



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council Work Session

DEPARTMENT: Office of Management & Budget

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Justina Tate

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

City Council Work Session on the FY 2025 Proposed Budget

SUMMARY:

Staff presentation on the FY 2025 Proposed Budget focusing on, but not limited to, the following City policies and initiatives:

- A. All Other Departments

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City Manager presented the FY 2025 Proposed Budget to the Mayor and City Council on August 15, 2024.

About the City Budget

The FY 2025 Proposed Budget is \$3.96 billion for all funds and \$1.67 billion for the City's General Fund. To mitigate rising costs the budget proposes \$36.6 million in spending reductions over the next two years. These reductions were accomplished by transferring expenses from the General Fund to our Capital Budget and other funds, reducing development incentives, aligning workforce development spending, and adjusting department's budgets to actual spending and service

demands. These reductions allow the city to remain resilient and continue investing in the top priorities of the community.

The need to be more resourceful and mindful of spending is due to expenses growing faster than revenue and revenue growth returning to pre-pandemic levels. There is no change to the City's property tax rate.

The Proposed Budget reflects both the priorities of the City Council and the community. Investments in key, core areas are proposed while continuing to support the services the community expects. These priorities include Streets and Sidewalks, Animal Care Services, Public Safety, services to assist the Homeless and Encampment Cleanups, and Affordable Housing.

Budget Work Sessions

Department Directors began presenting their budgets in detail to the City Council at a series of budget work sessions on August 21 and will culminate on September 18.

Community Input:

Eleven townhall meetings across the City took place between August 19 and August 31. At these meetings the public provided feedback on the proposed budget.

Additionally, 2 public hearings on the City's Property Tax Rate and Proposed Budget were scheduled. The first hearing took place on September 4 and the second hearing is scheduled on September 12 at City Council Chambers.

Budget Adoption:

The budget is scheduled to be adopted on September 19 for the City's fiscal year that begins on October 1. By City Charter the Budget must be approved not later than September 27.

ISSUE:

A budget work session is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. At this session, the City Council will be presented with the FY 2025 Proposed Budgets for all other departments not previously presented in a work session.

All Other Departments

The budget work sessions thus far have primarily focused on departments that provide direct services to the community and visitors. In support of these departments, the City has internal service functions which provide essential services to ensure efficient operations. These services include information and technology, fleet management, procurement, payroll, legal services, audit, public relations, risk management, budget, city clerk and support to the Mayor and Council.

The Proposed FY 2025 Budget for all other departments includes funding from both the General Fund and Restricted Funds. Below is a summary of the FY 2025 Proposed Budget for the General Fund Restricted Funds & Grants, and the Capital Budget. Additionally, the table includes the FY position counts that would be authorized by the FY 2025 Proposed Budget in the General Fund.

Department	General Fund	Restricted Funds & Grants	Capital	Authorized Positions
311 Customer Service	\$5,136,160	\$0	\$0	60
Building Equipment Services		134,492,839	10,678,000	225
Center City Development	13,575,194	14,903,050	7,105,931	159
City Attorney	12,571,912	10,231,107	0	93
City Auditor	3,460,187	0	0	23
City Clerk	5,899,566	0	1,255,584	40
City Manager	4,230,111	0	0	15
Communications & Engagement	6,078,137	3,403,017	0	43
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility	3,103,065	0	0	19
Finance	16,930,905	16,557,996	0	201
Governmental Affairs	1,858,334	129,975	0	6
Historic Preservation	3,470,468	153,117	0	24
Information and Technology Services	0	95,641,949	26,400,000	361
Innovation	1,737,389	0	0	8
Integrated Community Safety Office	1,098,737	0	0	8
Management & Budget	3,528,983	105,061	0	20
Mayor & Council	16,212,060	0	0	19
Military & Veteran Affairs	735,923	3,528,118	0	3
Municipal Elections	2,615,411	0	0	0
Non- Departmental	26,006,975	0	0	2
Risk Management		34,637,843	0	29
World Heritage	2,555,382	0	0	14
General Fund Transfers to Other Funds	12,662,003	0	0	0

A detailed listing of FY 2025 program changes for departments included in the prior table, if applicable, are included in Attachment 1.

ALTERNATIVES:

This item is a scheduled work session for the FY 2025 Proposed Budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This presentation provides briefings on all other departments not yet presented. The FY 2025 Budget is scheduled to be adopted by City Council on September 19, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is a work session for discussion of the FY 2025 Proposed Budget and is for briefing purposes only.