

# FY26 Proposed Budget

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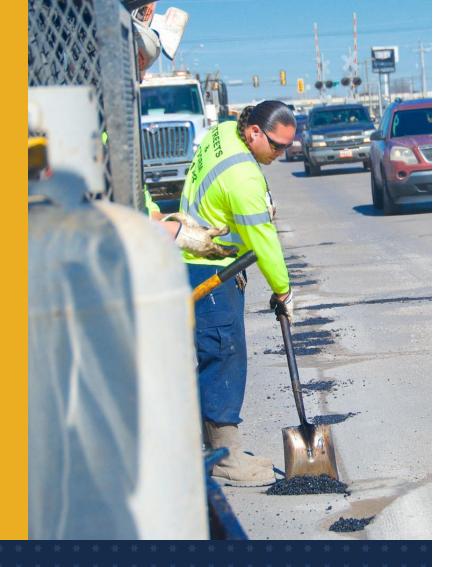












### What This Budget Will Do:

- Secures continued delivery of essential services
- Protects current personnel
- Focuses on core priorities
- Puts Tulsa in a balanced and sustainable financial position



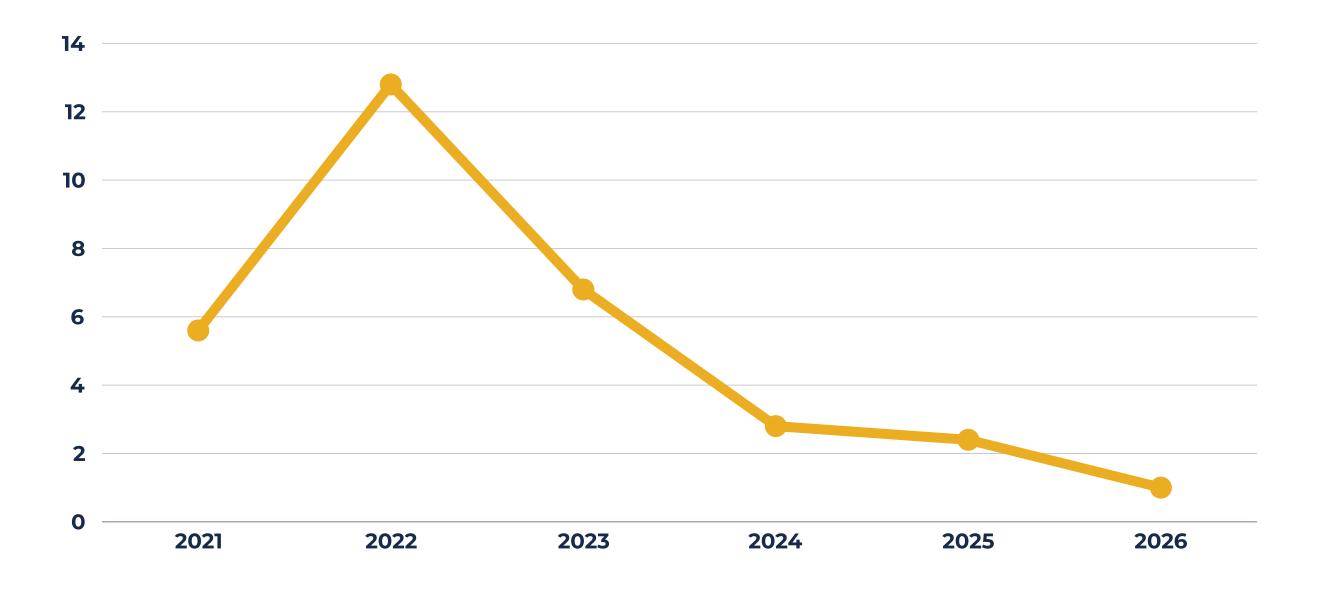
