



**Agenda
City of Cocoa
Regular Meeting**

**July 15, 2025
5:00 PM**

65 Stone Street, Cocoa, FL 32922

I. Opening Matters:

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

1. Agenda: Special Meeting of July 15, 2025.

III. Stantec's City of Cocoa Financial Analysis

IV. FY 2026 Balanced Budget Proposal Overview

V. Council Discussion

VI. Public Input/Citizen Participation

VII. Adjournment:

VIII. Notice to the Public:

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Memo Date: June 20, 2025
Agenda Date: July 15, 2025
File ID: 2025-564
Prepared By: Monica Arsenault, City Clerk
Through: Stockton Whitten, City Manager
Requested Action: Approve the July 15, 2025 Special City Council meeting agenda as written or with amendments.

BACKGROUND:

N/A

PRIORITY AREA CONNECTION:

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

N/A

PREVIOUS ACTION:

N/A

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Approve the July 15, 2025 Special City Council meeting agenda as written or with amendments.

**Agenda
City of Cocoa
Special Meeting of The City Council
Annual Financial Analysis/Balanced Budget Proposal**

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City of Cocoa Annual Financial Analysis

July 15, 2025





Agenda

1. Foundation of the Analysis
2. General Fund Analysis
3. Water/Sewer Rate & Revenue Sufficiency Analysis
4. Stormwater Forecast
5. Summary

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Foundations of the Analysis



Foundations of the Analysis

- Revenue sufficiency analysis for General Fund, Utility Fund and Stormwater Fund performed during City’s annual budget process
- Provide options and recommendations for sustainability

Why We Do This:

- Identify short-term and long-term impacts of current-year decisions
- Provide a framework for scenario evaluation and sensitivity tests
- Consider future cost requirements/events
- True-up assumptions based on current conditions

Source of Data & Key Assumptions:

- Fiscal Year 2025 Adjusted Budget
- Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget
- Fiscal Year 2026 – 2030 Preliminary CIP
- Forecast assumptions reflect staff input



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General Fund Analysis



Key Planning Observations & Considerations

Objectives

- Evaluate sufficiency of revenues from property taxes and other sources to meet projected costs

Observations

- Operating levels per Proposed Budget
- Average annual CIP spending of \$2.3M
- New debt proceeds of \$2.45M and annual payments
- Continued plan of fire assessment rate increases of 3%

Rate Drivers

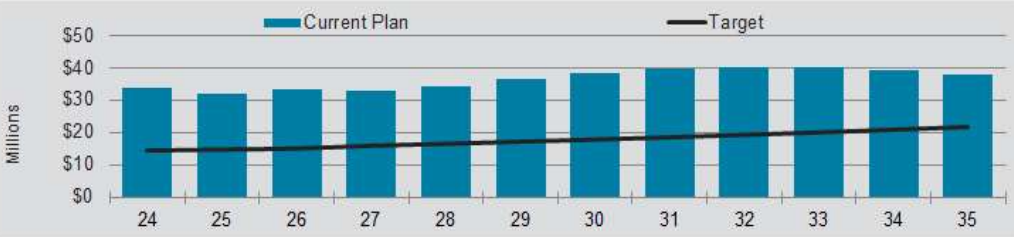
- Long-term escalation of costs outpace revenue growth
- Conservative assumption of lower taxable value growth
- CIP Execution



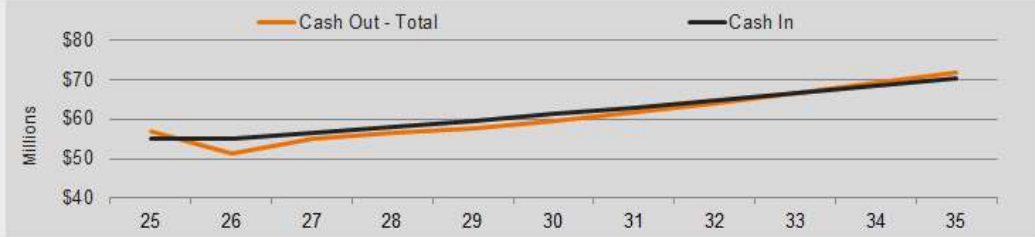
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	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032	FY 2033	FY 2034	FY 2035
Millage Rate	6.9532	6.9532	6.9532	6.9532	6.9532	6.9532	6.9532	6.9532	6.9532	6.9532	6.9532
Taxable Value Increase	13.2%	6.6%	5.1%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
Existing Property Value Adj			4.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
New Construction			1.1%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%
Cash Flow Surplus/(Deficit) \$M	\$ (1.82)	\$ 3.83	\$ 1.75	\$ 1.77	\$ 1.89	\$ 1.90	\$ 1.34	\$ 0.69	\$ (0.02)	\$ (0.77)	\$ (1.59)
End of Year Fund Balance \$M	\$ 32.09	\$ 33.42	\$ 32.67	\$ 34.45	\$ 36.34	\$ 38.24	\$ 39.58	\$ 40.27	\$ 40.26	\$ 39.48	\$ 37.90

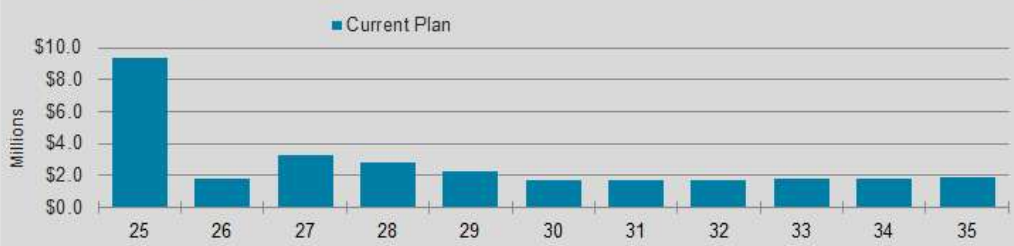
End of Year Fund Balance (Committed & Unassigned)



