Moscow City Council

Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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Laurie M. Hopkins
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Monday, August 4, 2025 | **7:00 PM** | **Council Chambers 206 E. Third St.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
PRESENT: Mayor Art Bettge, Bryce Blankenship, Drew Davis, Sandra Kelly, Hailey Lewis, Julia Parker, Gina Taruscio
STAFF: Bill Belknap, Mia Bautista, Tyler Palmer, Sarah Decker, Bob Buvel, Laurie M. Hopkins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Council Member Taruscio led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **All Consent Items (ACTION ITEM)**

   A. **Approval of Moscow City Council July 21, 2025 Minutes - Laurie M. Hopkins**

   B. **Approval of Payment of Claims - Sarah Decker**

Kelly moved and Parker seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. **Mayors Appointments (ACTION ITEM)**

None offered.

3. **Public Comment (limit 15 minutes)**

Ken Park (Moscow) noted local bike routes are difficult to navigate and poorly marked, leading some cyclists to use sidewalks. He suggested forming a citizen group to make recommendations. Kelly stated the former Moscow Pathways Commission created a paths map. Mayor Bettge said the Streets Division regularly paints bike lanes, but space limits separated lanes. He suggested contacting the Transportation Commission.

Gregory Soderberg (Moscow) thanked the mayor and council for their hard work. His church prays for them even if they may not agree with all the council decisions.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING: City of Moscow FY2026 Annual Appropriation Ordinance (ACTION ITEM) - Bill Belknap / Sarah Decker**

   Staff will present the proposed City of Moscow FY2026 budget in the amount of $139,578,442, which was considered by the City Council at a workshop held on July 8, 2025. The proposed budget includes the statutory allowed 3% inflationary increase, an additional 1% foregone tax recovery, as well as 90% of new construction and annexations, which are $119,913 and $4,696, respectively. According to the

Latah County Assessor's office, the assessed taxable valuation within the City increased by 3.2% this year, which resulted in a slight increase in the City's levy rate from $3.48 to $3.57 per $1,000 in taxable valuation. On July 29, the City received the final new construction, annexation, and judgment refund amounts from Latah County, which resulted in an increase in the total appropriation amount of $48,393 from the draft budget presented during the budget workshop. Staff will detail the changes for the Council's information. Included for City Council consideration is the FY2026 Annual Appropriation Ordinance and the L-2 property tax certification in the aggregate amount of $9,088,502.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Conduct the public hearing upon the FY2026 City of Moscow Annual Appropriation Ordinance, and upon consideration of testimony presented:

1. Approve the foregone tax recovery Resolution, or take other action as deemed appropriate;
2. Approve the ordinance under suspension of the rules requiring three complete and separate readings and that it be read by title and published by summary; or consider the Ordinance on first reading and that it be read by title; or reject the Ordinance; or take other action deemed appropriate.
3. Authorize the Mayor's execution of the L-2 property tax certification in the aggregate amount of $9,088,502; or take such other action deemed appropriate.

Mayor Bettge explained the process for a public hearing and opened it at 7:08 p.m. Belknap introduced the item by providing information regarding the budget purpose, budget process and some general budget background. Other highlights included personnel changes, strategic initiatives, revenue and taxes, expenditures, and capital projects. See attached presentation.

Mayor Bettge said the Council did have a workshop in July in which they reviewed the budget line by line. In answer to council questions, Belknap explained the landfill still had capacity for approximately 30 years; the recycling center relocation will most likely be in the next five years.

Mayor Bettge asked for testimony in favor of the budget.

Victoria Seever (Moscow) said she is in support of the proposed budget. She attended the budget workshop and felt many areas of the budget are pared back. The increases in wages & benefits express appreciation for the value of the employees. There are many cuts in the budget to everything there are inflation factors. She felt departments & administration responsibly prioritized available resources to manage, table or cut city operations for the next fiscal year. She felt the proposed budget is sound.

Mayor Bettge asked for public testimony in opposition, then for general testimony. Hearing none, Mayor Bettge closed the hearing at 7:58 p.m.

Belknap provided the landfill fee changes in answer to Taruscio's previous question.

Blankenship thanked staff for accomplishing much with limited resources and noted the City's extensive services despite tax-exempt land.

Taruscio said this is her 10th budget and recognized completed projects including the emergency radio's, city shop, and downtown improvements.

Davis thanked those that sent comments via email and is appreciative of the public perspective. He thanked staff for their hard work on the budget.

Kelly thanked the Council for their time and collaboration on the budget. She noted that by the time the workshop occurs, it is not the first review of the budget, as it is built on throughout the year with questions and discussions at Council meetings. She also expressed appreciation to staff.

Blankenship noted the City reassessed commission budgets by reviewing past spending, resulting in most budgets being reduced. Belknap added that staff was concerned about meeting capital investment needs and identified $200,000 in reductions across all departments and commissions. He feels the departments and commissions had the best intentions to get projects done but realized things move slower than expected. The commission budgets were cut approximately by half of the total requested. Staff takes budgeting seriously and maintaining critical assets and infrastructure is equally as import as daily operations. If we fall behind in maintain those things that we are trusted to care for, the city will end up in a bad place.

Parker moved to approve the foregone tax recovery resolution. Kelly seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Parker moved to approve the ordinance under suspension of the rules requiring three complete and separate readings and that it be read by title and published by summary. Lewis seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Bettge read Ordinance 2025-08 by title:
AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE” APPROPRIATING ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-TWO DOLLARS ($139,578,442) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING ALL NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF MOSCOW, LATAH COUNTY, STATE OF IDAHO, FOR THE 2026 FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025, AND ENDING THE THIRTIETH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026, AND ALLOTTING RESOURCES BY FUND FOR SAID APPROPRIATION FOR THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES SET FORTH IN THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE BE DEEMED SEVERABLE; PROVIDING FOR THIS ORDINANCE TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE, APPROVAL AND PUBLICATION ACCORDING TO LAW.

Parker moved to authorize the Mayor’s execution of the L-2 property tax certification in the aggregate amount of $9,088,502. Taruscio seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed FY2026 Fee Resolution (ACTION ITEM) - Bill Belknap**
   Any new fees or increases to existing fees by more than 5% require a public hearing pursuant to Idaho Code 63-1311A. Additionally, as required by Idaho Code 63-1311, the City's fees collected shall be reasonably related to the actual cost of the service provided. Staff will discuss proposed fee increases for the FY2026 budget year, which support the FY2025 budget proposal. The fee increases are due to the additional costs associated with the delivery of services, including administration, operations, and maintenance. Fees proposed to be adjusted include the following: arts programs, land use and development fees, construction permit fees and fees related to inspections, sanitation rates, water permit and service rates, sewer permit and service rates, street closure and traffic control, and stormwater rates, fiber optic service license fees, parks and recreation program fees, HIRC gym and room rentals, aquatic center admission, passes and lessons, and public record request fees.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Conduct the public hearing, and after considering testimony presented, approve the FY2026 Fee Resolution as proposed; or take other action deemed appropriate.

Mayor Bettge explained the rules and opened the public hearing at 8:14 p.m. Belknap explained any new fees or increases to existing fees by more than 5% require a public hearing. Fees must be reasonably related to the actual cost of the service provided and increases are due to the additional costs associated with the delivery of services. He explained the changes to the public records request fees and highlighted updates to other fees including the decrease for water meter fees due to the new lower-cost meters.

Lewis sought confirmation about the removal of the special event staffing holiday rate. Belknap explained it was eliminated because the City already pays employees their hourly holiday rate whether they work or not. In response to Lewis's question about grading plan review, Belknap said most small projects fall under 1,000 yards, while larger projects are in the upper category. Staff determined there was no need to keep the 1,001–10,000 category and merged it into the 10,001–100,000 category.

Blankenship highlighted that alcohol license fees are not increasing.

Mayor Bettge asked for testimony in favor, opposition and any general comments. Hearing none, he closed the hearing at 8:28 p.m.

Taruscio moved to approve the FY2026 fee resolution as proposed. Kelly seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

6. **Alley West of Main Street Sewer - Change Order #1 (ACTION ITEM) - Bob Buvel**

On April 7th, 2025, City Council approved the award of the Alley West of Main Street Sewer Project Contract to Devout Excavation in the amount of $366,913.32 and authorized staff approval of construction change orders in an amount not to exceed 10% of the contract amount. The project involves the replacement of the sewer main in the alley west of Main Street, between 4th and 6th Streets. The original contract included the removal and replacement of three catch basins that conflicted with the installation of the new sanitary sewer main. When the contractor tried to reconnect the new catch basins to the existing storm pipe, the condition of the pipe prevented the contractor from creating a solid connection. Staff concluded it would be prudent to replace the storm pipe and connect the catch basins with manufactured connections during this project. The contractor has confirmed that they can complete the scope of work included in the original contract, and they would be able to complete the installation of approximately 460 LF of 12" ADS Storm Pipe as well. The price change has been addressed in the draft of Change Order #1. After the execution of Change Order #1, the project expenditure amount would increase from $366,913.32 to $409,679.51, or an 11.7% increase.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Recommend approval of Change Order #1 with Devout Excavation to increase the contract amount by $42,766.19 to $409,679.51, and authorize staff approval of construction change orders in an amount not to exceed 10% of the adjusted contract amount, or take other action deemed appropriate.

