



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
Public Hearing Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: April 13, 2026

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Agenda Item: FY26-27 Budget Hearing

Explanation: The Budget Hearing for the FY26-27 Budget will take place on April 13, 2026. Attached is the Ordinance along with the recommended budget amendments for FY25-26. These amendments are mainly from overestimating the FY24-25 expense and thus underestimating the FY25-26 expense and budget.

The last three months have been devoted to developing the FY 2027 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-cleardoc.cleargov.com/19334>

The link to the Budget Book in pdf format is: [FY27 Proposed Budget](#)

ORDINANCE NO. _____

The following ordinance will approve the City of Washington’s Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2026 and ending on April 30, 2027 in the amount of \$30,500,426. As required by state statute, a public hearing on the City’s FY 2027 Tentative Annual Budget is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2026.

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2026 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2027 AND APPROVING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE FY2026 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 FY2026 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, 2026.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Reconciliation of Budget FY2027 by Fund							
FY 2027 Budget							
		Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue over Expenditures	Est. Bal. 5/1/2026	Proj. Bal. 4/30/2027	% of Budg. Exp.
General Fund	100	\$ 17,943,944	\$ 18,505,792	\$ (561,848)	\$ 19,251,287	\$ 18,689,439	101%
Police Special Projects	140	\$ 63,050	\$ 141,188	\$ (78,138)	\$ 632,619	\$ 554,481	
Safe Routes to Schools	420	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total General Fund with Restricted Amounts		\$ 18,006,994	\$ 18,646,980	\$ (639,986)	\$ 19,883,906	\$ 19,243,920	
Special Funds							
Emergency Mgmt. Agency	201	\$ 36,218	\$ 35,912	\$ 306	\$ 57,580	\$ 57,886	
Audit	202	\$ 35,000	\$ 31,900	\$ 3,100	\$ 72,169	\$ 75,269	
Liability	203	\$ 148,700	\$ 136,000	\$ 12,700	\$ 331,612	\$ 344,312	
Motor Fuel Tax	206	\$ 775,000	\$ 1,320,000	\$ (545,000)	\$ 1,772,355	\$ 1,227,355	
IMRF	207	\$ 467,270	\$ 430,000	\$ 37,270	\$ 683,690	\$ 720,960	
TIF #2	208	\$ 196,000	\$ 422,017	\$ (226,017)	\$ 491,793	\$ 265,776	
Social Security/Medicare	209	\$ 539,600	\$ 525,000	\$ 14,600	\$ 450,629	\$ 465,229	
Enterprise Funds							
Water	500	\$ 3,613,000	\$ 3,205,900	\$ 407,100	\$ 2,399,039	\$ 2,806,139	88%
Water Sub. Dev.	500-501	\$ 54,000	\$ -	\$ 54,000	\$ 689,182	\$ 743,182	
Water Conn.	500-502	\$ 29,500	\$ -	\$ 29,500	\$ 464,852	\$ 494,352	
Water Tower Reserve	500-503	\$ 50,450	\$ -	\$ 50,450	\$ 121,571	\$ 172,021	
Total Water		\$ 3,746,950	\$ 3,205,900	\$ 541,050	\$ 3,674,644	\$ 4,215,694	
Sewer	501	\$ 3,821,000	\$ 4,244,680	\$ (423,680)	\$ 7,968,834	\$ 7,545,154	178%
Sewer Sub. Dev.	501-501	\$ 38,600	\$ -	\$ 38,600	\$ 238,396	\$ 276,996	
Sewer Conn.	501-502	\$ 200,000	\$ 329,500	\$ (129,500)	\$ 280,255	\$ 150,755	
Sewer EPA, Phase 2B	516-512	\$ 200,580	\$ 200,580	\$ -	\$ (25,233)	\$ (25,233)	
Sewer Bond Reserve 2009	514	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 289,446	\$ 289,446	
Sewer Bond Depr. 2009	515	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 521,553	\$ 521,553	
Sewer P & I, 2009	517	\$ 289,500	\$ 289,500	\$ -	\$ 146,475	\$ 146,475	
Total Sewer		\$ 4,549,680	\$ 5,064,260	\$ (514,580)	\$ 9,419,726	\$ 8,905,146	
Internal Service Funds							
MERF	502	\$ 1,810,000	\$ 1,912,330	\$ (102,330)	\$ 1,849,821	\$ 1,747,491	
Capital Repl. Fund	505	\$ 362,985	\$ 247,800	\$ 115,185	\$ 704,635	\$ 819,820	
Building Mtnce. Fund	508	\$ 164,823	\$ 525,413	\$ (360,590)	\$ 1,519,713	\$ 1,159,123	
Capital Project Funds							
Wash. 223/Nofsinger Realign.	409	\$ 83,508	\$ 15,000	\$ 68,508	\$ 373,916	\$ 442,424	
Freedom Pkwy. Impr.	411	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Hilldale Ave. Impr.	413	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Catherine St. Impr.	414	\$ 1,650,000	\$ 1,650,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
SWM Capital Proj.	418	\$ 25,000	\$ 1,042,629	\$ (1,017,629)	\$ 1,017,629	\$ -	
N. Lawndale SSA	430	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
W. Holland SSA	431	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Debt Service Funds							
WACC Debt Serv.	303	359,750	359,750	-	-	-	
SWM Debt Serv. Fund	318	468,500	468,500	-	-	-	
Per All Funds Summary		33,446,478	36,059,891	(2,613,413)	42,303,818	39,690,405	
Inter and Intrafund Transfers		(5,559,465)	(5,559,465)				
Net of Transfers		27,887,013	30,500,426	(2,613,413)			