Revenues vs. Expenses



CIP Spending



CIP Funding





Fire Assessment Results

Fire Assessment Calculation	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Proposed	Increase \$	Increase %
Residential Rate per Dwelling Unit	\$ 249.97	\$ 257.47	\$ 7.50	3.0%
Tier 1 Rate per Parcel EBU ¹	\$ 176.74	\$ 182.04	\$ 5.30	3.0%
Tier 2 Rate per Structure EBU ²	\$ 11.07	\$ 11.40	\$ 0.33	3.0%
Fire Admin & Operations Budget	\$ 7,453,115	\$ 8,392,213	\$ 939,098	12.6%
Estimated Collected Revenue ³	\$ 3,575,696	\$ 3,781,923	\$ 206,226	5.8%
<i>Estimated Cost Recovery</i>	<i>48.0%</i>	<i>45.1%</i>		

¹ Tier 1 equivalent billing units (EBUs) are equal to 5 acres of property size

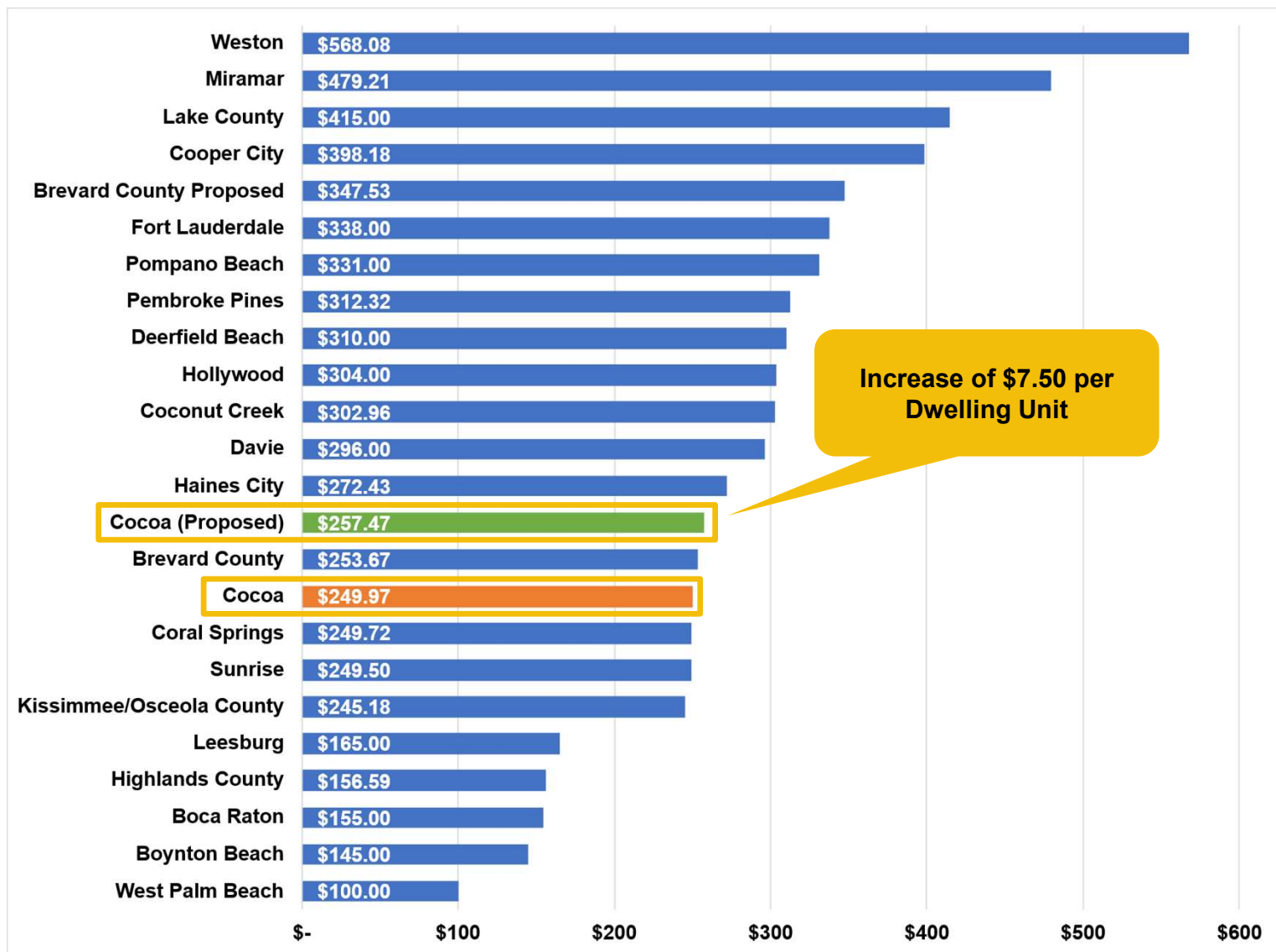
² Tier 2 equivalent billing units (EBUs) are equal to \$5,000 of structure value

³ Collected revenue estimated at 95%



FY 2025

Annual Residential Fire Assessment Fee Rate Study





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Water/Sewer Rate & Revenue Sufficiency Analysis



Key Planning Observations & Considerations

Objectives

- Determine if existing rate indexing plan is sufficient
- Develop a sustainable capital funding plan

Observations

- Annual reviews of revenue sufficiency to meet costs
- 2024 analysis = 4% annual rate indexing FY 2026 through FY 2034

Rate Drivers

- Cost inflation (operating and capital)
- Balancing infrastructure needs and affordability



