



BUDGET- IN-BRIEF

FISCAL YEAR 2025
MAY 1, 2024 – APRIL, 30 2025



CITY OF
WOOD DALE

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1928

The City of Wood Dale, incorporated in **1928**



Located just **two miles west** of Chicago's O'Hare International Airport and is less than **twenty miles west/northwest** of the City of Chicago



Wood Dale encompasses an area of almost **4.7 square miles**



Serves a population of **14,012 residents** according to the 2020 U.S. Census

A LETTER FROM OUR MAYOR

Dear Residents of Wood Dale,

We are pleased to present the City's Budget in Brief for the fiscal year that ends on April 30, 2025. This report summarizes the presentation of how the City allocates its monies to deliver the essential public services you deserve and expect. City Staff provides professional reporting and is committed to fiscal accountability and integrity.

While the Budget-In-Brief is not required to be issued, we strive for transparency; it's essential to provide a simplified look at how our budget is created and how funds are used.

If you have any questions regarding the information presented on the following pages or any other City financial report, don't hesitate to contact Finance Director Brad Wilson at (630) 766-4900.

Mayor Nunzio Pulice
Mayor of the City of Wood Dale



The City of Wood Dale, Illinois, is a thriving community with stable residential neighborhoods, a vibrant business community, and excellent schools.

The City's budget reflects its commitment to remaining a thriving community by providing residents with responsive municipal services while maintaining balanced budgets.

The Budget is guided by the following Mission and Vision Statements, which allows the City to be the exceptional community the residents have come to know.



Mission

The City of Wood Dale exists to serve the needs and interests of its present and future citizens by providing quality police and public services, a healthy environment, attractive amenities, a sense of community, and ethical representation. The City will endeavor to reflect community values in a practical, responsible, efficient, and visionary manner.



Vision

For decades local governments have been known for their stability in delivering reliable essential local services to their taxpayers. Over the next several years, the dramatic change in climate, demographics, aging infrastructure, technology, and limited tax base will change the face of local governments forever. This challenging environment will be met with renewed commitment by City Staff and elected leadership. This transformation will require new ideas, values, and goals for local governments with the need for leaders to be change-masters to meet the rapid change in how services are maintained for residents.



2025 INITIATIVES

INITIATIVES / CITY COUNCIL

An Exceptional Community:

In brief, this budget aims to highlight the City's key initiatives and investments to further the community's vision for Wood Dale.

After reviewing the ideas and feedback provided during the strategic planning survey process, the following Strategic Priorities were adopted by City Council and Staff for this fiscal year in order to best serve the residents of Wood Dale:

- Infrastructure & Mobility**
- Economic Development**
- Workforce Operations**
- Effective Governance**



CITY COUNCIL

- Annunziato (Nunzio) Pulice / Mayor
- Lynn Curiale / City Clerk
- Sandra Porch / City Treasurer
- Peter A. Jakab / Ward 1 Alderman
- Gandolfo (Randy) Messina / Ward 1 Alderman
- Art Woods / Ward 2 Alderman
- Michael Curiale / Ward 2 Alderman
- Artie Woods / Ward 3 Alderman
- Antonino (Tony) Catalano / Ward 3 Alderman
- Mike Susmarski / Ward 4 Alderman
- Nadine Ames / Ward 4 Alderman



The City's budget is prepared using a "**target-based**" approach. There are three main reasons for using this process:

1. To **identify and eliminate** unnecessary or duplicative costs in the budget.
2. To provide elected officials with a **variety of programs and service options**.
3. To consciously **reevaluate the benefits** of funding particular service requests.



The following steps were employed in the development of the budget:

1: DEVELOPMENT

Develop the estimated revenue forecast.

2: SUBMISSION

Departments **submit** their budget requests to support the ongoing operation that residents are accustomed to.

3: COMPARISON

The budget requests are then **compared** to the estimated revenue forecast.

4: Analysis

The budget is **analyzed** to ensure compliance with the City's budget, revenue, and expenditure policies.

5: Determination

Once it is **determined** that the budget is structurally sound, there is an opportunity to review any proposed increases to staffing levels and/or new programs.

6: Final Review

The budget receives a **final review** from the City Manager and Finance Director before preparing it for distribution to the City Council.

7: Presentation

The budget is **presented** to the City Council, which allows questions and changes to be made.

