

# TOTAL RECOMMENDED BUDGET: \$68,623,860

## WHERE IS THE MONEY GOING?

General Fund 45.65%

Water & Sewer 44.33%

Environmental Services 3.49% Stormwater 2.44%

Parking 2.00% Main St. MSD 1.37% 7th Ave MSD 0.31%

Stormwater Capital Reserve 0.22% Water & Sewer Capital Reserve 0.15% Governmental Special Revenue 0.05%



**Property Tax Rate** 

City Wide: \$0.52/per \$100
No change from the previous rate

**WATER & SEWER RATES** 

The rate differential between inside &

outside water customer rates has lowered

by 5% reflecting City Council's commitment

Water: 8% increase

Sewer: 9% increase

Main St and 7th Ave MSD: \$0.21/per \$100

Main St: No change from the previous rate 7th Ave: No change from the previous rate

## WHERE IS THE MONEY COMING FROM?

#### **GENERAL FUND**

Restricted Intergovernmental 3.45%
Permits & Fees 2.28%
Sales & Services 1.25%
Investment Earnings 0.36%
Other taxes & Licenses 0.03%
Miscellaneous 0.02%

Ad Valorem Taxes 61.25%

Unrestricted
Intergovernmental
- Sales Taxes
31.36%

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Focusing on long-term financial sustainability, the FY26 budget centers on rebuilding from Hurricane Helene and continuing to offer high-quality services to residents

Committing to Compensation/Benefits requires additional funds to recruit & retain personnel, by covering increasing medical insurance & retirement costs

Prioritizing Strong Infrastructure with key Water & Sewer projects including treatment plant, line, and pump station improvements

**Enhancing Public Safety** by funding 911 Software, CPR Device, and Swift Water Rescue Equipment

New positions include: 3 Environmental Service Workers, 2 Water & Sewer Line Maintenance Mechanics, 1 Downtown Maintenance Worker & 1 Fleet Maintenance Technician

## **PERSONNEL BENEFITS**

4.0% Cost of Living Adjustment3.00% 401k Match2.56% Average Merit Increase

### **RATES & FEES**

Stormwater: \$8.00/month \$1 increase for residential customers Non-residential Stormwater Fee Cap \$400

**Environmental Services:** 

to equalize rates by 2030

32-gallon can: \$30; 96-gallon can: \$32 \$7 increase to make fund sustainable & hire 3 workers

Parking: No increase in parking rates

Motor Vehicle Fee:

\$15 increase for Vehicle Registration Renewal Funding earmarked for maintaining streets/ADA compliant sidewalks in compliance PROWAG unfunded federal mandate

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