



CITY COUNCIL MEMO

TOPIC: *FY2026 BUDGET*

DATE: 6/18/2025

BACKGROUND

The budget committee met on May 1, 2025, to receive the budget message and proposed budget for fiscal year 2026. The committee met again on May 15, 2025, to review committee questions and answers from staff. During this time, the committee also deliberated and requested staff bring additional information for the next meeting. The committee reconvened on May 29, 2025, and reviewed 5 proposed options for the FY2025-2026 budget. the proposed budget. Following discussion and deliberation, the budget committee approve Option #4 of the proposed budget.

DISCUSSION

Proposed budget option #4 reduced the originally proposed budget by \$3,093,250. The reductions consist of no COLA for FY2026 for all employee groups, no implementation of a general service fee and a General Fund reserve of 6.2% after adding back the full City Council pay.

The approved budget also includes an increase of the business license fee for rental to \$10 per month for residential and \$20 per month for commercial. Additionally, it includes an impact fee of \$4.95 to be charged for all City sanctioned events ticket sales. Staff is working on Universal Fee Schedule and plan to have a resolution for you in July.

The budget resolution adopts the FY2026 budget in the amount of \$92,073,749, with appropriated expenditures of \$90,320,546.

The approved budget includes the recommended utility rates and the increase of the public safety facility fee that are on separate resolutions before you.

It does not include the committee recommended general service fee, so that Council can refer to voters for approval.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend adoption of the approved budget.

Suggested motions:

“I move to adopt Resolution No. 2043, a resolution adopting the City of St. Helens FY2026 budget in the amount of \$92,073,749; to make appropriations in the amount of \$90,320,546; to impose the ad valorem property taxes at the rate of \$1.9078 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the permanent rate for tax year 2025-2026; and to categorize the taxes.”

City of St. Helens
RESOLUTION NO. 2043

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. HELENS,
OREGON ADOPTING BUDGET, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS, AND LEVYING AND
CERTIFYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of St. Helens, Oregon, hereby adopts the budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 in the total of \$92,073,749 now on file in the office of the City Recorder of said City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amounts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and for the purposes shown below are hereby appropriated as follows:

General Fund		Community Development Fund	
Administration	544,800	Economic Planning	168,500
City Recorder/HR	394,900	Industrial Business Park	16,881,000
City Council	119,340	Riverfront	74,760
Municipal Court	485,700	Forestry	190,500
Police	5,511,000	Central Waterfront	900,000
Library	855,050	Contingency	<u>2,659,364</u>
Finance	1,039,300		20,874,124
Parks	576,500		
Recreation	375,500	Community Enhancement Fund	
Community Development	765,400	Police	10,000
Information Technology	566,200	Recreation	150,000
General Services	303,000	Building	<u>5,000</u>
Contingency	<u>715,024</u>		165,000
	12,251,714		
Visitor Tourism Fund		Street Fund	
Operations	1,475,000	Operations	1,578,650
Contingency	<u>106,879</u>	Capital Outlay	150,000
	1,581,879	Debt Service	60,750
		Contingency	<u>210,479</u>
			1,999,879

Street SDC Fund	
Materials & Services	75,000
Capital Outlay	300,000
Contingency	<u>1,608,614</u>
	1,983,614

Water SDC Fund	
Materials & Services	53,000
Capital Outlay	450,000
Contingency	<u>653,488</u>
	1,156,488

Sewer SDC Fund	
Materials & Services	5,000
Capital Outlay	640,000
Contingency	<u>1,512,149</u>
	2,157,149

Storm SDC Fund	
Materials & Services	52,000
Capital Outlay	50,000
Contingency	<u>533,196</u>
	635,196

Parks SDC Fund	
Materials & Services	51,500
Contingency	<u>161,663</u>
	213,163

Water Fund	
Water Distribution	4,273,400
Water Filtration	882,000
Capital Outlay	50,000
Debt Service	462,670
Contingency	<u>1,796,608</u>
	7,464,678

Sewer Fund	
Sewer Collection	3,341,200
Primary Treatment	435,300
Secondary Treatment	652,700
Pump Services	193,600
Capital Outlay	12,215,000
Debt Service	668,140
Contingency	<u>1,110,119</u>
	18,616,059

Storm Fund	
Operations	1,757,000
Capital Outlay	250,000
Contingency	<u>937,154</u>
	2,944,154

Public Works Operations	
Engineering	698,800
PW Operations	3,093,300
Facilities Maintenance	607,100
Contingency	<u>22,292</u>
	4,421,492

Public Safety Fund	
Materials & Services	378,000
Capital Outlay	10,000,000
Debt Service	853,800
Contingency	<u>2,424,157</u>
	13,655,957

Equipment Fund	
Contingency	200,000

Total Appropriations	90,320,546
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Unappropriated	<u>1,753,203</u>
Total Budget	\$ 92,073,749

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ad valorem property taxes are hereby imposed for tax year 2025–2026 upon the assessed value of all taxable property within the city at the rate of \$1.9078 per \$1,000 for permanent tax rate.

BE IT FURTHER RESLOVED that the taxes imposed are hereby categorized for the purposes of:

General
Government Limitation
\$1.9078 / \$1,000

Excluded from the General
Government Limitation
N/A

Approved and adopted by the City Council on June 18, 2025, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Jennifer Massey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Payne, City Recorder