8: Recommendation

Once the City Council **recommends** the budget for approval, staff then prepares the statutorily required postings to allow the budget to be formally approved as required by Local and State guidelines.

9: Approval

After the budget is **approved**, staff updates the City's financial system and posts the approved budget publicly.



CITY PERSONNEL

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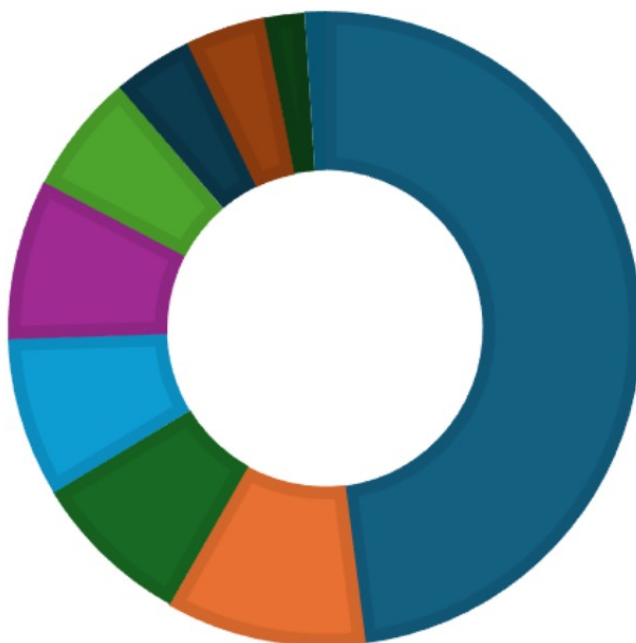
Personnel Levels

For roughly a decade, the City's added new programs while being able to execute them with a smaller, more efficient staffing model.

In fact, we one less full-time position in FY 2025 (98) than we did in FY 2015. Additionally, we have 15 fewer part-time employees.



Personnel breakdown by Department



- Police 47
- Wastewater 10
- Administration 8
- Streets 8
- Utilities 8
- Comm. Development 6
- PW Administration 4
- Finance 4
- Vehicle Maintenance 2
- Dial-A-Ride 1



The City's overall budget is comprised of multiple separate "Funds". These Funds cover everything from Administration, Police, Streets, Metra Parking, Garbage Service, and the Water and Sewer systems. Each of the City's 15 Funds, is its own entity (similar to a company structure) that has to be accounted for and managed separately with its revenue source and what those monies can be used for.



Funds Explained

General Fund

Used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Within the General Fund you will find costs related to City Administration, Community Development, Finance, Public Works, and the Police Department.

Special Revenue

They are created when the City receives revenue from a unique source designated to be used for a specific purpose. These Funds have a particular revenue stream. However, there are restrictions on what those monies can be used on. For example, Motor Fuel Tax (MFT), paid when vehicle gas is purchased, can only be used for certain expenses as regulated by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

Capital Projects

They are used to account for acquiring or constructing major governmental capital facilities, equipment, or other assets such as streets, sidewalks, or alleys. The City's 10-year CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) and Land Acquisition fall into this category.

Enterprise

Services provided are financed and operated similar to those of a private business—where the intent is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation or debt service payments) of providing goods and services be financed or recovered through user fees. The City's Sanitation (Garbage), Metra Parking Lot, and Water/Sewer Systems fall into this category.

Internal Service

Financing goods or services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies. The City's vehicle replacement program falls into this category. It operates as a sinking fund to smooth the costs related to replacement cycle and eliminates any year-to-year peaks and valleys.

Fiduciary

It is used to account for assets held by the City in a trustee capacity as agency for individuals, private organizations, other governments and/or other funds. In short, these are monies that the City has to account for, but are not assets of the City. The City has the Police Pension Fund and Special Service Area Fund in this category.



The City's overall revenue for FY 2025 is comprised of ten different categories. The largest three categories account for 80.52% of the City's total revenue of \$52,463,740.



The largest category is **Taxes**. This includes Sales, Property, Income, Utility Taxes, etc. Taxes account for 42.90% of revenues.

