







# Agenda

- Overview
- Revenue
- Expense
  - Personnel
    - Proposed Salary Adjustments
    - New Positions
- Changes at the Fund Level
- Capital Projects Plan





### FY 2026 Budget Calendar

- Developed revenue projections in late December & early January
- Departments submitted operating, personnel and capital requests in January and February
- Finance Citizen's Committee meetings and input during the month of March
- City Manager review of the requests in March
- Budget submitted to Council in April
  - Council input and public hearings in April and May
  - Adoption of Budget in June and millage in July





#### FY 2026 Revenue Projections

- Budget assumes Millage Rate remains at 3.26
  - Millage Rate the same as FY 2025
  - Based on the Preliminary Digest figures the digest will grow by 398,861,120
    - 38,367,240 of this amount is associated with Homesteaded Properties
    - 16,095,320 of this amount is in the TAD
  - General Fund Revenue Budget increase of \$884,106
  - The City will be required to hold 3 millage public hearings and advertise a Tax
    Increase if we do not use the rollback rate





- Occupation Tax
  - \$1,400,000
  - Increase of \$700,000 for the second year of new Occupation Tax Ordinance
- Insurance Premium Tax
  - \$3,000,000
  - Increase of \$500,000





- Fines & Forfeitures Court
  - **-** \$1,851,000
  - Decrease of \$185,000
  - School Zone Speed Cameras not in General Fund, but only for Public Safety
    - \$2,000,00
    - Decrease of \$227,000
- Licenses and Permits Alcohol Licenses, Building Permits, Zoning Fees
  - **-** \$744,600
  - Decrease of \$27,050
- Miscellaneous Revenue Interest Revenue
  - \$600,000
  - Increase of \$155,000



- Operating Transfers—in (Electric and Natural Gas)
  - \$16,922,649
  - Increase of \$697,035
- Historical

Fiscal Year	Electric and Gas Transfer In	Revenue Budget	Percent of Budget
FY 2026	\$16,922,649	\$52,618,252	32.16%
FY 2025	\$16,225,614	\$47,850,223	33.91%
FY 2024	\$19,668,219	\$46,746,157	42.07%
FY 2023	\$15,436,369	\$40,716,572	37.91%





- Charges for Service Indirect or Overhead
  - **–** \$10,999,693
  - Increase of \$1,868,118
- Rental Income
  - \$378,700
  - Decrease of \$1,401,800 primarily resulting from changes to the Aurora Rental
    Contract and reclassification of lease income from DDA
- Other Revenue DDA Rental/Lease Property, Sale of Assets
  - **-** \$741,460
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- Electric Rates
  - The Budget reflects the changes in Electric Rates
  - The Council approved the three-year Electric Rate program in March 2025
- Natural Gas Rates
  - The Budget Reflects the increase in Gas rates based on the proposed threeyear rate plan
  - The Council approved the three-year Gas-Rate program in April 2025
- Sanitation Rates
  - The Budget reflects the changes in Sanitation Rates
  - The Council approved the three-year Sanitation Rate program in March 2025





### FY 2026 Expense Highlights

- 14 New Full-Time Positions
- 2 New Part-Time Positions
- Salary Increases: \$1,742,448
  - Salary and Benefits (SS, Medicare, Retirement, On-Call): \$2,184,553
  - Includes adjustments for Pay in Class Study, COLA, and performance evaluations
  - Additional projected costs for Health Benefits for Active and Retired Employees of \$216,900 or 1.9% increase
- \$27,630 for Tuition Reimbursement
- \$25,000 for City Employee Housing Incentive program





#### FY 2026 Salary Adjustments

- Proposed FY 2026 Salary Adjustments
  - **-** \$2,184,552
    - \$1,742,448 Salaries
    - \$174,244 Retirement
    - \$142,860 Social Security / Medicare
    - \$80,000 Overtime
    - \$20,000 Part-Time
    - \$25,000 On-Call
  - Compensation study to be implemented on July 1, 2025



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#### FY 2026 Personnel – New Positions

Department	Count	Month	Position Title	
Communications	1	July	Webmaster	
Communications	1	July	Communications Coordinator	
Community and Economic Development	1	July	LAC Complex General Manager	
Community and Economic Development	1	July	LAC Rental Coordinator	
Community and Economic Development	1	July	LAC Event Coordinator	
Community and Economic Development	1	July	LAC Technical Manager	
Community and Economic Development	1	July	LAC Admin Coordinator	
Electric	1	July	Electric Design Engineer	
Finance	1	July	Grants Administrator	
Natural Gas	1	July	Crew Lead Specialist	
Natural Gas	1	July	General Technician	
Natural Gas	1	July	Field Tech	
Police	1	July	Real Time Crime Center Manager	
Police	2	July	Part-Time Officers	
Stormwater	1	July	Compliance Inspector	
TOTAL Cost of Positions	16		\$1,661,350 (including capital)	





