MINUTES
WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL
Budget Workshop Meeting
Westminster Fire Department
Tuesday, April 14, 2026

The City Council of the City of Westminster met in a special called meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 4:00 pm with Mayor Brian Ramey presiding. Those in attendance were:

Brian Ramey	Jimmy Powell	Dale Glymph	Adam Dunn
Charles Morgan	Daby Snipes	Jamie Jones	

City Administrator, Kevin Bronson
City Clerk, Kiley Carter
Finance Manager, Ashley Jones
Utility Director, Scott Parris
Fire Chief, Michael Smith
Police Chief, Fred Miller
Members of the public and press

Notice of the meeting and the agenda was posted on westminstersc.org and the door at the Westminster Fire Department twenty-four hours prior to the meeting and all persons, organizations and local media requesting notification and the agenda were notified by email.

Call to Order

Mayor Ramey called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Review of Utility Fund/Capital Projects Fund Expenditures

Mr. Bronson presented Council with a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the revenue for the Utility, General, Solid Waste, Youth Recreation, and Hospitality and Accommodations Tax Funds. He stated that the purpose of these workshops was to get Council input and work that into a balanced budget.

Attached is the presentation for the record.

Adjourn

Upon a motion by Mr. Dunn and seconded by Mr. Glymph, the motion ***to adjourn the meeting at* 5:15 *pm*** passed unanimously.

(Minutes prepared by Kiley Carter)

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Mayor Brian Ramey Date

April 14, 2026

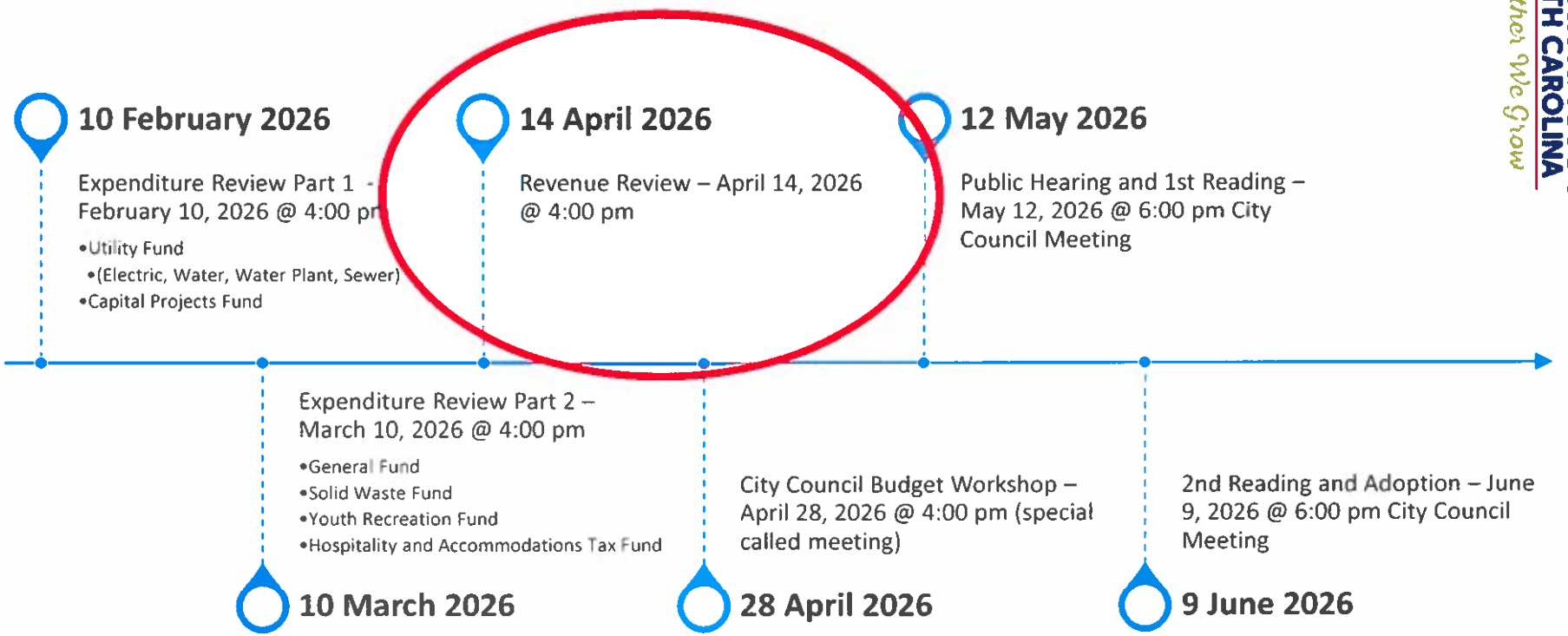
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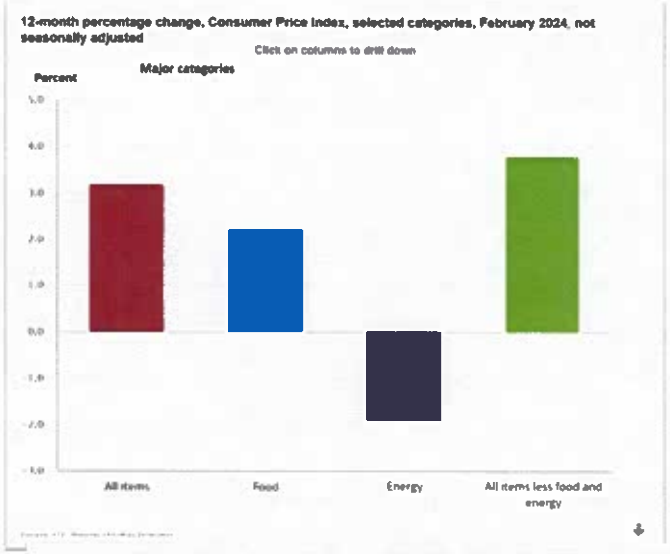
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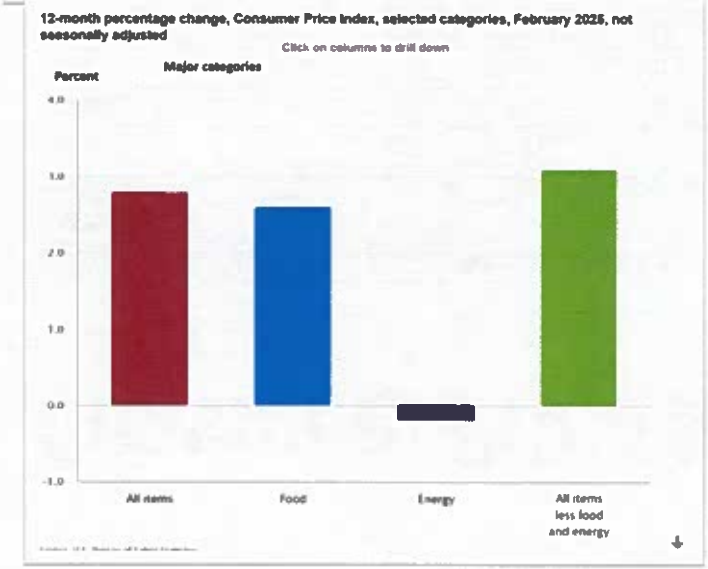
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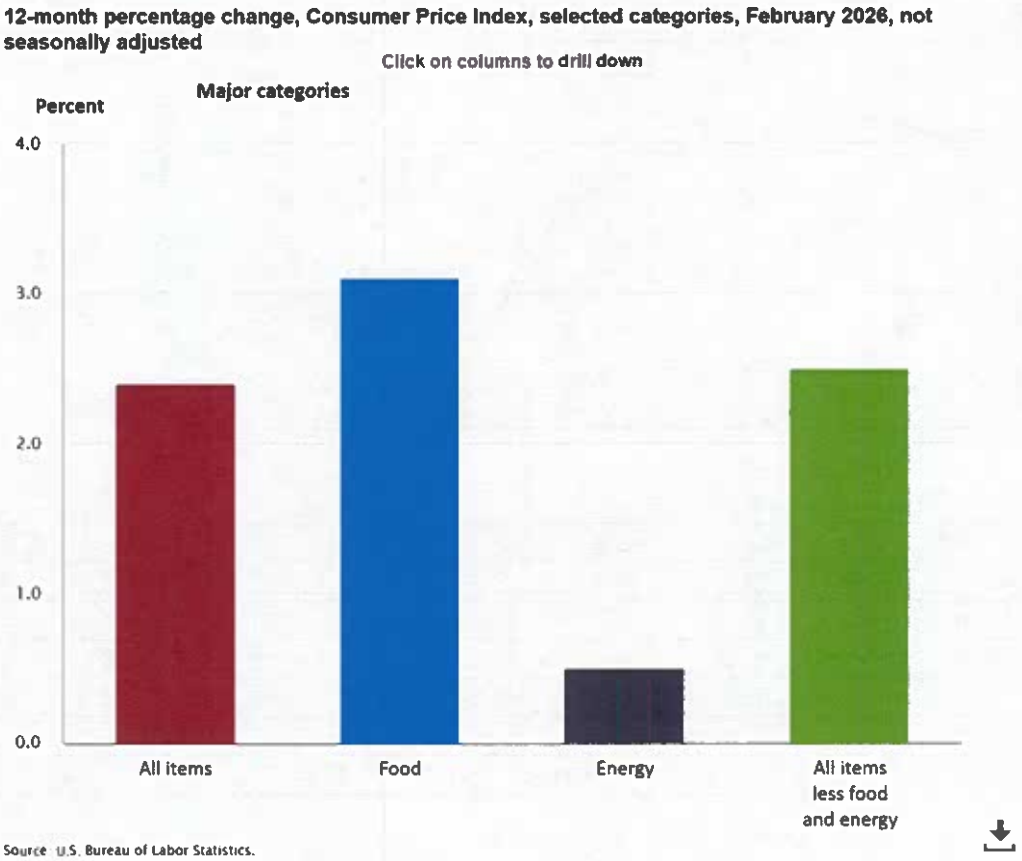
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FY2026-27 Budget Schedule of events