### Economic Outlook







#### Sales and Use Tax Growth



Combined Sales and Use Tax Collections for the General Fund





### Impact of Record Hiring

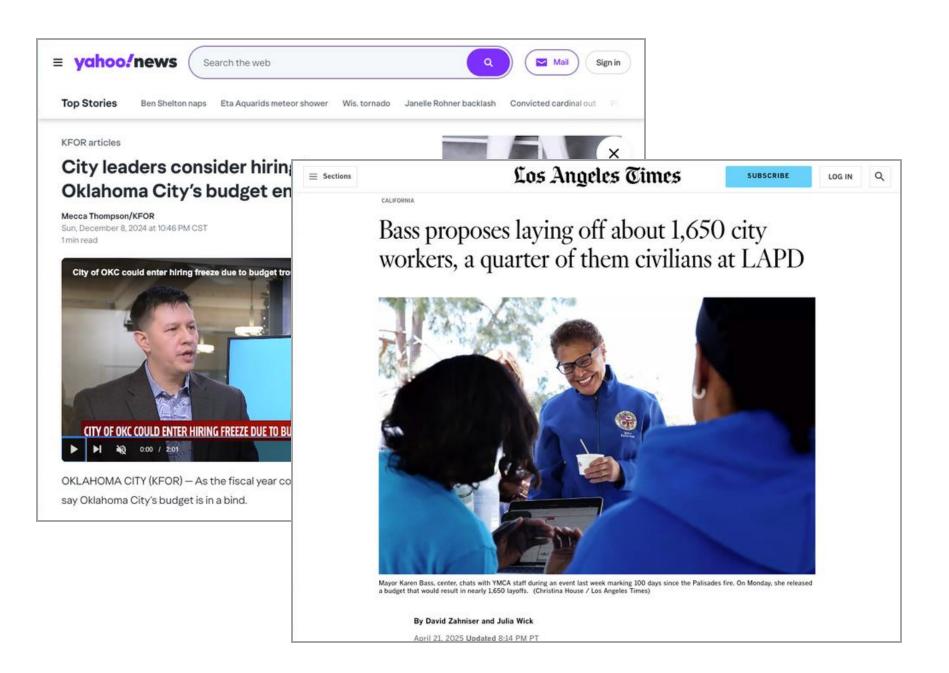
+267 Employees

**Number Hired Over the Last Three Years** 





### National Economic Impact



Economic Outlook



#### Budget Overview







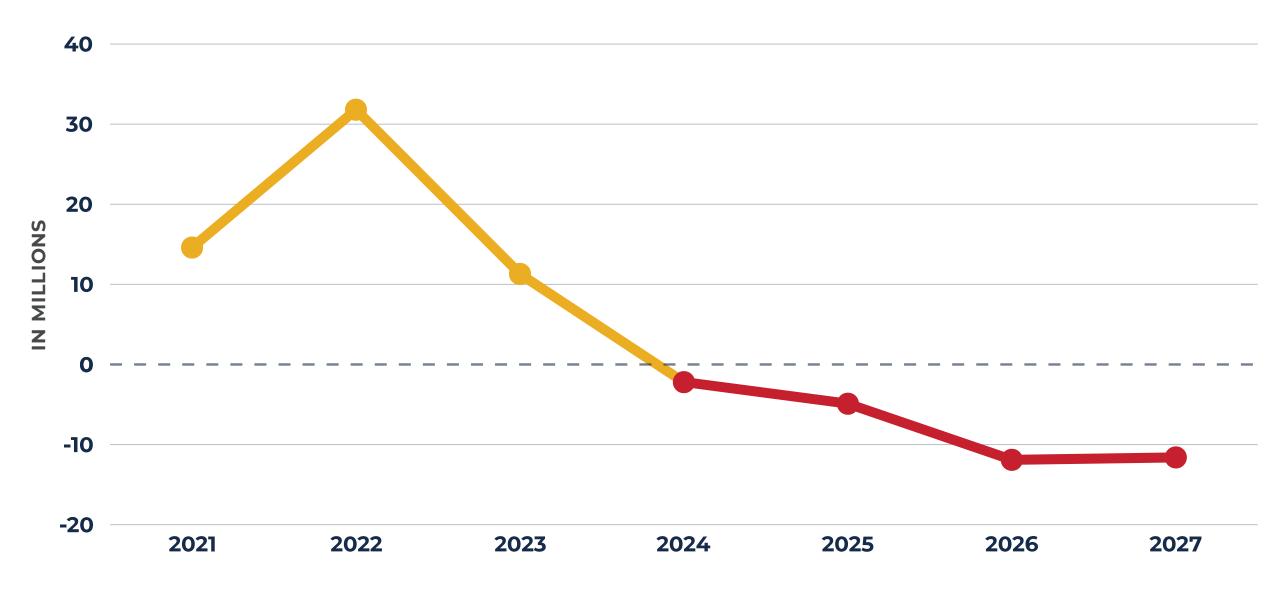


