



**THE CITY COUNCIL OF WATERLOO, IOWA
WORK SESSION TO BE HELD AT
Harold E. Getty Council Chambers
Monday, April 7, 2025
4:50 PM**

RULES FOR WORK SESSION PUBLIC COMMENT

Iowa Code Chapter 21 gives the public the right to attend council meetings, but it does not require cities to allow public participation except during public hearings. The city council shall not receive any public comment during a work session.

Roll Call.

Agenda, as proposed or amended.

Approval of Minutes of the March 17, 2025, regular Council Session as proposed or amended.

4:50 p.m. FY26 Budget Updates.

Submitted by: Bridgett Wood, Finance Director

ADJOURNMENT

Kelley Felchle
City Clerk

March 17, 2025

The City Council of the City of Waterloo, Iowa, met in Regular Session at Harold E. Getty Council Chambers, Waterloo, Iowa, at 5:30 PM, on Monday, March 17, 2025.

Roll Call.

Mayor Quentin Hart in the Chair. Roll Call: Mr. Boesen, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Chiles, Mr. Simon, Ms. Wilder and Mr. Feuss. Ms. Creighton-Smith was absent.

Prayer or Moment of Silence.

Pledge of Allegiance, Nia Wilder, Ward 3 Council Member.

Approval of Agenda, as proposed or amended.

Feuss/Nichols
that the agenda as proposed be approved. Voice vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of the March 3, 2025, Regular Session and March 3, 2025, Work Session as proposed or amended.

Feuss/Nichols
that the minutes of the March 3, 2025, Regular Session and Work Session, as proposed, be approved. Voice vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individuals commented on various subjects.

Mary Potter, Grout Museum Board Member
Carol Bartels, 313 Westbourne
Aaron Stacey Roberts, 411 Almond
Thomas Anderson, 711 Sherman
Whitni Rissi, Waterloo resident
Wayne Natham, 548 Cloverdale
John Hayes, 110 Sunset
Charlie Grove, Hawkeye Community College Apartments
Erica Rissi, 3rd Ward
Matt Carpenter, 518 Jefferson

Mr. Chiles commented that he would like to see some type of signage and enforcement regarding scooters on downtown sidewalks. He reminded citizens that the city has an app for waste pickup. He asked that dates be shared for when bathrooms will be opened in parks. He also shared the date for his Ward 1 office hours.

Mr. Nichols questioned whether the scooters could be geo-fenced.

Mayor Hart clarified that the scooters that are being complained about are private.

Mr. Boesen expressed his frustration with the scooters and would like to see the ordinance enforced.

Mr. Simon requested information on the number of tickets that had been issued for violations.

Police Chief Duncan confirmed he could supply that information.

Feuss/Nichols

to close public comments. Voice vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Feuss/Chiles

that the following items on the consent agenda be received and placed on file, including the payment of bills for March 10, 2025, in the amount of \$5,041,480.54, be received and placed on file. Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried.

Bills Payment, Finance Committee Invoice Summary Report, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-145.

Resolution approving award of hotel/motel tax council discretionary funds to the Waterloo Municipal Band in the amount of \$23,000.00.

Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-146.

Resolution approving award of hotel/motel tax council discretionary funds to the Boys & Girls Club of the Cedar Valley in the amount of \$10,900.00.

Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-147.

Resolution approving preliminary plans, specifications, form of contract, etc., resetting date of bid opening as April 17, 2025, and date of public hearing as April 21, 2025, rescinding Resolution 2025-126 in its entirety, in conjunction with the Passenger Boarding Bridge Replacement Project, No. FAA AIP 3-19-0094-057, and direct the City Clerk to publish notice.

Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-148.

Resolution approving preliminary plans, specifications, form of contract, etc., resetting date of bid opening as April 17, 2025, and date of public hearing as April 21, 2025, rescinding Resolution No. 2025-127 in its entirety, in conjunction with the Runway 18-36 Rehabilitation within Runway 12-30 Safety Area Project, No. FAA AIP 3-19-0094-0XX, and direct the City Clerk to publish notice.

Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor

assigned No. 2025-149.

Resolution approving preliminary plans, specifications, form of contract, etc., setting date of bid opening as March 27, 2025, and date of public hearing as April 7, 2025, in conjunction with Asbestos Abatement Services, Contract AB-2025-03-03P, and instruct the City Clerk to publish notice.

Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-150.

Resolution approving preliminary plans, specifications, form of contract, etc., setting date of bid opening as April 3, 2025, and date of public hearing as April 7, 2025, in conjunction with the FY 2026 Levee Rip Rap Spraying, Contract No. 1120, and instruct the City Clerk to publish notice.

Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-151.

Motion to approve Change Order No. 3 with Boulder Contracting, LLC, of Grundy Center, Iowa, for a net increase of \$8,030.50, in conjunction with Waterloo Convention Center Parking Ramp Repairs, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute said document.

Resolution approving Completion of Project and Recommendation of Acceptance of Work for work performed by Boulder Contracting LLC, of Grundy Center, Iowa, and release of final retainage in the amount of \$9,351.95, in conjunction with the Waterloo Convention Center Parking Ramp Repairs Project.

Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-152.

Resolution approving Completion of Project and Recommendation of Acceptance of Work for work performed by Vieth Construction Corporation, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, in the amount of \$1,840,622.31, in conjunction with the FY 2022 Sullivan Brothers Plaza Renovation, Contract No. 1069, and receive and file a two-year maintenance bond.

Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-153.

Motion approving appointment of **Sheila Combs** to the position of Airport Business Manager in the Airport Department, effective March 18, 2025.

Motion to approve the appointment of **Travis Miller** from the current Civil Service List to the position of Plant Maintenance Mechanic in the Waste Management Services Dept, effective March 31, 2025.

Matthew Chapman, Board/Commission: Board of Electrical Examiners and Appeals, Expiration Date: November 10, 2026, [renewal].

Mark Myers, Board/Commission: Board of Electrical Examiners and Appeals, Expiration Date: September 24, 2027, [renewal].

Samir Sarkic, Board/Commission: Board of Electrical Examiners and Appeals, Expiration Date: September 24, 2027, [renewal].

Richard Mott Jr, Board/Commission: Board of Electrical Examiners and Appeals, Expiration Date: November 10, 2026, [renewal].

Ryan Vestal, Board/Commission: Board of Electrical Examiners and Appeals, Expiration Date: November 1, 2026, [renewal].

Motion to approve an Exception to Burning Yard Waste Application by Waterloo Schools-Zach Kelly, to burn approximately 1.6 acres of prairie on school property, located at 812 Idaho Street, 9:00 a.m., between April and May 2025, weather permitting.