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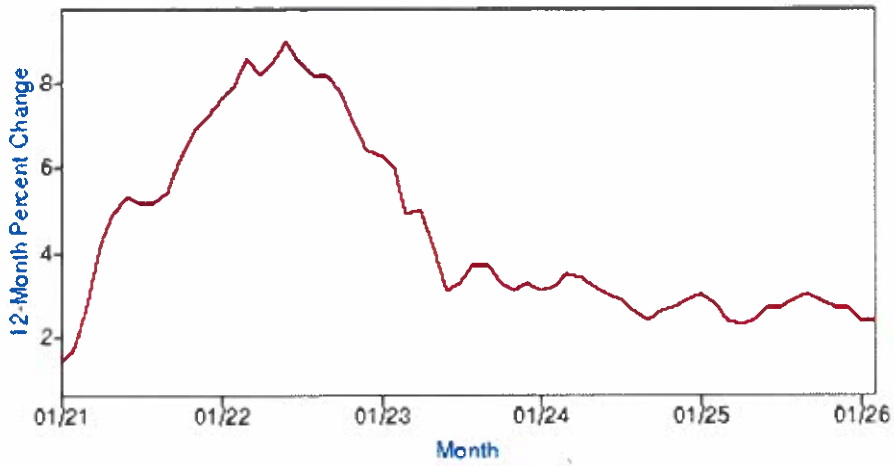
CPI Home : U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (bls.gov)

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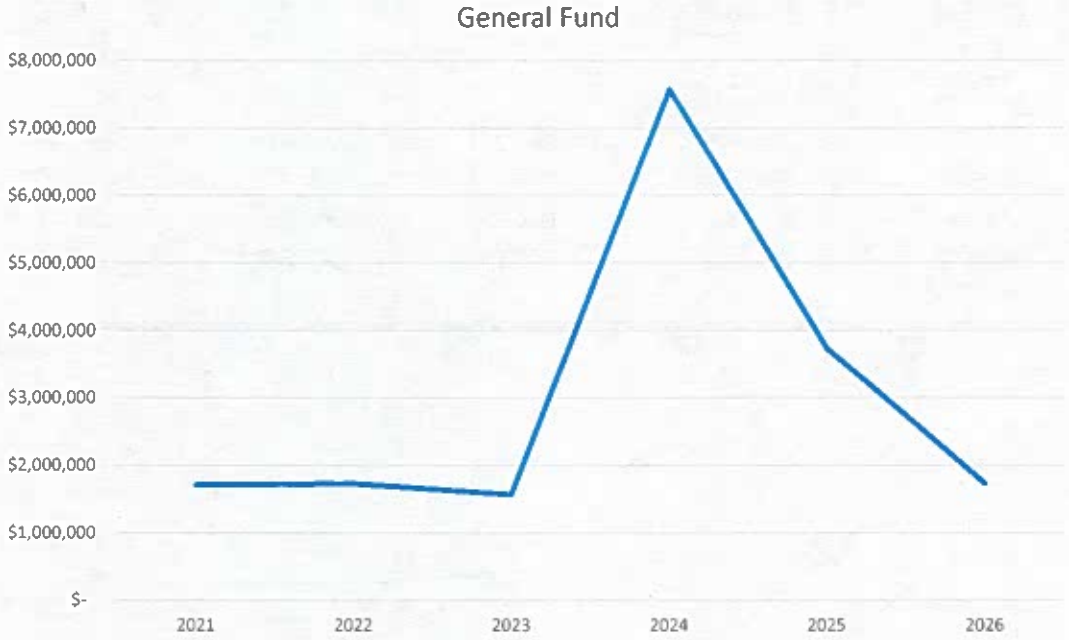
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Average
2026	2.4	2.4											
2025	3.0	2.8	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.7	2.7	2.9	3.0	(X)	2.7	2.7	2.69
2024	3.1	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.0	2.9	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.7	2.9	2.96
2023	6.3	6.0	4.9	5.0	4.1	3.1	3.3	3.7	3.7	3.3	3.1	3.3	4.15
2022	7.6	7.9	8.6	8.2	8.5	9.0	8.5	8.2	8.2	7.8	7.1	6.4	8.00
2021	1.4	1.7	2.7	4.1	4.9	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.4	6.2	6.9	7.2	4.68

(X): Data unavailable due to the 2025 lapse in appropriations.