Financial Management Plan

Fund Cash Flow Needs:

- Recent inflation in operating and capital costs
- Continuous infrastructure reinvestment

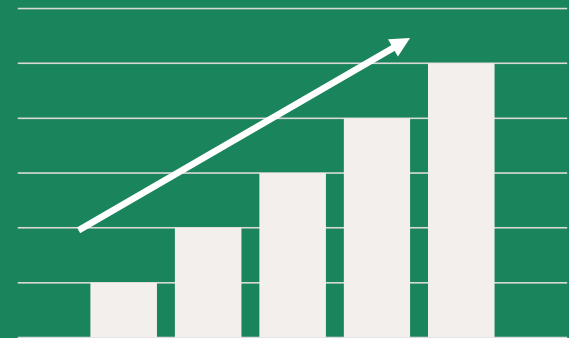
Operating Reserves:

- Minimum of 6-months of O&M expenses
- Cover disruptions in revenue or unforeseen expenditures

Debt Service Coverage:

- Net revenues at least 2X annual debt service
- Minimize future borrowing and maintain borrowing capacity (approx. \$50M)
- Utilize potential grant funding for resiliency focused projects

Keys to Financial Sustainability



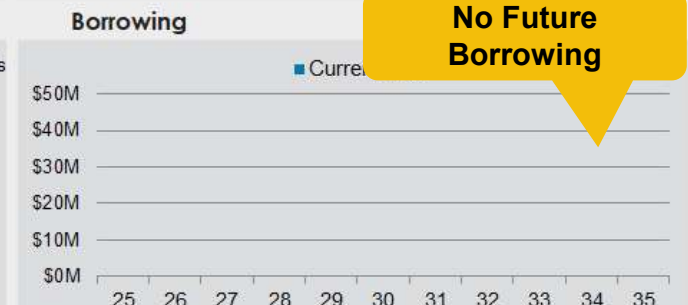
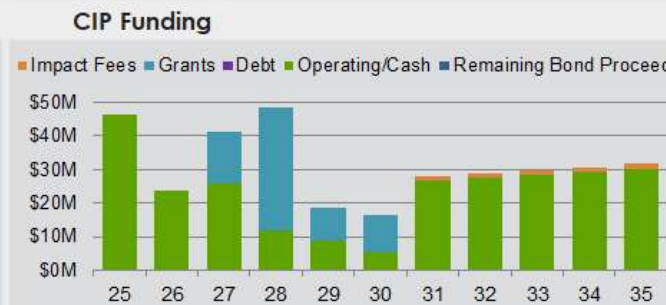
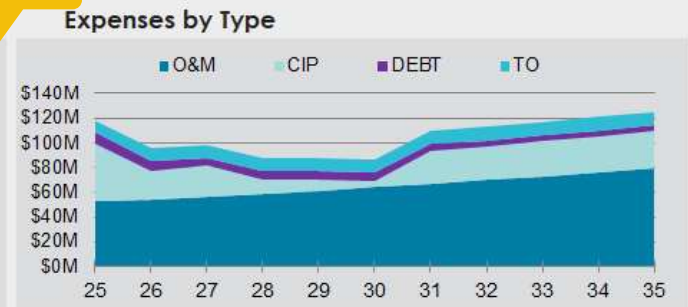
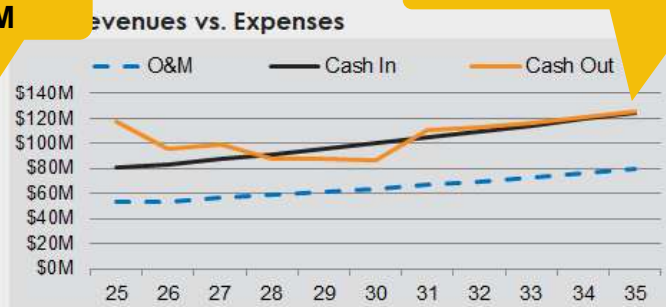
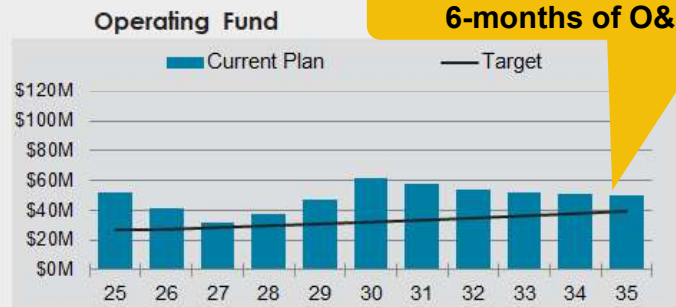


4% Annual Rate Indexing

	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032	FY 2033	FY 2034	FY 2035	FY 2030	FY 2035
Water Rate Plan	2.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	21.66%	48.01%
Sewer Rate Plan	2.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	21.66%	48.01%
Senior-Lien DSC	3.17	3.60	5.41	4.90	5.18	5.39	6.68	9.00	9.35	9.70	10.14	Scenario Manager	
Avg WS Bill (4 Kgal)	\$ 86.07	\$ 89.52	\$ 93.08	\$ 96.81	\$ 100.69	\$ 104.71	\$ 108.89	\$ 113.26	\$ 117.78	\$ 122.50	\$ 127.39		

