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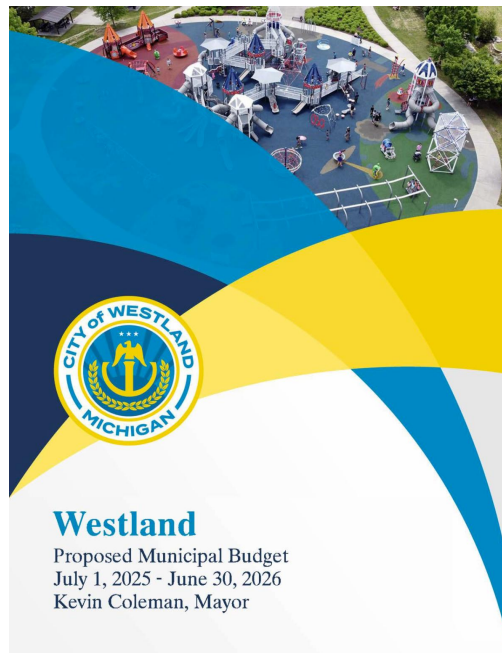


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UPDATED: Mayor Kevin Coleman Proposes Balanced Budget for FY 2025–2026 with Investment in Public Safety, Infrastructure, and Community Services



The City Administration is pleased to present the proposed budget for fiscal year 2025–2026, a balanced financial plan that strengthens the City's commitment to fiscal responsibility, community investment, and long-term sustainability.

The proposed budget adds \$594,970 to the unrestricted fund balance. Bringing it from a projected \$7,825,211 to \$8,420,181. The unrestricted fund balance serves as the City's emergency reserve, providing financial flexibility to respond to unexpected needs or disruptions. The increase to the unrestricted fund balance strengthens the City's emergency reserve, ensuring greater financial stability and preparedness for unforeseen challenges.

Key Revenue Highlights

- **Millage Rate Reduction:** The City proposes a reduction in the overall

millage rate from 19.2537 to 18.8694 mills, including a Headlee rollback and a separate 0.25 mill decrease in the sanitation millage—offering tax relief while maintaining core services.

- **State Shared Revenue:** The budget includes a projected increase of \$263,659 (2.86%) in constitutional revenue sharing and \$66,607 (3.43%) in statutory revenue sharing.
- **Grant Funding:** The City anticipates approximately \$3.92 million in grants from federal, state, and local sources that funds parks, public safety, community development, and youth assistance.
- **Investment Income:** Strategic placement of City funds in higher-interest accounts is projected to yield strong returns, which will be reinvested into community services and infrastructure.

Targeted Expenditures and Investments

- **Retiree Support:** The budget continues \$150,000 to support the Voluntary Retiree Healthcare Cash Settlement Program, which has already reduced the City's OPEB liability by approximately \$2.7 million.

Departmental Enhancements

- **Building Department:** Restructuring of personnel roles to improve efficiency and service delivery.
- **Neighborhood Services:** Funding for two new ordinance officers to support code enforcement and neighborhood quality.

Capital Projects and Infrastructure

- **Roads:** The proposed budget includes a six-year capital improvement plan totaling \$25.3 million to complete 59 road projects—improving transportation safety and infrastructure across the City.
- **Facilities and Public Safety: \$5.8 million of capital investments that include:**
 - Construction of a new Fire Station 4 and related equipment
 - Purchase of four police vehicles and two motorcycles
 - Park enhancements and play structures
 - Generator replacement at City Hall
 - IT upgrades and parking lot construction at the Historic Village
- **Water & Sewer:** The six-year \$30.4 million capital improvement plan includes \$1.7 million in 2025–26 for equipment and vehicle upgrades, along with improvements to the City's 611-mile water and sewer system and ensuring reliable service delivery.

Looking Ahead

This proposed budget represents a forward-looking, comprehensive plan that prioritizes smart investments in infrastructure, public safety, and community well-being. Through thoughtful planning and efficient use of resources, the City continues to deliver high-quality services while maintaining a strong financial foundation.

For questions or more information, please contact the Mayor's Office.

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