(source data from the https://www.bls.gov)

General Fund



2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Budget 2026
$ 1,713,425	$ 1,729,631	$ 1,568,382	$ 7,570,942	$ 3,741,785	$ 1,737,015

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General Fund



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General Fund Administration						
00400 Property Taxes	$ 658,979	$ 682,949	$ 743,995	$ 724,752	$ 753,886	$ 740,850
00401 Intergovernmental Revenue	$ 60,807	$ 53,996	$ 54,204	$ 58,664	$ 62,177	$ 56,000
00402 License, Permits, & Fees	$ 425,252	$ 421,905	$ 316,264	$ 501,694	$ 490,917	$ 414,416
00404 Payment in lieu of tax & Fran fee	$ 542,086	$ 546,337	$ 435,708	$ 461,108	$ 502,318	$ 488,974
00405 Interest Income	$ 345	$ 391	$ -	$ 215,581	$ 257,357	$ 2,500
00406 Grant Income	$ 2,500	$ -	$ 18,211	$ -	$ 1,500,000	$ -
00407 Miscellaneous & Other	$ 23,456	$ 24,054	$ -	$ 5,609,144	$ 175,130	$ 34,275
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Millage Values (by fiscal year)
2021 - 99.3
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2023 - 95.8 (3.5 mill reduction)
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Westminster City Assessed and Market Values								
TAX YEAR	2021		2022		2023		2024	
FISCAL YEAR	2022		2023		2024		2025	
	Vehicle Ratio 6.0		Vehicle Ratio 6.0					
	Reassessment Year (Delayed)		Implemented Reassessment Year					
Property Type	Assessed Value	Market Value	Assessed Value	Market Value	Assessed Value	Market Value	Assessed Value	Market Value
Real Property	$ 5,164,540	$ 114,767,556	$ 5,259,460	$ 116,876,889	$ 5,505,380	$ 122,341,778	$ 5,698,750	$ 126,638,889
Personal Property/ DOR	$ 841,389	$ 8,013,229	$ 945,490	$ 9,004,667	$ 973,380	$ 9,270,286	$ 939,540	$ 8,948,000
Vehicles	$ 793,067	$ 13,217,783	$ 866,911	$ 14,448,517	$ 907,647	$ 15,127,450	$ 1,020,092	$ 17,001,533
Watercraft	$ 13,660	$ 130,095	$ 46,160	$ 439,619	$ 66,660	$ 634,857	$ 57,360	$ 546,286
Total	$ 6,812,656	$ 136,128,663	$ 7,118,021	$ 140,769,691	$ 7,453,067	$ 147,374,371	$ 7,715,742	$ 153,134,708
Value of a Mill	$ 6,813		$ 7,118		$ 7,453		$ 7,716	

Growth rate 3.52% to 4.48%

Source: Oconee County Auditor

General Fund

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Fire Department, by the numbers

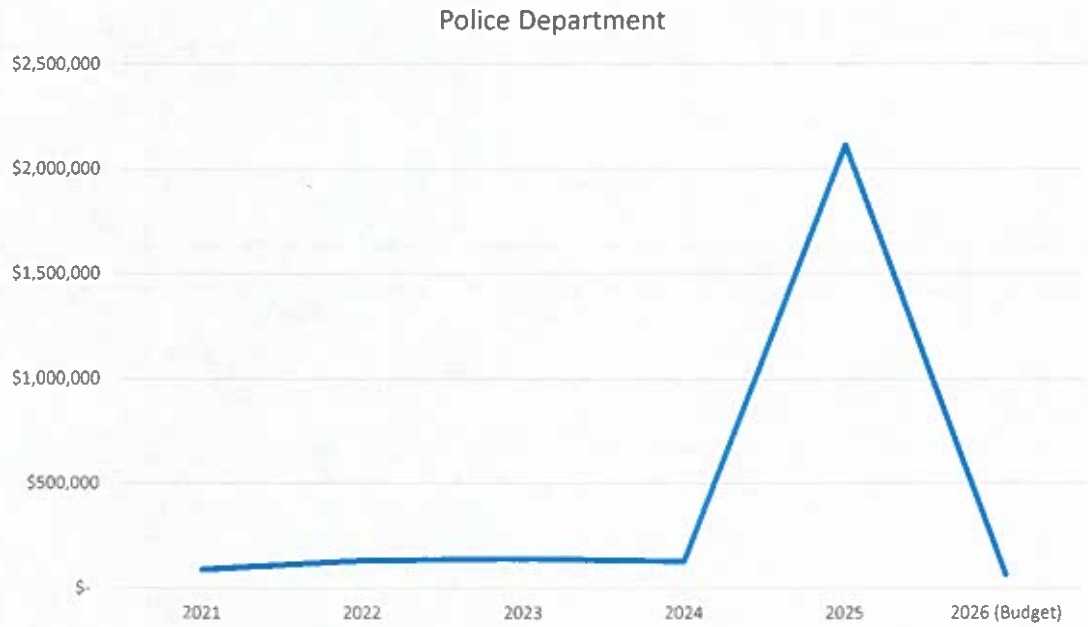
	2022	2023	2024	2025
City	$183,869	$320,521	$331,609	$524,846
County	$285,000	$285,000	$550,000	$550,000
Total	**$468,869**	**$605,521**	**$881,609**	**$1,074,846**

[1)]2022-2025 actual, audited

[2)] County Funding @ $285,000/year FY2012-FY2023 | @ $550,000/year beginning FY2024

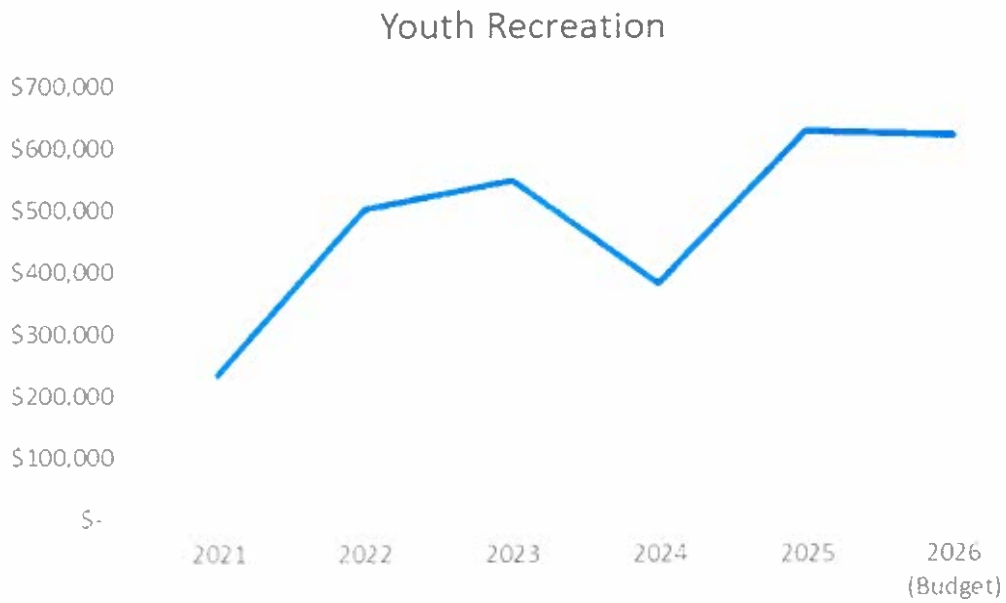
General Fund

The spike in revenue is the Horton donation ($2 million) which shows here as a Journal Entry . This is to account for the Horton donation of $1.2 million in cash and $800,000 in an account receivable. It was incorrectly placed in the Police Department budget.



