



Finance & Economic Development Committee
City Council Budget Hearings
Land Use & Planning
April 13, 2026

1. Understanding the 5-year revenue and expenditure projections show expenditures **far outpacing** revenues for FY27 to FY30, and that FY27 General Fund Proposed Budget uses **\$25.7M** of the Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund, please share suggestions for **1% reduction** to your budget (excluding debt service, internal services, pension, hospitalization,).
2. With the recent passage of legislation for a moratorium on all smoke shops, please share how this budget addresses any funding or resources for the mandated equity impact assessment.
 - a. Specify the projected timeframe for completion.
3. Notwithstanding the massive and outdated zoning laws, share if your budget addresses any funding or resources to best mitigate reforming the city's zoning laws.
 - a. Specify any funding.
 - b. Specify projected timeframe for completion.
4. Considering the number of nuisance properties, please share if this budget provides adequate funding or resources to address.
 - a. Specify the number of business closures within the last 3 years because of a nuisance property.
5. Discuss the additional **\$156K** budgeted for Consultants in the Planning Division.
 - a. Specify the projected timeframe for ICC Code Review update.
 - b. Specify the projected timeframe for the Wilmington 2038 Comprehensive Development Plan Update.
 - c. Are there resources budgeted to implement SB# 237, that requires community resiliency and addressing the impacts of climate change?

- d. Specify if the ADA Self- Assessment is fully completed.
6. Share the amount of funding allocated for training, and professional growth and development for your staff.
7. With the streamlining of services for the permitting process, please share if this budget provides the necessary funding and resources to maintain that service.
 - a. Specify number of permits issued over the last 2 years, and the amount of fees collected in the last 2 years.
 - b. Specify number of building and zoning inspections over the last 2 years.
8. Discuss current vacant positions.
 - a. Specify duration of the vacancy.
 - b. Specify timeframe for filling position.
 - c. Specify any impact on Overtime, Temp Agency, and or Consultants.
 - d. Specify if the position is revenue generating.
9. Discuss any proposed changes to positions (new position, deleted position, upgrade, realignment, transition, downgrade, title change, salary changes, etc.).
 - a. Specify if the position is revenue generating.
10. Discuss the **\$400K** budgeted for Demolition.
 - a. Specify the conditions that necessitate an immediate demolition.
 - b. Specify if any funds have been recouped within the last 2 years (list the amount per year).
 - c. Specify number of properties demolished within the last 2 years, and the number of properties in the pipeline.
11. Please share the planned use for **\$124K** for Technology Request.
 - a. Salesforce Software, Forerunner Software.
 - b. Share if there are adequate funding and resources for training, inclusive of GIS certification, etc.
12. Provide an update on capital funds available for each of the Neighborhood Planning Councils (per NPC, per capital budget).

- a. Specify the last time NPC's were allocated any funding.
- b. Specify if the City has reallocated any funding from any of the NPC's due to non-use, etc.

13. Provide FY2027 proposed organizational chart with the total number of employees (i.e. permanent, temporary, contract, vacancies). If there are multiple divisions, please ensure there are sub-org charts that enumerate all the above.

- a. Please include in the Org chart a photo of all Directors, Managers, Divisions Heads, and Supervisors.