Maintains Reserves = 6-months of O&M

Structurally Balanced

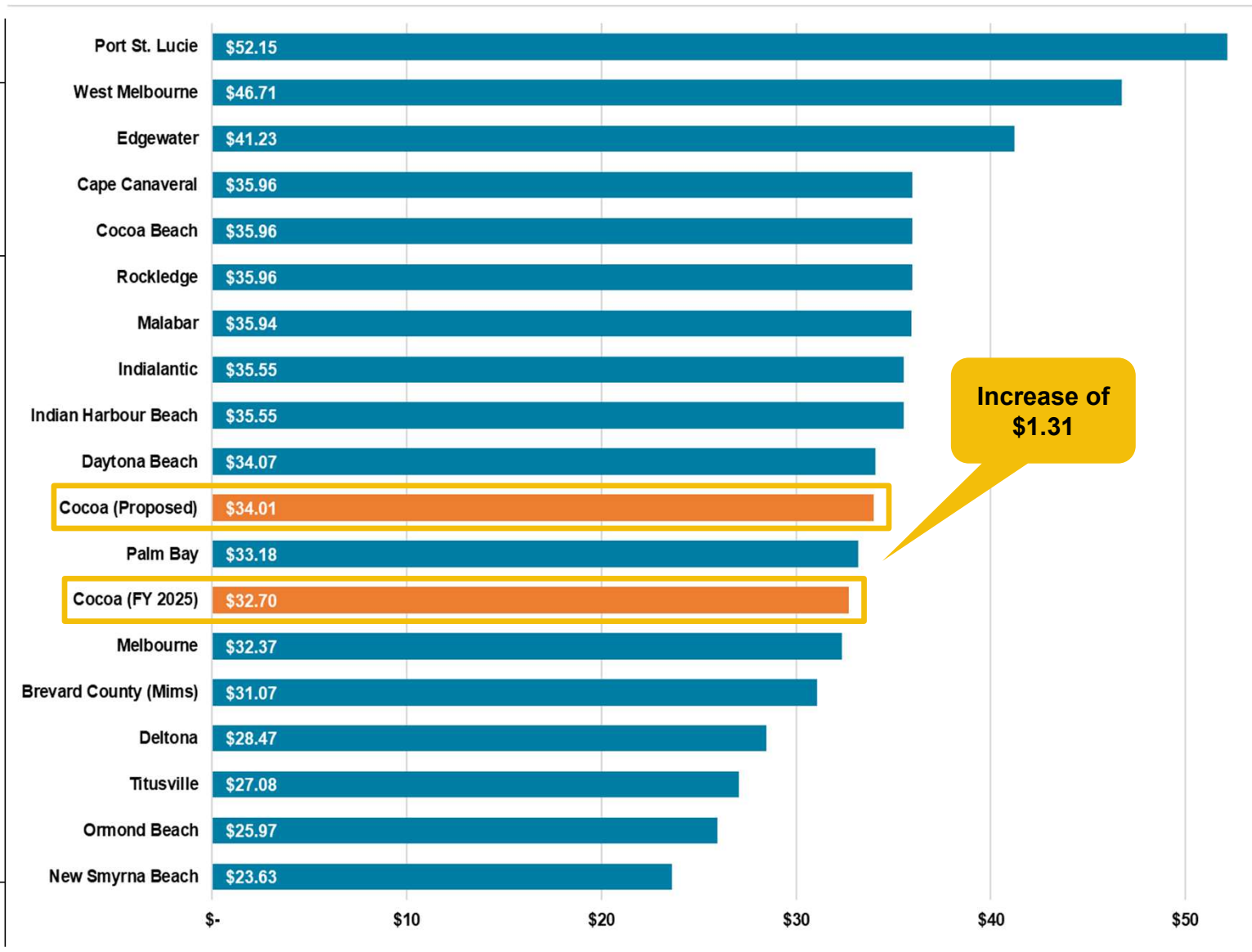


No Future Borrowing



4,000
Gallons

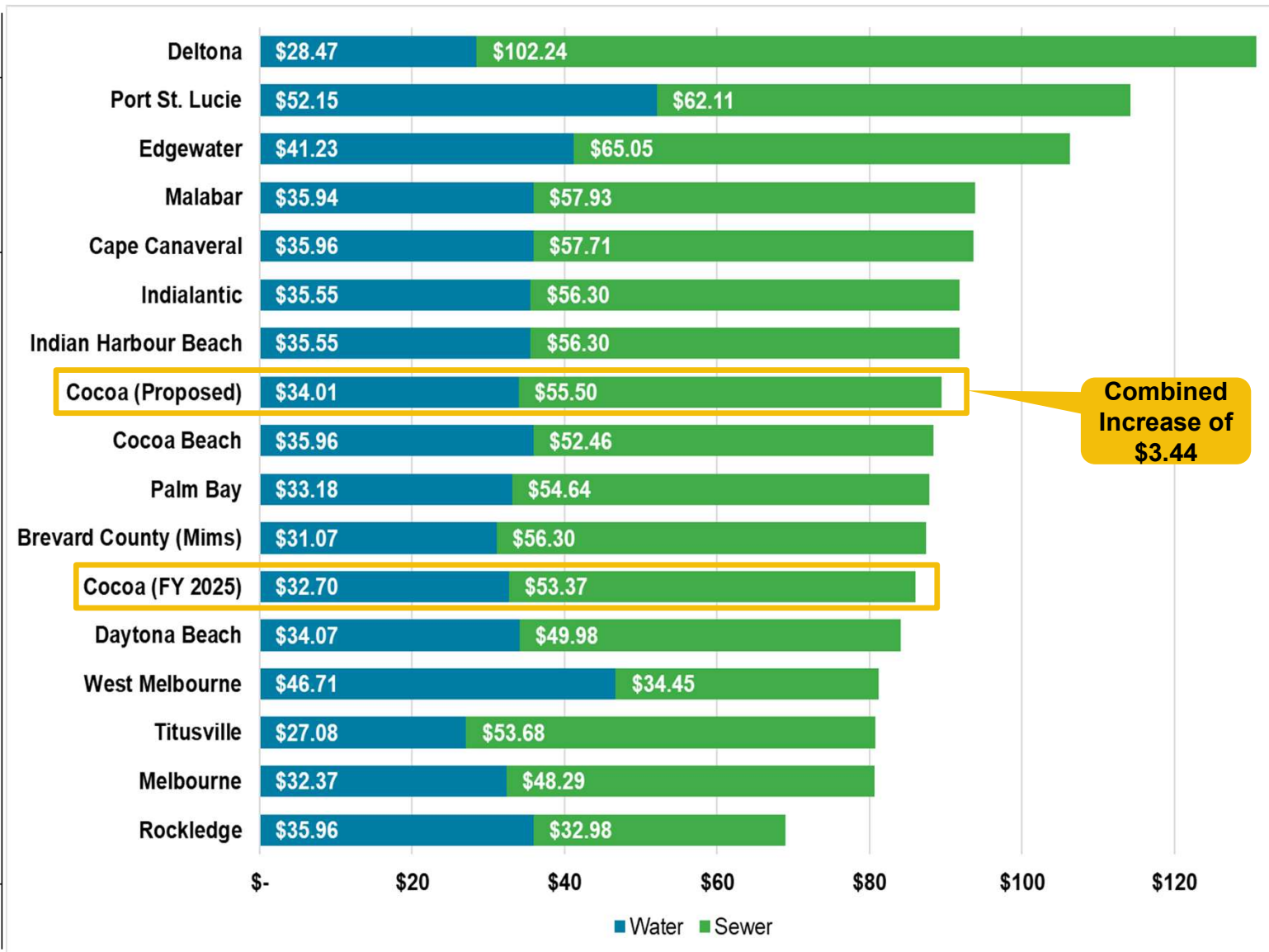
Residential Monthly Water Bill Comparison