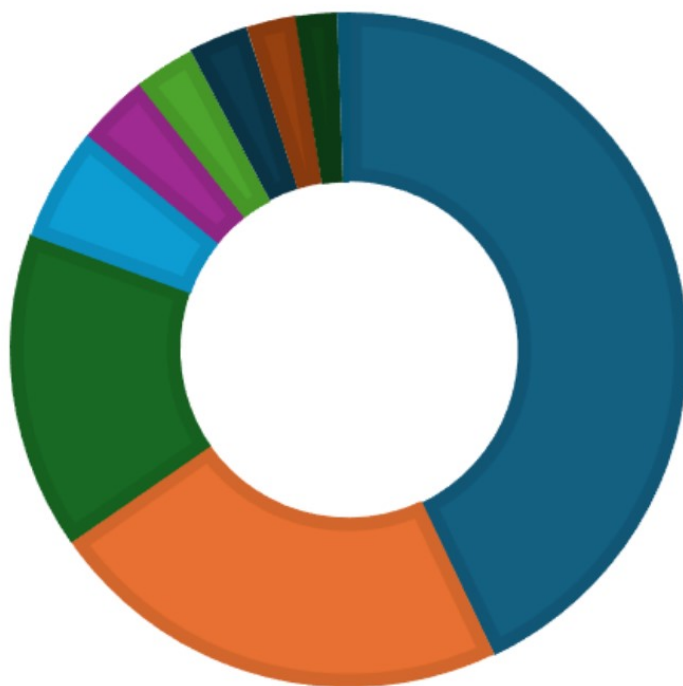
The second-largest revenue fund is **Charges for Services**, which make up 22.40% of all revenue. This includes items such as Cable Franchise fees but is predominately the fees you pay on the utility bill, namely the fees for garbage and water/sewer.

The third-largest revenue source is from **Interfund Transfers**, which is the movement of money between the City funds. These comprise 15.22% of revenues.

The fourth-largest revenue category is **Investment Income**, which makes up 5.40% of overall revenues.

The remaining six categories account for 14.08% of the revenue received by the City.

Citywide Revenues



■ Taxes	\$22,508,419
■ Charges for Services	\$11,753,350
■ Interfund Transfers	\$7,983,739
■ Investment Income	\$2,837,029
■ Contributions	\$1,833,023
■ Licenses & Permits	\$1,515,000
■ Miscellaneous	\$1,479,872
■ Intergovernmental	\$1,243,558
■ Fines, Fees and Forfeits	\$1,022,450
■ Non-Operating Revenues	\$287,300



Citywide Expenditures



Capital Outlay	\$14,186,800
Personnel	\$12,526,400
Interfund Transfers	\$7,983,739
All Other	\$6,874,364
Contractual Services	\$6,037,000
Commodities	\$3,527,900
Principal Debt Payment	\$4,285,500
Interest Debt Payments	\$1,853,019

The City’s overall expenditures for FY 2025 comprise eight different significant categories. The largest four categories account for **over 85%** of the City’s total expenditures.

The largest category for this year is **Capital Outlay**, at 28.19%. Details on the total spending plan for capital can be found in **The City’s Ten-year CIP**.

Next is **Personnel** which accounts for 22.31% of expenditures and is for the salaries, taxes, pensions, and health care costs for the City’s employees.

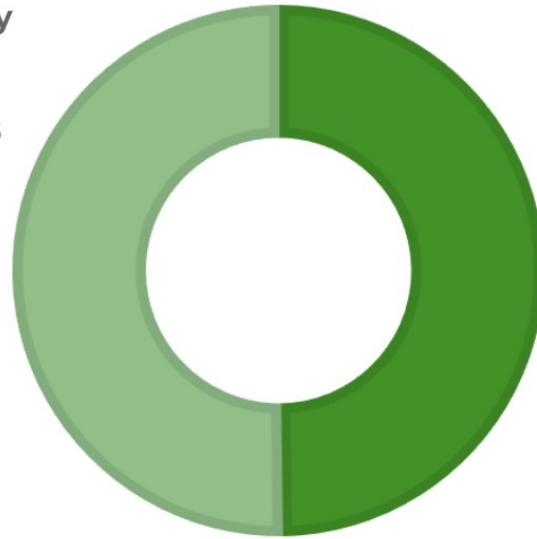
Interfund Transfers and **Contractual Services** together account for 23.69% of the City’s total expenditures.