All Funds Summary						
<i>(Excluding Police Pension Fund and net of all Transfers)</i>						
					FY2026 Budget	FY2026 Budget
	FY2025	FY2026	FY2026	FY2027	vs. FY2027 Budget	vs. FY2027 Budget
	Actual	Budget	Projected	Budget	(\$ Change)	(% Change)
Total Revenue	\$44,114,618	\$34,002,700	\$35,551,371	\$33,446,478		
Less: Interfund Transfers	-\$10,364,278	-\$6,569,910	-\$6,305,107	-\$5,559,465		
Total Revenue						
excluding Transfers	\$33,750,340	\$27,432,790	\$29,246,264	\$27,887,013	\$454,223	1.7%
Total Expenditures	\$43,662,373	\$42,256,136	\$37,655,139	\$36,059,891		
Less: Interfund Transfers	-\$10,364,278	-\$6,569,910	-\$6,305,107	-\$5,559,465		
Total Expenditures						
excluding Transfers	\$33,298,095	\$35,686,226	\$31,350,032	\$30,500,426	-\$5,185,800	-14.5%
Revenue over (under)						
Expenditures	\$452,245	-\$8,253,436	-\$2,103,768	-\$2,613,413		

All Funds - Expenditures by Expense Type							
<i>(net of all Transfers)</i>							
	FY2025	FY2026	FY2026	FY2027	% of Total	FY2026 Budget	FY2026 Budget
	Actual	Budget	Projected	Budget	Expenditures	vs. FY2027 Budget	vs. FY2027 Budget
						(\$ Change)	(% Change)
Personnel	\$9,633,463	\$10,273,460	\$9,773,373	\$10,769,242	35.3%	\$495,782	4.8%
Operations	\$6,065,295	\$7,464,051	\$6,690,771	\$7,778,176	25.5%	\$314,125	4.2%
Debt Service	\$1,403,950	\$1,617,325	\$1,616,655	\$1,447,945	4.7%	-\$169,380	-10.5%
Capital	\$16,195,388	\$16,331,390	\$13,269,233	\$10,505,063	34.4%	-\$5,826,327	-35.7%
	\$33,298,096	\$35,686,226	\$31,350,032	\$30,500,426		-\$5,185,800	-14.5%

General Fund Summary <i>(net of IntraFund Transfers)</i>						
					FY2026 Budget	FY2026 Budget
	FY2025	FY2026	FY2026	FY2027	vs. FY2027 Budget	vs. FY2027 Budget
	Actual	Budget	Projected	Budget	(\$ Change)	(% Change)
Total Revenue	\$18,166,526	\$17,755,190	\$19,644,743	\$18,006,994		
Less: Intrafund Transfers	-\$492,589	-\$689,400	-\$622,942	-\$424,938		
Total Revenue excluding Intrafund Transfers	\$17,673,937	\$17,065,790	\$19,021,801	\$17,582,056	\$516,266	3.0%
Total Expenditures	\$21,386,144	\$19,062,428	\$17,719,135	\$18,646,980		
Less: Intrafund Transfers	-\$492,589	-\$689,400	-\$622,942	-\$424,938		
Total Expenditures excluding Intrafund Transfers	\$20,893,555	\$18,373,028	\$17,096,193	\$18,222,042	-\$150,986	-0.8%
Revenue over (under) Expenditures	-\$3,219,618	-\$1,307,238	\$1,925,608	-\$639,986		

General Fund - Expenditures by Expense Type							
<i>(net of all Transfers)</i>							
	FY2025	FY2026	FY2026	FY2027	% of Total	FY2026 Budget	FY2026 Budget
	Actual	Budget	Projected	Budget	Expenditures	vs. FY2027 Budget	vs. FY2027 Budget
						(\$ Change)	(% Change)
Personnel	\$6,940,647	\$7,287,885	\$7,066,513	\$7,784,775	41.7%	\$496,890	6.8%
Operations	\$3,366,679	\$4,301,276	\$3,994,002	\$4,430,946	23.8%	\$129,670	3.0%
Capital	\$1,997,158	\$2,215,990	\$1,462,301	\$1,893,850	10.2%	-\$322,140	-14.5%
Transfers Out	\$9,081,661	\$5,257,277	\$5,196,319	\$4,537,409	24.3%	-\$719,868	-13.7%
	\$21,386,144	\$19,062,428	\$17,719,135	\$18,646,980		-\$415,448	-2.2%

Exhibit B

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS
FY2026**

<u>FUND</u>	<u>ORIGINAL BUDGET AMOUNT</u>	<u>REVISED BUDGET AMOUNT</u>	<u>\$ CHANGE</u>	<u>EXPLANATION</u>
Stormwater Management Capital Proj.				
Purchase - System Construction	3,725,000	4,000,000	275,000	Est. Act. for FY24-25 was over estimated and thus budget for FY25-26 was under estimated based on timing of project.
Purchase - System Engineering	275,000	340,000	65,000	
	<u>4,000,000</u>	<u>4,340,000</u>	<u>340,000</u>	
Catherine Street Improvement Capital Project Fund				
Purchase - System Construction	1,400,000	1,500,000	100,000	Est. Act. for FY24-25 was over estimated and thus budget for FY25-26 was under estimated based on timing of project.
Purchase - System Engineering	140,000	300,000	160,000	
	<u>1,540,000</u>	<u>1,800,000</u>	<u>260,000</u>	
N. Lawndale Spec Serv Area				
Transfer to General	16,000	17,500	1,500	Property tax collections exceeded budget and are transferred to the General Fund
Capital Equipment Replacement Fund				
Purchase - Equipment	117,400	121,500	4,100	Add'l cost not budgeted for body cameras and in-car cameras