Buvel introduced the item as noted above. The contractor will meet the deadline of September 26. Once done with the sewer, they will begin this replacement of storm basins with a phased closure for parking. The additional cost will be charged to sanitary funds as the sanitary project is the direct result of this change order. The replacement of storm line is from Sixth Street to Friendship Square.

Lewis pointed out homecoming is scheduled for October and with this project complete prior to that, it won't affect the Farmers Market in the Jackson Street parking lot. She moved to approve change order #1 with Devout Excavation to increase the contract amount by $42,766.19 to $409,679.51, and authorize staff approval of construction change orders in an amount not to exceed 10% of the adjusted contract amount. Kelly seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

7. **Street Banner Policy Update (ACTION ITEM)- Tyler Palmer**

   The City of Moscow has long maintained a program for the placement of banners in the downtown area for the display of government banners as well as public notification of special events. The program, administered by the Streets Department, has been updated several times over many years, with a formalized policy adopted by the City Council in 2013. Since the adoption of the 2013 policy, the location and use of light pole banners within the City has changed such that it requires an update. The revised policy provides the policy purpose, permitted uses, banner standards, application process and fees, and prioritization criteria to address when multiple requests are received for the same period of time. The policy establishes that the use of light pole banners and over-the-street banners are restricted for governmental use and is not intended to establish or be utilized as a public forum.

   PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the updated Street Banner Policy and associated Resolution, or take other action deemed appropriate.

Palmer said this policy has evolved through the years and was last updated in 2013. The city maintains fixed locations for City and U of I banners, locations for special event banners, and over-street banners. The council could be approached with an application for utilization of the space and/or a fee waiver. Palmer provided how many banners were non-governmental over the last few years.

Parker would prefer the policy be clear and only limited to governmental speech. If a decision was up to the Council, it would be based on the makeup of the council and on a whim.

Palmer confirmed for Davis that if it is not a city sponsored event yet using city equipment and staff personnel, the organization would pay a fee for both over-street banners and/or pole banners and does account for equipment utilization and staff time. Davis provided an example that if Cal Ripken was hosting a baseball tournament and wanted a banner installed, they would have to come before Council for utilization of the space and if the utilization was approved, could also request a fee waiver. Kelly is concerned about the balance of decisions by council. Using the Cal Ripken example, if the makeup of the council likes baseball but dislikes ice skaters it could make for a sticky situation. Palmer commented the policy does have subjectivity if the Council wants the ability to allow non-governmental events to use banner space. Regardless of sponsorship or not, the banners are still not a public forum.

Lewis agreed the makeup of council will change and felt the right thing to do was to leave the option available to council and if there were questions, seek opinion from the staff. Council makes informed decisions all the time and understands the responsibility. Following the mission statement, it comes back to being a transparent and accessible organization. Kelly reversed that thought and said if the council wants to be transparent and uphold the mission statement, the best thing to do is to only allow governmental entities so it represents everybody.

Belknap said staff can revise the resolution and remove references to sponsored events if that is the council's desire. If so, he would prefer council direct staff to revise and bring back rather than pass with edits so that a clean version can be brought back before the council for a final review.

Bettge confirmed there was consensus with the Council that the banners be used only for government agencies, no sponsored organizations.

Within the 2013 policy, other community group requests had to be open to the public and free events had precedent over paid events. Speech must be regulated as content neutral. In addition, issues arose such as advertising for the organization rather than advertising for the event.

Parker moved to direct staff to revise policy to remove references to city sponsored events. Davis seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

REPORTS

City Council

Historic Preservation Commission – Davis said the Commission had the Idaho State agency report on their projects. They are also working on Orchid awards.

Council members spoke on other meetings and events they attended.

Mayor

Mayor Bettge said he attended the pinning of two new officers; met with Lt Gov Bettge and Rep. McCann; airport board is pursuing a 501c6 for lobbying for air service; Tm Davis's retirement; golf tournament; new resident fire fighters welcome; and a rotary club meeting.

ADJOURN

It was mutually agreed upon to adjourn at 9:22 p.m.

Arthur D. Bettge, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laurie M. Hopkins, City Clerk

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STATE OF IDAHO

FY2026 Budget Hearing

August 4, 2025

CITY OF MOSCOW 1887 IDAHO

Budget Purpose

- Fiscal Plan Setting out Anticipated Revenue and Expenditures for the Operation of the Municipal Corporation
- Revenues Include a Variety of Sources from Property Taxes, State Shared Revenues, Fees for Services, Grants, and Others
- Expenses Represent the Delivery of Services, Operation of Utilities, Capital Construction, and Accumulation of Funding for Future Projects

Budget Process

- Review of Long-Term Planning Documents
- Department Requests
- Finance Director Review
- City Administrator Review
- Mayor Review
- Proposed Budget
- Budget Workshop
- Budget Hearing

City Budget Backdrop

- As a result of a 2024 legal ruling and updates to allocation models, the City experienced a 10% reduction in general fund revenues and a nearly 20% reduction in Street Fund revenues
- At that time, we eliminated 6 positions, issued holdbacks, froze pay increases, and took other measures that largely remain today
- This placed a significant strain on the City's ability to fund both operating expenses and capital needs
- Goal is to dedicate $1.5 million annually for capital needs (non-enterprise funds), but that will be well short of funding the $37 million of identified needs

Budget Highlights

- Personnel Changes in Proposed FY2026 Budget
  - All 6 positions previously left unfilled in FY2024 remain unfilled (2 Patrol, Comm. Manager, Arts Asst., Accountant I, and Parks Admin. Asst.)
  - The Administration/Arts Executive Assistant position was eliminated for FY2026
  - Recreation Coordinator (30 hours) moved to full-time, funded by reduction of part-time wage expenses
  - Legal Assistant Reclassified to Paralegal

Budget Highlights

- Requested Positions Not Included
  - Fire Department - Student Resident Program Manager
  - Fleet Department – Additional Equipment Mechanic Position
- Compensation Adjustments
  - 4% COLA (over the last 5 years, CPI has increased 22.8% while employee compensation has increased by 15.7%)
  - 3% Performance
  - 65% Dependent Coverage (market average is 80%)

Strategic Initiatives

- Tier 1
  - Action on Alternative Water Source Needed ($335,841 in funding for Alternate Water Supply Study)
  - Fire and Emergency Medical Services Staffing Shortage (continued funding for the three Paramedic/Firefighter positions and holiday and summer stipend programs)
  - Substandard Emergency Communications System (project will be completed in FY2025)

Strategic Initiatives

- Tier 1
  - Aging City Shop Causes Inefficiencies and Safety Concerns ($3,397,577 funding for completion of new shop facility and remodeling of existing shop)
  - Inability to Recruit Sufficient Staff to Perform Essential Functions (4% COLA adjustment, continued increase in dependent premium coverage, and funding for salary survey, signing bonus for Police Patrol)

Strategic Initiatives

- Tier 2
  - Inadequate Funding to Properly Maintain City Streets (proposed budget includes $3,057,400 in funding for roadway improvements, including the City's Surface Treatment Program, Mountain View Road improvements, and the South Main Pedestrian Underpass Project)
  - Deteriorating Downtown Streetscape & Infrastructure (proposed budget includes $250,000 to fund the design of targeted downtown improvements, including an event safety barricade system)

