

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Gregory E. Buckley
City Manager



DATE: November 27, 2024

SUBJECT: Budget Resolutions

The attached budget resolutions are unchanged from those that were handed out on Monday night, with the exception of the General Fund Budget, which reflects the changes we discussed on Monday night, specifically:

Reducing 2025 Revenue from Transfers from Other Funds:	(\$ 42,000)
Increasing 2025 Revenue from Building Permits	\$ 10,000
Increasing 2025 Revenue from Plumbing Permits	\$ 5,000
Increasing 2025 Revenue from Other Permits	\$ 5,000
Reducing 2025 Budgeted Contingency	\$ 20,000

This results in a net reduction in total 2025 General Fund expenditures of \$20,000, compared to what was shown in the Budget books and hearing notice: \$12,510,657 vs. \$12,530,657.

I also want to point out that, while the 2025 Budget as presented reflects my goal of not increasing the City's share of the total tax levy, we DO have some room for increasing the levy under our State-imposed levy limit. For 2024 taxes in support of the 2025 Budget, the City could levy an additional \$45,018. Using a provision in the law that allows the City to carry forward unused levy capacity from last year, there is another \$65,887 of levy capacity available to the City.

That's a total of \$110,905 in additional levy capacity that is available, some or all of which could be used to build a small surplus into the 2025 budget. It would amount to an increase of 2 percent in the City's tax levy and assessed tax rate. It would be a prudent thing to do, from a fiscal standpoint, but taxpayers are already looking at a pretty hefty increase in their tax bills—see attached example that I plan to share at the meeting on Monday night.

