

TOWN OF MICANOPY
Budget Workshop Minutes
July 14, 2026
Town Hall

Call to Order

Mayor Jiana Williams called the Budget Workshop to order at approximately 5:35 p.m.

Roll Call

Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro Tem Putansu, Commissioner Massey, and Commissioner Wessberg were present, with the exception of Commissioner Galloway, who was absent due to illness.

A quorum was established. Town Administrator Samario presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Budget and Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Budget and Capital Improvement Plan Review

Staff presented an overview of the Town's financial condition, noting that recent investments in equipment, infrastructure, and capital projects have been completed while maintaining healthy reserve balances. The presentation highlighted the Town's continued focus on long-term financial stability, strategic planning, and maximizing grant funding to reduce the impact on local revenues.

Staff reviewed accomplishments completed or underway during the current fiscal year, including progress on the Community Resource Center, the new library project, Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI), ball field lighting improvements, water system planning, valve replacement, stormwater planning, and other capital initiatives. Organizational improvements, employee development, consultant services, and ongoing grant activities were also discussed.

The proposed Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan was presented as a long-range planning document intended to identify future capital needs and position the Town for grant funding opportunities. Discussion focused on first-year priorities, including Town Hall improvements, Annex renovations, warehouse improvements, future reuse of the existing library building, stormwater planning, equipment replacement, and continued investment in the Town's water system.

Commissioners discussed long-term water infrastructure needs, emphasizing the importance of maintaining annual funding commitments for engineering, valve replacement, and future water treatment improvements. Staff explained that completion of engineering design will position the Town to compete for future construction grants. The Commission also discussed future technology improvements, including electronic meeting devices and continued evaluation of information technology infrastructure.

Capital Funding and Grants

Staff reviewed the Town's current grant portfolio and funding strategy for major capital projects, including improvements to parks, water infrastructure, community facilities, and planning initiatives. Discussion emphasized the importance of coordinating grant funding, local matching funds, and infrastructure revenues to complete projects while preserving General Fund resources. Commissioners expressed support for continuing to aggressively pursue outside funding opportunities.

Proposed Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Budget

Staff presented the proposed General Fund Budget, including historical financial information, current year projections, and proposed revenues and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2026–2027. Discussion focused on maintaining conservative budgeting practices, protecting reserve balances, investing in employee retention and professional development, supporting capital improvements, and ensuring the long-term financial stability of the Town.

The Commission also discussed the potential future impacts of proposed property tax legislation, increasing costs of municipal services, and the importance of continuing long-range financial planning. Staff advised that the Town remains in a strong financial position and will continue monitoring legislative and economic developments as the budget process progresses.

Commissioners generally agreed that the proposed budget appropriately balances operational needs with infrastructure investment and long-term planning. Staff was directed to continue refining the proposed budget for presentation during upcoming budget hearings.

Adjournment

No formal action was taken during the workshop. There being no further business, the Budget Workshop was adjourned at 7:00 pm.