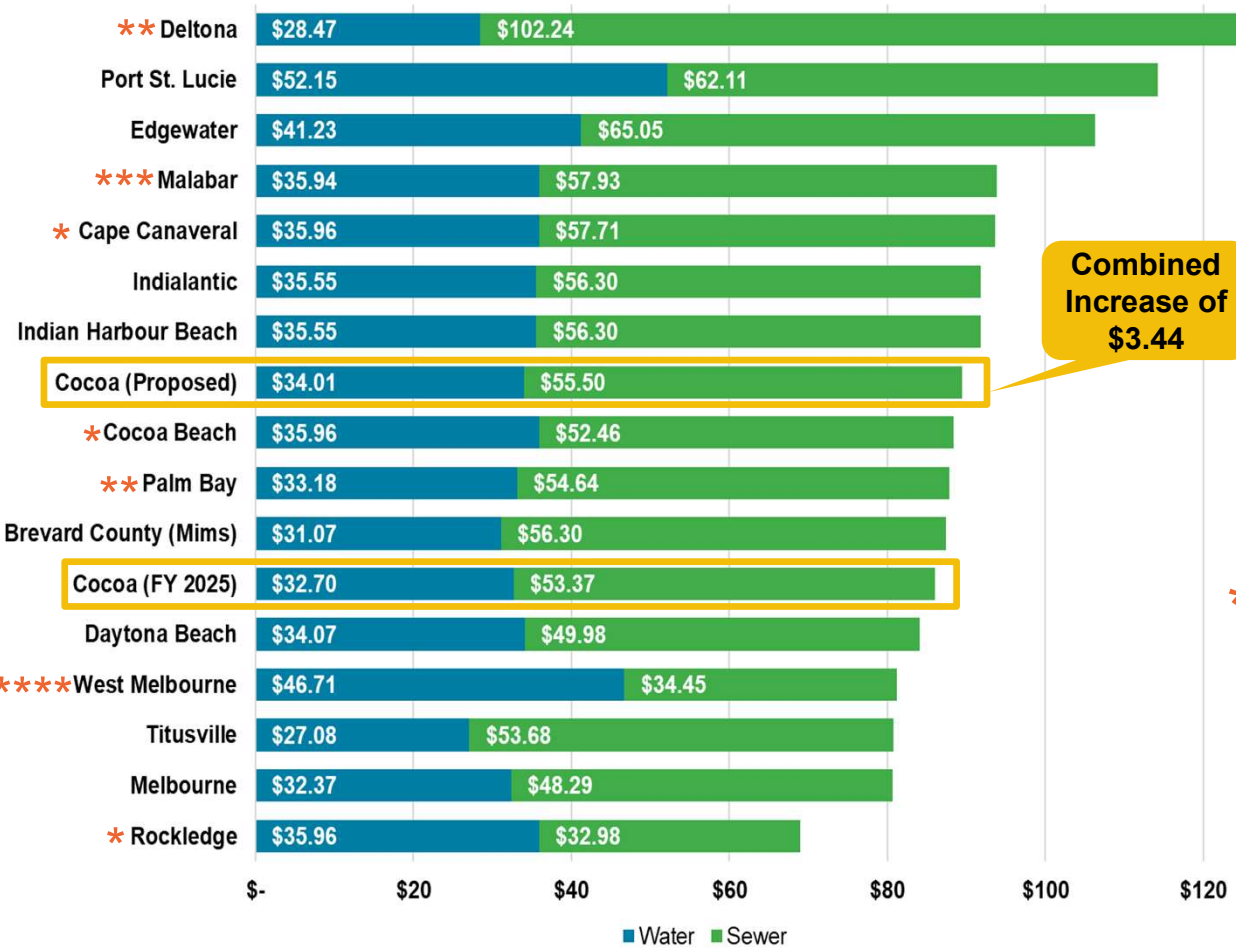


4,000
Gallons

Residential Combined Monthly Bill Comparison



4,000 Gal. – Residential Combined Monthly Bill Comparison



**** Communities with Projected Annual Rate Increases due to Cocoa Increase:**

- Cape Canaveral, Cocoa Beach & Rockledge: 4% future FYs both W & S

**** Communities with Planned Annual Rate Indexing:**

- Palm Bay: 1.75% W, 3.75 S
- Deltona: 5% W, 5% S

***** Communities w/Projected Annual Rate Increases due to Palm Bay Increase:**

- Malabar: 1.75% W, 3.75 S

****** Larger multi-year increases due to capital improvements:**

- West Melbourne:
 - FY 26: 3% W | FY 28: 3% W

Cocoa's bills are expected to remain comparable even with proposed increases

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Stormwater Forecast



Key Planning Observations & Considerations

Background

- Annual revenue sufficiency analysis
- Includes 4-month O&M reserve (Approx. \$500k)
- Last plan included 4.0% increases FY 2026 through FY 2033
- Capital plan is fully cash funded

Observations

- Current operating levels per Proposed Budget
- Average annual CIP spending of \$1.0M

Rate Drivers

