



**Finance & Economic Development Committee
City Council Budget Hearings
Licenses and Inspections
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. Neighborhood Stabilization is a budget priority for Council. Please explain how this budget is aligned with that priority and share the budgeted allocations and resources.
3. Please list any vacant positions (please share the length of the vacancy, justify if there is a need for the vacancy).
4. Discuss any proposed changes to positions (new position, deleted position, upgrade, realignment, transition, downgrade, title change, salary changes, etc.).
 - a. For any new proposed positions, please share if the position is revenue generating.
5. Discuss how this proposed budget addresses vacant, nuisance, and neglected properties.
 - a. Specify budgeted funding allocations.
 - b. Specify if the funding allocation is adequate, and please explain why or why not.
 - c. Share any measurable outcomes for the last 2 fiscal years, including any reductions in complaints, improved compliance rates, and if any properties brought back into productive use.
 - d. Specify amount of funds recouped for the last 2 fiscal years for Property Maintenance.
 - e. Specify amount of revenue collected for Nuisance Properties for the last 2 fiscal years.
 - f. Specify funding budgeted pertaining to wild animals, rodents, etc.

- g. Share the number of vacant properties in the city.
 - i. Specify the number of vacant properties for the Landbank.
 - ii. Specify the amount of vacant property registration fees collected the last 2 years.

- 6. Considering there are **17** Inspectors, share how this budget addresses the following items below, and specify if there are sufficient budgeted allocations:
 - a. Rental Inspection Enforcement
 - b. Virtual Inspections
 - c. Non-licensed Rental Property Owners
 - d. EV Charger Inspections/Installations
 - e. Working without a permit (on weekends and after hours)
 - f. Demolitions
 - g. Rent Escrow

- 7. Understanding the City does not directly oversee Animal Control Enforcement, share if the **\$310K** allocated for the Animal Control Contract sufficiently addresses the needs of the city, please explain why or why not.

- 8. Share the amount of funding allocated for training, and professional growth and development for your staff.

- 9. Provide FY2027 proposed organizational chart with the total number of employees (i.e. permanent, temporary, contract, vacancies).
 - a. Please include in the Org chart a photo of all Directors, Managers, Divisions Heads, and Supervisors.