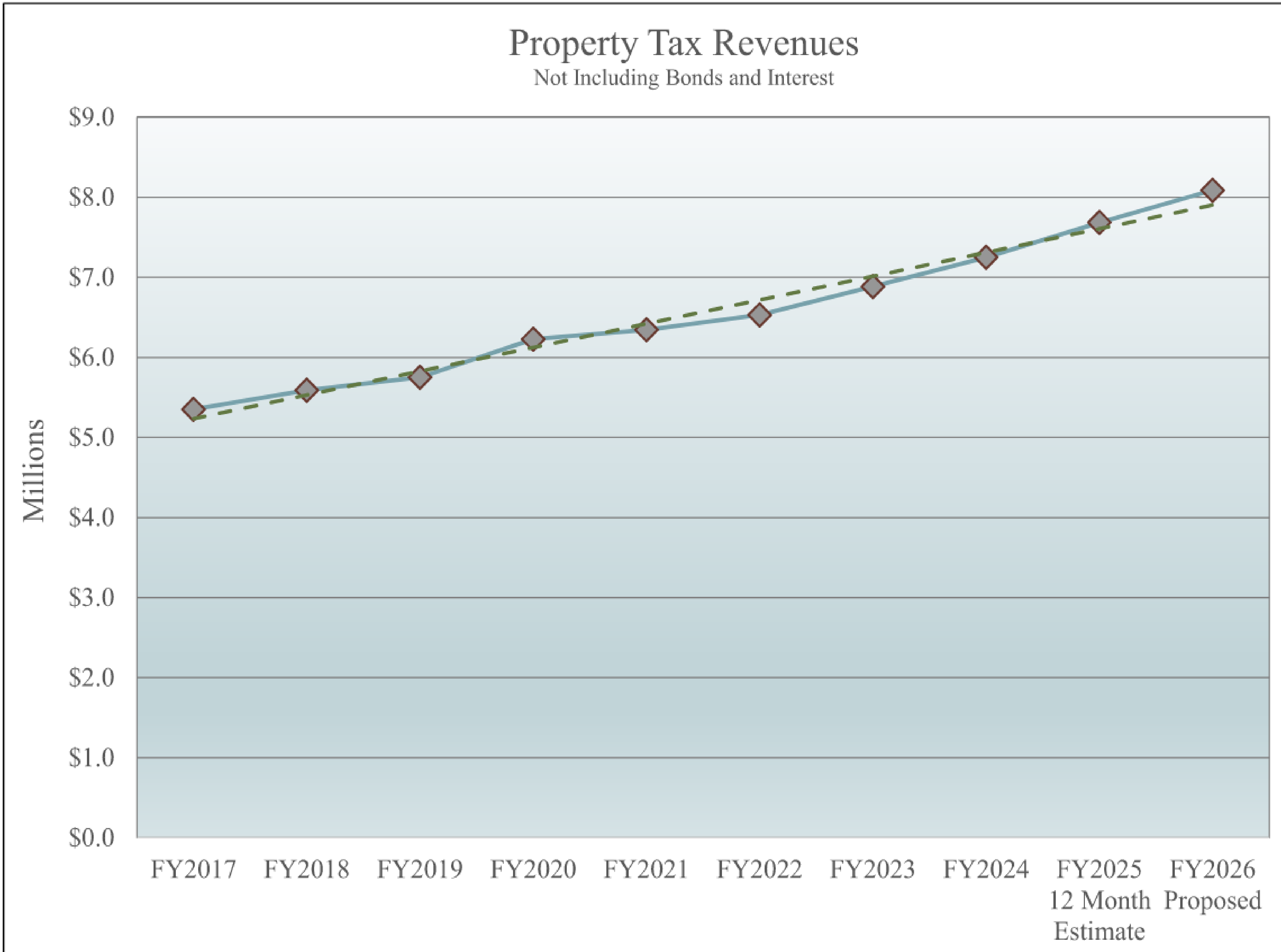
Strategic Initiatives

- Tier 2
  - Preservation and Enhancement of the Urban Forest (currently preparing downtown tree management plan and exploring the ability to expand resources for urban forest management)
  - Lack of Affordable Housing (FAHC exploring options)
  - Multi-modal Transportation and Connectivity (South Main Underpass Project)

Strategic Initiatives

- Tier 3
  - City Gateway Aesthetics/Beautification ($22,510 for landscape design with South Main Underpass Project)
  - Play Field Rehabilitation and Development (completed site study for West Palouse River Drive Property with the Moscow School District)
  - Supporting Local Economic Development (expanded partnership with Moscow Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center with revised agreement and ArtWalk program transition)

Revenue Trends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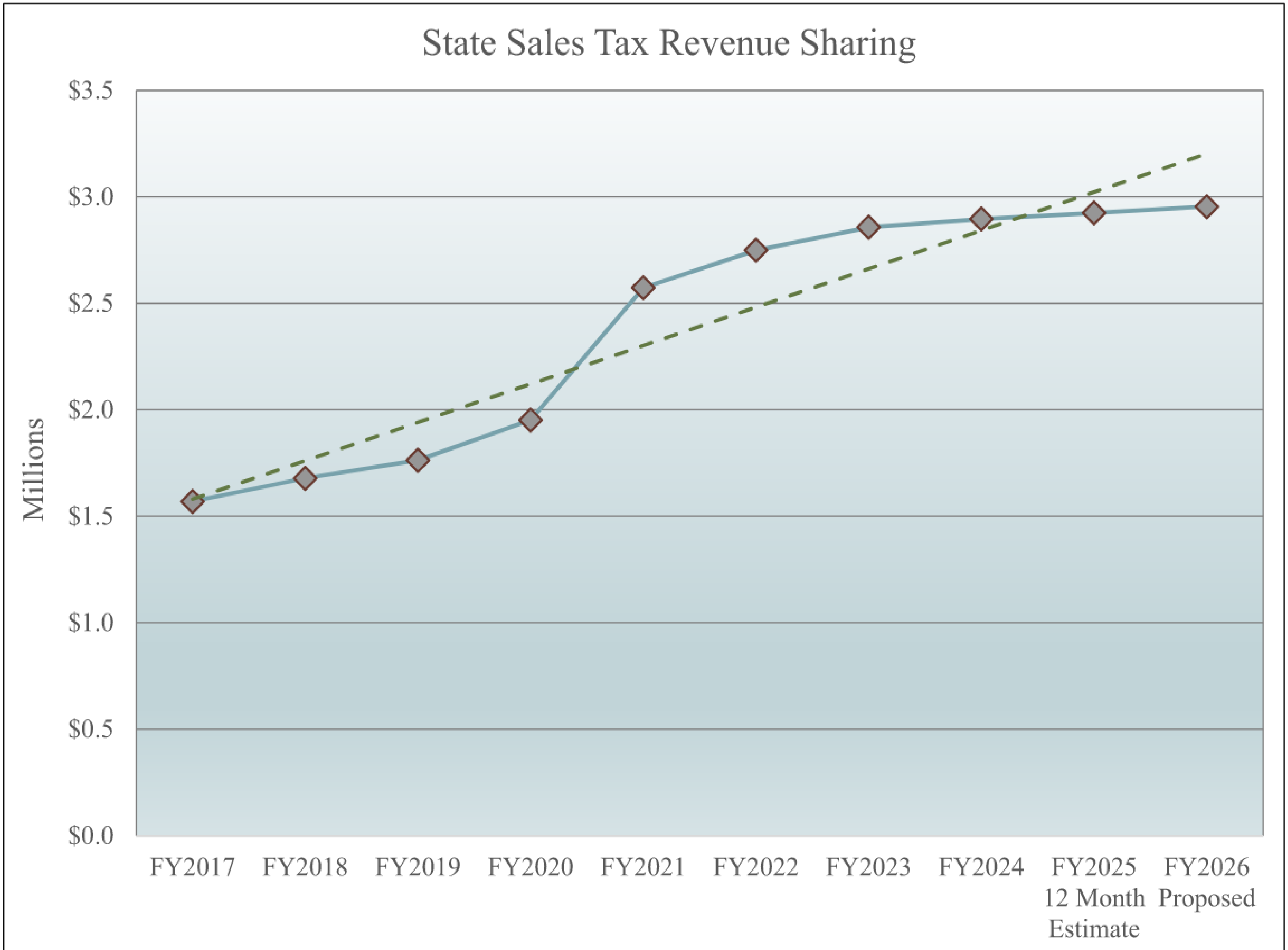
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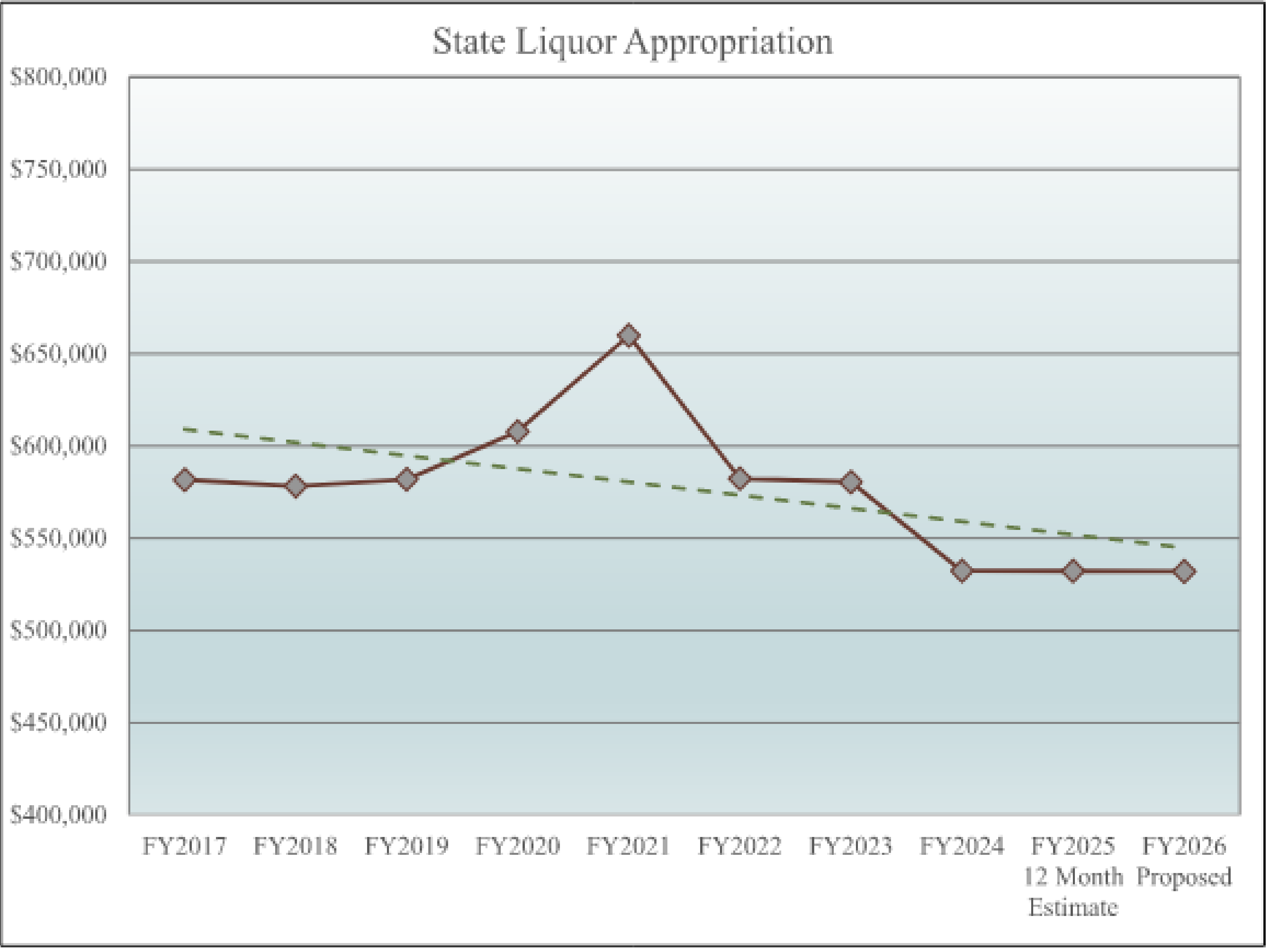
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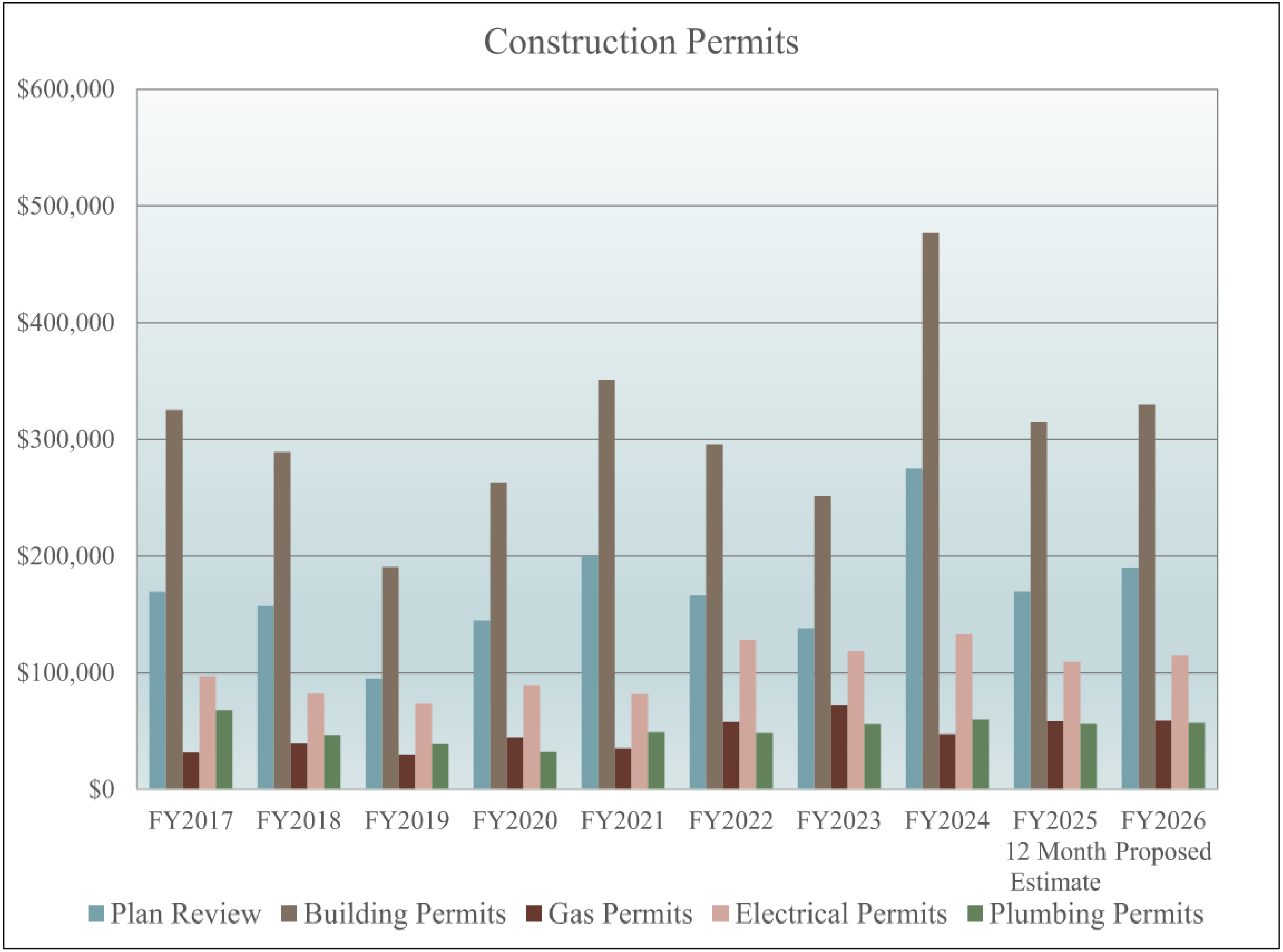