#### FY26 Total Proposed Budget



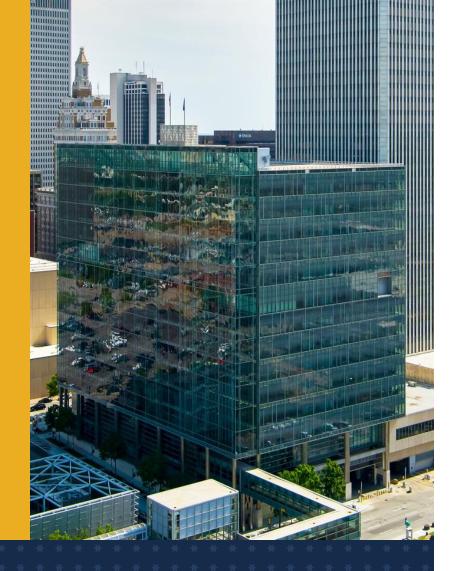


#### General Fund Net Revenues and Expenses



Accumulation and Use of Fund Balance

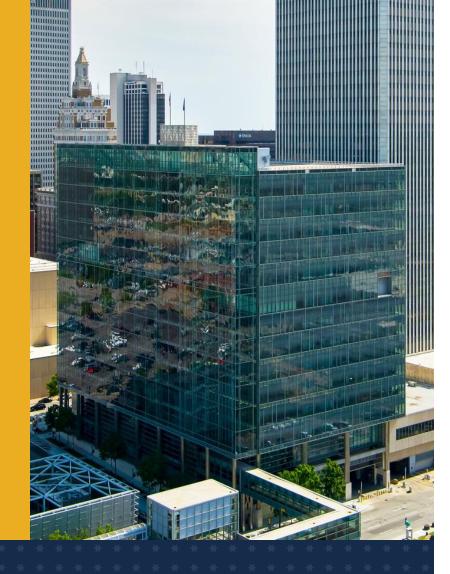




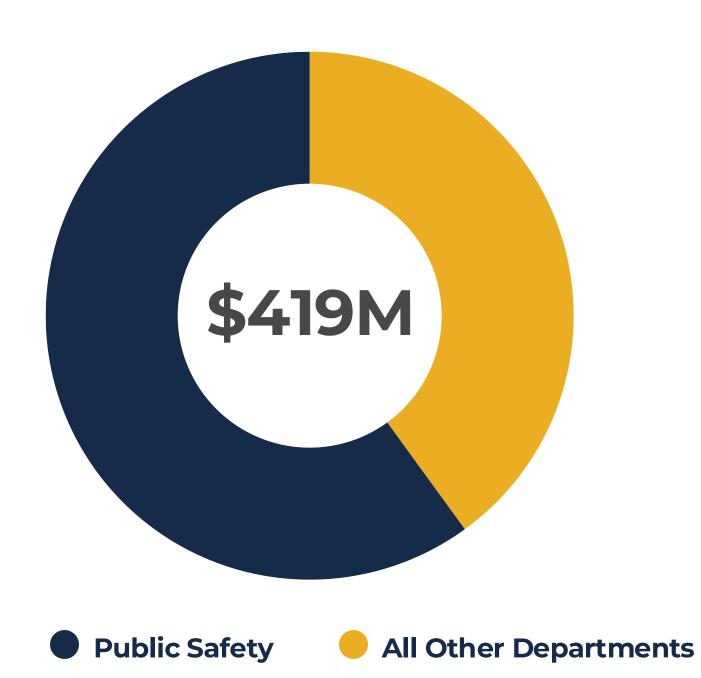
#### General Fund Total Amount







#### General Fund Allocations



**Budget Overview** 





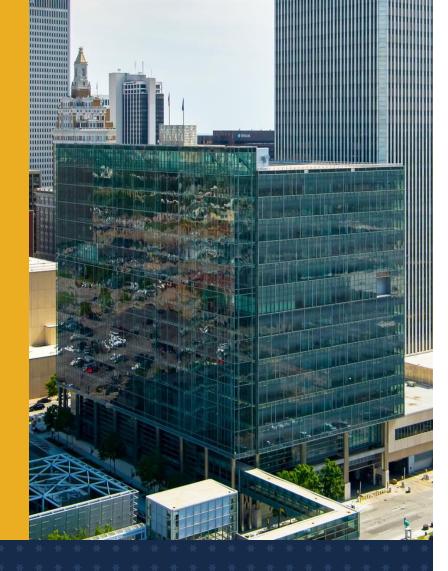
#### Restoring the Emergency Operating Reserve

