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## From the office of **Mayor Kevin Coleman**



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### **City Council Unanimously Approves Mayor Coleman's Proposed \$82.3 Million Budget for Fiscal Year 2024–2025**

On Monday, June 3rd, the Westland City Council unanimously approved Mayor Coleman's first comprehensive \$82.3 million budget designed to support essential services and promote community growth. This budget marks a significant step forward in ensuring the continued safety, well-being, and development of our city.

#### **Key Highlights of the Approved Budget:**

- **Support for Police and Fire Departments:**
  - The budget allocates substantial funding to enhance the capabilities of the City's Police and Fire Departments, ensuring they remain well-equipped to serve and protect our community.
  - A new fire station will be constructed at the old Hawthorn Valley Site, enhancing emergency response times and service coverage in our growing city.
  - The Police Department will receive new investigative technologies, enhancing their ability to solve crimes and ensure public safety efficiently and effectively.
- **Investment in Parks:**
  - Significant investments will be made in the City's parks, including Cayley Park, Corrado Park, Stottlemeyer Park, and Curtis Woods Park. These upgrades will provide residents with improved recreational spaces.
- **Strategic Financial Management:**
  - The approved budget includes detailed plans for the General Fund, Water & Sewer Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, and the Library Fund, all integrated into the city's six-year financial outlook. This strategic approach ensures a balanced budget while maintaining an overall fund balance of \$12 million.
- **Stable Millage Rates:**
  - No increases to the City's millage rate, reflecting a commitment to fiscal responsibility and efficiency.

- **Increased State and Federal Support:**

- The city anticipates \$5,158,000 in grant revenues from various sources, including the SAFER, ARPA, and JAG grants, aimed at enhancing city services and infrastructure.

- **Investments in Community and Infrastructure:**

- Strategic restructuring within the Building, Planning, Public Services, and Police Departments aimed at enhancing efficiency and service delivery, with anticipated savings and a more responsive operational structure.
- A comprehensive six-year capital improvement plan includes significant investments of \$11.8 million for this next budget and a total of \$48.5 million over the next six years in major and local road funds, the Capital Project Fund, and the Water & Sewer infrastructure, laying the groundwork for sustainable growth and development.

The City administration encourages continued community engagement and insight as we move forward with implementing this budget. The collaborative efforts of our residents, City staff, and Council members have been instrumental in shaping this plan.

"I was encouraged by the unanimous support on the budget we received from Westland City Council," stated Mayor Coleman. "The investments in public safety, senior services, and parks & recreation will make sure Westland continues to offer great services without raising costs for taxpayers."

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