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Plan Review
Building Permits
Gas Permits
Electrical Permits
Plumbing Permits

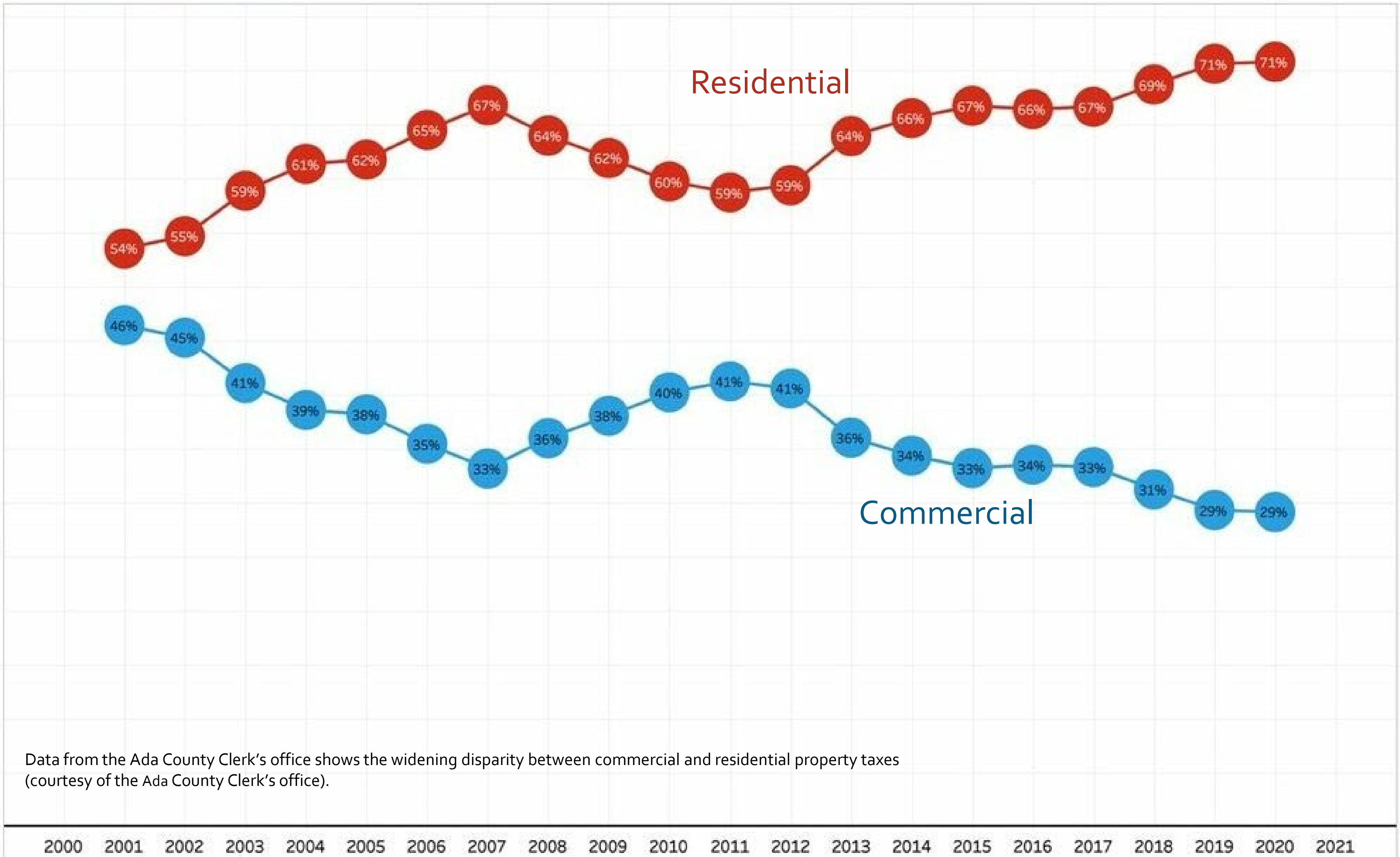
FY 2023 Property Tax Shift

- In 2022, residential properties appreciated at a much faster rate than commercial properties
- Residential properties represented a much larger percentage of the total valuation
- Many Residential properties increased by over 40% in one year
- For FY2023, the City's total levy increase would have cost a homeowner with an assessed valuation of $491,750 $63.41 for the year or $5.28 per month
- For 2023, the increase in valuation alone will cost the same homeowner $298.83 over the year
- At the same time, many commercial properties experienced a tax reduction