#### FY 2026 Personnel – New Positions

- \$1,571,349 in salary, benefits, supplies, and operating costs
- \$90,000 in capital costs
- Total of 16 Positions
  - 6 Associated with operating the LAC
    - 5 funded in Special Events Enterprise Fund
    - 1 funded in the General Fund and housed in Communications
  - 1 Associated with Stormwater
    - Funded in the Stormwater Fund
  - 3 positions funded in the General Fund
  - 1 positions funded in the Electric Fund
  - 3 Positions funded in the Gas Fund
  - 2 Part-Time Positions
    - Funded in the General Fund



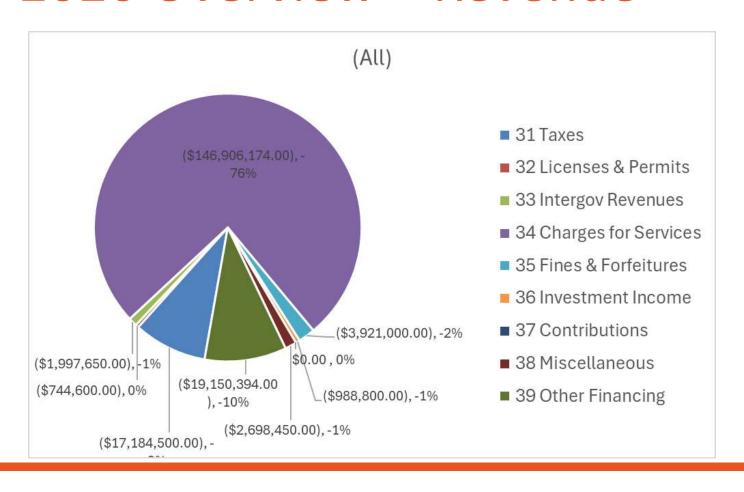
# FY 2026 Overview – Operating

Fund	Revenue	Expenses	Variance
100 – General Fund	\$52,618,252.00	\$52,618,252.00	\$0.00
210 – Confiscated Assets	\$61,000.00	\$61,000.00	\$0.00
211 – Confiscated Assets	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$0.00
215 – 911 Fund	\$1,359,085.00	\$1,359,085.00	\$0.00
270 – TAD	\$1,200,000.00	\$1,200,000.00	\$0.00
275 – Hotel/Motel	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$0.00
280 – Vehicle Rental	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$0.00
285 – School Zone Cameras	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$0.00
510 – Electric	\$47,886,642.00	\$47,886,642.00	\$0.00
515 – Natural Gas	\$64,230,392.00	\$64,230,392.00	\$0.00
540 – Sanitation	\$3,344,627.00	\$3,344,627.00	\$0.00
555 – Special Events/LAC	\$3,402,490.00	\$3,402,490.00	\$0.00
560 – Storm Water	\$2,527,500.00	\$6,195,888.00	\$3,668,388.00
610 – Group Health	\$8,821,900.00	\$8,821,900.00	\$0.00
615 – Worker's Comp	\$700,000.00	\$700,000.00	\$0.00
620 – Fleet	\$2,366,940.00	\$2,366,940.00	\$0.00
625 – Risk	\$2,556,740.00	\$2,556,740.00	\$0.00
	\$193,591,568.00	\$197,259,956.00	\$3,668,388.00





#### FY 2026 Overview – Revenue





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#### FY 2026 Overview – Expenses