Commodities account for 6.16% of expenditures, while **Debt Payments** account for 7.89% of expenditures. **All Other Expenditures** is the final significant category that accounts for the city’s expenditures at 11.77%.



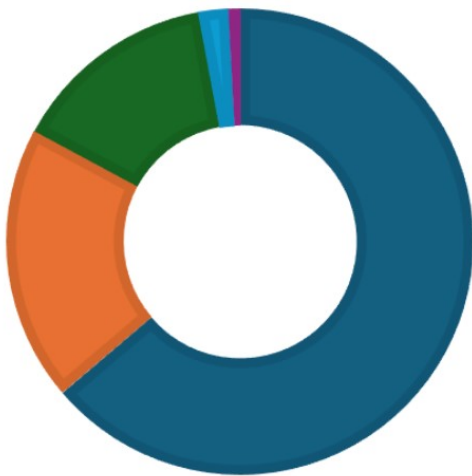
General Fund Summary

As presented, FY 2025 has a budgeted surplus of \$145,926



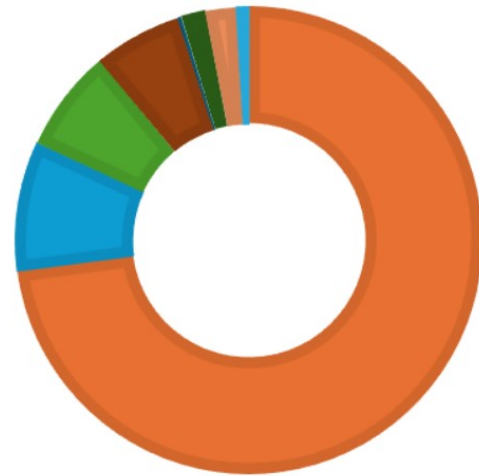
- Expenses \$16,696,430
- Revenues \$16,842,357

General Fund Expenditures



- Personnel \$10,646,843
- Contractual Services \$3,188,366
- Other \$2,388,496
- Commodities \$338,475
- Capital Outlay \$134,250

General Fund Revenues



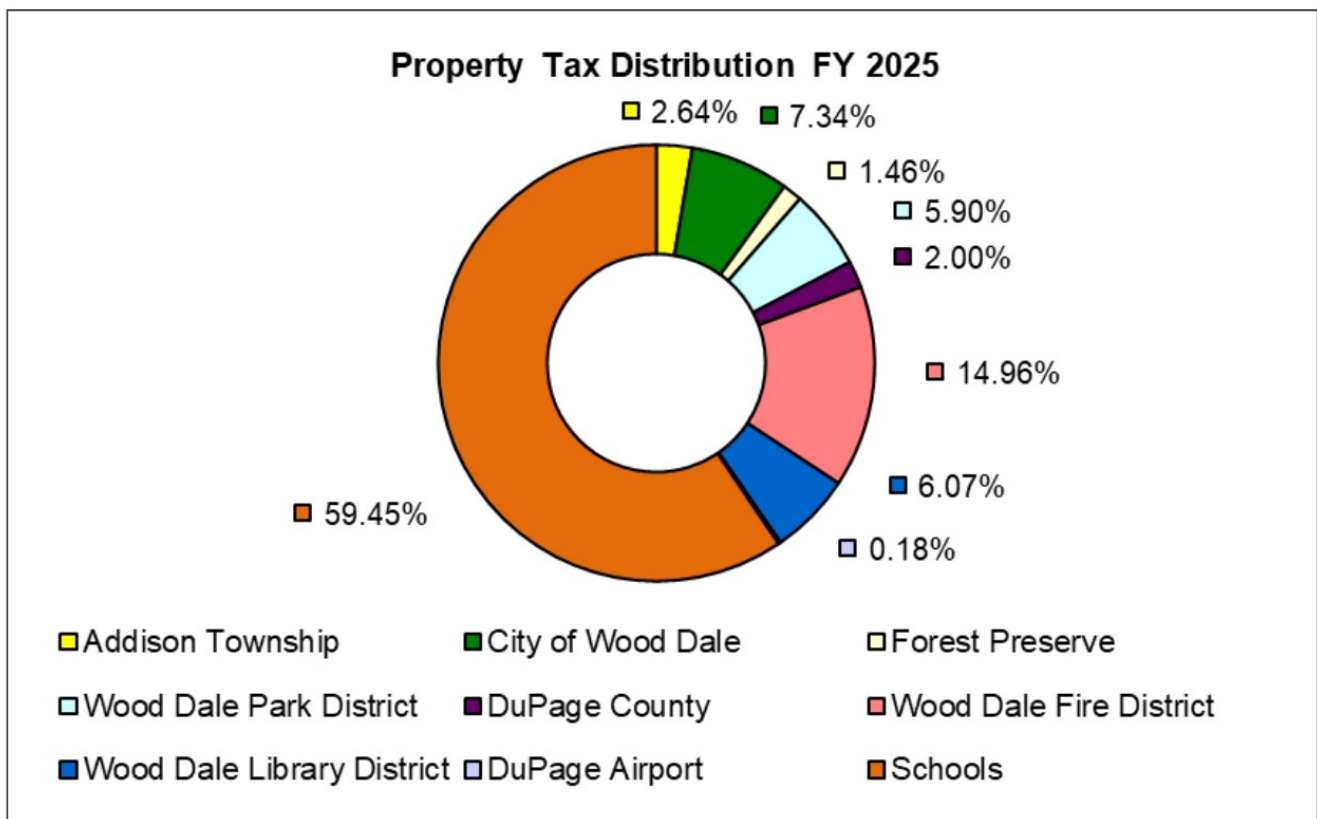
- Taxes \$12,279,048
- Licenses & Permits \$1,515,000
- Intergovernmental \$44,120
- Investment Income \$282,500
- Charges for Services \$352,500
- Miscellaneous \$153,000
- Fines, Fees and Forfeits \$1,022,450
- Interfund Transfers \$1,193,739