8.29% -> 10%

**Current Contribution** 

**Proposed Contribution** 



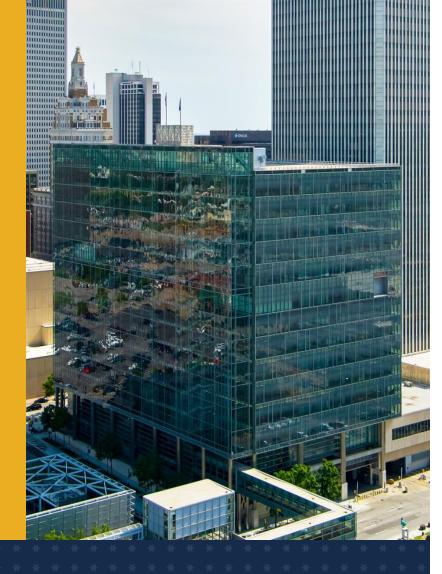


### Maintaining the Rainy Day Fund



**Expected Rainy Day Fund Balance by End of FY26** 



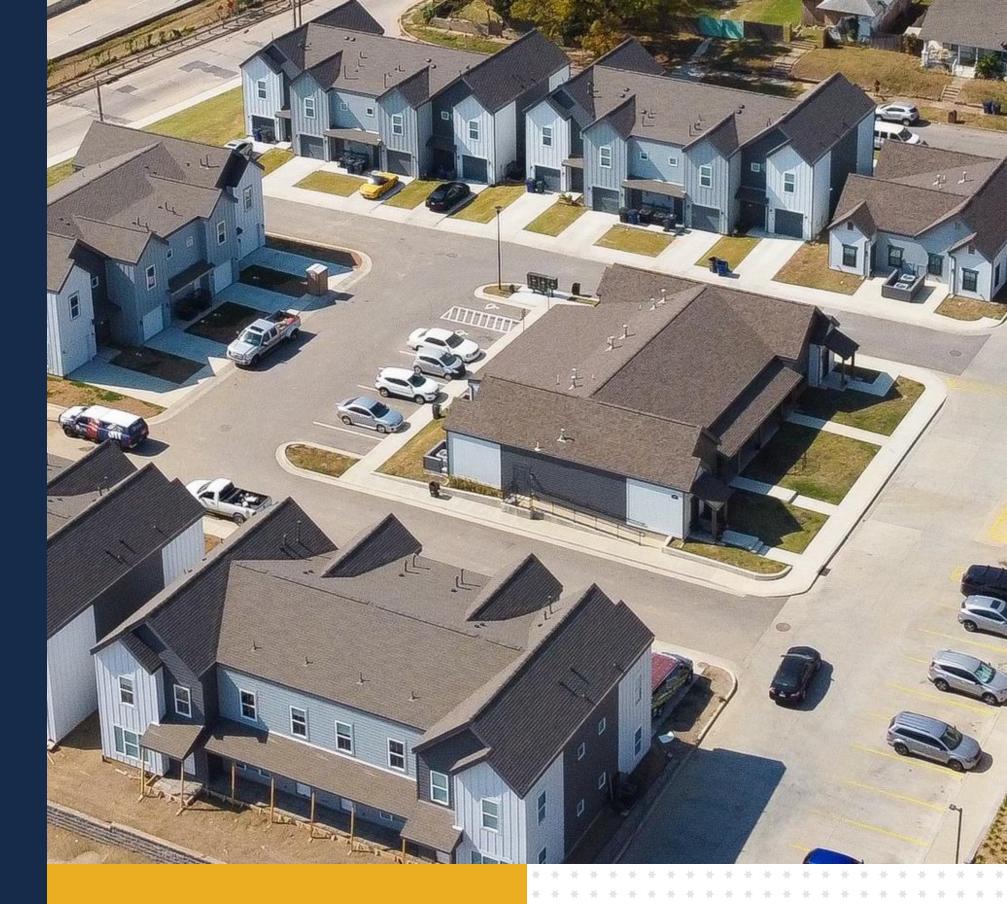


#### We Are...

- Ensuring our focus on housing and homelessness
- Committing to making Tulsa the safest big city in the country
- Providing necessary resources to focus on youth and families
- Creating an opportunity economy that protects our workforce and ability to deliver essential services
- Focusing City efforts on priorities while maintaining a balance of our revenue and expenses



