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## **Mayor Coleman's Proposed \$86.4 Million Budget for Fiscal Years 2025–2026 Unanimously Approved by City Council**

The City Council has unanimously approved Mayor Coleman's proposed \$86.4 million balanced budget that strengthens the City's commitment to fiscal responsibility, community investment, and long-term sustainability. Notably, the budget adds approximately \$600,000 to the unassigned fund balance—the largest contribution in years, reinforcing its financial resilience.

### **Key Revenue Highlights**

- **Millage Rate Reduction:** The City adopted 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 to residents while maintaining essential 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 grant funding from federal, state, and local sources. These funds will support investments in parks, public safety, community development, and youth assistance programs.
- **Investment Income:** Strategic placement of City funds in high-yield investment accounts is projected to generate significant returns. These earnings will be reinvested in community services, capital projects, and infrastructure improvements.

### **Targeted Expenditures and Investments**

- **Departmental Enhancements:**
  - **Supports Public Safety:** The budget fully funds all police and fire personnel, incorporates overtime and training allowances, and introduces new investigative tools and technologies in the Police Department.
  - **Building Department:** Restructuring of staff roles will improve permitting, inspections, and code compliance efficiency.
  - **Neighborhood Services:** Funding for four new ordinance officers

to enhance code enforcement and preserve neighborhood quality and appearance.

## Capital Projects and Infrastructure

- **Roads:** The six-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) allocates \$25.3 million to complete 59 road projects across the City, targeting high-need areas to improve safety, traffic flow, and overall infrastructure.
- **Facilities and Public Safety:** A total of **\$7.2 million in capital investments, including:**
  - Construction of a new Fire Station 4, including apparatus and related infrastructure.
  - Acquisition of four new police vehicles and two motorcycles to support patrol and traffic safety.
  - Purchase of new fire rescue vehicles to modernize emergency response.
  - Enhancements at Hubbard Park, Voss Park, and Merriman Park, including new playground equipment and recreational amenities.
  - Generator replacement at City Hall to improve emergency preparedness.
  - Parking lot improvements at the Historic Village to support tourism and public events.
- **Water & Sewer:** A six-year **\$30.4 million CIP includes \$1.7 million in FY 2025–2026 for:**
  - Equipment and vehicle upgrades for maintenance operations.
  - Continued improvements to the City's 611-mile water and sewer system, ensuring safe, reliable service delivery and environmental compliance.

The passed budget also 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.

## Looking Ahead

This adopted budget represents a forward-looking, comprehensive plan that prioritizes smart infrastructure investments, strong public safety, and high-quality neighborhood services. Through strategic planning and responsible financial management, the City continues to enhance quality of life while maintaining a solid fiscal foundation.

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