FY2026 BUDGET WORK SESSION

Tuesday, April 8, 2025



Purpose



Provide budgetary assumptions from current year



Identify major budgetary priorities and drivers for upcoming year



Provide preliminary revenue information



General Fund Expenditure Budget FY2025, Original Budget by Category (in Millions)



Original Budget

Town budgetary categories represent costs for payroll and benefits, operating and programmatic costs, principal and interest payments on Town debt, interfund transfers

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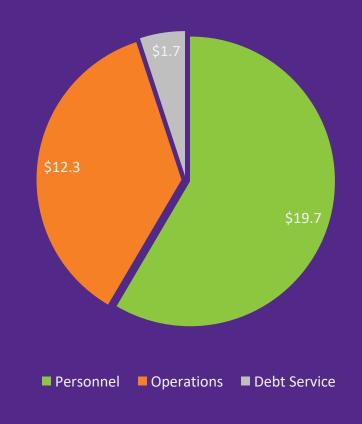
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Current Year Adjustments

FY2025 Original Budget (excluding Transfers Out):	\$32.6M
Base realignment:	
• (+) Natural growth in payroll and benefits	
• (+) Mid-year implementation of Staffing Study, Phase 1	+ \$ 850k
• (+) Increased Human Services Grants allocation to 2% of expenses	+ \$ 170k
Net Total:	+ \$ 1.2M
FY2025 Current Year Adjusted:	+ \$33.8M

General Fund Expenditure Budget Current Year Adjusted



Current Year Adj.

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Current Year Gap

Base Expenditure Total: +\$ 33.7M

Base Revenue Total: - \$ 28.6M

Net Total (Gap): + \$ 5.1M

Current Year Gap

- Recurring revenues to fund baseline recurring expenditures
- \$4.1m in fund balance appropriated in FY2025 to close gap one-time
- Gap does not include fund balance as a revenue

Major Budget Priorities for FY2026

Net Total	+\$5.9M
Chapel Hill Transit (requested increase)	+\$400k
Bolin Creek Phase 3 & 4 (design)	+\$1.4M
Reimagine Weaver Street	+\$400k
Personnel initiatives	+\$3M
Sustainability Initiatives Town-wide	+\$500k
 Affordable Housing (half penny equivalent increase) 	+\$200k

• Other

• Town Hall Renovations +\$15M

(FY27 impact: early estimate \$1.4M in Debt Service)

• OWASA +\$TBD

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Personnel:

• Net Total:	+\$3M
(+) Full Implementation of Classification and Compensation Study	+ \$1.6M
• (+) Supplemental New Position Requests	+ \$ 610k
• (+) Implementation of Phase 2 of Staffing Study	+ \$ 640k
 (+) Projected increases to retiree insurance, workers compensation 	+ \$ 150k

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Major Operations Budget Drivers for FY2026

• (+) Natural growth in Town operations	\$200k
• (+) Housing & Community Services	\$215k
• (+) Information Technology	\$1.5M
(+) Parking Fund expenses	\$133k
• Net Total:	\$2M

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Major Capital Budget Drivers for FY2026

Capital Projects – Planning, Zoning & Inspection/Transportation:

• Net Total:	+\$1.31M
• (+) Bike Plan – Shelton, E Poplar, Maple Ave contribution	+ \$ 222k
• (+) Other PZI projects	+ \$ 167k
(+) Unified Development Ordinance rewrite	+ \$ 245k
• (+) NC 54 Corridor Study	+ \$ 250k
• (+) Downtown Area Plan revision	+\$ 27k
• (+) Reimagine Weaver Street	+ \$ 400k

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Capital Projects – Public Works:

• (+) Scheduled vehicle replacements	+ \$1.02M
• (+) Westwood cemetery	+ \$ 135k
• (+) Century Center renovation	+ \$ 100k
• (+) Stormwater Treatment and Pocket Park	+ \$ 325k

Net Total: +\$1.58M

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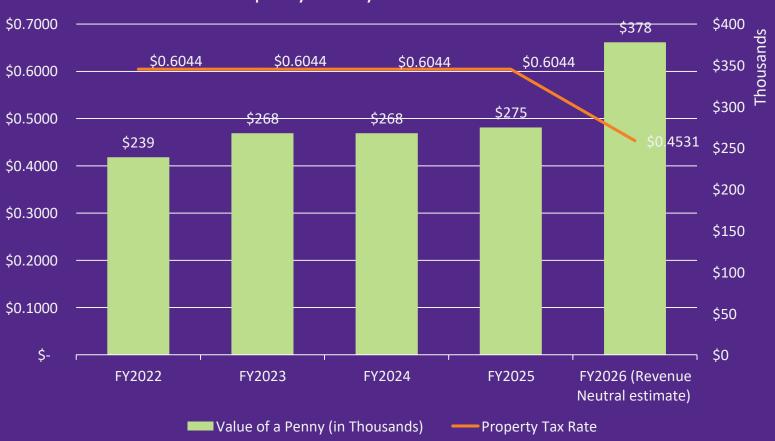
Capital Projects – Recreation and Parks:

• (+) Outdoor lights, outrage facility updates, and park signage	\$490k
• (+) Playground Resurfacing	\$715k
• (+) Playground Replacements	\$600k

Net Total: \$1.8M

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Property Tax by Fiscal Year



Property Tax Rate

- Indicates tax per \$100 of Assessed Valuation
- Value of a penny indicates amount one penny on tax rate generates in revenue
- FY2025 = \$275,000
- FY2026 (estimated revenue neutral rate) = \$378,000

Upcoming Dates

Milestone	Estimated Data
Council Work Session FY2026 Budget Work Session	April 8, 2025
Council Business Meeting Manager Recommended Budget & CIP	May 6, 2025
Council Business Meeting Budget Public Hearing	May 20, 2025
Council Business Meeting Budget Public Hearing, Motion to Adopt	June 3, 2025
Additional Council Business Meeting for Budget (if needed)	June 17, 2025

