



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS

City Council Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: April 7, 2025

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Agenda Item: First Reading of the Ordinance approving the FY25-26 Budget

Explanation: The Ordinance for the FY25-26 Budget is attached along with the recommended budget amendments for FY24-25. These amendments are mainly from overestimating the FY23-24 expense and thus underestimating the FY24-25 expense and budget.

The last three months have been devoted to developing budget and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) requests, preparing department and fund summaries in ClearGov, reviewing internally and with the City Council and making changes as needed. We have also created the ClearGov Digital Budget book throughout the process.

The link to the Digital Budget Book in dynamic form is: <https://city-washington-il-budget-book.cleargov.com/20164>

The link to the Budget Book in pdf format is: [City of Washington Digital Budget Book](#)

A budget hearing is scheduled for April 14, 2025, and the tentative budget will be on file at City Hall and the links provided on the City's website.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

The following ordinance will approve the City of Washington's Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2025 and ending on April 30, 2026 in the amount of \$36,116,626. As required by state statute, a public hearing on the City's FY 2026 Tentative Annual Budget is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 14, 2025.

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2025 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2026 AND
APPROVING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE FY2025 BUDGET.**

WHEREAS, the tentative annual budget has been made conveniently available to the public for inspection for at least ten (10) days, and

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities have held a public hearing pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/8-2-9 and have published notice of said hearing according to law;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF WASHINGTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS** that:

Section 1. The budget hereto attached, marked Exhibit "A", and by reference expressly made a part hereof, is hereby adopted.

Section 2. The amendments to the City of Washington's FY2025 Annual Budget as delineated on the attached "Exhibit B" are hereby approved.

Section 3. The City Administrator and Washington Police Commission are hereby authorized to fill such employment vacancies as currently exist and/or as may occur in the future, up to total staffing levels specified in the budget without further authorization.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of April, 2025.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Exhibit B

BUDGET AMENDMENTS FY2025

<u>FUND</u>	<u>ORIGINAL BUDGET AMOUNT</u>	<u>REVISED BUDGET AMOUNT</u>	<u>\$ CHANGE</u>	<u>EXPLANATION</u>
Wash. 223/Nofsinger Realignment Capital Project Fund				
Purchase - System Construction	5,000,000	5,900,000	900,000	Est. Act. for FY23-24 was over estimated and thus budget for FY24-25 was under estimated based on timing of project.
Freedom Parkway Capital Project Fund				
Purchase - System Construction	2,700,000	3,200,000	500,000	Est. Act. for FY23-24 was over estimated and thus budget for FY24-25 was under estimated based on timing of project.
Purchase - System Engineering	400,000	450,000	50,000	
	3,100,000	3,650,000	550,000	
Hilldale Ave. Impr. Capital Project Fund				
Purchase - System Engineering - Sreets	-	3,300	3,300	Project completed in FY24-25 rather than FY23-24 as estimated in prior year.
Purchase - System Engineering - SWM		3,300	3,300	
	-	6,600	6,600	
Motorized Equipment Replacement Fund				
Purchase - Equipment	625,000	1,000,000	375,000	Estimated that a plow truck would be received in FY23-24 and delivery was not made until after 5/1/2024 and thus expense fell in FY24-25.