Motion to receive and file Airport Board minutes of January 22, 2025.

Motion to receive and file Leisure Services Commission Board minutes of January 7, 2025.

Liquor Licenses

a. Amigo Mexican Restaurant, 1415 East San Marnan Drive, Class C w/Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales (New) Exp: 03/04/2026.

b. Ariz's Restaurant & More, 205 West 4th Street, Class C w/Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales (Renewal) Exp: 03/07/2026.

c. Family Dollar Store, 1608 University Avenue, Class B w/Sunday Sales (Renewal) Exp: 03/07/2026.

d. Grout Museum, Inc., 503 South Street, Class C w/Sunday Sales (Renewal) Exp: 02/23/2026.

e. Hy-Vee Market Food Store 1, 2834 Ansborough Avenue, Class E w/Sunday Sales (Renewal) Exp: 03/15/2026.

f. Red Carpet Golf, 5570 Washington Street, Class C w/Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales (Renewal) Exp: 04/04/2026.

Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor Device Permit

a. Smoke O's, 1509 Flammang Drive.

b. Iowa RA Plus, LLC, 3620 Kimball Avenue.

c. West Side Convenience, 919 W. 5th Street.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

General Obligation Bonds - ECP-1 -The issuance of not to exceed \$4,200,000.00 General Obligation Bonds for essential corporate purposes.

Boesen/Chiles

to receive and file proof of publication of notice of public hearing. Voice vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried.

This being the time and place of the public hearing, the Mayor called for written and oral comments.

David Dreyer, 3145 W. 4th Street, questioned if these are new bonds.

Bridgett Wood, Finance Director, provided an overview of the bonds.

Boesen/Chiles

to close the hearing and receive and file oral comments. Voice vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried.

Boesen/Chiles

Resolution on the proposition of the issuance of not to exceed \$4,200,000.00 General Obligation Bonds, for Essential Corporate Purposes. Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-154.

Mr. Boesen commented that the city is bonding for twelve years for police cars that last for about five years.

Bridgett Wood, Wood Finance Director, explained that some of the cars are financed for a shorter period.

Mr. Boesen requested to see the debt schedules.

Mr. Simon asked to be copied on any information sent to Mr. Dreyer. He questioned if it is possible for a city our size to not borrow money and, if so, what we need to do to reach that point.

Mayor Hart questioned where the CIP list started.

Noel Anderson, Community Planning and Development Director, shared that the initial request for this year was \$21.6 million and that amount was cut down to \$6 million, prioritized by projects that we have grants with matching funds, purchases or projects with multi-year payments and projects we want to complete within the community.

Mayor Hart commented on the challenges each department has faced this year to give up CIP projects in order to lower the debt.

Mr. Boesen commented that it is important to mention that though departments are suffering with the loss of requested CIPs, we are keeping the debt service levy lower to a rate that will not affect people's taxes like it would without the cuts.

General Obligation Bonds - GCP-2 - The issuance of not to exceed \$700,000.00 General Obligation Bonds for general corporate purposes.

Boesen/Chiles

to receive and file proof of publication of notice of public hearing. Voice vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried.

This being the time and place of the public hearing, the Mayor called for written and oral comments.

Boesen/Chiles

to close the hearing and receive and file oral. Voice vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried.

Boesen/Chiles

Resolution on the proposition of the issuance of not to exceed \$700,000.00 General Obligation Bonds, for General Corporate Purposes. Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-155.

General Obligation Bonds - GCP-3 - The issuance of not to exceed \$900,000.00 General Obligation Bonds for general corporate purposes.

Boesen/Chiles

to receive and file proof of publication of notice of public hearing. Voice vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried.

This being the time and place of the public hearing, the Mayor called for written and oral comments.

Boesen/Chiles

to close the hearing and receive and file oral comments. Voice vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried.

Boesen/Chiles

Resolution on the proposition of the issuance of not to exceed \$900,000.00 General Obligation Bonds, for General Corporate Purposes. Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-156.

General Obligation Bonds - GCP-4 - The issuance of not to exceed \$600,000.00 General Obligation Bonds for general corporate purposes.

Boesen/Chiles

to receive and file proof of publication of notice of public hearing. Voice vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried.

This being the time and place of the public hearing, the Mayor called for written and oral comments.

Boesen/Chiles

to close the hearing and receive and file oral comments. Voice vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried.

Boesen/Chiles

Resolution on the proposition of the issuance of not to exceed \$600,000.00 General Obligation Bonds, for General Corporate Purposes. Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-157.

FY 2024 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

Chiles/Nichols

to receive and file proof of publication of notice of public hearing. Voice vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried.

This being the time and place of the public hearing, the Mayor called for written and oral comments and there were none.

Chiles/Nichols

to close hearing. Voice vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried.

Chiles/Nichols

Resolution approving the FY 2024 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for CDBG and HOME program activities, for the period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, and submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-158.

Sale and conveyance of 406 Randall Street located within the Church Row Neighborhood.

Nichols/Feuss

to receive and file proof of publication of notice of public hearing. Voice vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried.

This being the time and place of the public hearing, the Mayor called for written and oral comments and there were none.

Nichols/Feuss

to close hearing. Voice vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried.

Nichols/Feuss

Resolution authorizing the sale and conveyance of City-owned property located at 406 Randall Street, to Iowa Heartland Habitat for Humanity, in the amount of \$1.00, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute said documents. Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-159.

Nichols/Feuss

Resolution approving a Development Agreement with Iowa Heartland Habitat for Humanity, with a grant of \$5,000.00 for infill housing development for the addition of a new single-family home at 406 Randall Street, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute said document. Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-160.

FY 2025 Asphalt Overlay Program, Contract No. 1115.

Feuss/Nichols

to receive and file proof of publication of notice of public hearing. Voice vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried.

This being the time and place of the public hearing, the Mayor called for written and oral comments and there were none.

Feuss/Nichols

to close hearing. Voice vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried.

Feuss/Nichols

Resolution confirming approval of plans, specifications, form of contract, etc., and authorizing to proceed. Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-161.

Mr. Boesen commented that he would like there to be additional information included in the council packet regarding the asphalt project.

Jamie Knutson, City Engineer, provided details regarding the overlay program.

Feuss/Nichols

to receive, file and instruct City Clerk to read bids. Voice vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried.

