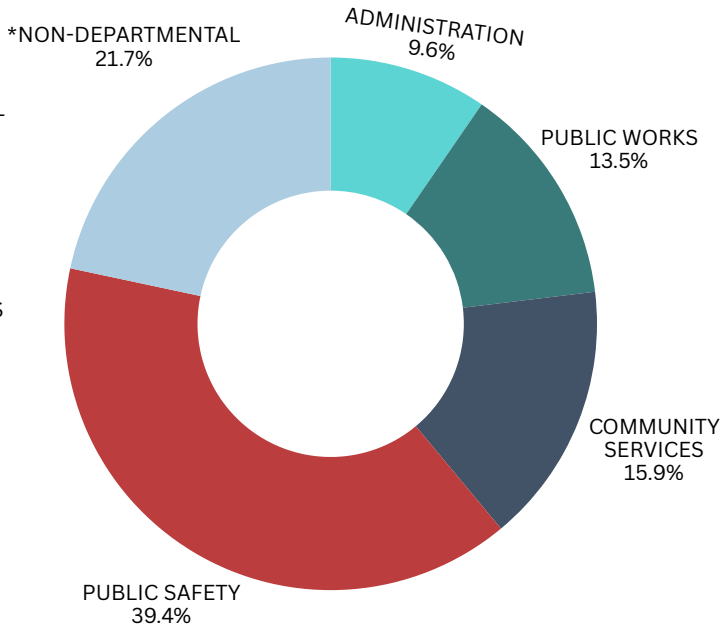
This adjustment strictly impacts the City portion of the tax bill, provided there is no increase in the overall assessed value.

OPERATING BUDGET EXPENSES

OVERALL EXPENSES



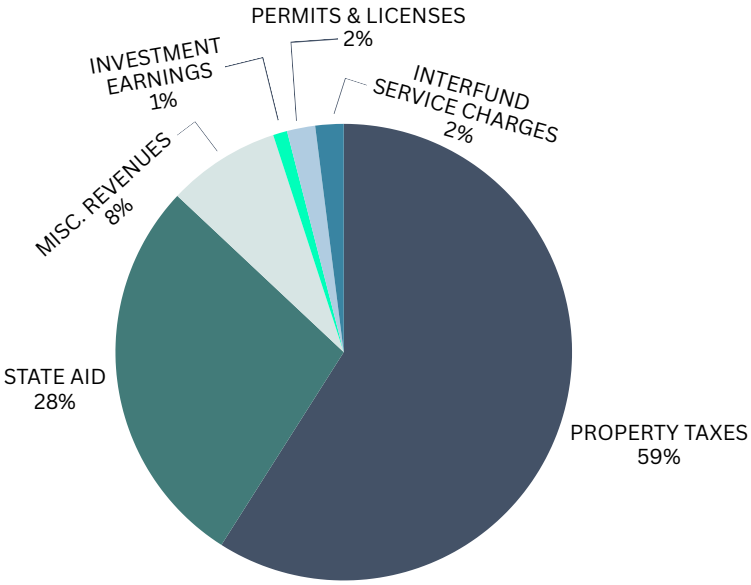
EXPENSES BY PRIORITIES



The operating budget includes expenses that fund the day-to-day costs of delivering City services. Like many municipalities, our growing expenses have outpaced our stagnant revenues over the years. Yet, we continue to bring forth a resilient, balanced budget. Our budget emphasizes an unwavering investment in public safety, community services, and a commitment to maintaining our infrastructure.

**Non-departmental expenses include: Debt Service ($8.8M), Retiree Health Insurance ($2.6M), a Transit Subsidy ($1.7M), and Employee Insurance ($1.2M).*

OPERATING BUDGET REVENUES



As a landlocked city with limited ways to expand, we have equally limited avenues to pursue revenue generation. Two of our primary ways of generating revenue are through state aid and property taxes. As we prepare for a financially solvent future, we will also explore new revenue opportunities.

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