



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Kim Tiehen, Director of Strategic Financial Engagement

Date: August 26, 2025

Reference: Public Hearing on the proposed 2025-26 Municipal Budget

2040: Sustainable Government

Introduction:

The purpose of this agenda item is two-fold. As required by the City Charter and State Law, this item will allow the Council to hold the required public hearing to receive public input concerning the proposed 2025-26 Municipal Budget. The companion action required after the conclusion and closure of the public hearing is the approval of an Ordinance to establish the City of Coppell FY 2025-26 Annual Budget.

Background:

Pursuant to the City Charter and Local Government Code Section 102.006, a public hearing will be conducted by the City Council of the City of Coppell, Texas, to receive public comment concerning the proposed 2025-26 Municipal Budget. At this hearing, taxpayers must have the opportunity to express their views on the proposed budget. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the governing body of the municipality shall act on the proposed budget (Local Government Code Section 102.007).

Pursuant to City Charter, the proposed budget was filed with the City Secretary on August 5, 2025. It is also available for viewing at the Cozby Library and Community Commons as well as on the City's website. The notices of public hearing were included in the August 16 and August 15 publications of the Rambler and Gazette, respectively, to comply with Section 102.0065(c) of the Local Government Code.

In addition to tonight's public hearing, the City held three (3) budget workshops, one in June and two in July, with Council that were open to the public. The budget filed with the City Secretary on August 5, 2025, was presented and discussed during the budget workshops and includes direction provided by Council.

Texas Local Government Code 102.007, states, “at the conclusion of the public hearing, the governing body of the municipality shall take action on the proposed budget. A vote to adopt the budget must be a record vote.”

Approval to adopt the FY 2025-26 Annual Budget for the City of Coppell for the period of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, establishes total expenditures of all funds of the City at \$159,143,660. Total expenditures of the General Fund are \$83,850,588 and includes a one-time transfer of \$5.5 million to the Municipal Drainage Utility District Fund to fund drainage projects and \$2.2 million for one-time costs associated with Vision 2040 Council Workplan projects. Excluding that one-time transfer and the one-time costs of Vision 2040 projects, General Fund maintenance and operations expenditures total \$76.2 million and total revenues are estimated to be \$76.3 million. In addition to the General Fund, this budget includes the Special Revenue Funds, the Water and Sewer Fund, the Internal Service Funds and the Debt Service Funds.

Benefit to the Community:

The public hearing on the budget provides transparency regarding proposed spending and an opportunity for community members to provide feedback on the proposed budget. The proposed budget includes funding that continues to provide the service level the community expects and includes Council initiatives that support the 2040 Strategic Plan while also implementing strategies to address the “Austin Gap.”

Legal Review:

This agenda item was reviewed by legal during the Council packet review process.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Recommendation:

N/A