Engineer's Estimate: \$5,748,374.57

Aspro, Inc., Waterloo, IA - 5% - \$4,908,656.32

Feuss/Nichols

Resolution approving award of bid to Aspro, Inc., of Waterloo, Iowa, in the amount of \$4,908,656.32, approving the contract, bond and certificate of insurance, in conjunction with the FY 2025 Asphalt Overlay Program, Contract No. 1115, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute said document. Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-162.

FY 2025 E./W. San Marnan Drive Reconstruction Project, Contract No. 1116.

Nichols/Chiles

to receive and file proof of publication of notice of public hearing. Voice vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried.

This being the time and place of the public hearing, the Mayor called for written and oral comments.

David Dryer, 3145 W. 4th Street, questioned what portion of San Marnan would be affected.

Jamie Knutson, City Engineer, provided clarification.

Nichols/Chiles

to close the hearing and receive and file oral comments. Voice vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried.

Nichols/Chiles

Resolution confirming approval of plans, specifications, form of contract, etc., and authorizing to proceed. Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-163.

Mr. Boesen commented that he likes the incentives provided in the contract to complete the project before the deadline but did not see any penalties should they exceed the timeline.

Jamie Knutson, City Engineer, explained the information was included in the spec book and the penalties are one thousand dollars a day.

Mr. Simon questioned if the penalties are binding since they are not in the contract.

Jamie Knutson confirmed.

Nichols/Chiles

to receive, file and instruct City Clerk to read bids. Voice vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried.

Engineer's Estimate: \$5,350,000.00

Cedar Valley Corp., LLC, Waterloo, IA - 5% - \$4,616,849.97

Reilly Construction Co., Inc., Ossian, IA - 5% - \$6,987,628.28

Iowa Civil Contracting, Inc., Victor, IA - 5% - \$5,135,678.64

Boomerang, Corp., Anamosa, IA - 5% \$5,447,713.60

Owen Contracting, Cedar Falls, IA - 5% - \$4,642,007.64

Peterson Contractors, Inc., Reinbeck, IA - 5% - \$4,621,444.30

Nichols/Chiles

Resolution approving award of bid to Cedar Valley Corp., LLC, of Waterloo, Iowa, in the amount of \$4,616,849.97, approving the contract, bond and certificate of insurance, in conjunction with the FY 2025 E./W. San Marnan Drive Reconstruction Project, Contract No. 1116, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute said document. Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-164.

FY 2025 Asphalt Reconstruction Project, Contract No. 1117.

Chiles/Nichols

to receive and file proof of publication of notice of public hearing. Voice vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried.

This being the time and place of the public hearing, the Mayor called for written and oral comments.

David Dryer, 3145 W. 4th Street, questioned if this was an overlay and why it was not included in the previous bid.

Jamie Knutson, City Engineer, shared that this is a complete reconstruction, not an overlay.

Forest Dillavou, 1725 Huntington Road, commented that new construction should be concrete, not asphalt.

Jamie Knutson provided an overview of the streets to be reconstructed.

Chiles/Nichols

to close hearing and receive and file oral comments. Voice vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried.

Chiles/Nichols

Resolution confirming approval of plans, specifications, form of contract, etc., and authorizing to proceed. Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-165.

Mr. Boesen questioned if the Orange Road project would be done before school begins.

Jamie Knutson commented that it should go very quickly.

Chiles/Nichols

to receive, file and instruct City Clerk to read bids. Voice vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried.

Engineer's Estimate: \$1,860,458.40

Peterson Contractors, Inc., Reinbeck, IA - 5% - \$1,450,580.56

Aspro, Inc., Waterloo, IA - 5% - \$1,412,835.16

Chiles/Nichols

Resolution approving award of bid to Aspro, Inc., of Waterloo, Iowa, in the amount of \$1,412,835.16, approving the contract, bond and certificate of insurance, in conjunction with the FY 2025 Asphalt Reconstruction Project, Contract No. 1117, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute said document. Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-166.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025, and levying a tax for the payment thereof.

Nichols/Chiles

Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-167.

Resolution approving construction plans for sanitary sewer serving the Dollar General Store at 4803 Sergeant Road, as submitted by Verland Engineering, LLC, Sewage Treatment Agreement, DNR Form 29 (Nov 00) with the Department of Natural Resources, and final acceptance of construction plans subject to the review and acceptance by the Department of Natural Resources, and authorizing the Mayor to execute said documents.

Nichols/Chiles

Mr. Boesen questioned who would be responsible for putting in the road and who would be responsible for work on Highway 63.

Jamie Knutson, City Engineer, explained that Dollar General is responsible for installing the turn

lanes on Highway 63.

Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-168.

Resolution approving a Professional Services Agreement with Foth Infrastructure and Environment, LLC, in the amount of \$260,378.00, in conjunction with the FY 2026 Katoski Drive and Huntington Road Reconstruction, Contract No. 1123, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute said document.

Nichols/Chiles

David Dryer, 3145 W. 4th Street, questioned what reconstruction will take place at this location.

Jamie Knutson, City Engineer, explained that this is a design contract to look at various configurations to make sure the traffic will function correctly when the new school opens.

Forest Dillavou, 1725 Huntington Road, shared that he is very concerned about the fact that the intersection was just reconstructed, and now it is going to be constructed again. He expressed concern about the storm water that would be shed from the new school.

Mr. Boesen questioned if the contract would be paid for by the Waterloo Schools.

Jamie Knutson confirmed. He shared that Cedar Falls also wants to reconstruct their portion of Huntington Road from the city line to Cedar Heights, but that reconstruction is not included in the costs.

Mr. Boesen clarified that the cost of the contract will be split with Waterloo Schools. He further questioned the choice of engineering firm as AECOM is generally used by Waterloo.

Jamie Knutson commented that the choice of engineers is typically based on availability. He explained that Foth did the design for the Cedar Heights roundabout in Cedar Falls and the University Avenue project, and it made sense to choose them because of their experience and availability, and he is comfortable with that decision.

Mr. Simon shared his concern about traffic and water runoff.

Jamie Knutson shared that both he and our traffic engineer have reviewed the traffic and detention pond studies performed by the consultant the school hired and feel it is a good plan moving forward.

Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-169.

Resolution approving Supplemental Agreement No. 8 with Stanley Consultants, Inc., of Des Moines, Iowa, in the amount of \$153,225.00, in conjunction with the FY 2022 11th Street and Park Avenue Bridge Replacements Project, Contract No. 1013, and authorizing the Mayor to execute said document.

Boesen/Feuss

David Dryer, 3145 W. 4th Street, questioned if the city will receive state funding to offset the cost of the project.

