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City of Westland Adopts 2023 – 2026 3-Yr Balanced Budget

Westland, MI (June 7, 2023) - On Monday, June 5, the Westland City Council adopted a 3-year balanced budget proposal for fiscal years 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26. The 3-year budget proposal preserves a "rainy day" fund balance of approximately \$6.5 million.

Highlights of proposed \$79 million annual budget include:

- An overall taxable value increase of 7.28% due to market value increases and uncapping of taxable value due to new homes and home sales
- An increase of approximately \$778,000 to operating tax revenue in 2023-2024
- \$13.3 million over three years for improvements to the City's major and local roads throughout the City in 15 neighborhoods which includes 56 major and local roads
- \$13.9 million over three years for planned water & sewer capital projects throughout the City's 611 miles of water & sewer systems
- Funding has been included for improvements to the city's bulk pickup program which will allow items to be set out at the curb during normal residential pickups
- The reinstatement of the highly popular leaf pickup program at no additional cost to residents
- \$5,000,000 over five years for the new sidewalk program. This program will reduce the City's liability for any hazards that may exist and increase the safety and walkability of the community
- Funding has been provided to retain 13 additional firefighters through the end of 2024 while the city conducts a comprehensive staffing study and evaluates the results.
- Additional contributions of \$500,000 towards the retiree healthcare liability

- The addition of two full time ordinance officers along with continuing to supplement officers to support the efforts of neighborhood services based on workload requirements
- \$150,000 to continue the City's voluntary Retiree Healthcare Cash Settlement Program, which has saved approximately \$1,800,000 to its OPEB liability
- Funding to update the City's Master Plan
- Provides funding to support the Police and Fire Departments in retention and recruitment efforts.
- The budget also includes \$4.7 million over 3 years for various capital investments throughout the City, which includes a new roof for the court building, water & sewer equipment, and other capital investments listed in the capital improvement plan

" A 3 year balanced budget is a municipal industry best practice and is expected to have a positive impact on the city's bond rating," commented Mayor Michael P. Londeau. "This budget addresses the city's capital needs including human capital and also brings increased services to our residents."

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