



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

From: Daniel R. Buchholtz, MMC, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

Date: December 11, 2024

Subject: Approval of 2025 Budget

Attached for your review and approval is the proposed 2025 General Fund Budget. This budget has been prepared with a focus on maintaining fiscal responsibility, addressing community priorities, and ensuring the continuation of essential city services.

The budget includes an increase in general fund revenues to \$5,668,758, primarily driven by growth in property tax revenues. The proposed expenditures have been carefully aligned with these revenues to balance operational needs and strategic priorities. Key investments include:

- *Public Safety Enhancements:* Increased support for police and fire services. The proposed budget supports the City's share of hiring 3 new full-time firefighters at SBM Fire Department and a new patrol officer for the Police Department.
- *Infrastructure Maintenance:* Funding for essential maintenance and improvements of the City's infrastructure. The budget includes custodial services for City Hall to ensure the new facility is well-maintained and continues to be a source of pride for years to come.
- *Community Development:* Allocations for parks, recreational programming, and other services.

The proposed budget is balanced, preserving the City's fund balance and ensuring financial resilience to effectively address any unforeseen challenges.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the attached 2025 General Fund Budget as presented.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 763-784-6491.