

Council Retreat

February 21, 2026



Current Projects



SEWER LIFT
STATION – DESIGN
2025-2026,
CONSTRUCTION
2027



ROUNDBOUT –
2026
CONSTRUCTION
(SAFE HIGHWAYS)



L90 – 2026
CONSTRUCTION



MATERIAL BINS –
COMPLETION 2026



STORMWATER
MASTER PLAN –
2026 CIP

Current Projects



NPDES –
PERMITTING; ILLICIT
DISCHARGES;
REPORTING TO
ECOLOGY



CITY HALL
UPGRADES; HVAC;
GENERATOR; EV
CHARGER STUDY



LAKEFRONT PARK –
CONTINUED DESIGN
& PERMITTING 2025;
CONSTRUCTION,
2026



SPEED & SAFETY
STUDIES –
IMPLEMENTATION



ROAD OVERLAY
PATHWAY PROJECT
– 2026
(SAFE STREETS)

Current Projects



BRT PERMIT REVIEW



LEGISLATURE



BIENNIAL BUDGET JUNE
2026



BROOKSIDE & LFP
ELEMENTARY PATHWAY
DESIGN – 2026 CIP
(SAFE STREETS)

Current ILA's & Contracts



RCR



NEMCO ILA



PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES RFQ'S



SOLID WASTE
PROVIDER
PROCESS – 2028

Safe Streets Priorities

TIER 1 (HIGHEST PRIORITY)

1. Brookside Elementary Safe Routes to School
2. Permanent Speed Warning Signs
3. Lake Forest Park Elementary Safe Routes to School
4. Briarcrest Safe Routes to School
5. NE 178th Street Sidewalk

TIER 2 (LOWER PRIORITY)

6. 37th Avenue NE Traffic Calming
7. Perkins Way Pedestrian/Bike Infrastructure
8. North Area Pedestrian and Bike Connections
9. 55th Avenue NE Sidewalk
10. NE 187th Street, NE 184th Street, and 47th Avenue NE Sidewalk

Revenue



General Fund Tax Revenue Sources

Property tax – 1% increase/year

Sales tax 10.4% - City's portion is 1.1%

Surface water utility tax
10%

Sewer utility tax
10%

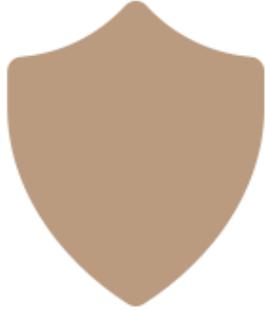
Solid waste utility tax
10%

Investment

- Diversified investment portfolio
- Approximately \$10M invested in municipal bonds
 - Provides guaranteed interest income
 - Laddered to mature every 6-months to provide liquidity
 - Amount invested reduces as fund balance decreases per policy (50% target, 60% max)



New General Fund revenue available



Public safety sales tax 0.1%
~\$200,000 per year

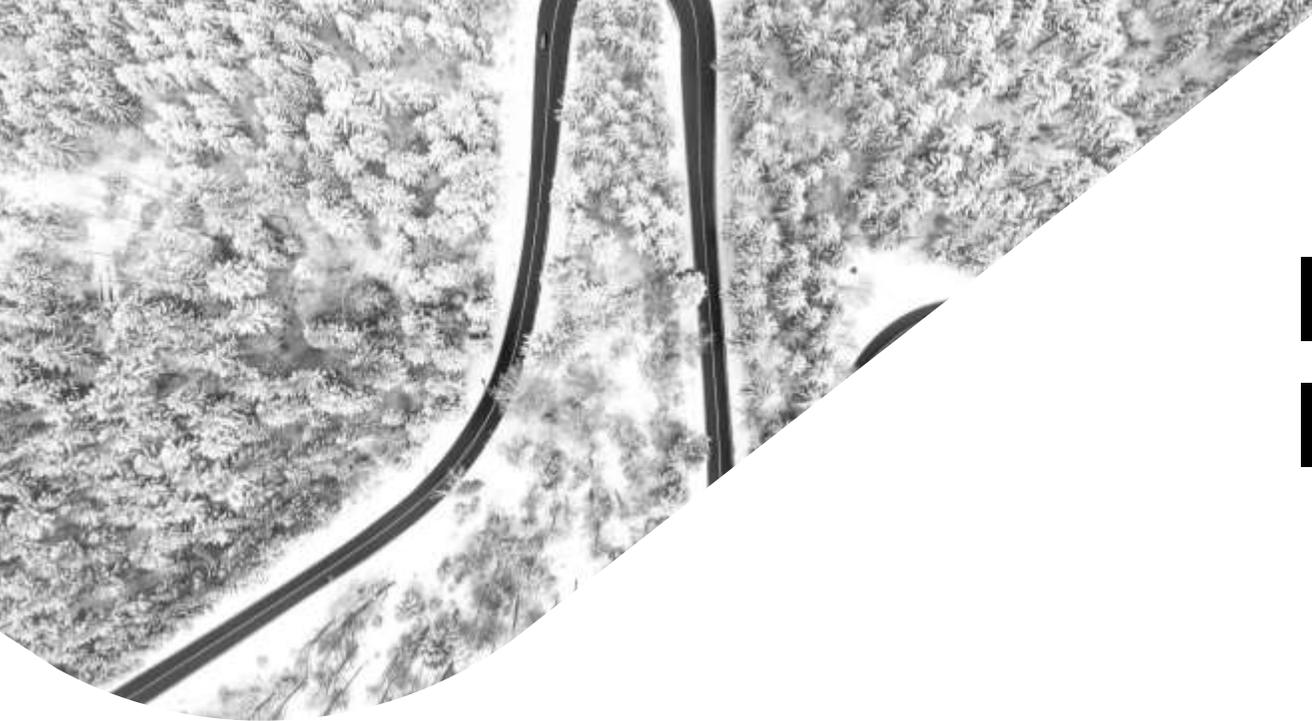


Requires action by
Legislature in 2026



Council Retreat **March 1, 2025**

Accomplishments



Improve Mobility Infrastructure

- Accomplishments
 - Traffic studies & equity reports
 - Lower speed limits
 - Healthy streets