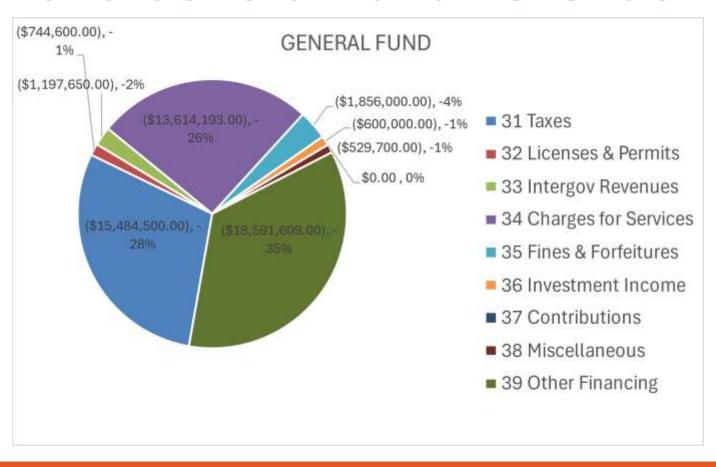
# FY 2026 Overview – Capital

Fund	Revenue	Expenses	Variance
326 – SPLOST	\$6,899,485.00	\$6,899,485.00	\$0.00
355 – Capital	\$9,039,730.00	\$9,039,730.00	\$0.00
511 – Electric Capital	\$4,975,000.00	\$4,975,000.00	\$0.00
516 – Natural Gas Capital	\$4,775,000.00	\$4,775,000.00	\$0.00
541 – Sanitation Capital	\$171,000.00	\$171,000.00	\$0.00
561 – Stormwater Capital	\$4,620,000.00	\$4,620,000.00	\$0.00
	\$30,480,215.00	\$30,480,215.00	\$0.00
Operating Budget	\$193,591,568.00	\$197,259,956.00	\$3,668,388.00
Total Budget	\$224,071,783.00	\$227,740,171.00	\$3,668,388





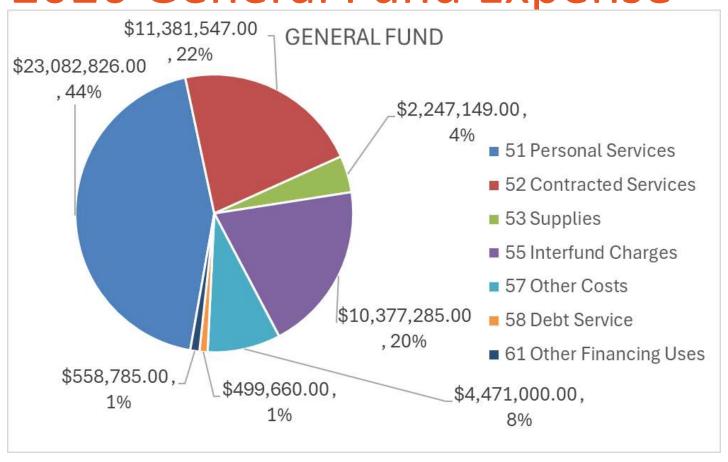
#### FY 2026 General Fund Revenue







#### FY 2026 General Fund Expense

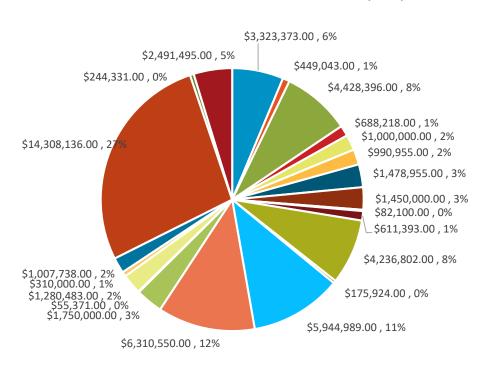






#### FY 2026 General Fund Expense

#### General Fund by Department



- BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
- CITY CLERK
- CITY MANAGER
- CODE ENFORCEMENT
- COMM & ECON DEVELOPMENT
- COMMUNICATIONS
- DAMAGE PREVENTION
- DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
- ELECTIONS
- ENGINEERING
- FINANCE
- GOVERNING BODY
- HUMAN RESOURCES
- IT
- LBA
- MAYOR
- MUNICIPAL COURT
- OTHER GOVT COMMUNITY SERVICES
- PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
- POLICE
- PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION
- STREETS





