

2026 Budget Introduction

Administration Bill No. 11-2025

Administration Bill No. 12-2025

NOVEMBER 25, 2025

Budget Schedule

- October 7, 2025 – Draft budget posted and available for review
 - Budget Questions and Comments can be posted on Engage Lancaster
- October 21, 2025 – First Budget Hearing. Department Overviews by:
 - Administrative Services
 - Community Planning and Economic Development
 - Fire Bureau
 - Police Bureau
- November 18, 2025 – Second Budget Hearing. Department Overviews by:
 - Neighborhood Engagement
 - Mayor’s Office, Solicitor’s Office and Elected Officials
 - Public Works
 - Utility Funds
- **November 25, 2025 – First Reading of Budget Ordinances**
- December 1, 2025 – Deadline for questions on Engage Lancaster
- December 9, 2025 – Second Reading of Budget Ordinances

2026 Budget Highlights

General Fund

- No proposed increases in real estate tax or earned income tax rates.
- ARPA revenue replacement has ended.
- Earned Income Tax revenues continue to grow as projected.
- Increased expenses in pension, medical costs, salary increases for bargaining units.
- Eliminated \$1.3M from 2026 budget.
- Utilizes \$1.5M in General Fund reserves.
- Utilizes data center permit fees to reduce debt and cover costs related to permitting.

Water Fund

- No City rate increases proposed.
- PUC Rate Case submitted September 30 impacting customers outside of the City.
- \$0 transferred to General Fund.

Solid Waste & Recycling Fund

- No proposed increases in fees.

Sewer Fund

- No proposed increases in fees.

Stormwater Fund

- No proposed increases in fees.

Budget Projections – Updated



	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
Revenue	\$79.6M	\$79.2M	\$80.5M	\$81.9M	\$83.3M	\$84.8M	\$86.3M	\$87.9M	\$89.6M	\$91.3M	\$92.6M
Expenses	\$74.9M	\$79.1M	\$82.1M	\$84.2M	\$87.9M	\$89M	\$91.4M	\$94.5M	\$97M	\$99.5M	\$98.1M
Surplus (Deficit)	\$4.7M	\$9K	(\$1.6M)	(\$2.3M)	(\$4.6M)	(\$4.2M)	(\$5.1M)	(\$6.6M)	(\$7.4M)	(\$8.2M)	(\$5.5M)
Fund Balance	\$16.7M	\$16.7M	\$15.1M	\$12.8M	\$8.2M	\$4M	(\$1.1M)	(\$7.7M)	(\$15.1M)	(\$23.3M)	(\$28.8M)
Fund Balance % of Operating	22.1%	21.1%	18.4%	15.6%	9.3%	4.5%	-1.2%	-8.1%	-15.6%	-23.4%	-29.4%