

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-053

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS, MINNESOTA, ADOPTING A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2027, SETTING THE CITY LEVY, APPROVING THE HRA LEVY, APPROVING A TAX RATE INCREASE, AND ESTABLISHING A BUDGET HEARING DATE FOR PROPERTY TAXES PAYABLE IN 2027.

Now, therefore, in accordance with all ordinances and regulations of the City of Columbia Heights, the City Council of the City of Columbia Heights makes the following:

ORDER OF COUNCIL

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

Section A. The budget for the City of Columbia Heights for the year 2027 is hereby approved and adopted with appropriations for each of the funds listed below.

	Revenue	Expense
Governmental Funds		
General Fund	22,410,000	21,739,000
Planning & Inspections	936,900	936,900
Economic Development Authority Admin.	426,900	426,900
EDA Housing Fund	410,500	300,000
State Street Maintenance Aid	278,400	229,500
Cable Television	146,000	194,900
Downtown Parking	72,900	72,900
Library	1,482,400	1,482,400
Debt Service Funds	2,303,200	2,771,500
Capital Project Funds	5,835,400	4,938,200
Proprietary Funds		
Water Fund	4,797,000	3,791,900
Sewer Fund	2,981,000	3,413,800
Refuse Fund	5,060,000	4,606,400
Storm Sewer Fund	882,000	723,900
Liquor Fund	10,586,000	10,288,600
Municipal Service Center	1,285,100	1,369,100
Information Systems	1,089,800	1,077,200
Change in Fund Balances	-	2,620,400
Total Including Interfund Transfers	60,983,500	60,983,500

Section B. The following sums of money are levied for the current year, collectable in 2027 upon the Taxable property in the City of Columbia Heights, for the purposes listed below.

General Fund Operating Levy	18,475,000
General Fund Capital Projects Levy	700,000
Library Fund Levy	1,455,000
Economic Development Authority Levy	416,000
Property Tax Levy Subtotal, Not Including HRA and Debt Service Levies Listed Below	21,046,000

Section C. The City Council of the City of Columbia Heights hereby approves the Columbia Heights Housing and Redevelopment Authority Tax Levy for the fiscal year 2026 in the amount of \$425,000.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the public budget hearing is scheduled for December 14, 2026, at approximately 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the County Auditor is authorized to fix a property tax rate for taxes payable in the year 2027 that is higher than the tax rate calculated for the City of Columbia Heights for taxes payable in 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City has adequate fund balances and reserves to pay bond principal and interest payments on General Obligation Bond Series 2015A in the amount of \$290,281 and that the County Auditor is authorized to cancel \$290,281 of the related Bond Levy for taxes payable in 2027, leaving a balance of \$191,000 to be levied for taxes payable 2027 for Series 2015A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City has adequate fund balances and reserves to pay bond principal and interest payments on General Obligation Bond Series 2017A in the amount of \$345,634 and that the County Auditor is authorized to cancel \$345,634 of the related Bond Levy for taxes payable in 2027, leaving a balance of \$0 to be levied for taxes payable in 2027 for Series 2017A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City has adequate fund balances and reserves to pay bond principal and interest payments on General Obligation Bond Series 2017B in the amount of \$260,150 and that the County Auditor is authorized to cancel \$260,150 of the related Bond Levy for taxes payable in 2026, leaving a balance of \$307,000 to be levied for taxes payable in 2027 for Series 2017B.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City has adequate fund balances and reserves to pay bond principal and interest payments on General Obligation Bond Series 2018A in the amount of \$14,669 and that the County Auditor is authorized to cancel \$14,669 of the related Bond Levy for taxes payable in 2027, leaving a balance of \$106,000 to be levied for taxes payable in 2027 for Series 2018A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City has adequate fund balances and reserves to pay bond principal and interest payments on General Obligation Bond Series 2023B in the amount of \$125,843 and that the County Auditor is authorized to cancel \$125,843 of the related Bond Levy for taxes payable in 2027, leaving a balance of \$0 to be levied for taxes payable in 2027 for Series 2023B.

The Finance Director is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the County Auditor of Anoka County, Minnesota.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2026

Offered by:

Seconded by:

Roll Call:

Mayor Amáda Márquez Simula

Attest: _____
Sara Ion, City Clerk/Council Secretary