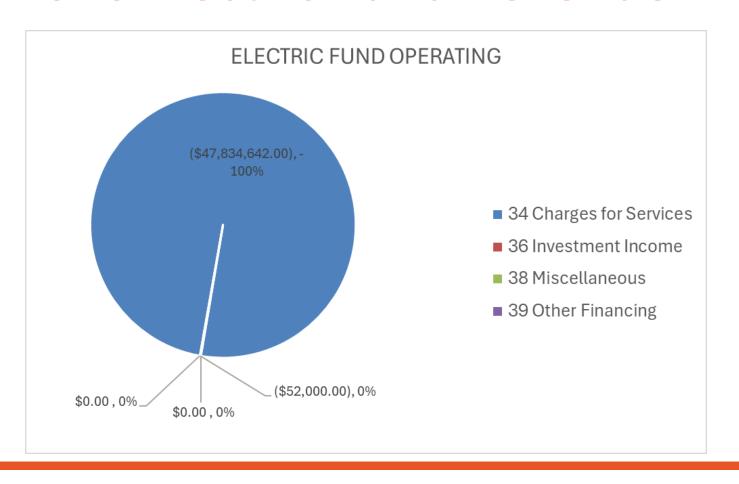
#### FY 2026 Electric Fund

- \$48,516,501 Proposed Budget
  - 1 new position
  - Fund Transfers-Out
    - \$9,119,332 General Fund Operating
    - \$4,975,000 Electric Fund Capital
  - Indirect Costs
    - \$2,971,687
  - Purchase of Electricity for Resale
    - \$24,604,586
  - Sponsorship of the LAC/Special Events
    - \$1,263,745





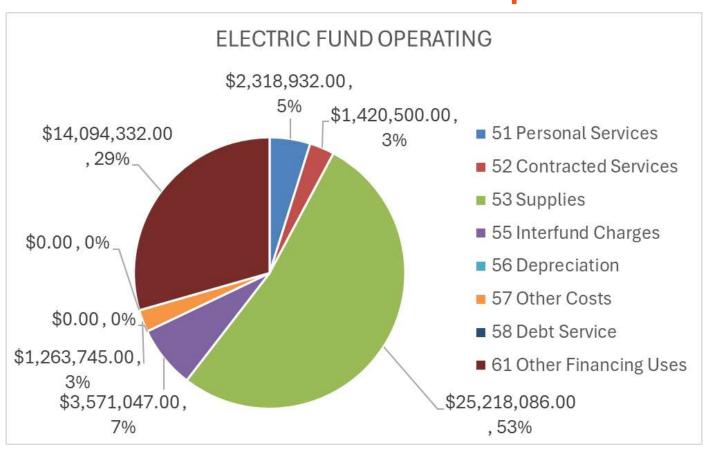
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#### FY 2026 Electric Fund Expenses







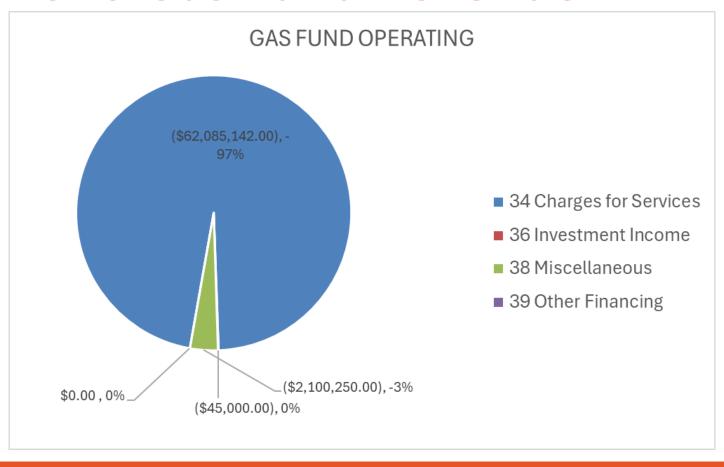
#### FY 2026 Gas Fund

- \$64,860,250 Proposed Budget
  - Fund Transfers-Out
    - \$7,803,317 General Fund Operating
    - \$7,899,730 General Fund Capital
    - \$4,775,000 Gas Fund Capital
  - Indirect Costs
    - \$6,277,235
  - Purchase of Gas for Resale
    - \$23,300,000
  - Sponsorship of the LAC/Special Events
    - \$1,263,745





