




City of Hartford * County of Van Buren * State of Michigan

TO: Mayor Danger and the Hartford Commissioners

FROM: Nicol Pulluam, City Manager 

DATE: May 18, 2026

RE: Annual Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

ITEM BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

The item before the City Commission is the adoption of the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Hartford has prepared its Fiscal Year 2027 budget, which will cover the period from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. The City Manager initiated the budget process in March by distributing budget worksheets to employees in each department. I conducted one-on-one meetings with department heads to gather their proposed budgets. The budget committee met on April 16th and May 5th to review the budget in detail.

According to the Michigan Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act (P.A. 2 of 1968), the city is required to adopt an annual budget and hold a public hearing as stipulated by the Hartford City Charter, Chapter 7. The following significant changes are being proposed:

- ✚ Purchase of vehicles, equipment, and radios for police officers
- ✚ Increased costs for utility and water operators
- ✚ Hiring a contractor in the Treasurer's department
- ✚ Leasing a copy machine
- ✚ Implementing a monitoring system for the Sewer Plant
- ✚ Attorney fees for the Sewer Plant
- ✚ Staff salary increases
- ✚ Salary increases for DPW Laborers with CDL classification
- ✚ 17% increase in health insurance
- ✚ Bond payments for roads and water
- ✚ Election equipment expenses

Summary of the Budget:

- General Fund: Fund balance of \$29,100
- Major Street Fund: \$334,800
- Local Street Fund: \$38,400

- Comprehensive Improvement Fund: \$5,000 for Police Department
- Downtown Development Authority: Fund balance of \$700
- Building Department Fund: Fund balance of \$10,900
- Building Authority Fund: Fund balance of \$5,500
- Sewer Fund: Fund balance of \$7,900
- Water Fund: Fund balance of \$152,400

RECOMMENDATION:

The City of Hartford City Commission approves the annual budget for the fiscal year 2027, July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.