Police Department	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 (Budget)
00403 Fines & Forfeitures	$ 81,691	$ 85,462	$ 91,641	$ 63,019	$ 26,435	$ 38,147
00405 Interest Income	$ 10	$ 10	$ 7	$ 7	$ 2	$ 500
00406 Grant Income	$ -	$ 11,334	$ 19,028	$ 44,911	$ 1,853	$ 7,000
00407 Miscellaneous & Other	$ 7,262	$ 32,971	$ 28,258	$ 17,946	$ 2,084,992	$ 19,500
	$ 88,963	**$ 129,777**	**$ 138,935**	**$ 125,883**	**$ 2,113,282**	**$ 65,147**

Youth Recreation Fund



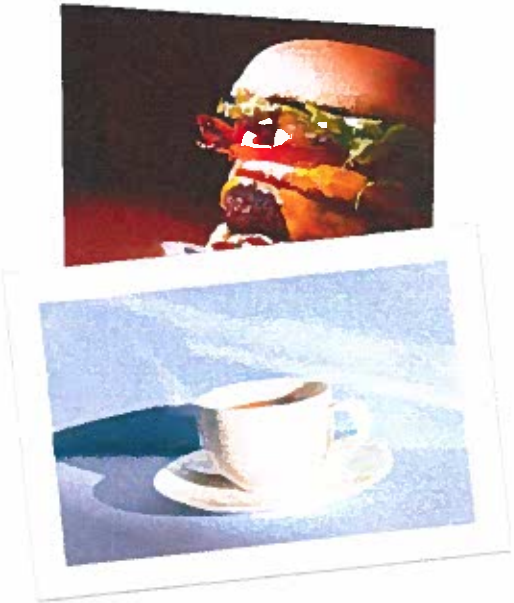
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 (Budget)
Recreation	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**	**2026 (Budget)**
00401 Intergovernmental Revenue	$ 30,000	$ 30,000	$ 50,000	$ 50,000	$ 50,000	$ 50,000
00402 License, Permits, & Fees	$ 98,939	$ 163,173	$ 185,575	$ 173,237	$ 191,661	$ 334,500
00405 Interest Income	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
00406 Grant Income	$ 4,320	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 13,000
00407 Miscellaneous & Other	$ 100,054	$ 307,884	$ 311,708	$ 155,260	$ 383,874	$ 222,000
TOTAL YOUTH RECREATION	**$ 233,313**	**$ 501,057**	**$ 547,283**	**$ 378,497**	**$ 625,534**	$ 619,500

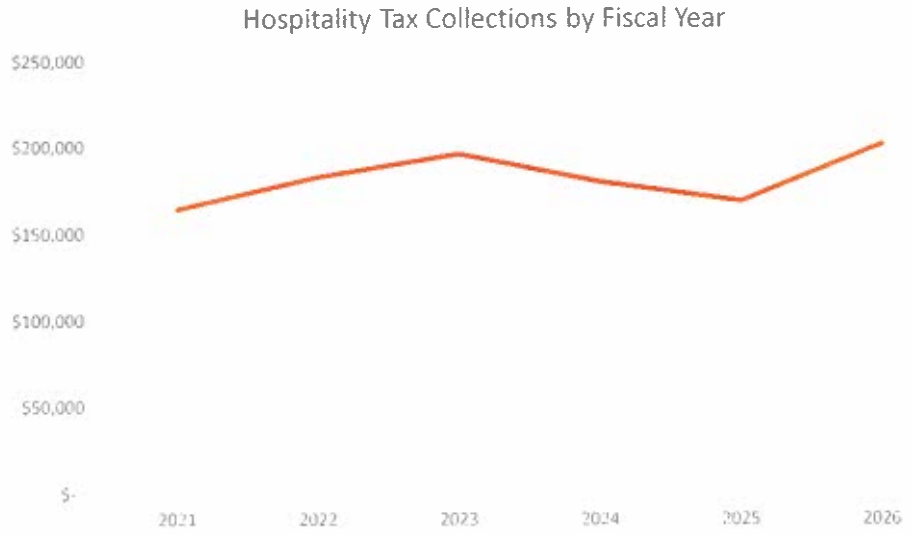
Youth Recreation

	amount	%of total	amount	%of total	amount	%of total	amount	%of total
	2023		2024		2025		2026	
County Allocation	$ 50,000	-9.14%	$ 50,000	-13.21%	$ 50,000	-7.99%	$ 50,000	-8.07%
Fees	$ 208,695	-38.13%	$ 196,242	-51.85%	$ 246,205	-39.36%	$ 429,500	-69.33%
Other	$ -	0.00%	$ -	0.00%	$ -	0.00%	$ -	0.00%
Transfer from GF	$ 131,278	-23.99%	$ 132,255	-34.94%	$ 179,329	-28.67%	$ -	0.00%
Transfer from Htax	$ 157,310	-28.74%	$ -	0.00%	$ 150,000	-23.98%	$ 140,000	-22.60%
PARD Grant	$ -	0.00%	$ -	0.00%	$ -	0.00%	$ -	0.00%
	$ 547,283	$ (1)	**$ 378,497**	$ (1)	**$ 625,534**	$ (1)	**$ 619,500**	$ (1)

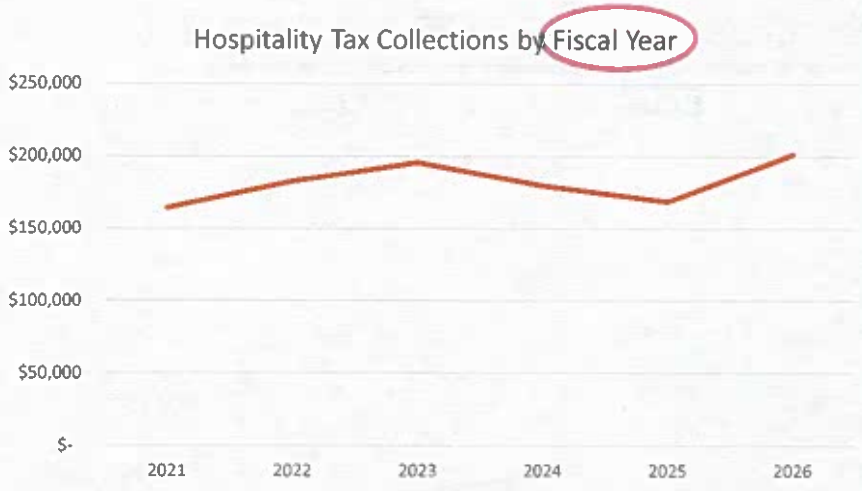
2023, 2024, 2025 Actual, 2026 Budget

Hospitality Tax Fund





2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Budget 2026
$ 164,855	$ 183,306	$ 196,510	$ 180,440	$ 169,384	$ 202,000



Side Note:
The upcoming FY will include a re-evaluation of the projected revenues.