- Significant capital needs
- Planning for rehab and replacement of aging infrastructure

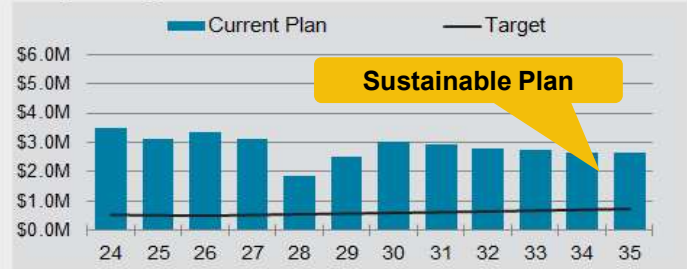


Reduced to 0% followed by 4% annual rate indexing

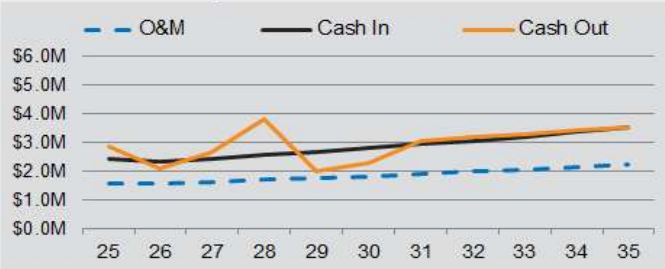
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	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032	FY 2033	FY 2034	FY 2035	FY 2030	FY 2035
Revenue Adjustment Plan	2.00%	0.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	16.99%	42.33%
Tier 1 SFR Assessment	\$ 90.87	\$ 90.87	\$ 94.50	\$ 98.28	\$ 102.22	\$ 106.31	\$ 110.56	\$ 114.98	\$ 119.58	\$ 124.36	\$ 129.34		
Tier 2 SFR Assessment	\$ 139.78	\$ 139.78	\$ 145.37	\$ 151.19	\$ 157.23	\$ 163.52	\$ 170.06	\$ 176.87	\$ 183.94	\$ 191.30	\$ 198.95		
Tier 3 SFR Assessment	\$ 243.23	\$ 243.23	\$ 252.96	\$ 263.08	\$ 273.60	\$ 284.54	\$ 295.93	\$ 307.76	\$ 320.07	\$ 332.88	\$ 346.19		
Annual \$ Change (Tier 2)		\$0.00	\$5.59	\$5.81	\$6.05	\$6.29	\$6.54	\$6.80	\$7.07	\$7.36	\$7.65		

Operating Fund



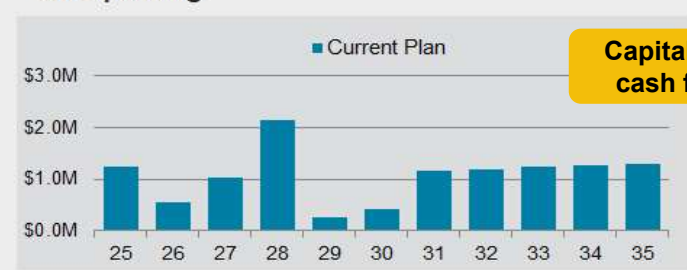
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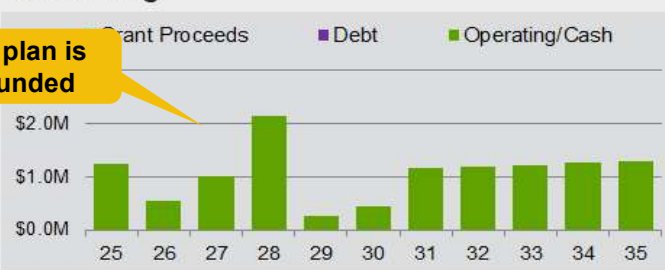
Expenses by Type