#### Housing and Homelessness







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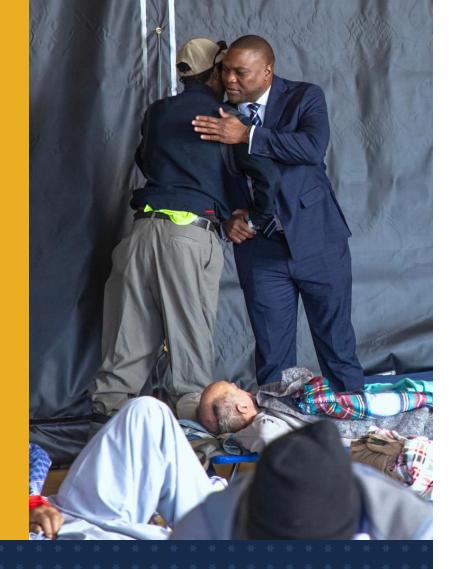


**Right of Way Cleanup Funding** 



**Toward Center for Employment Opportunities Crew Site Cleanup** 





#### Housing and Homelessness

- Commits targeted funding support for transitional and permanent housing
- Commits first allocation of funds from the third Improve Our Tulsa (IOT3) capital package



**Total Amount from IOT3 Package Dedicated to Housing Initiatives over Five Years** 





#### Strengthening Development Services

- Adding two new Plans Examiner Positions
- Reinitiating the City's Residential Fast-Track Permitting



#### Public Safety







Public Safety







#### Addressing Police and Fire Recruitment



**Number of Police Academies Funded** 



**Number of Cadets from Police Academies** 



Number of Fire Academies Funded



Number of Firefighters from Fire Academy

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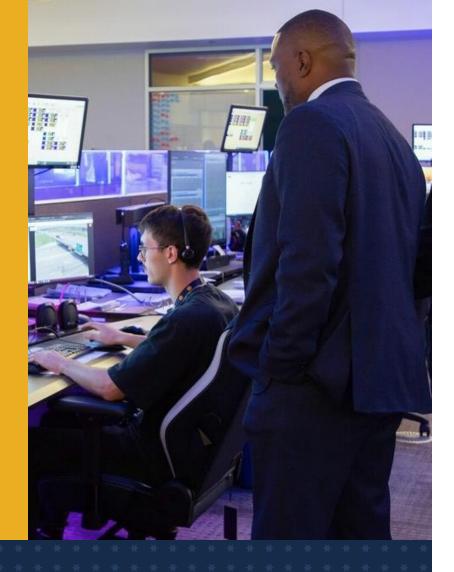




# Investing in Alternative Response Models

- Alternative Response Teams (ART)
- 911 Mental Health Partnership





### Impact of 911/COPES Team

4 1 Million+

**Number of 911 Calls Taken Per Year** 

1,000

Calls Handled by COPES Between March 1 – April 16

**Y** 858

Calls Diverted from Public Safety Resources Due to Our Mental Health Clinicians





## Prioritizing Tulsa Animal Services

- Establishment of Tulsa Animal
   Services as a standalone
   department
- Meeting community expectations related to loose animals and spaying/neutering

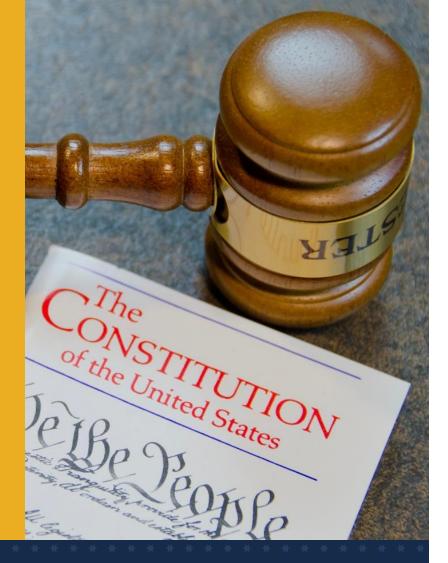
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**Public Safety** 