Hospitality Tax Collections by Calendar Year

HTAX	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	$ 12,324.40	$ 14,224.78	$ 15,324.70	$ 13,519.31	$ 11,760.80
February	$ 13,525.49	$ 13,021.59	$ 15,082.44	$ 13,730.68	$ 15,746.31
March	$ 11,997.37	$ 13,508.64	$ 15,011.61	$ 15,216.74	$ 13,406.01
April	$ 14,149.87	$ 15,676.95	$ 17,143.33	$ 11,845.71	$ 14,829.51
May	$ 14,635.87	$ 16,002.29	$ 15,851.23	$ 15,718.96	$ 14,516.82
June	$ 13,235.70	$ 16,692.99	$ 17,368.03	$ 15,982.46	$ 12,372.06
July	$ 11,938.95	$ 14,012.55	$ 12,510.54	$ 14,535.45	$ 12,585.97
August	$ 12,289.28	$ 16,019.37	$ 15,027.30	$ 14,101.60	$ 13,672.51
September	$ 12,279.32	$ 14,830.12	$ 14,970.70	$ 14,814.84	$ 19,140.66
October	$ 19,295.62	$ 15,844.66	$ 15,051.19	$ 14,272.32	$ 13,127.35
November	$ 13,337.05	$ 16,087.27	$ 13,391.23	$ 14,396.21	$ 13,361.72
December	$ 14,743.58	$ 15,347.08	$ 11,843.03	$ 13,524.62	$ 12,057.91
TOTAL	$ 163,752.50	$ 181,268.29	$ 178,575.33	$ 171,658.90	$ 166,577.63

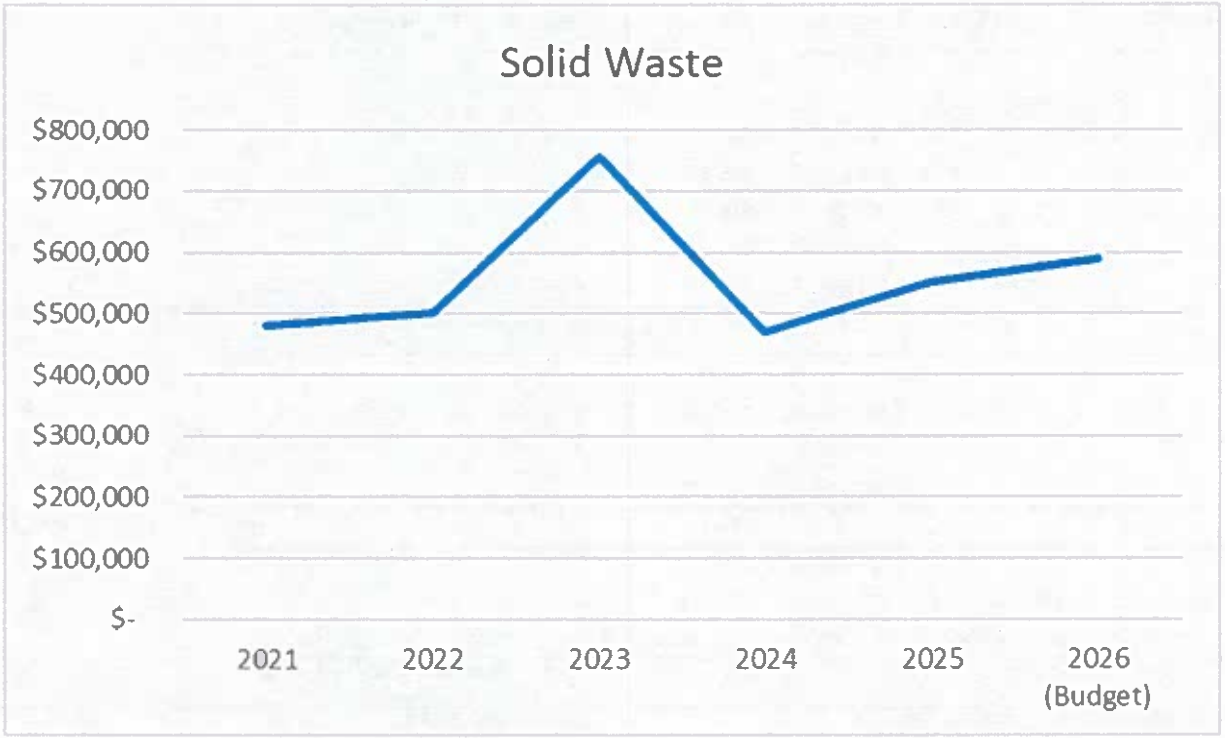
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Local Accommodations Tax Fund



2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 (Budget)
$ 7,089	$ 6,212	$ 13,174	$ 12,470	$ 12,500

Solid Waste Fund



2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 (Budget)
$ 481,131	$ 502,959	$ 756,950	$ 470,926	$ 553,211	$ 588,791

*2023 includes a fund balance allocation of $167,576 - AND - $277,000 for capital lease purchase

Solid Waste (cost-to-serve)

			5% inside 5% outside			3.5% inside 4.5% outside	3.5% inside 4.5% outside 7% commercial
Solid Waste Revenue							
	2021	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**	**2026**	
Service Charges	$ 389,477	$ 426,472	$ 437,108	$ 449,250	$ 553,211	$ 670,000	
Misc	$ 5,784	$ -	$ 1,417	$ 21,220	$ -	$ 14,000	
Transfer from GF	$ 86,392	$ 76,487	$ 11,411	$ -	$ -	$ -	
Capital Lease	$ -	$ -	$ 310,006	$ 277,000	$ -	$ -	
Fund Balance	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 167,576	$ -	$ -	
	$ 481,653	**$ 502,959**	**$ 759,942**	**$ 915,046**	**$ 553,211**	**$ 684,000**	
Solid Waste Expense							
Personal Services	$ 229,948	$ 175,960	$ 240,423	$ 276,129	$ 369,244	$ 388,996	
Commodities	$ 105,881	$ 142,917	$ 82,752	$ 105,528	$ 184,188	$ 77,800	
Contractual Services	$ 28,131	$ 22,401	$ 17,976	$ 42,750	$ 28,347	$ 38,700	
Capital outlay	$ -	$ -	$ 309,946	$ 277,000	$ -	$ -	
Debt service	$ 63,269	$ 2,888	$ 63,269	$ 46,063	$ 60,716	$ 178,504	
JE (Journal Entry)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 76,388	$ -	
Transfer out	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 167,576	$ -	$ -	
	$ 427,229	**$ 344,166**	**$ 714,366**	**$ 915,046**	**$ 718,883**	**$ 684,000**	

2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 audited | 2026 budgeted

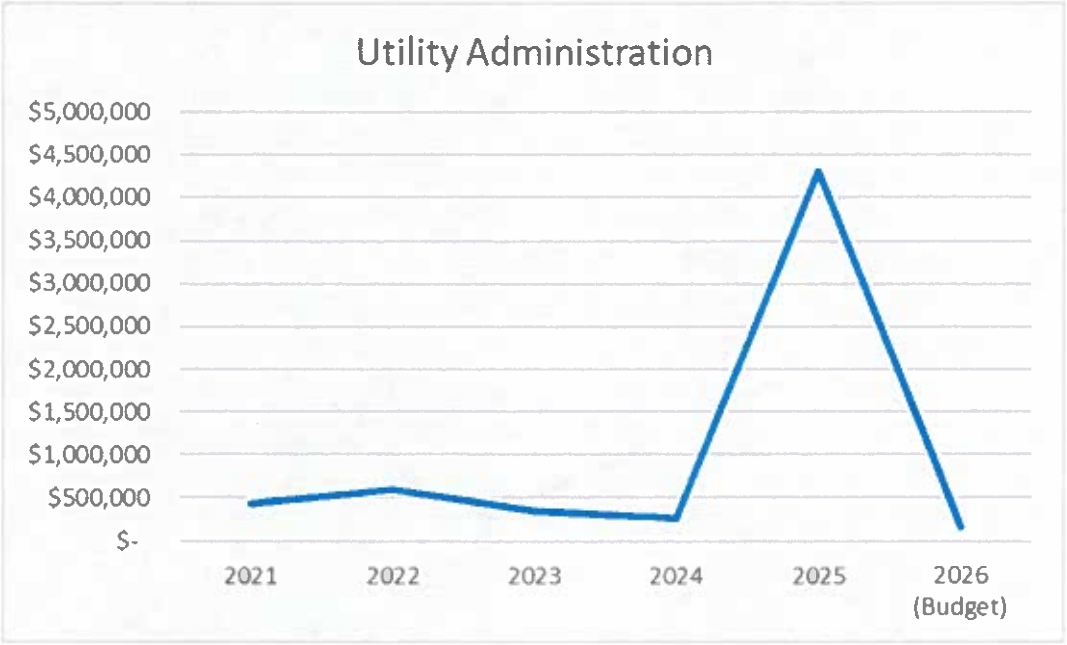
Eliminated the reliance on tax dollars to supplement solid waste collection