Where do my Property Taxes go?

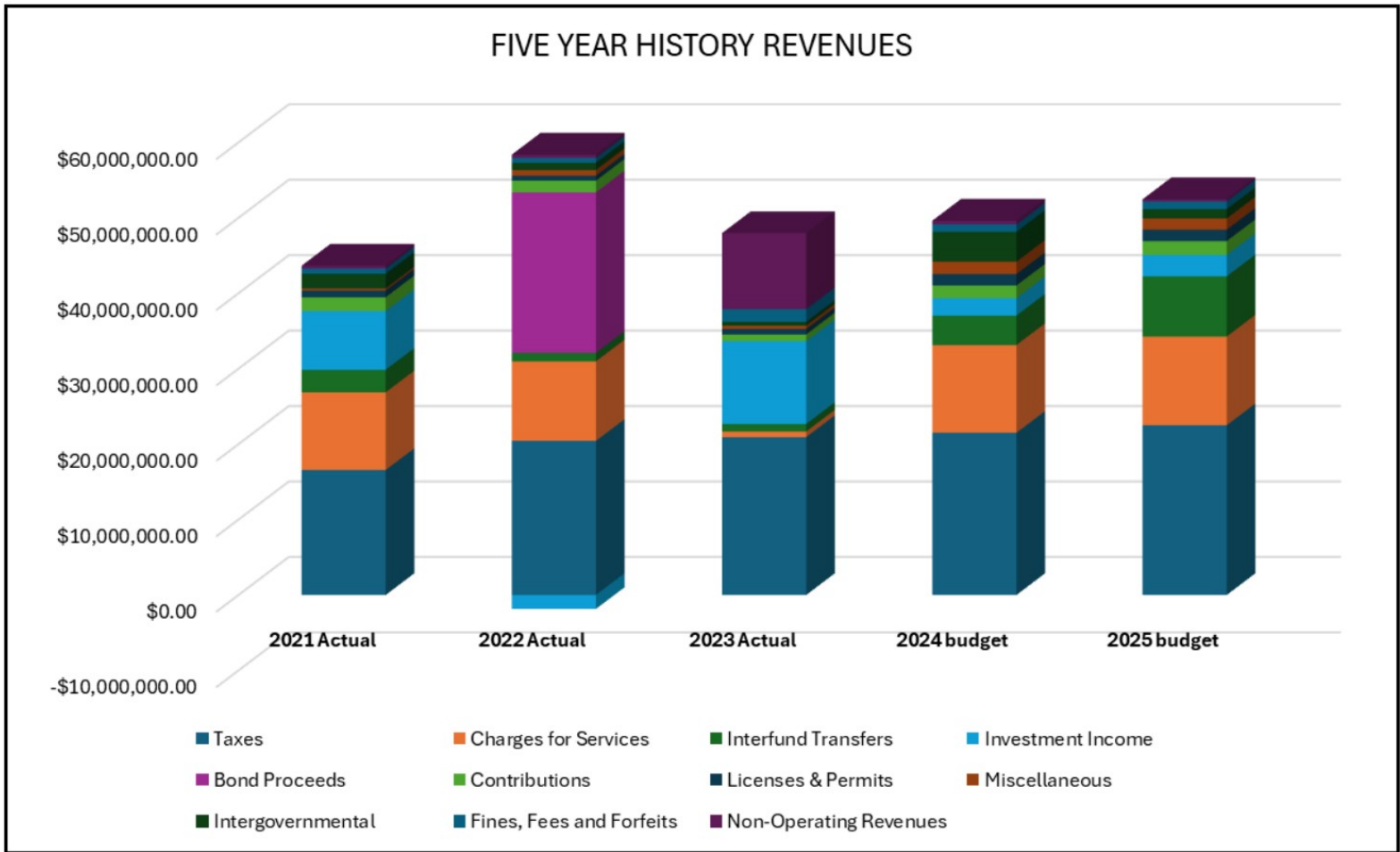
A common misconception is that the City gets all property tax money. Not true. Property taxes are divided by many taxing bodies.

