MINUTES
BREVARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
May 4, 2026 – 5:30 PM

The Brevard City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 4, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Copelof presiding.

Present – Mayor Maureen Copelof, Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Baker, and Council Members Gary Daniel and Dean Lytle

Absent – Council Members Pamela Holder and Lauren Wise

Staff Present – City Attorney Mack McKeller, City Manager Wilson Hooper, City Clerk Denise Hodsdon, Assistant City Manager David Todd, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Dean Luebbe, Assistant to the City Manager Shawnee Cummings, Communications Coordinator Becky McCann, Human Resources Director Kelley Craig, Assistant Planning Director Aaron Bland, Senior Planner Emily Brewer, Police Chief Christy Wentzell, Fire Chief Chase Owen, Public Works Supervisor Cliff Justus, Water Treatment Plant ORC Dennis Richardson, and Wastewater Treatment Plant ORC Aaron Winans

Press – Jonathan Rich, Brevard Beagle

A. Welcome and Call to Order – Mayor Copelof called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.

B. Invocation – Rev. Dr. Sharad Creasman of Brevard College offered an invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Copelof led the pledge of allegiance.

D. Certification of Quorum – City Clerk Denise Hodsdon certified that a quorum was present. Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Lytle to excuse Council Members Holder and Wise. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Approval of Agenda – Mr. Baker requested to move Item M-2. Appointment of Alternate Member to the Board of Adjustment to the Consent Agenda as Item K-11. Mr. Lytle moved, seconded by Mr. Baker to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Approval of Minutes

F-1. April 20, 2026 Regular Meeting – Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2026 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Certificates / Awards / Recognition

G-1. Proclamation No. 2026-09 Older Americans Month – Mayor Copelof read the proclamation aloud and presented it to NC AARP Volunteer Sara Knapp.

PROCLAMATION N0. 2026-09
OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

WHEREAS, May is Older Americans Month, a time for us to recognize and honor older Americans' contributions, highlight aging trends, and reaffirm commitments to serving older adults in our communities; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Champion Your Health," focuses on prevention, wellness, and personal responsibility as cornerstones of healthy aging. It encourages older adults to take an active role

in their health—advocating for themselves, accessing preventive care, and making informed decisions that support independence; and

WHEREAS, through their wealth of life experience and wisdom, older adults guide our younger generations and carry forward abundant cultural and historical knowledge; and

WHEREAS, older Americans improve our communities through intergenerational relationships, community service, civic engagement, and many other activities; and

WHEREAS, communities benefit when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds have the opportunity to participate and live independently; and

WHEREAS, we must ensure that older Americans have the resources and support needed to stay involved in our community—reflecting our commitment to inclusivity and connectedness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Maureen Copelof, Mayor of Brevard, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as **Older Americans Month** in the City of Brevard. We call upon all residents to join us in recognizing the contributions of our older citizens and promoting programs and activities that foster connection, inclusion, and support for older adults.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Brevard to be affixed on this 4th day of May, 2026.

Attest: s/ Denise Hodsdon, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk s/ Maureen Copelof, Mayor

G-2. Proclamation No. 2026-10 Historic Preservation Month – Mayor Copelof read the proclamation aloud.

PROCLAMATION N0. 2026-10
HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

WHEREAS, historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride, and maintaining community character while enhancing the livability of a community; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation is relevant for communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, all walks of life, and all ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Brevard it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard has two National Register Districts and 18 of 23 Locally Designated Local Landmarks for Transylvania County; and

WHEREAS, May has been celebrated as National Historic Preservation Month throughout the United States of America since 1973; and

WHEREAS, This May there will be a host of events that have been prepared by local historical organizations and co-sponsored by Transylvania County Joint Historic Preservation Commission, whose mission is to help preserve the historic identity of the City of Brevard and Transylvania County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Maureen Copelof and the Brevard City Council do hereby proclaim and recognize the month of May 2026 as **Historic Preservation Month** in the City of Brevard.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I here unto set my hand and Seal of the City of Brevard to be affixed this 4th day of May, 2026.

Attest: s/ Denise Hodsdon, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk s/ Maureen Copelof, Mayor

G-3. Proclamation No. 2026-11 National Police Week & Peace Officer's Memorial Day – Mayor Copelof read the proclamation aloud and presented it to Police Chief Chrisy Wentzell and Officer Jordan Ryan.