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Utility Administration

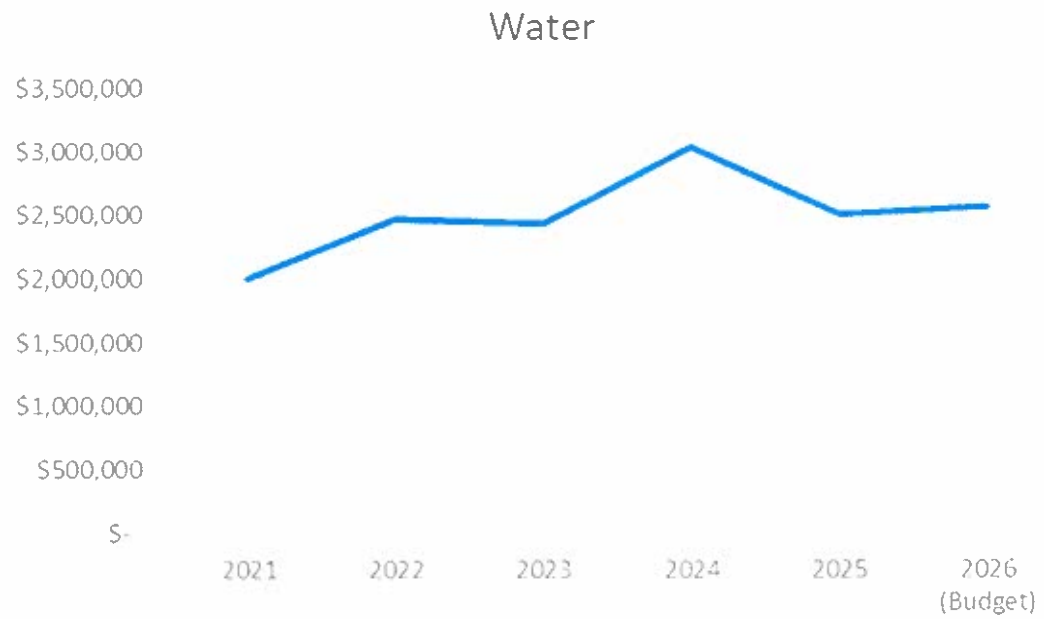
Notes for 2025 Actuals:

- $1,510,258 Interfund Transfer JE to reclass SCIIP project expenses.
- $1,272,072 Grants JE to reclass SCIIP revenue to correct fund.



Utility Fund Administration	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 (Budget)
00405 Interest Income	$ 664	$ 564	$ 1,568	$ 265,011	$ 16,519	$ 2,000
00407 Miscellaneous & Other	$ 434,863	$ 599,932	$ 342,234	$ (459,841)	$ 2,744,708	$ 169,500
00412 Other Revenue	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 461,635	$ 1,559,819	$ -
	$ 435,527	**$ 600,496**	**$ 343,802**	**$ 266,805**	**$ 4,321,046**	**$ 171,500**

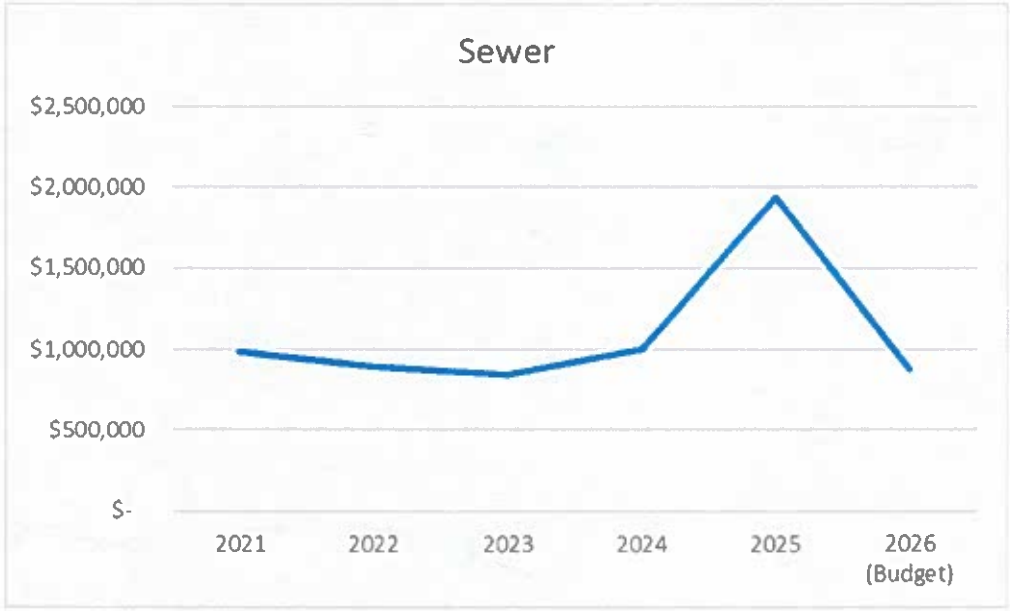
Utility Fund - Water



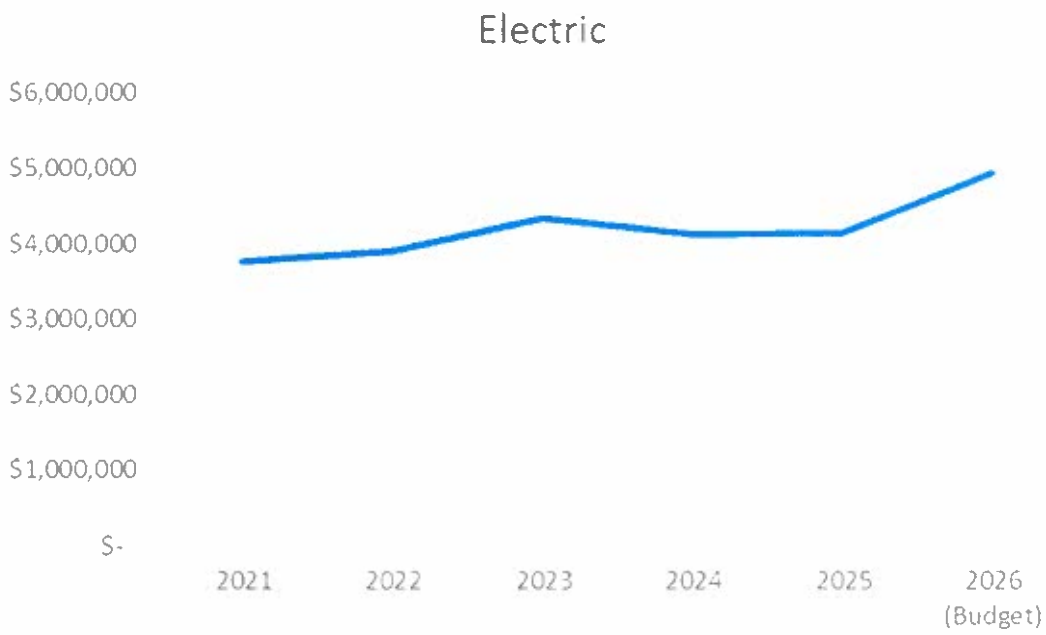
2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 (Budget)
$ 1,994,627	$ 2,458,012	$ 2,433,069	$ 3,031,214	$ 2,495,248	$ 2,549,922

Utility Fund - Sewer Total

For FY2025 includes $1,125,713 which is a portion of the ~ $5 million SCIIP grant.