Another misconception is that the City can raise your taxes as much as it wants. Again, not true. The Property Tax Extension Limitation Law binds the City, the PTELL, commonly referred to as the “tax cap,” which states that property tax growth in any given year is limited to the lesser of 5% or CPI (Consumer Price Index).



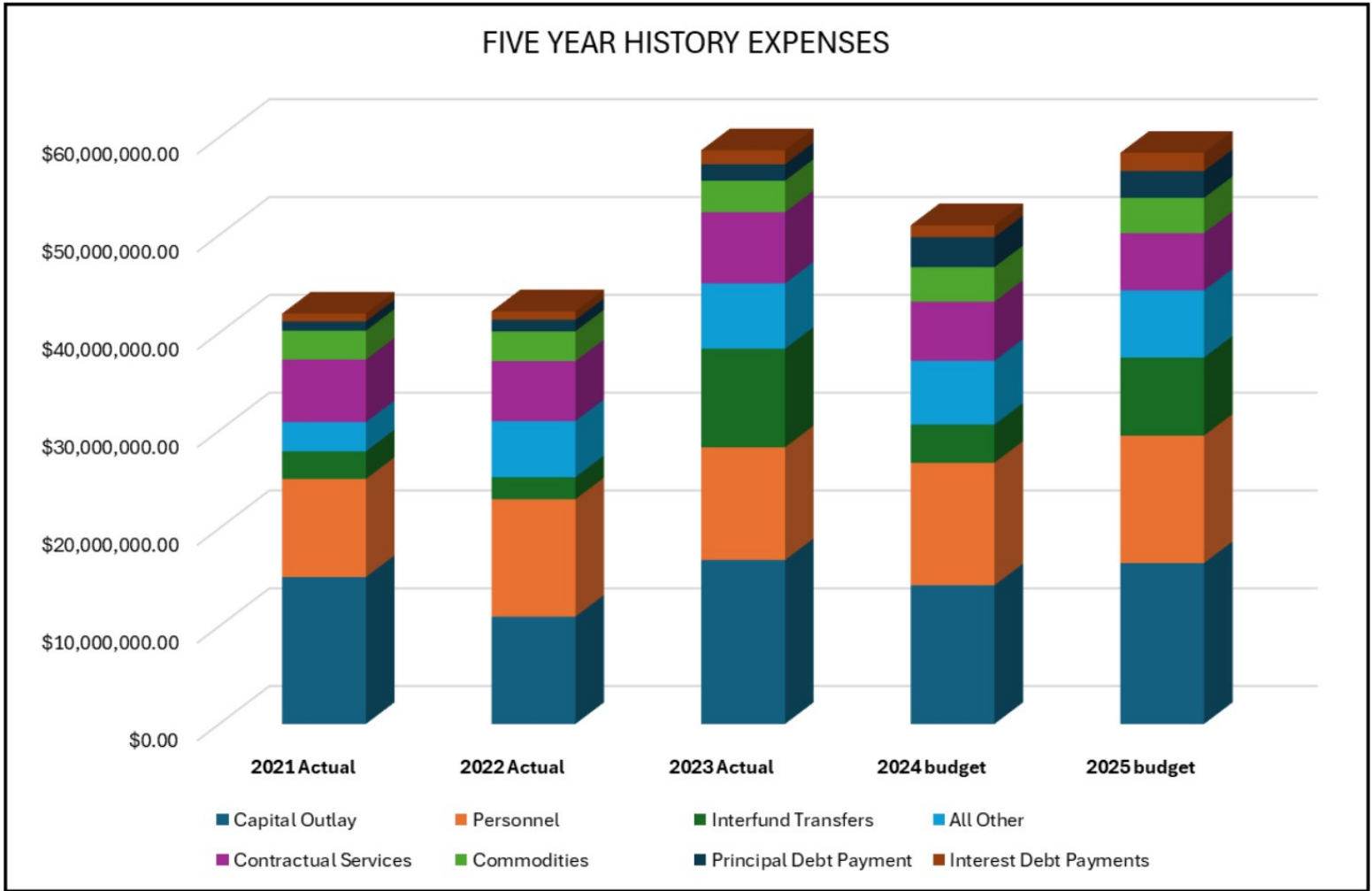
Five Year History - Citywide Revenues

A look back at the city's entity-wide revenues presented by major revenue category.



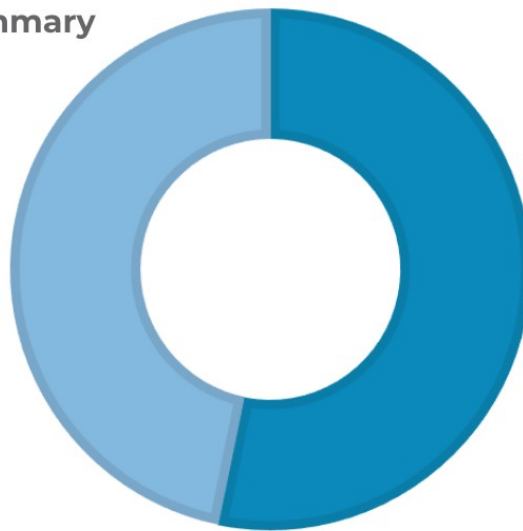
Five Year History - Citywide Expenses

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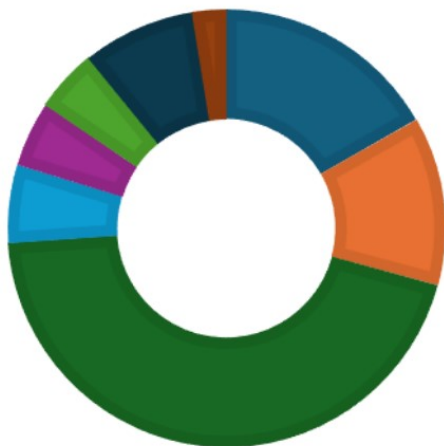
Water/Sewer Fund Summary

FY 2025 has a budgeted deficit of **\$2,223,569**, which includes depreciation expense.