2023 Property Tax Shift

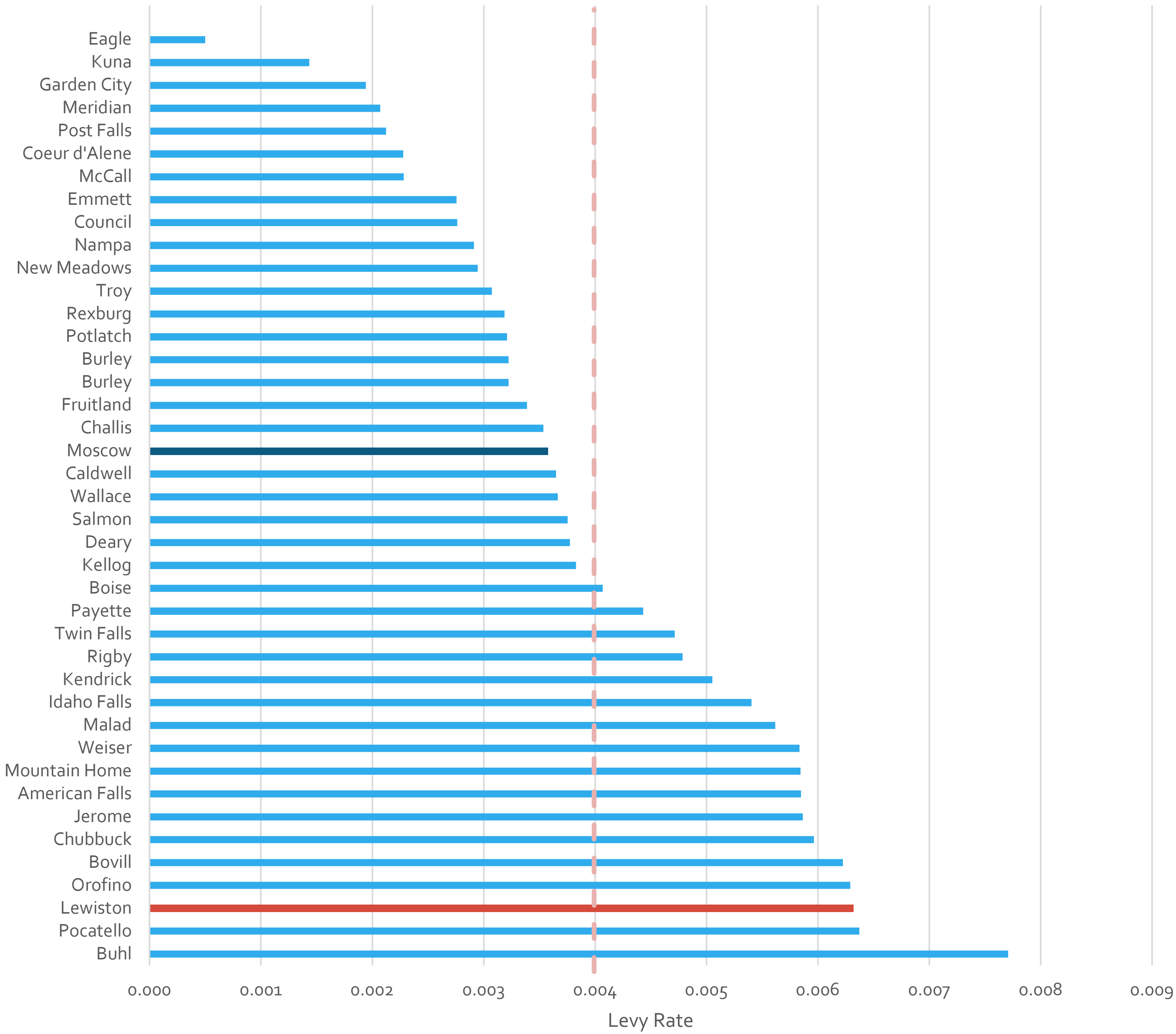
Property	2021 Assessed Valuation	2021 City Property Taxes	2022 Assessed Valuation	2022 City Property Taxes	Valuation Change	City Property Tax Change
Fast Food Resturant	$ 807,700	$ 4,040.68	$ 900,600	$ 3,647.38	11.5%	$ (393.30)
120 Unit Complex	$ 8,928,200	$ 44,665.10	$ 9,122,300	$ 36,944.78	2.2%	$ (7,720.32)
Retail Building	$ 1,109,500	$ 5,550.49	$ 1,260,700	$ 5,105.76	13.6%	$ (444.73)
Single Family Home	$ 333,880	$ 1,044.96	$ 469,101	$ 1,393.59	40.5%	$ 348.63

Tax Burden Shift History

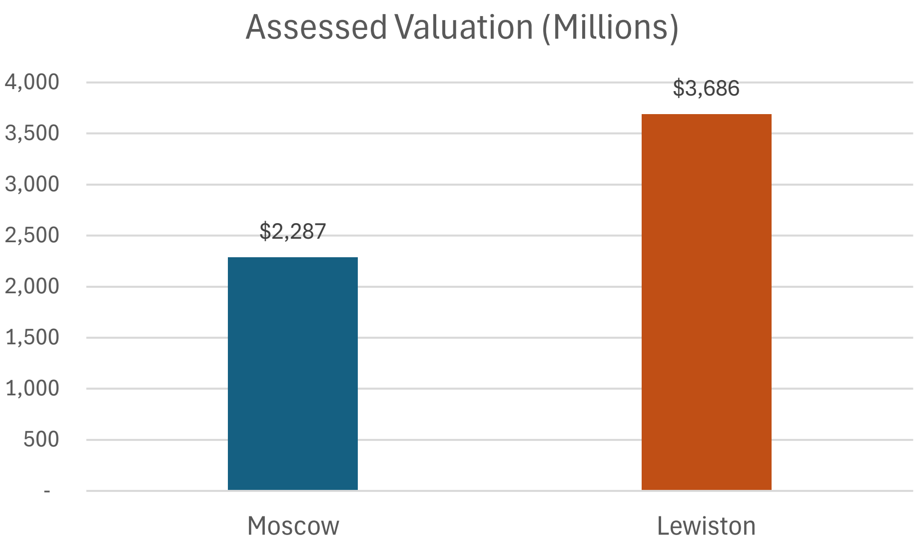


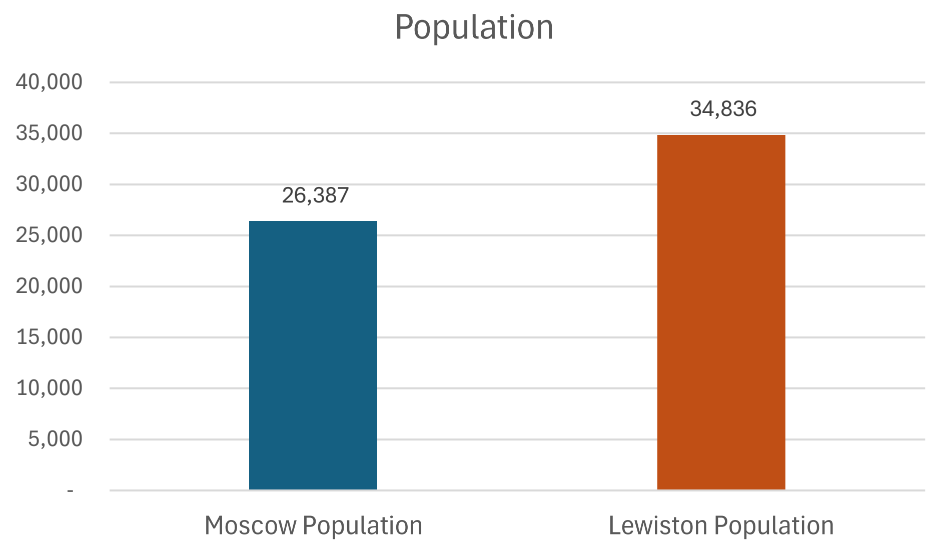
Data from the Ada County Clerk's office shows the widening disparity between commercial and residential property taxes (courtesy of the Ada County Clerk's office).