Jamie Knutson, City Engineer, shared that additional funds would be coming from the contractor for any days the project runs over the allotted time determined by the DOT.

Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-170.

Resolution approving a Farm Lease Agreement, expiring December 31, 2025, with Renee Lupkes, to farm approximately nineteen acres of land for hay baling in the amount of \$200.00, located west of 4862 West 4th Street, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute said document.

Boesen/Feuss

Mr. Boesen questioned how the dollar amount was determined.

Noel Anderson, Community Planning and Development Director, explained that this was bid out and this was the only bid received.

Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-171.

Resolution approving a Supplemental Agreement No. 2 with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. of Waterloo, Iowa, in the amount of \$49,200.00, in conjunction with the Titus Lift Station and Force Main Project, and authorizing the Mayor to execute said document.

Boesen/Feuss

Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-172.

Resolution approving a Professional Services Agreement with Eocene Environmental Group, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$3,200.00, to perform a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment on land located approximately 1/4 of a mile west of 4634 Kimball Avenue, and authorizing the Mayor to execute said document.

Feuss/Nichols

David Dreyer, 3145 W. 4th Street, questioned what was being assessed.

Noel Anderson, Community Planning and Development Director, explained that by state code we do Phase I to keep ourselves eligible for grants should something be uncovered.

Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-173.

Resolution approving a contract amendment between the Iowa Economic Development Authority, Hydrite Chemical Co., and the City of Waterloo to amend project completion dates of the High-Quality Jobs Program Application, and authorize the Mayor to execute said document.

Feuss/Nichols

Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-174.

Resolution approving an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Invision Architecture, LLC of Waterloo, Iowa, in the amount of \$442,700.00 (previously approved for \$420,000.00) to perform a structural analysis of 100 E. 4th Street as part of the renovation and relocation of City Hall, and authorizing the Mayor to execute said document.

Feuss/Nichols

Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-175.

Resolution approving an agreement with Kirk Gross Company of Waterloo, Iowa, in the amount of \$47,000.00 for furniture design, inventory, and bid documents for the renovation and relocation of Waterloo City Hall to 100 E. 4th Street, and authorizing the Mayor to execute said document.

Nichols/Boesen

Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-176.

Resolution approving a Professional Services Agreement with Align Architecture and Planning, Pa Studio of PRA, of Waterloo, Iowa, in the amount of \$225,000.00, for design work for a new Police Training Facility, and authorizing the Mayor to execute said document.

Nichols/Boesen

David Dreyer, 3145 W. 4th Street, questioned the projected cost and how much of that would be paid for by the taxpayers.

Noe Anderson, Community Planning and Development Director, provided an overview of the costs and the responsibility of the developer to reinvest back into the community the \$6.2 million dollar grant he received, so we will be seeing this back on the tax rolls.

Mr. Boesen commented that the engineer's estimate was \$5.5 million with \$1.35 million in soft costs. He further stated that the resolution fails to mention the full details of the project as outlined in the contract, such as the lab processing and property evidence storage.

Noel Anderson provided additional information regarding future plans for the police training facility.

Mr. Boesen questioned why the property room was moving to the new facility when the crime lab was not.

Rob Duncan, Police Chief, explained that they would be partnering with the county in a combined facility since the county does not have sufficient lab processing and evidence storage. The current lab would eventually be used for a tactical unit. He shared that a future training center would be paid mostly by grants.

Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-177.

ORDINANCES

An ordinance amending the City of Waterloo Traffic Code by repealing and replacing Parking Meters, and Parking Ramps Sections 320 to 353.

Chiles/Wilder

to receive, file, consider, and pass for the first time an ordinance amending the City of Waterloo Traffic Code by repealing and replacing Parking Meters, and Parking Ramps Sections 320 to 353, in their entirety and enacting in lieu thereof a new Parking Meters, and Parking Ramps Sections 320 to 353. Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried.

David Dreyer, 3145 W. 4th Street, commented that the change in fees does not encourage people to shop downtown.

Mary Heller, 1162 Linder and owner of Ivy Trellis, agrees with the previous speaker. She commented that she does not believe the proposed change will bring people downtown. She shared that she rents two spaces in the parking ramp for her employees and, with the cost of those going up, part-time employees that work downtown will not be able to pay that amount of the money they make.

John Hayes, 110 Sunset, commented that he appreciates the amount of research done on the parking issue. He asked that more attention be given to the parking ramps.

Matt Carpenter, 518 Jefferson, commented that it comes down to how the ordinance would be enforced.

Mayor Hart provided an overview of the changes proposed for parking downtown.

Mr. Chiles detailed the positives this change will make.

Chiles/Wilder

to suspend the rules. Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried.

Chiles/Wilder

to receive, file, consider, and pass for the second and third times and adopt said ordinance. Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Ordinance adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 5784.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

Resolution adopting one free hour of parking for both on-street and parking ramps, the rate of \$1.00 per hour for on-street parking and parking ramps after the one-hour free parking, a rate of \$2.00 per hour for on-street parking after four hours, and a cap of \$6.00 per day in the parking ramps, effective May 1, 2025.

Chiles/Wilder

Mayor Hart commented that they are currently working on a discount for renting space for multiple vehicles.

Mr. Boesen questioned how it is determined how long a car has been parked in one location.

Laura Leers, Republic Parking/Reimagine Parking, provided an overview of the enforcement cameras on the vehicles that register the vehicle's plate.

Mr. Boesen requested that parking spaces be delineated.