2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 (Budget)
$ 987,360	$ 893,012	$ 847,004	$ 1,000,902	$ 1,941,376	$ 883,583



Type	Customer count				
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026*
Residential	1,247	1,227	1,257	1,272	1,282
Commercial	256	247	250	251	253
total	1,503	1,474	1,507	1,523	1,535

*As of March 31, 2026

Electric Revenue

Year	Total
2022	$ 3,881,861.74
2023	$ 4,319,217.00
2024	$ 4,563,472.00
2025	$ 4,124,139.53
2026	$ 4,921,415.00

Provider Expenses (PE)

2024 Actual		Revenue	PE		Rev net PE
	Electric	$ 4,108,781	$ 2,818,988	(1)	$ 1,289,793
	Water	$ 3,031,215	$ 1,968,292	*	$ 1,062,923
	Sewer	$ 1,000,902	$ 589,048	(2)	$ 411,854
	Admin	$ 266,805	$ 1,700,699	(3)	$ (1,433,894)
	Total	$ 8,407,703	$ 7,077,027		$ 1,330,676

2025 Actual		Revenue	PE		Rev net PE
	Electric	$ 4,114,581	$ 2,680,496	(1)	$ 1,434,085
	Water	$ 2,492,722	$ 1,832,618		$ 660,104
	Sewer	$ 857,235	$ 481,922	(2)	$ 375,313
	Admin	$ 2,761,227	$ 2,765,835	(3)	$ (4,608)
	Total	$ 10,225,765	$ 7,760,871		$ 2,464,894

2026 Budget		Revenue	PE		Rev net PE
	Electric	$ 5,032,000	$ 2,700,000	(1)	$ 2,332,000
	Water	$ 2,795,050	$ 2,613,239		$ 181,811
	Sewer	$ 1,004,000	$ 564,000	(2)	$ 440,000
	Admin	$ 176,000	$ 1,660,155	(3)	$ (1,484,155)
	Total	$ 9,007,050	$ 7,537,394		$ 1,469,656

The information on this slide shows the expenses associated with the cost of securing a commodity (electricity, water, sewer) and the revenue raised. This chart does NOT show all utility expenses.

Key:
(1) PMPA is electric provider
(2) OJRSA is sewer provider
(3) Transfer to General Fund (franchise fee)
* Includes $665,596 revenue from USDA project

Upstate Rate Comparison Data

Municipality	Water	Sewer
Westminster, City of	$ 32.64	$ 69.55
Central, Town of	$ 38.70	$ 67.00
Seneca, City of	$ 31.64	$ 64.42
Pendleton, Town of	$ 49.39	$ 60.66
Williamston, Town of	$ 41.95	$ 58.65
Clemson, City of	$ 39.89	$ 57.59
Liberty, City of	$ 38.82	$ 56.86
West Union, Town	$ 42.00	$ 52.00
Walhalla, City	$ 37.50	$ 50.55
Honea Path, Town of	$ 39.80	$ 49.98
Belton, City of	$ 35.90	$ 44.90
Iva, Town of	$ 31.00	$ 44.00
Pickens, City of	$ 34.50	$ 32.70
Salem, Town of	$ 53.69	$ -

**Based on 5,000 gallons of usage;
Inside Residential Rates only

https://ria.sc.gov/resources/ (April 6, 2025)

Current

Residential Electric Rate Comparison		
Entity	**Base fee per month	Rate per kilowatt
City of Seneca	$14.59	$0.12030
Blue Ridge	$50.00	$0.15129
City of Westminster	$16.61	$0.16250
*City of Westminster GNR	$15.83	$0.15473
Duke Energy	$11.96	$0.13813

Last Year

Residential Electric Rate Comparison		
Entity	**Base fee per month	Rate per kilowatt
City of Seneca	$14.59	$0.11520
Blue Ridge	$50.00	$0.15129
City of Westminster	$16.05	$0.15698
*City of Westminster GNR	$15.29	$0.14949
Duke Energy	$13.00	$0.09965

*City of Westminster Good Neighbor Rate (GNR) optional load usage device to control during peaks

All base fees do not include any kilowatt usage.

Inside Rates – Oconee County Comparison

Walhalla Rates Inside City		Seneca Rates Inside City		Westminster Rates Inside City	
Water		**Water**		**Water**	
Base fee/month	**$21.00**	Base fee/month	**$12.64**	Base fee/month	**$13.74**
Per 1,000 Gallons	**$3.30**	Per 1,000 Gallons	**$3.80**	Per 1,000 Gallons	**$3.78**
Sewer		**Sewer**		**Sewer**	
Base fee/month	**$5.25**	Base fee/month	**$7.17**	Base fee/month	**$23.20**
Base	**$1.40**	Per 1,000 Gallons	**$3.79**	Per 1,000 Gallons	**$9.27**
Electric (Per Duke Energy)		**Electric**		**Electric**	
Base Fee/month	**$11.96**	Base fee/month	**$14.59**	Base fee/month	**$15.83**
First 1,000 kWh per kWh	**$0.13813**	Per kWh	**$0.12030**	Per kWh	**$0.15473**
Solid Waste	**$18.00**	**Solid Waste**	**$15.75**	**Solid Waste**	**$22.05**

Outside Rates – Oconee County Comparison

Walhalla Rates Outside City		Seneca Rates Outside City		Westminster Rates Outside City	
Water		**Water**		**Water**	
Base fee/month	**$38.00**	Base fee/month	**$15.55**	Base fee/month	**$27.24**
Per 1,000 Gallons	**$5.10**	Per 1,000 Gallons	**$6.27**	Per 1,000 Gallons	**$6.74**
Sewer		**Sewer**		**Sewer**	
Upto 1,000 Gallons	**$10.00**	Base fee/month	**$11.60**	Base fee/month	**$26.62**
Base Fee/month	**$1.40**	Per 1,000 Gallons	**$5.62**	Per 1,000 Gallons	**$9.98**
Solid Waste	**$28.00**	**Solid Waste**	**$19.25**	**Solid Waste**	**$29.35**

Other's Rates – Oconee County Comparison

Pioneer	
Water	
Base fee/month	**$34.75**
Up to 3,000 Gallons	**$4.25**
3,001-4,000 Gallons	**$6.00**
4001-5000 Gallons Tier Fee	**$6.25**

Blue Ridge	
Electric (Flat Rate)	
Base fee/month	**$50.00**
Per Kilowatt Hour	**$0.15129**
EmPOWERment Rate	
Base fee/month	**$33.00000**
Per Kilowatt Hour	**$0.10443**
Peak Hours Per kW	**$13.00**