Financial Stability

- 2025-2026 Biennial Budget
- Establishment of solid waste utility tax
- Increased sewer and surface water utility taxes
- Ongoing municipal bond investments
- Traffic safety fund 002 – support eligible costs

Increase Availability of Housing

Adoption of
Comprehensive Plan
Middle Housing
regulations



Climate Coordinator

- Funded position through solid waste utility tax
- Authorized position in 2025 mid-biennial budget process
- Hiring process underway

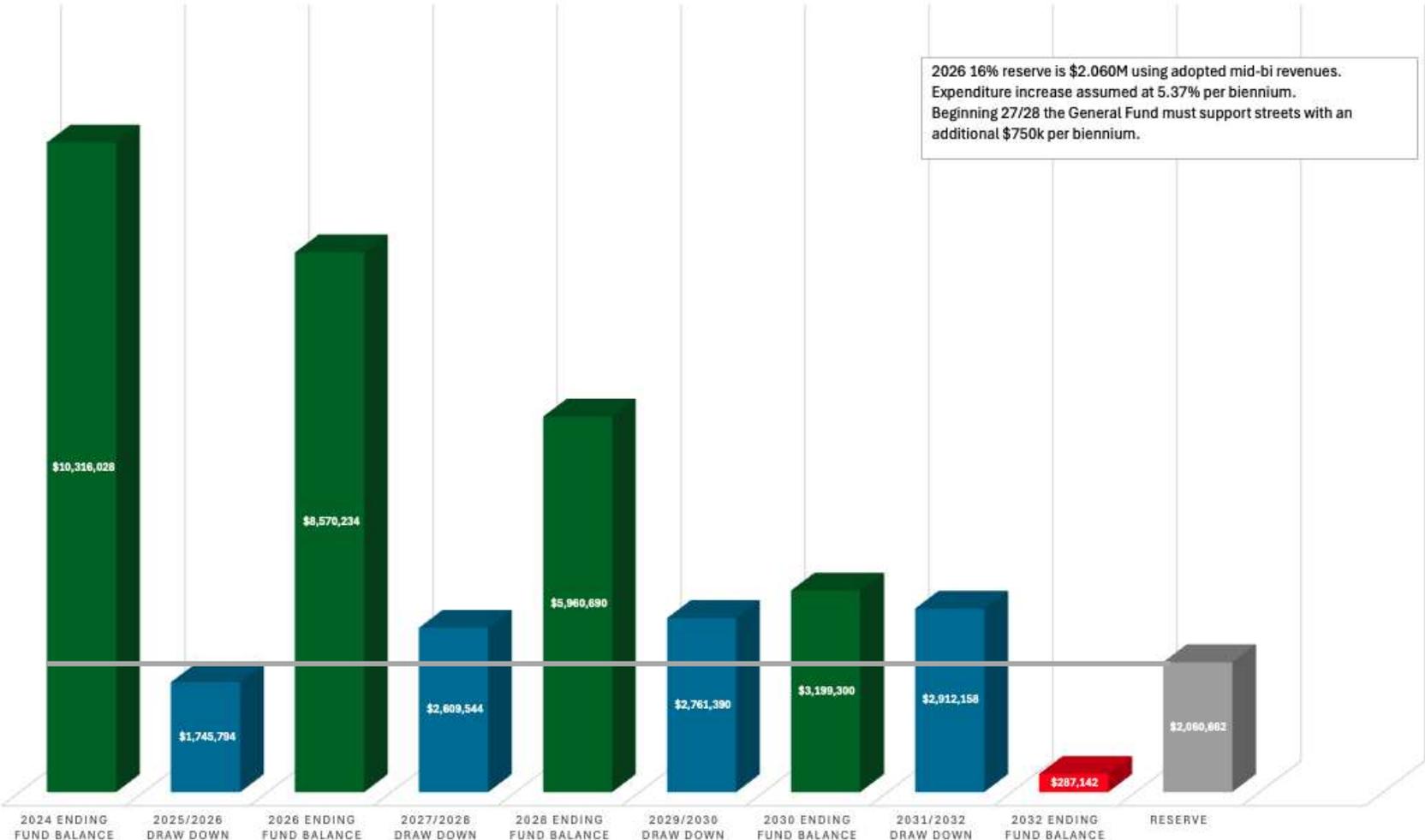


Budget Deficit

- 2025/2026 adopted biennial budget had an \$862,000 deficit
- 2025/2026 mid-biennial budget adjustment, annual deficit increased roughly \$1,061,000
- 2027/2028 general fund supporting street fund an additional \$375,000 per year

General Fund Budget Deficit

GENERAL FUND - ENDING FUND BALANCE



Property Tax Calculator





Take a Break

Discussion Topics

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How as a council we would decide the appropriate amount of a levy?

Questions