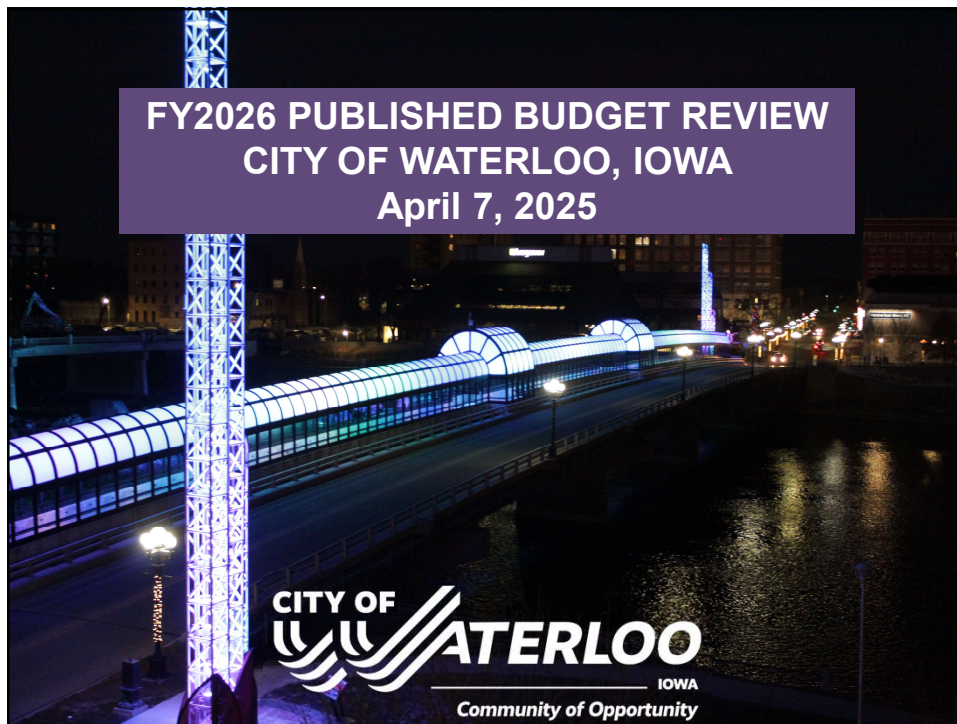
Roll Call vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried. Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-178.

ADJOURNMENT

Boesen/Feuss

that the council adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Voice vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried.

Kelley Felchle
City Clerk



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Outline

1. FY2026 Published Levy Rates
2. Balancing Act Analytics
3. FY2026 Proposed Certified Budget

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Levy Rates

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FY2026 Published Levy Rates		
Program	Tax Levy Portion	Percentage of Levy
Police and Fire	\$ 14.34057	63%
Debt Service	\$ 3.32151	15%
All Other Services	\$ 5.02482	22%
Total City Levies	\$ 22.68690	100%
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FY2026 Published Levy Rates

Public Works	\$	0.866700
Health & Social Services	\$	0.118600
Culture & Recreation	\$	2.92577
Community & Economic Development	\$	0.174780
General Government	\$	0.99257
Total Other	\$	5.024820

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FY2026 Published Levy Rates

Proposed Tax Levy Rate	\$22.68690
Non-Ag Change	2.699%
Ag Change	(.001%)

Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed

Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000	Current Year Certified 2024/2025	Budget Year Proposed 2025/2026	Percent Change
City Regular Residential	1,023	1,184	15.74
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000	Current Year Certified 2024/2025	Budget Year Proposed 2025/2026	Percent Change
City Regular Commercial	4,515	5,289	17.14

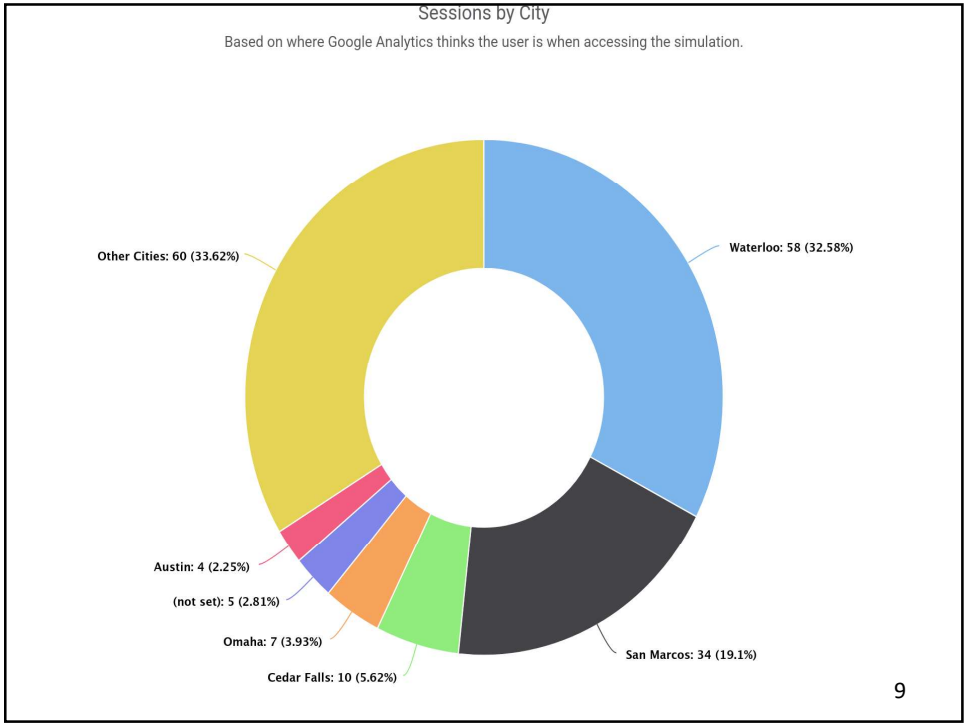
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Balancing Act Analytics

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What can the City of Waterloo Improve?

Answers provided:

- Maintain our public library! It is a place for everyone, and belonging is important in this day and age.
- Walkability and hiring qualified people within of government among friends and supporters of the mayor. It is increasingly clear from the outside that not enough folks are on the team who are willing to counter ideas. Diversity of perspective makes for more holistic decision-making.
- I believe that the City of Waterloo should have a strong public library, and that can only be possible while funding it adequately. The power of Waterloo is in its people, and libraries are people's palaces for knowledge, information, and recreation.
- Support for people, especially the home insecure
- Implement a volunteer fire department. Waverly does it. About 80% of the U.S. population is served by volunteers. Also, compare the public library's staff/circulation ratio with other Iowa Public Libraries. You'll see that the library is over-staffed. Close the second floor and run all services on the first floor. You can get by with fewer paid staff and might even be able to increase circulation. Too many staff sitting around playing on the computers.
- Manage money better and stop increasing our already ridiculously high taxes. Government is not for handouts to friends who go gamble it away, if you can't manage money, you don't get paid.
- Lower property taxes
- Cut some of the spending. Taxes from the city went up 3% last year, and another increase
- Lower property taxes will bring more people and businesses to Waterloo. Businesses and residents are already struggling without the sharp increase in property taxes from year to year.

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Revenue Suggestions

Some decreases/increases examples received:

- 1 out of 15 submissions wanted to use \$750,000 in fund balance to lower the tax rate. The rest said no, do not use the fund balance.
- 5 out of 15 wanted to decrease taxes
- 7 out of 15 wanted to decrease the police budget, the rest wanted to increase it.
- 6 out of 15 wanted to decrease the fire budget, the rest wanted to leave it the same
- 2 out of 15 wanted to decrease the ambulance budget, 2 wanted to increase, rest wanted to leave it the same.