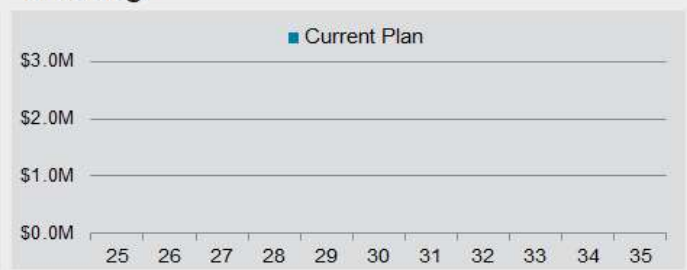
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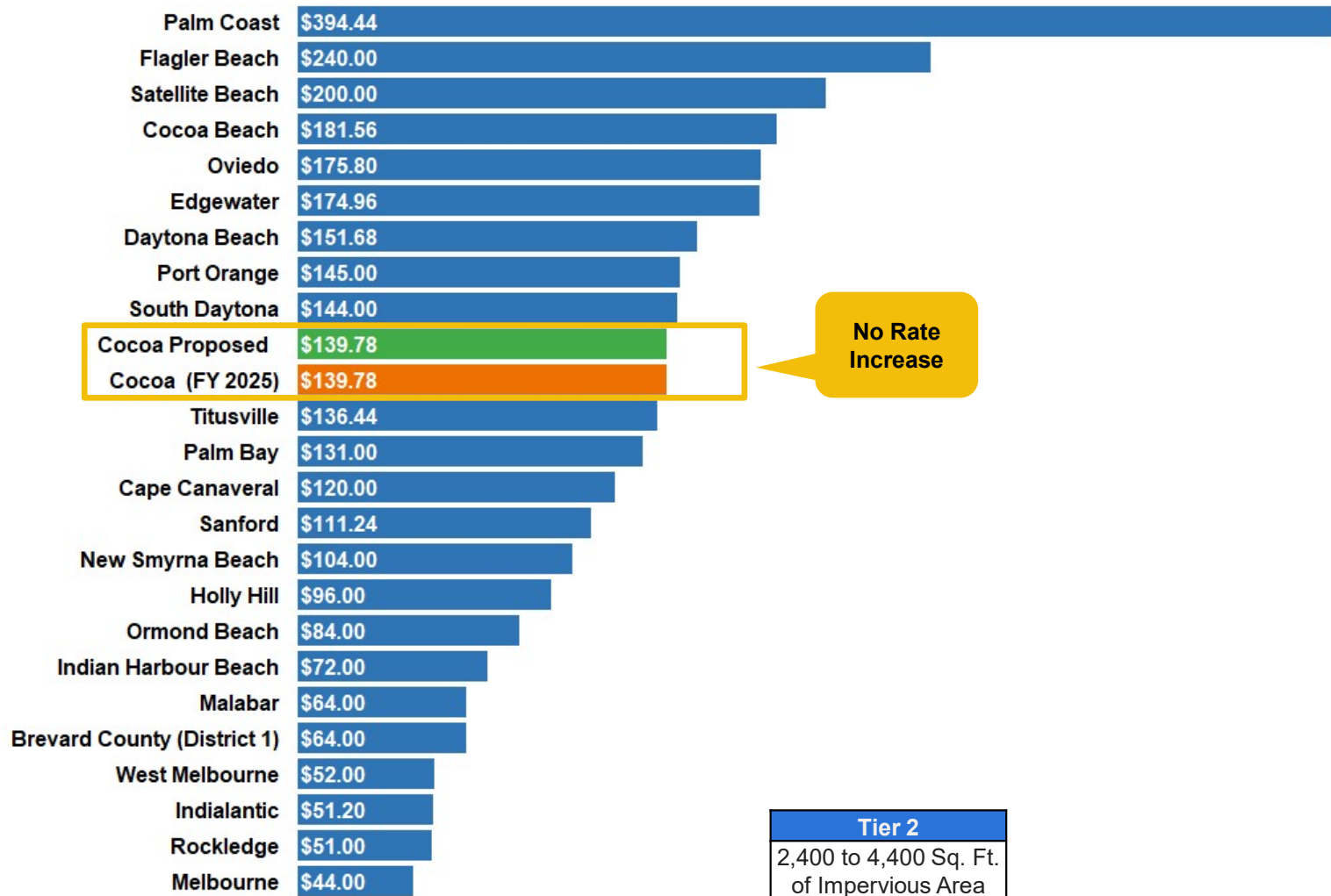
Borrowing





FY 2025

**Annual
Residential
Stormwater
Fee Rate
Survey
at 1 ERU
(Tier 2)**



Questions & Discussion



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Thank you



City Council

FY 2026 Special Meeting -
Balanced Budget Proposal
July 15, 2025



FY 26 General Fund Major Revenues – New Money (Increases)

• Ad Valorem	\$803,068
• Franchise Fees	656,906
• Utility Service Taxes	636,000
• Investment Interest Revenue	(600,000)
• Special Assessment (Fire)	295,557
• Charges for Services	269,655
• State Shared Revenue	124,848
• Transfers :	
UT Fund ROI	809,275
UT Fund PILOFF	72,059
UT Cost of Services	59,679
New Revenue	\$3,127,047



FY 26 General Fund Significant Expenditures

• Capital Funding with Revenue	\$1,882,568*
• Salary Increases	450,000
• Operating Increases	707,283
• County Park Agreement Obligation	500,000
• Health Insurance Increase	130,000
• Liability Insurance Increase	107,260
• <u>TIF Transfer to the CRAs</u>	<u>136,786</u>
Significant Increases/Expenditures	\$ 3,913,897

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FY 26 General Fund Major Capital Request

Major Capital Requests	Expenditure
Public Works	
Annual Street Paving	\$500,000
Safe Routes to School Signage	\$62,500
Stump Cutter	\$59,000
Vehicle	\$48,000
Police Department	
(7) Vehicles	\$397,725
HVAC's PD Headquarters	\$240,000
Fire Department	
Diesel Generator	\$200,000
Apparatus Bay Floor Coating	\$99,000
Vehicle	\$62,000
Lucas V3 CPR Machine	\$30,849