#### Strengthening Tulsa Municipal Court



Bringing two grant funded positions in Municipal Court to the general fund:

- Municipal Court Supervisor
- Public Defender



#### Children, Youth and Families







#### Supporting Children, Youth and Families

- Funds the continued operation of Mayor's Office of Children, Youth, and Families
- Focusing on stronger health outcomes for Tulsa families

Children, Youth and Families





#### Aiding Financial Empowerment

Supporting families through the financial counseling work of the Financial Empowerment Center





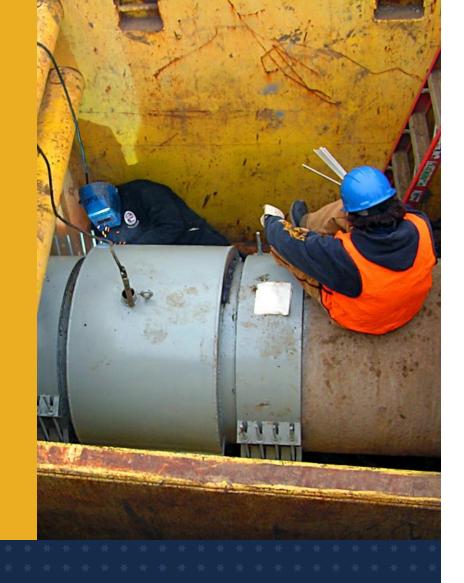


#### Economic Development









#### Infrastructure Investments Opportunities

- Haikey Creek Service Area
- Tulsa International Airport
- Downtown Infill Development
- **East Tulsa and Fair Oaks**
- Kirkpatrick Heights-Greenwood













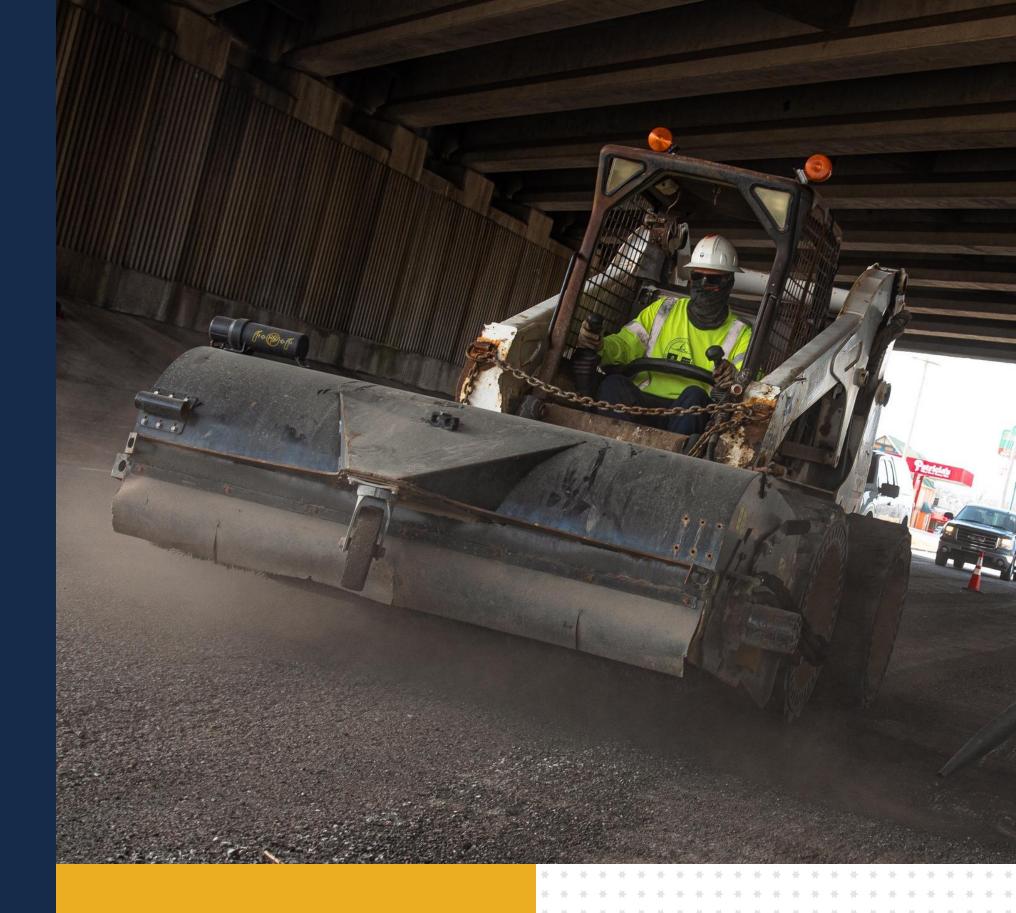






# Essential Services

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### Identifying Reductions and Efficiencies