Suggestions included:

- Privatize Young Arena and the Sportsplex
- Lower taxes will bring more people to Waterloo. The taxes here is too high for the amount of businesses and rec activities in the city.

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Other Expenditure Suggestions

- I would love to see the City invest in updates to our public library. The new renovations to their Youth area are nice, but some parts of the building look shabby and like they haven't been replaced or updated in many, many years. I appreciate the work of our officers, but since they are getting new facilities in the new City Hall, I think the other city departments should get a leg up in this year's budget.
- Public libraries are an essential part of a healthy community. They are a welcoming space to diverse populations, provide access to information, internet connection, education, literacy, digital literacy, community resources, job search and career support, programs, and cultural enrichment. The library benefits the community by providing for those most in need. At the same time as being a vital community resource, it's a great place for everyone to visit and scoop up and share the best new novel- reduce, reuse, recycle!
- Reducing policing budgets and redirecting them toward ending poverty is a proactive way to reduce the need for police intervention. In my opinion, the decrease in police budget should not affect programs that are focused on harm reduction, like crisis social workers, de-escalation training for officers, trauma-informed practices, etc.
- Infrastructure to house folks struggling with housing insecurity. Take from the police and invest in real public safety
- Place efforts into people and building, not policing. Supporting people with naturally lower needs for police.
- Budget cuts are needed and okay. Not every increase should fall on the taxpayers every year.
- There are city buildings that could use repair and upkeep.

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Other Expenditure Suggestions Continued

- Providing more support for housing can help decrease the traumatic effects of poverty and homelessness. Housing first initiatives would be my first choice for some of the additional funds.
- Some (maybe all because of the Sportsplex being a newer addition in need of less repair) of the additional funding could go to creating programming where community members who live below the poverty line have more access.
- Providing green space is an essential in a community for encouraging mental and physical wellbeing. The additional funding could go toward providing programming and community events where those who live below the poverty line have access.
- Some of the additional funding could go to creating programming where community members who live below the poverty line have more access.
- Please, help the people of Waterloo, especially the home insecure. Give them services and resources

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FY2026 Proposed Budget

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FY2026 Proposed Budget

Program	Published Tax Levy Portion	Proposed Tax Levy Portion	Change from Published
Police and Fire	\$14.34057	\$ 13.89168	\$ (0.44889)
Debt Service	\$3.32151	\$ 3.20930	\$ (0.11221)
All Other Services	\$5.02482	\$ 4.69062	\$ (0.33420)
Total City Levies	\$22.68690	\$ 21.79160	\$ (0.89530)

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FY2026 Proposed Budget

Program-Breakout of Other	Published Tax Levy Portion	Proposed Tax Levy Portion	Change from Published
Building Inspections	(\$0.05360)	\$ (0.05607)	\$ (0.00247)
Public Works	\$0.86670	\$ 0.79490	\$ (0.07180)
Health & Social Services	\$0.11860	\$ 0.11286	\$ (0.00574)
Culture & Recreation	\$2.92577	\$ 2.78321	\$ (0.14256)
Community & Economic Development	\$0.17478	\$ 0.16425	\$ (0.01053)
General Government	\$0.99257	\$ 0.89147	\$ (0.10110)
Total Other	\$5.02482	\$ 4.69062	\$ (0.33420)

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How is the tax bill on my home determined?

	FY2026 Published	FY2026 Proposed	FY2025 Certified
Assessed Value	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Times Rollback	0.474316	0.474316	0.463428
Equals Taxable Value	\$ 47,432	\$ 47,432	\$ 46,343
Divide by \$1,000	47.4316	47.4316	46.3428
Times Total Tax Levy Rate	\$43.74201	\$42.84671	\$43.12949
Equals Total Tax Bill	\$ 2,074.75	\$ 2,032.29	\$ 1,998.74
City Portion of Tax Bill	\$ 1,076.08	\$ 1,033.61	\$ 1,022.99
Projected Annual Incr (Decr)	\$ 53.09	\$ 10.62	\$ 15.42
Percentage Incr (Decr)	4.93%	1.03%	1.51%

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FY2026 Proposed Budget

Proposed Tax Levy Rate	21.79160
Non-Ag Change	(1.27%)
Ag Change	(.001%)

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FY2026 General Fund Budget Impacts at Proposed Budget

Net Change in General Fund Property Taxes

Net increase in personnel expenses	\$1,646,638
Net decrease in other expenses	(\$1,733,556)
Net decrease in revenue	\$703,702
Net increase in use of fund balance	<u>\$(975,000)</u>
Total Net Decrease in General Fund Property Taxes	(\$358,216)

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FY2026 General Fund Budget Impacts at Proposed Budget

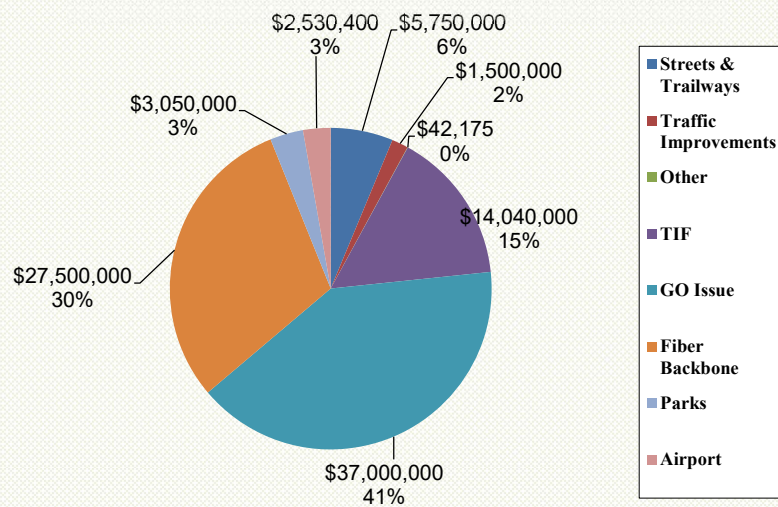
Net Change in Property Taxes

Decrease in General Fund property taxes	(\$358,216)
Increase in Debt Service Fund property taxes	<u>\$893,904</u>
Overall Net Increase in Total Property Taxes	\$535,687