FY 2026 Proposed Budget VS. FY 2025 Adopted Budget



Fund	FY 2025 Adopted Budget	FY 2026 Proposed Budget	Variance	FY 2026 % Change (Total Budget)
Water/Sewer	\$ 85,660,586	\$ 98,397,620	\$ 12,737,034	15%
General Fund	\$ 54,377,562	\$ 54,995,785	\$ 618,223	1%
W/S Renewal & Replacement	\$ 13,011,059	\$ 21,600,750	\$ 8,589,691	66%
W/S Restricted Assets	\$ 8,658,996	\$ 8,266,707	\$ (392,289)	-5%
Special Revenue	\$ 3,065,548	\$ 3,198,009	\$ 132,461	4%
W/S Impact Fees	\$ 2,397,605	\$ 2,112,095	\$ (285,510)	-12%
Stormwater	\$ 2,299,404	\$ 2,401,815	\$ 102,411	1.00%
Debt Service	\$ 1,452,525	\$ 1,461,869	\$ 9,344	1%
Worker's Compensation	\$ 1,270,417	\$ 1,260,917	\$ (9,500)	-1%
Building Permits	\$ 780,616	\$ 1,255,764	\$ 475,148	61%
TOTAL	\$172,974,318	\$194,951,331	\$21,977,013	13%

Challenges/Changes

- Waste Management Bulk Greenwaste Pickup (Negotiating Contract Change)
- Recruiting and Retaining Police & Fire Personnel
- Recruiting and Retaining General Employees with Appropriate Education and/or Experience
- Funding Capital Requirements with Reoccurring Revenues
- Insurance Premium Cost - City is paying than 77% of the dependent medical premiums and the policy states the City portion is 50%
- Keeping up with Growth- Developing Long Term Plans for additional Public Safety Staff and Infrastructure



Council Discussion



PUBLIC INPUT

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QUESTIONS



Serving our community with P.R.I.D.E!

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Tentative Budget Summary

Fiscal Year 2026



**REVENUES BY OBJECT CATEGORY SUMMARY - BY FUND
ALL APPROPRIATED FUNDS**

Fund / Division	FY 2026 Taxes	FY 2026 Other Permits & Fees	FY 2026 Intergovernmental Revenues	FY 2026 Charges for Services	FY 2026 Fines & Forfeitures	FY 2026 Miscellaneous Revenues	FY 2026 Other Sources (Non-Revenue)	Total
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	17,178,672	6,487,002	3,122,667	8,158,428	30,000	620,214	19,398,802	54,995,785
Water Sewer			-	83,328,643		356,185	14,712,792	98,397,620
Stormwater		2,401,415	-	-		400	-	2,401,815
CDBG			119,000			-		119,000
Brevard County Home			95,000			-		95,000
SHIP/COCOA Housing Trust			147,115			-		147,115
Building Permits		801,500				-	454,264	1,255,764
SEC 108 Loan Guarentee						-	79,714	79,714
CRA Cocoa			2,117,936			1	-	2,117,937
CRA Diamond Square 626			621,043			-		621,043
Arbor Mitgation Fund						-	15,000	15,000
Police Special Education					3,200	-		3,200
Debt Service						-	1,461,869	1,461,869
Water/Sewer Impact Fee		2,112,095.00					-	2,112,095
Renewal & Replace		-				-	21,600,750	21,600,750
W/S Restricted Assets						-	8,266,707	8,266,707
Workers Compensation				1,260,917		-		1,260,917
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	\$17,178,672	\$11,802,012	\$6,222,761	\$92,747,988	\$33,200	\$976,800	\$65,989,898	\$194,951,331

Tentative Budget Summary
Fiscal Year 2026



EXPENDITURES BY OBJECT CATEGORY SUMMARY - BY FUND
ALL APPROPRIATED FUNDS

Fund / Division	FY 2026 Personnel	FY 2026 Operating	FY 2026 Capital	FY 2026 Grants & Aides	FY 2026 Other	Total
General Fund:						
Police	11,262,940	1,539,868	461,219		-	13,264,027
Public Works	3,662,871	7,244,906	976,000			11,883,777
Fire	7,726,665	1,729,567	407,849			9,864,081
General Operations	997,898	3,347,954	-	1,810,607	1,598,155	7,754,614
Finance General Accounting	3,619,221	909,377	-			4,528,598
Information Technology	1,104,398	1,921,302	30,000		71,225	3,126,925
City Manager Office	1,179,180	330,114	-	-		1,509,294
Human Resources	865,250	39,580	7,500			912,330
Economic Development	814,706	222,900	-	20,000		1,057,606
Community Development	647,886	94,815	-	-		742,701
City Council	107,600	71,242	-			178,842
General Operations/Emergency Disaster	-	172,990	-			172,990
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	31,988,615	17,624,615	1,882,568	1,830,607	1,669,380	54,995,785
Water Sewer	22,345,970	27,342,680	1,463,415	2,000	47,243,555	98,397,620
Stormwater	641,393	903,091	561,000		296,331	2,401,815
CDBG	17,052	4,302	-	17,932	79,714	119,000
Brevard County Home	5,672	1,928	-	87,400		95,000
SHIP/COCOA Housing Trust	18,265	3,802	-	125,048		147,115
Building Permits	840,067	414,967	-		730	1,255,764
SEC 108 Loan Guarentee		-	-		79,714	79,714
CRA Cocoa	94,958	1,708,934	-	100,000	214,045	2,117,937
CRA Diamond Square 626	38,486	355,557	60,000	167,000	-	621,043
Arbor Mitgation Fund		15,000				15,000
Police Special Education		3,200	-			3,200
Debt Service		100			1,461,769	1,461,869
Water/Sewer Impact Fee		-	-		2,112,095	2,112,095
Renewal & Replace		-	21,600,750		-	21,600,750
W/S Restricted Assets		-	-		8,266,707	8,266,707
Workers Compensation	908,417	352,500			-	1,260,917
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	\$56,898,895	\$48,730,676	\$25,567,733	\$2,329,987	\$61,424,040	\$194,951,331