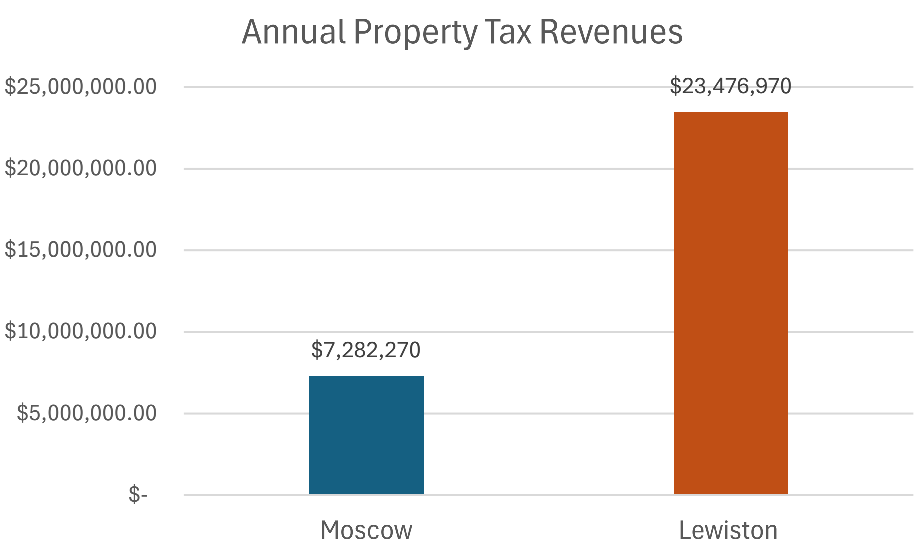
Property Tax Levy Rates in Idaho

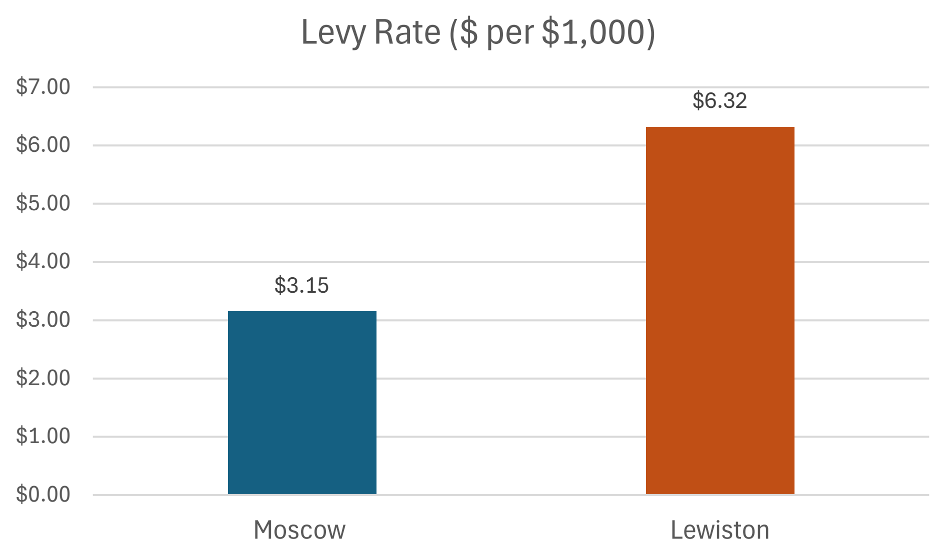


2023 Property Tax Comparison with Lewiston





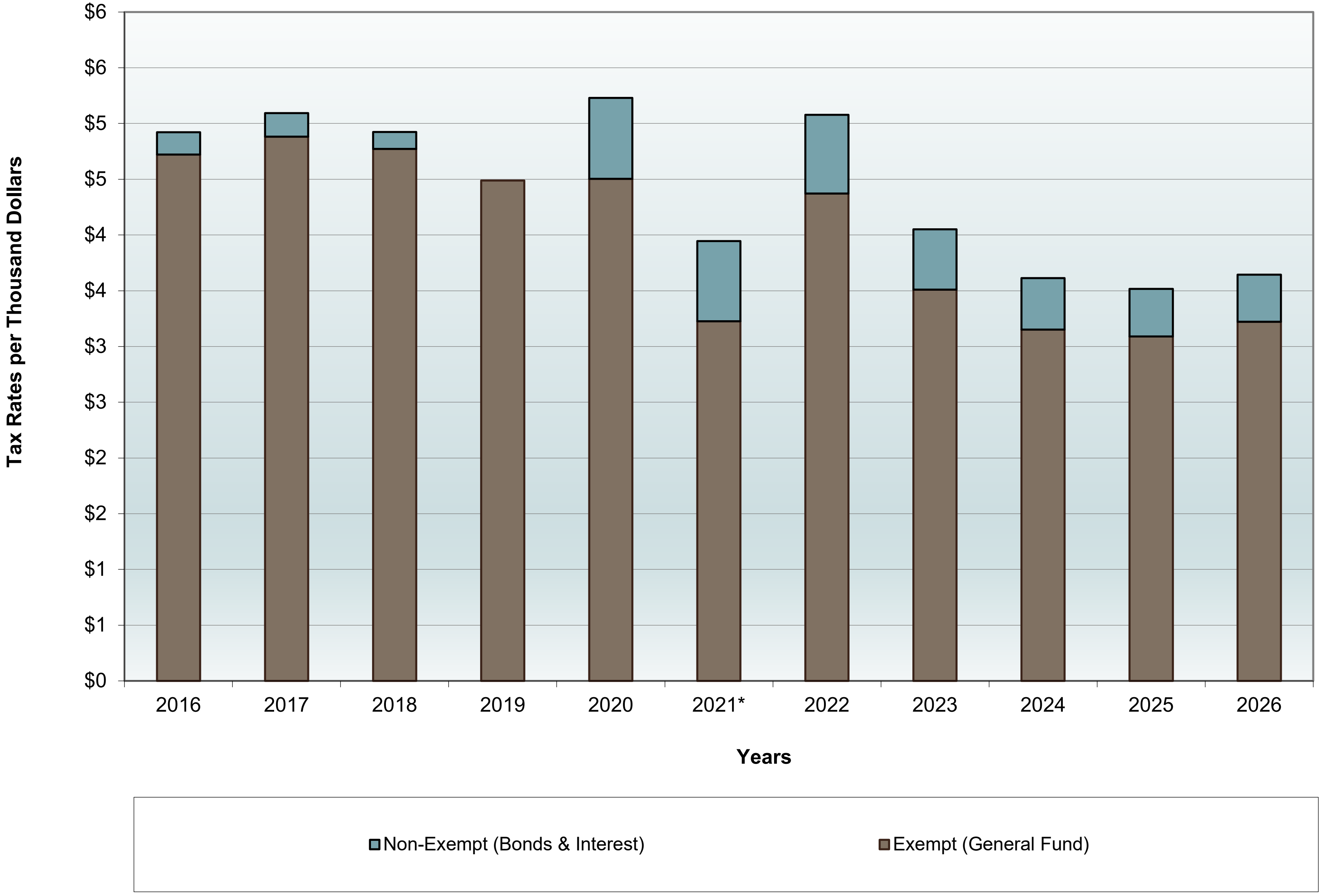




Property Taxes

- FY2026 Budget includes the following property tax adjustments:
  - Allowable 3% increase at $230,516
  - 1% of the Foregone taxes $80,390
  - 90% of new construction valuation $119,913
  - 90% of annexations $4,696
  - Total additional property tax revenue- $390,167
- Total non-exempt (Not Bond) levy - $8,004,842 (*$7,972,231*)
- Total Police Department Budget - $7,349,084
- Property tax levy is estimated at $3.57 per $1,000 of assessed valuation
- A home with an assessed valuation of $400,000 would see the City levy increase by $15.98 for the year, or $1.31 per month

City of Moscow
Tax Rates



* Governor's Public Safety Grant Initiative ($1.64 million)