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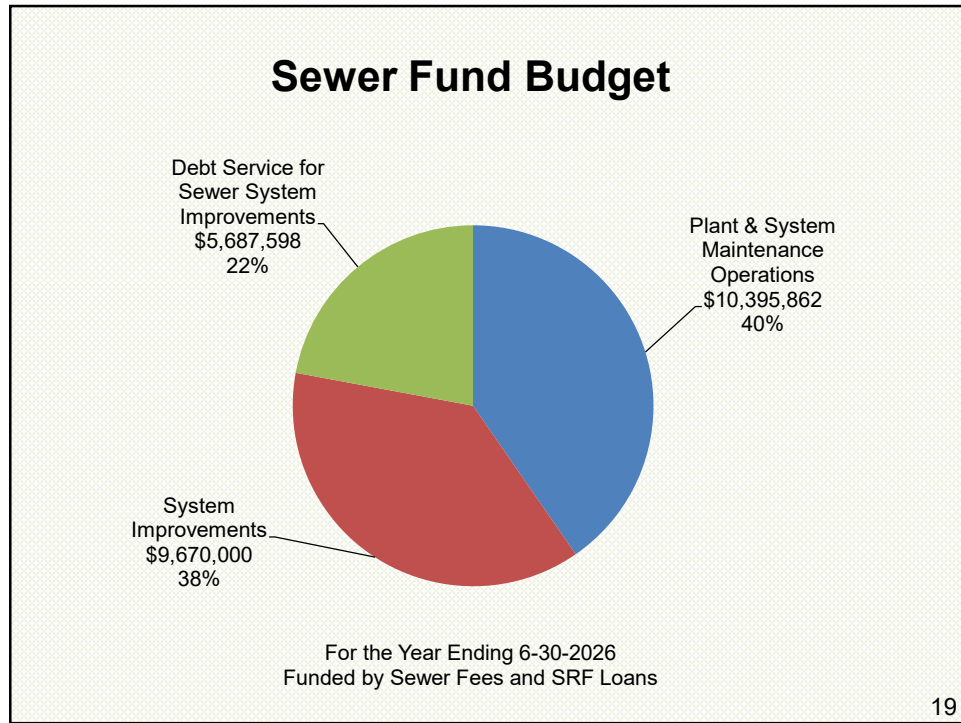
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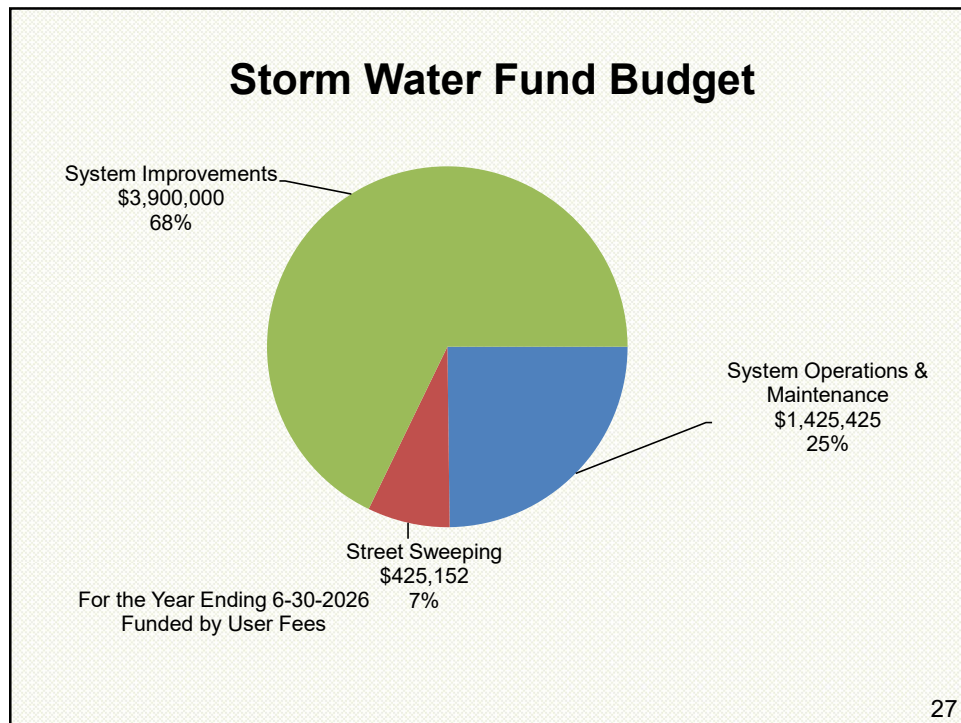
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Funded by TIF, Bonds, FAA Funds, Grants

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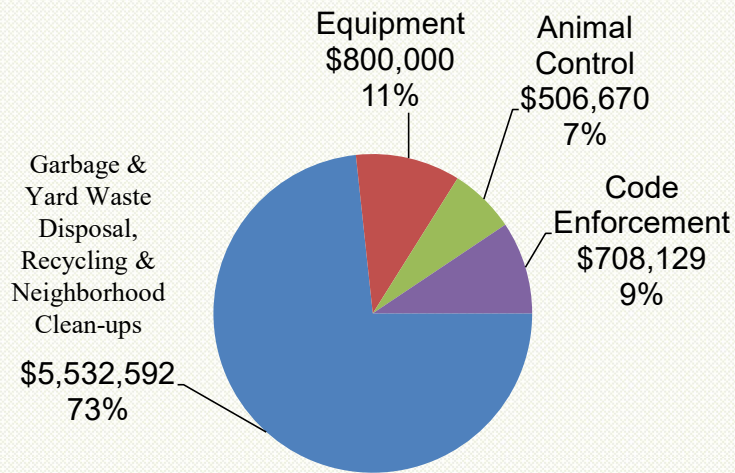