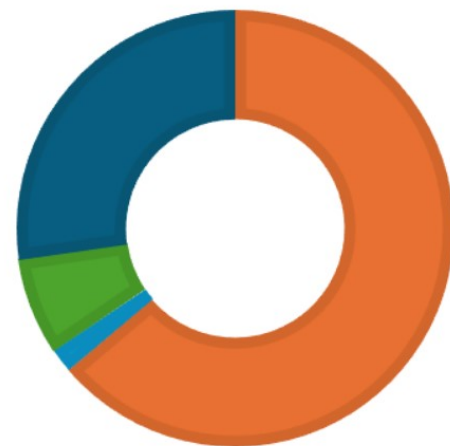
- Expenses
\$18,362,171
- Revenues
\$16,138,602

Water/Sewer Fund Expenditures



- Commodities \$3,072,600
- Personnel \$2,295,412
- Capital Outlay \$8,202,500
- Other \$1,063,000
- Interfund Transfers \$880,000
- Contractual Services \$859,700
- Principal Payments \$1,532,755
- Interest Payments \$456,204

Water/Sewer Fund Revenues



- Charges for Services \$10,293,000
- Non-Operating Revenues \$287,300
- Miscellaneous \$1,153,302
- Investment Income \$5,000
- Interfund Transfers \$4,400,000



The National Council on Government Accounting defines a capital project as a significant project requiring public funds (over and above operating costs) for the purchase, construction, or replacement of the community's physical assets.