PROPERTY TAX ALLOCATION

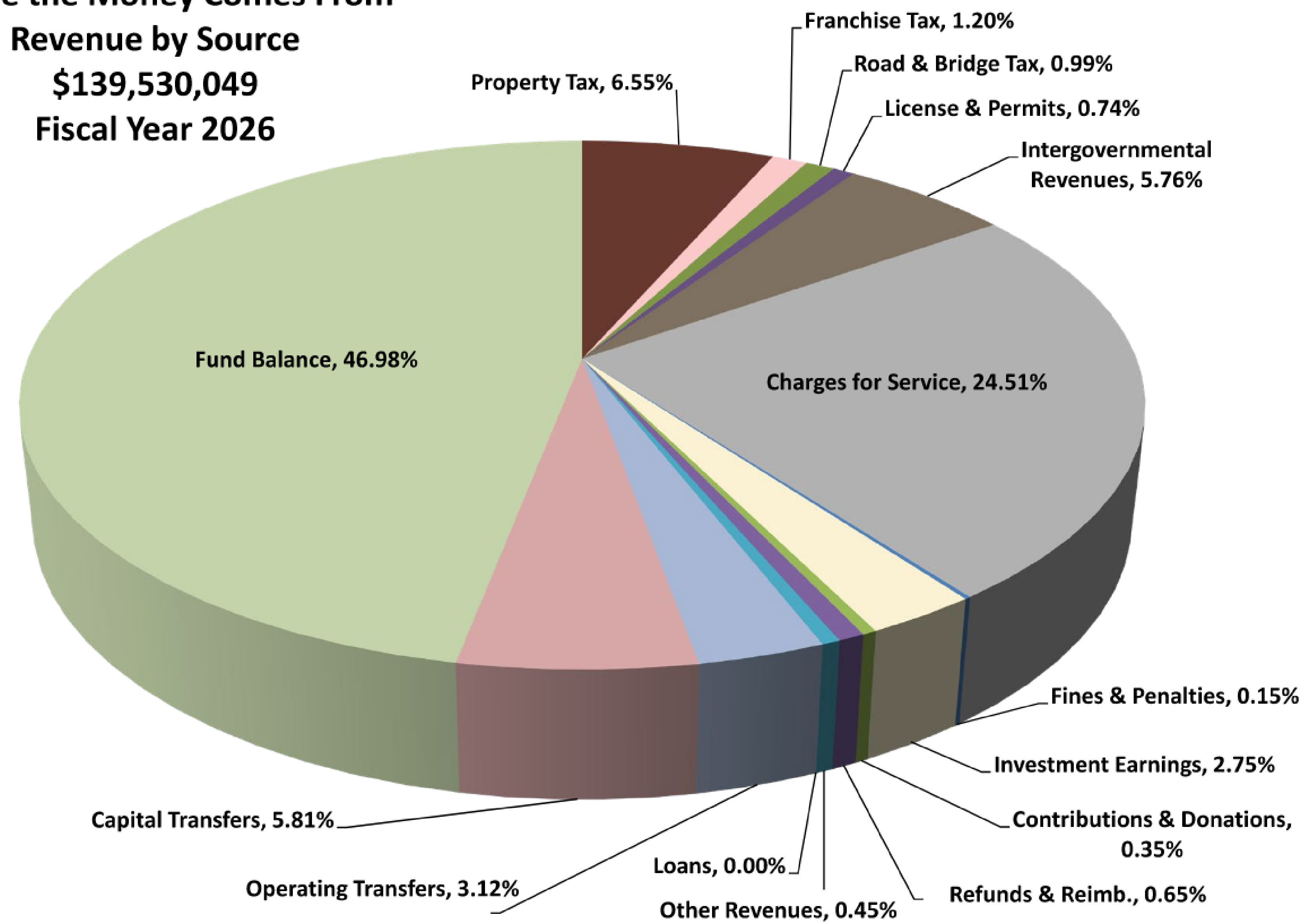
	2025 Adopted BUDGET	2026 Proposed BUDGET
General Fund Property Tax	$7,568,502	$8,004,842
Sub-total Non-exempt Property Taxes	$7,568,502	$8,004,842
Bonds & Interest	1,046,400	1,047,000
Sub-total Exempt Property Taxes	$1,046,400	$1,047,000
Total City of Moscow Property Taxes	$8,614,902	$9,051,842

Property Tax Impact

Residential Tax Calculation (based upon a $400,000 home):			Annual Dollar Difference
Lot	$100,000.00	$100,000.00	
Home	300,000.00	300,000.00	
Total Assessed Valuation	400,000.00	400,000.00	
Less Homeowners Exemption	($125,000.00)	($125,000.00)	
Taxable Valuation	$275,000.00	$275,000.00	
X Nonexempt City Levy Amount	$849.51	$865.49	$15.98
X Exempt City Levy Amount	$117.45	$117.17	($0.28)
Total City Tax Exempt	$966.96	$982.65	$15.70

- Single-family residential assessments should remain relatively flat
- The State Legislature has continued to provide property tax relief related to local school district levies, so homeowners should see some reduction, but the amount is unclear at this time
- The proposed City levy increase would cost the owner of a home with an assessed valuation of $400,000 approximately $15.70 per year, or $1.31 per month (1.6%)

Where the Money Comes From
Revenue by Source
$139,530,049
Fiscal Year 2026



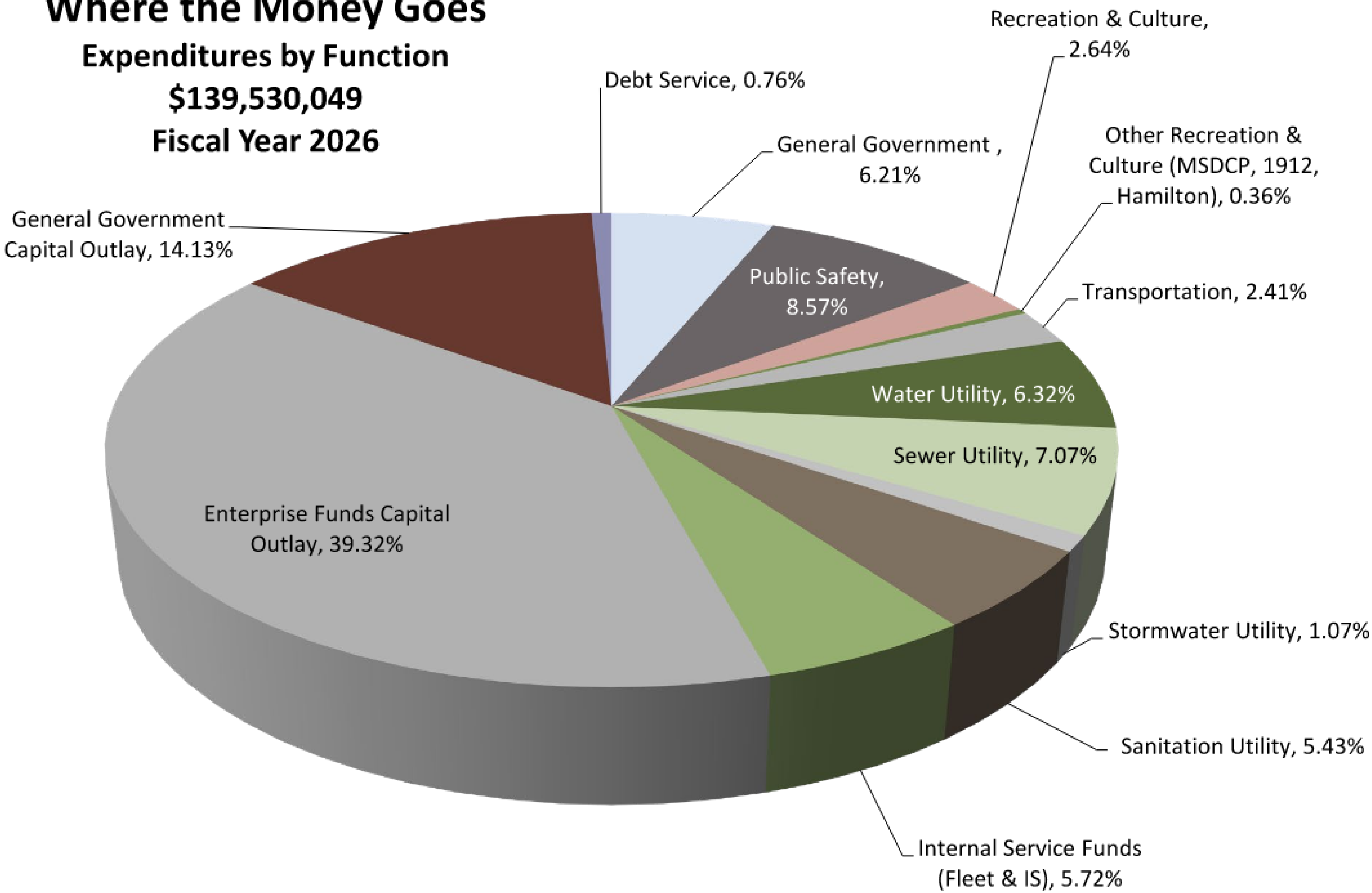
Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Property Tax	6.55%	9,133,463
Franchise Tax	1.20%	1,680,127
Road & Bridge Tax	0.99%	1,381,267
License & Permits	0.74%	1,029,109
Intergovernmental Revenues	5.76%	8,031,821
Charges for Service	24.51%	34,194,156
Fines & Penalties	0.15%	205,000
Investment Earnings	2.75%	3,843,782
Contributions & Donations	0.35%	487,600
Refunds & Reimb.	0.65%	908,612
Other Revenues	0.45%	631,976
Loans	0.00%	-
Operating Transfers	3.12%	4,348,914
Capital Transfers	5.81%	8,102,233
Fund Balance	46.98%	65,551,989
Fund Total	100.00%	$ 139,530,049