CSWR (Formerly Tessi)	
Water (Flat fee every month	**$45.07**
Sewer (Flat fee every month	**$40.22**

Rate and Customer Comparisons

	Walhalla		Seneca		Westminster	
Service		# of customers		# of customers		# of customers
Electric (Inside)	$167.21	2,900,000	$149.81	6,050	$189.74	1,250
Water (Inside)	$37.50	1,665	$31.64	5,106	$32.64	1,190
Water (Outside)	$63.50	5,375	$46.90	12,012	$60.94	2,359
Sewer (Inside)	$50.55	1,512	$63.07	4,442	$69.55	1,076
Sewer (Outside)	$55.80	113	$76.65	1,604	$76.52	133
Solid Waste (Inside)	$18.00	1,547	$15.75	4,392	$22.05	1,083
Solid Waste (Outside)	$28.00	1,652	$19.75	192	$29.35	112

CSWR (FORMERLY TESI)		Pioneer		Blue Ridge	
	# of Customers		# of customers	Blue Ridge	# of customers
-		-		$220.05	N/A
$ 45.07	582	$67.50	7,300	-	
$ 45.07	582	$67.50		-	
$ 40.22	582	-		-	
$ 40.22	582	-		-	
-		-		-	
-		-		-	

Notes on calculations:

*All water and sewer rates are based on 5,000 gallons
*All electric rates are based on 1,124 KWH
*Electric rates in Westminster are based on the good neighbor rate
*OJRSA rates added in Seneca and Walhalla sewer rates
*Customer numbers for Seneca and CSWR are duplicates from 2025.

Note:

- The OJRSA is considering a rate increase. The rate increase scenarios are listed in this schedule.
- The OJRSA Board must approve a rate increase.
- The scenarios were provided to the Board as the OJRSA budget process has now begun.

Fee Considerations for Fiscal Year 2027

User Fees

The tables below use the average number of customers and flow billed per month from March 2025 through February 2026.

User Data

Customer Type	March 2025-February 2026 Average/Month	March 2024-February 2025 Average/Month	Customer Change From Previous (Numerical Average / Percent)
Residential Customers	8,269	8,027	242 / 3.015% ↑
Nonresidential Customers	1,543	1,527	16 / 1.031% ↑
Combined Customers	9,812	9,554	258 / 2.700% ↑

Usage Type	March 2025-February 2026 Average Gallons/Month	March 2024-February 2025 Average Gallons/Month	Usage Change From Previous (Average Gallons/Month / Percent)
Residential Volume	30,998,281	31,030,274	-31,993 / 0.103% ↓
Nonresidential Volume	27,717,957	30,190,749	-2,472,793 / 8.191% ↓
Combined Volume	58,716,238	61,221,023	-2,524,792 / 4.124% ↓

Increase to Base Fees Only

Fee Item	CURRENT	1%	5%	10%	12.5%	15%	20%
Residential Base (/month)	$10.00	$10.10	$10.50	$11.00	$11.25	$11.50	$12.00
Residential Vol (/1,000 gal)	$5.66	$5.66	$5.66	$5.66	$5.66	$5.66	$5.66
Nonres Base (/month)	$15.00	$15.15	$15.75	$16.50	$16.88	$17.25	$18.00
Nonres Vol (/1,000 gal)	$7.74	$7.74	$7.74	$7.74	$7.74	$7.74	$7.74
APPROX ANNUAL REVENUE	$5,864,280	$5,942,165	$5,992,864	$6,056,238	$6,087,924	$6,119,611	$6,182,985
Revenue Above Current	0	$12,675	$63,374	$126,747	$158,434	$190,121	$253,495
Residential 5,000 gal/month	$38.30	$38.40	$38.80	$39.30	$39.55	$39.80	$40.30
Difference From Current	$0	$0.10	$0.50	$1.00	$1.25	$1.50	$2.00

Increase to Volumetric Fees Only

Fee Item	CURRENT	1%	5%	10%	12.5%	15%	20%
Residential Base (/month)	$10.00	$10.00	$10.00	$10.00	$10.00	$10.00	$10.00
Residential Vol (/1,000 gal)	$5.66	$5.72	$5.94	$6.23	$6.37	$6.51	$6.79
Nonres Base (/month)	$15.00	$15.00	$15.00	$15.00	$15.00	$15.00	$15.00
Nonres Vol (/1,000 gal)	$7.74	$7.82	$8.13	$8.51	$8.71	$8.90	$9.29
APPROX ANNUAL REVENUE	$5,864,280	$5,975,692	$6,162,173	$6,395,274	$6,511,824	$6,628,374	$6,861,475
Revenue Above Current	0	$46,202	$232,683	$465,783	$582,334	$698,884	$931,985
Residential 5,000 gal/month	$38.30	$38.58	$39.72	$41.13	$41.84	$42.55	$43.96
Difference From Current	$0	$0.28	$1.42	$2.83	$3.54	$4.25	$5.66

Increase to Base and Volumetric Fees

Fee Item	CURRENT	1%	5%	10%	12.5%	15%	20%
Residential Base (/month)	$10.00	$10.10	$10.50	$11.00	$11.25	$11.50	$12.00
Residential Vol (/1,000 gal)	$5.66	$5.72	$5.94	$6.23	$6.37	$6.51	$6.79
Nonres Base (/month)	$15.00	$15.15	$15.75	$16.50	$16.88	$17.25	$18.00
Nonres Vol (/1,000 gal)	$7.74	$7.82	$8.13	$8.51	$8.71	$8.90	$9.29
APPROX ANNUAL REVENUE	$5,864,280	$5,988,785	$6,225,965	$6,522,439	$6,670,676	$6,818,914	$7,115,388
Revenue Above Current	0	$59,295	$296,475	$592,949	$741,186	$889,424	$1,185,898
Residential 5,000 gal/month	$38.30	$38.68	$40.22	$42.13	$43.09	$44.05	$45.96
Difference From Current	$0	$0.38	$1.92	$3.83	$4.79	$5.75	$7.66

Utility Fee Increases (proposed - increases)

Water Rates
- 4% inside city
- 5% outside city

Electric Rates
- 3.5%

Sewer Rates

Inside City
- 3% on base
- + 8% on volume*

Sewer Rates, cont'd

Outside City
- 4% on base
- + 9% on volume*

*OJRSA 5% volumetric only
(estimate $26,000 additional expense to OJRSA)

Solid Waste Rates
- 5 % inside city
- 6.5% outside city
- 7% commercial

*Small growth in each service offset proposed increase amounts

Rate adjustments adopted with current FY2026 budget

Tax Cut - 1 mil tax rate decrease

- Current millage rate 95.3
- Value of one (1) mil = $7,453*
- Reduction of $7,453 from proposed General Fund budget
  - Reduce Property Tax Revenue from $567,000 to $559,547
- If we reduce the revenue there must be an offset to expense

		Original Proposed	mil reduction	Amended
10 GF Codes Abatement Exp	Payroll Adjustments	$ 10,000	$ 4,171	$ 5,829
GF Non Departmental	Payroll Adjustments	$ 3,282	$ 3,282	$ -
	Total		$ 7,453	

* In 2023 millage reduced 3.5 mills from 99.3 mills to 95.8 mils

Source: Oconee County Auditor

Questions...discussion...?

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