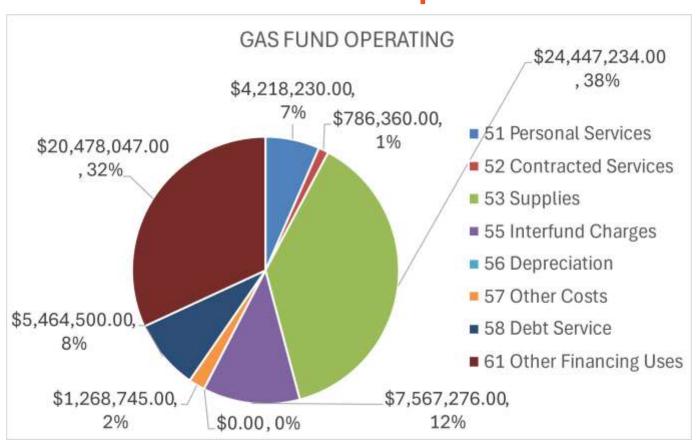
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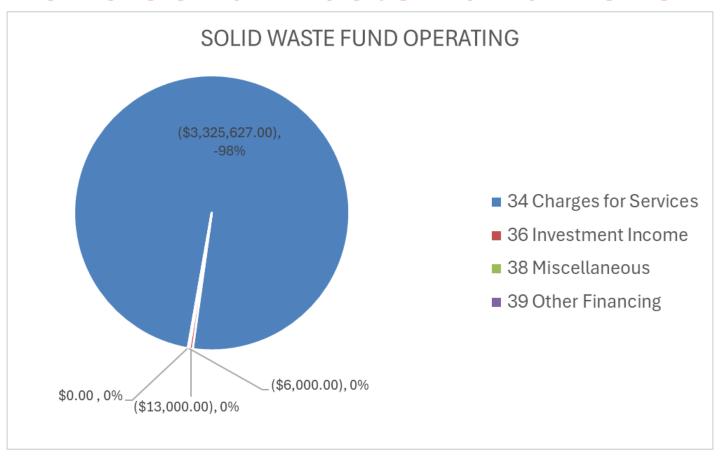
### FY 2026 Solid Waste & Recycling

- \$3,344,627 Budget
  - Solid Waste Disposal \$980,000
  - Indirect Cost \$563,000





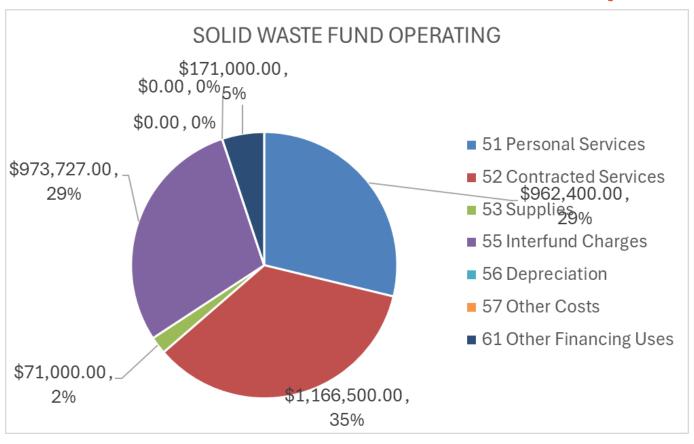
#### FY 2026 Solid Waste Fund Revenue





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#### FY 2026 Solid Waste Fund Expenses





# FY 2026 Capital Projects Plan

Department	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
SPLOST	\$6,899,485	\$7,248,558	\$7,427,458	\$5,844,891	\$0	\$0
Engineering	\$3,950,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,600,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
IT	\$1,020,000	\$1,040,200	\$348,200	\$348,200	\$348,200	\$167,550
Police	\$651,769	\$575,393	\$575,393	\$132,325	\$132,325	\$132,325
Streets	\$1,400,000	\$1,830,000	\$2,076,000	\$2,160,000	\$2,286,000	\$2,448,000
Economic Development	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Damage Prevention	\$14,730	\$7,370	\$14,730	\$7,370	\$14,730	\$7,370
Fleet	\$2,215,000	\$1,880,000	\$1,972,500	\$2,072,500	\$2,132,250	\$2,270,510
Sanitation	\$171,000	\$334,500	\$80,000	\$114,000	\$80,000	\$80,000
Electric	\$4,975,000	\$6,960,000	\$6,900,000	\$9,075,000	\$8,475,000	\$8,375,000
Gas	\$4,775,000	\$4,899,580	\$5,638,660	\$5,020,780	\$4,463,070	\$6,748,070
Stormwater	\$4,520,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000
Gov Bldg	\$500,000	\$532,000	\$355,000	\$527,000	\$475,000	\$837,000
	\$31,141,984	\$27,757,601	\$28,337,941	\$27,152,066	\$20,256,575	\$22,915,825



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# FY 2026 Capital Projects con't

- \$31,141,984 Proposed Budget
  - \$1,000,000 Street Resurfacing
  - \$50,000 Arts' Commission
  - \$2,145,000 Vehicle Replacement
  - \$600,000 GIS Stormwater Data Collection & Utility Network Conversion
  - \$1,000,000 McArthur/Crogan Trail Plaza
  - \$651,769 Speed Zone Camera Funds
    - Police Radios, SRT Uniforms and Equipment, Axon body & Vehicle Cameras





# **Upcoming Dates**

#### **JUNE 2025**

• Wednesday, 11:

• Wednesday, 25:

2nd Public Budget Hearing 5pm

Adopt Budget at Council Meeting 7pm





# Questions