**Fund Balance $60,785,725 reserved for Capital*

Where the Money Goes

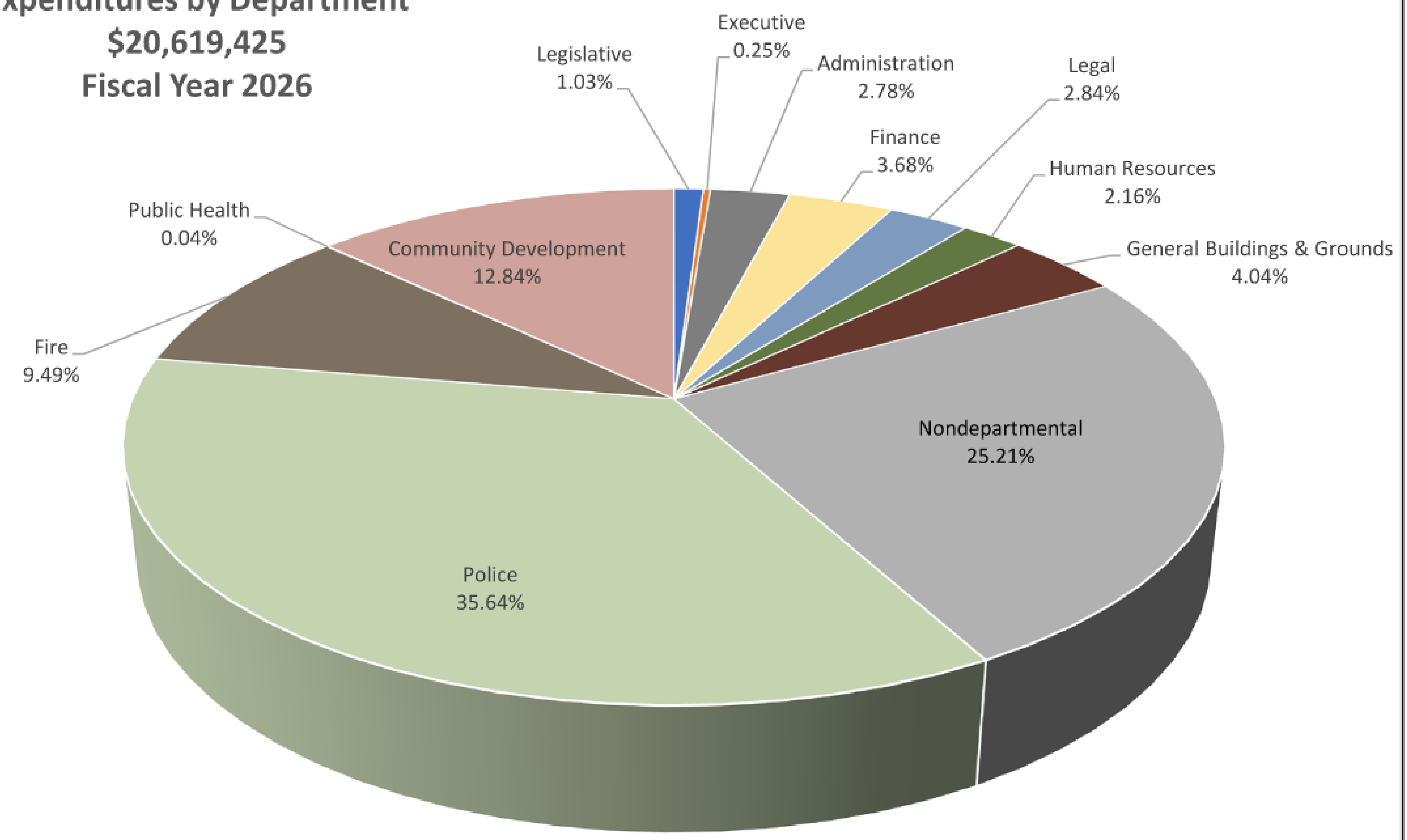
Expenditures by Function
$139,530,049
Fiscal Year 2026



Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Expenditures by Function			
General Government	6.21%	$	8,659,781
Public Safety	8.57%		11,959,644
Recreation & Culture	2.64%		3,677,226
Other Recreation & Culture (MSDCP, 1912, Hamilton)	0.36%		497,810
Transportation	2.41%		3,360,772
Water Utility	6.32%		8,812,725
Sewer Utility	7.07%		9,868,026
Stormwater Utility	1.07%		1,489,532
Sanitation Utility	5.43%		7,581,059
Internal Service Funds (Fleet & IS)	5.72%		7,982,130
Enterprise Funds Capital Outlay	39.32%		54,860,048
General Government Capital Outlay	14.13%		19,715,912
Debt Service	0.76%		1,065,384
Total	100.00%	$	139,530,049

General Fund
Expenditures by Department
$20,619,425
Fiscal Year 2026



Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026

Expenditures by Department			
Legislative	1.03%		212,855
Executive	0.25%		51,051
Administration	2.78%		573,675
Finance	3.68%		759,666
Legal	2.84%		585,651
Human Resources	2.16%		445,383
General Buildings & Grounds	4.04%		833,210
Non-departmental	25.21%		5,198,290
Police	35.64%		7,349,084
Fire	9.49%		1,955,863
Public Health	0.04%		7,850
Community Development	12.84%		2,646,847
	100.00%	$	20,619,425

General Fund Revenues

- Franchise Fees – increased by $36,055 due to anticipated Avista utility rate increases
- State liquor revenues decrease by $49,934 due to declining collections
- Eliminated $14,500 in Day Care license revenues due to the State assuming licensing
- Fiber optics lease revenues decrease by $51,219 due to expiring or terminated lease agreements
- State Shared Revenues – increased by $244,627 due to recovering state sales tax revenues
- Refunds and reimbursements increased by $329,871 to reflect Moscow Volunteer Fire Department support for the three Paramedic/Firefighter positions
- Fund Transfers – General Fund service fees moved from Transfers to the new Internal Service Charge line items

Utility Rate Adjustments

Water – proposed 4% fee increase

Sewer – proposed 2.25% fee increase

Stormwater – proposed 3% fee increase

Sanitation – 3.2% decrease in mechanical containers, 0% residential roll carts, 2.5% increase in misc. fees

Water Capital Fund

Revenues

- Water fund transfer to Water Capital - $2,405,220
- Beginning fund balance - $9,366,194
- Investment earnings - $248,023

Expenses

- Buildings - $147,126
- Water line improvements - $1,290,113
- Ending fund balance - $10,587,198

Sewer Capital Fund

Revenues

- Sewer fund transfer - $3,333,895
- Beginning Fund Balance - $25,133,620
- Investment earnings - $952,816

Expenses

- Sewer main program - $200,000
- Buildings - $177,096
- Water Reclamation Facility Improvements - $1,748,383
- Lift station renovations - $2,780,697
- Ending Fund Balance - $24,514,155

Stormwater Capital

Revenues

- Investment earnings - $16,390
- Storm fund transfer - $193,976
- Beginning fund balance - $386,717

Expenses

- Ending fund balance - $597,083

Sanitation Capital

Revenues

- Interest earnings - $354,402
- Transfer from Sanitation Fund $545,768
- Beginning fund balance - $11,918,027

Expenses

- Land Improvements - $290,982
- Ending fund balance - $12,527,215
  - Landfill Closure Costs - $3,951,477
  - Recycling Convenience Center - $3,579,848
  - Transfer Station Replacement - $4,983,234

Capital Projects

- Revenues
  - Grants - $3,103,502
    - Three TAP Grants and remaining ARPA Funds for City Shop Project
  - Donations - $438,500
  - Investment earnings - $548,869
  - Transfers
    - General Fund - $1,067,515
    - MSDCP - $50,000
    - Street Fund - $505,859
  - Beginning fund balance - $13,981,167

Capital Projects

Buildings General Government - $3,490,937

New City Shop design and construction (2,400,331)

Existing Shop tenant improvement (997,246)

Fire Station #3 HVAC replacement (74,263)

Eggan Youth Center HVAC Unit #2 replacement (19,096)

Humane Society Facility Study (20,000)

Streetscape program - $272,510

South Couplet Beautification/Design (22,510)

Downtown Streetscape Phase One Design (250,000)

Sidewalk program - $100,000

Support for the City's ADA Transition Plan

Capital Projects

Roadway improvement program - $3,057,400

South Main Pedestrian Underpass (1,073,400)

Mountain View F to Slonaker (825,000)

Mountain View Joseph to Heron's Hideout (809,000)

Surface Treatment Program (350,000)

Public Arts Projects - $165,000

Installations at City Shop and East City Park Stage (150,000)

General fund FY2026 contribution to 1% Public Art fund balance per the 2015 Public Art Master Plan (15,000)

Capital Projects

Park improvements - $923,000

East City Park Stage Replacement final design & construction (885,000)

Moser Park Conceptual Master Plan (18,000)

Ending fund balance - $11,689,565

Recommendations

- Conduct the Public Hearing and After Consideration of Testimony Received:
  1. Approve the foregone tax recovery Resolution
  2. Approve the ordinance under suspension of the rules requiring three complete and separate readings and that it be read by title and published by summary;
  3. Authorize the Mayor's execution of the L-2 property tax certification in the aggregate amount of $9,088,502