- All City Departments identified proposed reductions in the amount of 3-4 percent
- Worked to strike a balance so Tulsans can expect to see equivalent levels of service to what they receive now

Essential Service





## Identifying Reductions and Efficiencies

0 \$4.2 Million

**Total Reductions from Non-Sworn Budgets** 



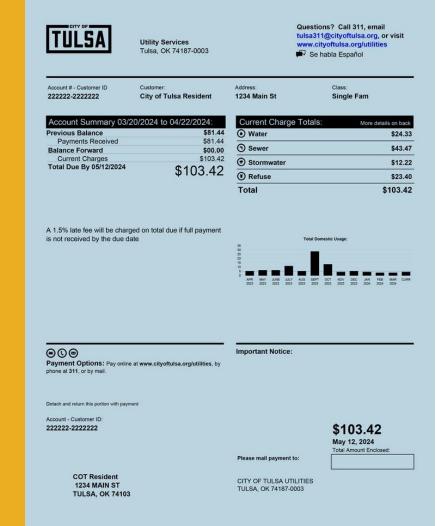


## Identifying Reductions and Efficiencies

©\$2.6 Million

**Potential Cost Recovery Efforts** 





## Utility Service Rate Adjustments

**\$4.71/month** 

**Expected Monthly Increase for the Typical Residential Tulsa Utility Customer** 

+5.4%
Water Increase

+2.3%

**Sewer Increase** 

+12%
Stormwater Increase

+4%

Refuse/Recycling Increase

Essential Service





## Funding of Essential Services

- Providing funding for our street maintenance crews
- Funding highway lighting and traffic synchronization
- Staffing the Mayor's Office to support our shared goals in housing and homelessness





## Funding of Essential Services

- Ensuring the upgrades across the entire Parks system
- Fulfilling the City Auditor's request to re-establish the Deputy City Auditor position
- Ensuring we have the ability to keep pools open, animals cared for, code enforcement funded, seasonal day camps operating, and school crossing guard positions funded

Essential Services



## Budget Summary

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#### Homelessness

- Funding to implement the 3H task force recommendations including the first phase of the \$75 million in IOT3 funding
- Dedicating staff to lead housing and homelessness initiatives
- Funding for transitional living facility and other homelessness initiatives



## **Public Safety**

- Providing needed funding and resources for animal services
- Beginning construction on a new animal shelter
- Fully funding police and fire academies
- Dedicating staff for Tribal Partnerships
- Funding for alternative response models and 911 mental health partnership
- Continuing capital investments for public safety



- Funding for \$60 million over the next four years in additional wastewater infrastructure for housing and economic development
- Staffing for fast-track permitting process
- Funding for the Route 66 Centennial

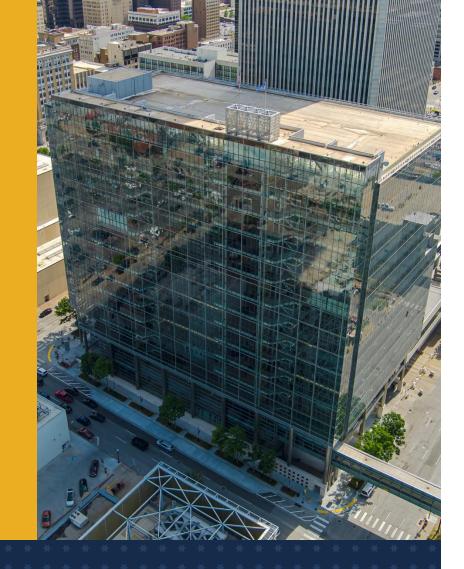
**Budget Summar** 



## Children, Youth and Families

- Funding for the Office of Children, Youth and Families
- Funding school crossing guards for the upcoming school year
- Funding for Financial Empowerment Center





## Budgeting for Responsible Fiscal Management

- Cutting our use of reserve funds for operations in half
- Working toward structural balance of the City's finances
- Minimizing service impacts to residents









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