To that end, the City annually reviews and creates a ten-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

The CIP is broken down into 3 main categories.

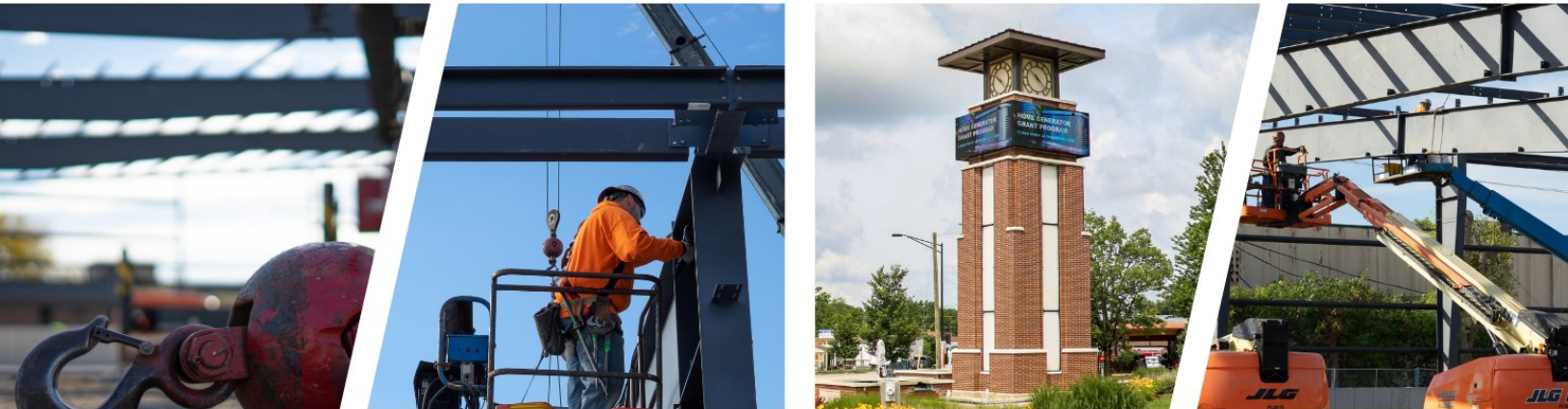
TRANSPORTATION	NON-TRANSPORTATION	WATER/SEWER
Roads, sidewalks, bridges, etc.	IT infrastructure, significant building maintenance, streetlights, Citywide initiatives, etc.	Water mains, sewer mains, water towers, lift stations, treatment plants, etc.

This year's CIP includes a major project in each category.

\$1.75 million for the installation of a new traffic signal	Police Department facility remodel	Close to \$1 million in sanitary sewer rehabilitation maintenance
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Previous examples of Capital Projects constructed by the City are:

- Upgrades at the North Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Annual Road Resurfacing
- Clock Tower
- Flood Mitigation Project along Potter and Prospect



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Wood Dale Park District (630) 595-9333
111 East Foster Avenue, Wood Dale

Wood Dale Police (630) 766-2060
404 North Wood Dale Road, Wood Dale

Wood Dale Public Works (630) 350-3530
720 North Central Avenue, Wood Dale

Wood Dale Utilities (630) 350-3542
269 West Irving Park Road, Wood Dale

Wood Dale Chamber of Commerce/GOA (630) 595-0505
520 North Wood Dale Road, Wood Dale

Wood Dale Fire District (630) 766-1147
589 North Wood Dale Road, Wood Dale

Wood Dale Post Office (630) 766-0504
270 North Wood Dale Road, Wood Dale

School District #7 (630) 595-9510
543 North Wood Dale Road, Wood Dale

School District #100 (630) 766-2500
1000 West Green Street, Bensenville

Addison Township (630) 530-8161
401 North Addison Road, Wood Dale

DuPage County (630) 682-7000
421 North County Farm Road, Wheaton



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