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Sanitation Fund Budget

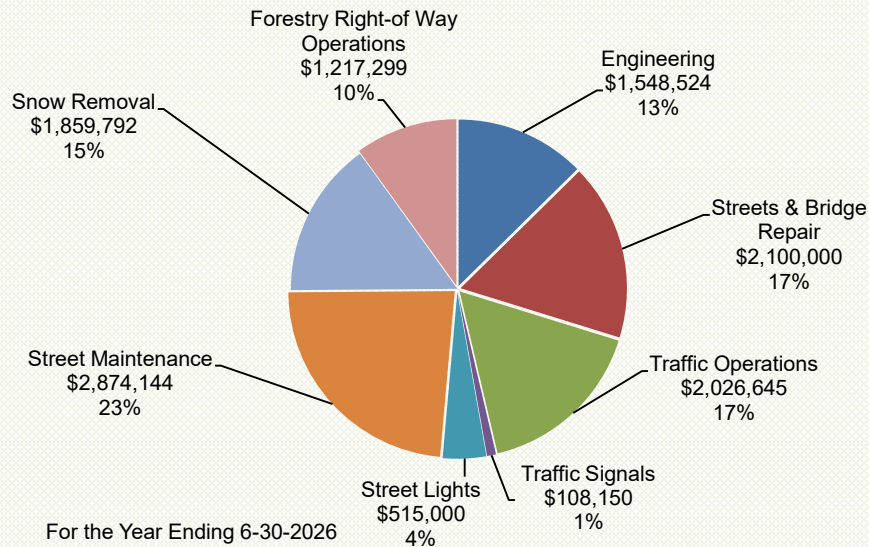


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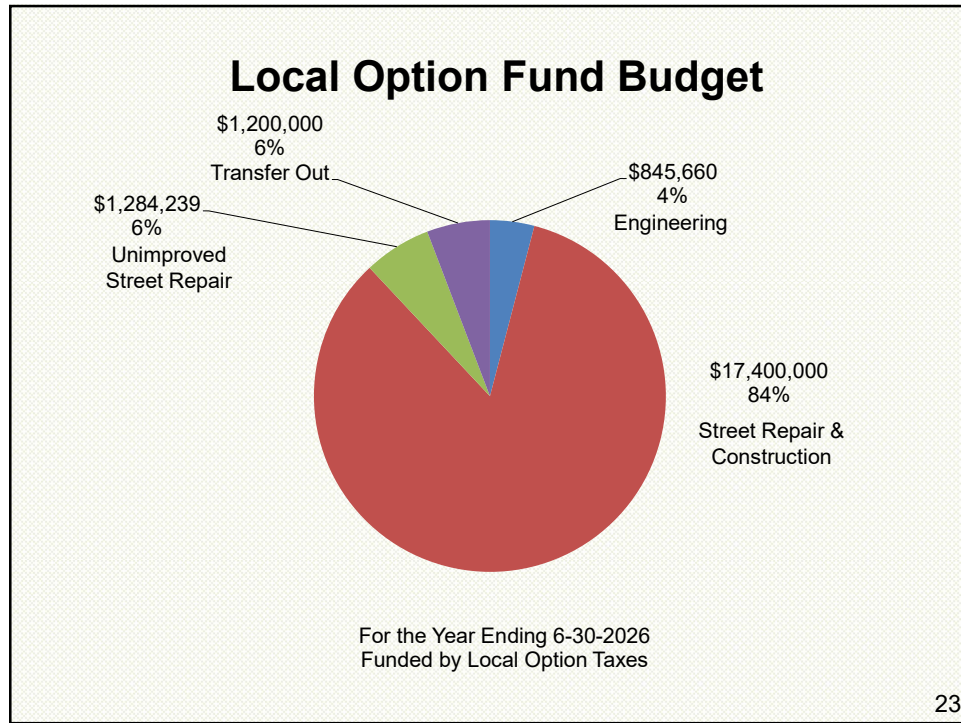
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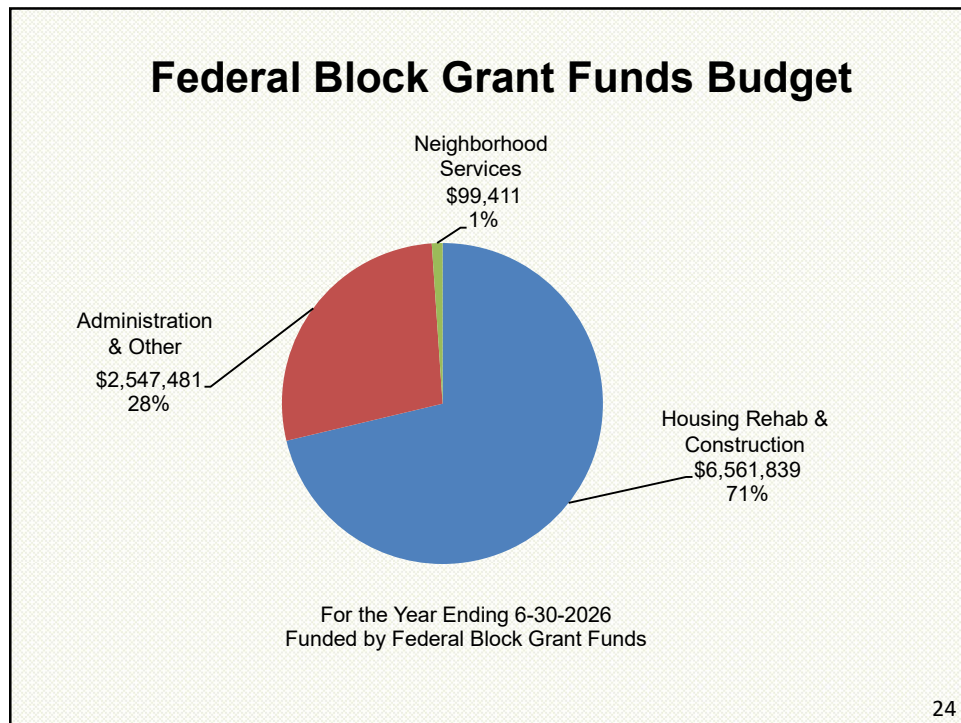
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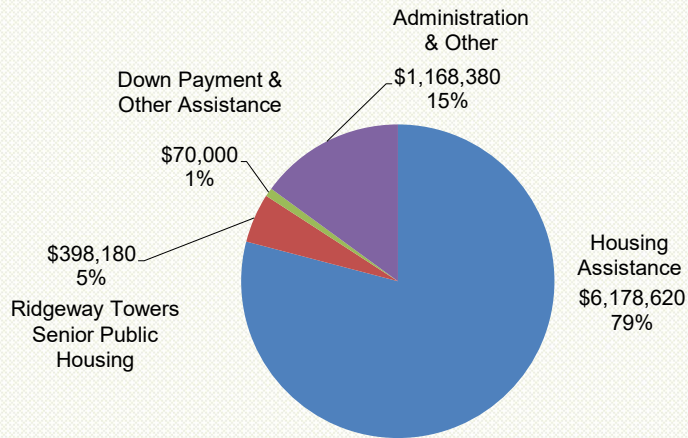


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Federal Housing Funds Budget



For the Year Ending 6-30-2026
Funded by Federal Housing Funds

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Questions?

Please contact City Hall to speak with Mayor Hart or Bridgett Wood with more questions.

A special thank you to Mayor Hart, the City Council, the Finance Department Staff, and all City departments for their work to develop the budget and for the service they provide to our citizens year-round.

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