PROCLAMATION N0. 2026-11
National Police Week and
Peace Officer's Memorial Day 2026

WHEREAS, the Congress and the President of the United States have designated that there be a national Law Enforcement Officers Week; and

WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agencies of North Carolina play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedom of the citizens of the State; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Brevard Police Department and the Transylvania County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 38th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of Tuesday, May 13, 2026; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of their law enforcement offices and agencies, and that members of those agencies recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence or disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Brevard recognize and appreciate the contributions made by law enforcement officers at all levels of government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Maureen Copelof and the Brevard City Council, call upon all citizens to observe Thursday, **May 15, 2026**, as "**PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY**" and **May 10-16, 2026** as "**NATIONAL POLICE WEEK**" in Brevard, North Carolina, and that all of our people join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service to their communities. In so doing, they have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Brevard to be affixed this 4th day of May, 2026.

Attest: s/ Denise Hodsdon, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk s/ Maureen Copelof, Mayor

G-4. Proclamation No. 2026-12 Mental Health Awareness Month – Mayor Copelof read the proclamation aloud and presented it to Beth Ford and Leah Bush of TC Strong.

PROCLAMATION N0. 2026-12
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to the overall well-being of individuals, families, and the community of the City of Brevard, influencing how people think, feel, act, and connect with one another; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard is known for its strong sense of community, natural beauty, and quality of life, all of which contribute to the mental and emotional well-being of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, one in five individuals will experience a mental health condition in their lifetime, and stigma, lack of access to care, and social isolation continue to present challenges in communities both large and small; and

WHEREAS, Mental Health Awareness Month provides an opportunity for the City of Brevard to promote understanding, reduce stigma, and encourage residents to seek help and support when needed; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 theme, "More Good Days, Together," highlights the importance of connection, compassion, and collective responsibility in fostering mental wellness and ensuring that all residents have the opportunity to thrive; and

WHEREAS, access to mental health resources, early intervention, and community-based support systems are vital to improving outcomes and strengthening the resilience of individuals and families throughout Brevard and Transylvania County; and

WHEREAS, local leaders, healthcare providers, educators, first responders, employers, and community organizations play a critical role in supporting mental health and creating a culture where individuals feel safe, supported, and valued; and

WHEREAS, by working together, the citizens of Brevard can continue to build a community that prioritizes well-being, encourages open conversations, and supports one another in achieving more good days;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Maureen Copelof, Mayor of the City of Brevard, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as **Mental Health Awareness Month** in the City of Brevard and encourage all residents to raise

awareness, support one another, and take meaningful steps toward improving mental health—so that together, we may experience **More Good Days, Together.**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and executed the Great Seal of the City of Brevard on this the 4th day of May, 2026.

Attest: s/ Denise Hodsdon, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk s/ Maureen Copelof, Mayor

G-5. Proclamation No. 2026-13 Strive Not to Drive Week – Mayor Copelof read the proclamation aloud and presented it to Sandy Broadwill of Land of Sky Go Mountain Commuting and Brevard Bike Alliance member Nora Jane Montgomery.

PROCLAMATION N0. 2026-13
STRIVE NOT TO DRIVE WEEK

WHEREAS, bicycling and walking remain human-powered, energy-efficient, and environmentally sustainable forms of transportation that reduce traffic congestion, lower emissions, and promote public health through physical activity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard's Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan adopted in 2021 envisions a city that is a premier destination for biking and walking, with a safe and expansive network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities connecting the city to the surrounding outdoor recreation and cultural destinations; and

WHEREAS, communities across the United States, including the City of Brevard, are experiencing a growing demand for safe, accessible, and connected biking and walking infrastructure as more residents and visitors choose multimodal transportation and recreation; and

WHEREAS transportation is the second largest household expense in the United States; car-dependent households spend 50% more on transportation than households with more accessible land use and multimodal transportation options; and gas prices continue to be a concern; and

WHEREAS, Transylvania in Motion provides public transit throughout the City of Brevard and Transylvania County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard has made significant investments to improve multimodal infrastructure across the city including the Estatoe Trail and soon-to-be Ecusta Trail; and

WHEREAS, Strive Not to Drive Week encourages residents and visitors to travel by walking, biking, and riding the bus when practicable; and

WHEREAS, Strive Not to Drive is a collaboration between local governments, non-profit groups, and advocates like the Brevard Bike Alliance throughout Western North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Maureen Copelof, Mayor of Brevard, NC do hereby proclaim Friday, May 15, through Friday, May 22, 2026, as "**STRIVE NOT TO DRIVE WEEK"** and encourage the residents of our community, and communities throughout Western North Carolina, to use multimodal transportation options during Strive Not to Drive Week and throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I here unto set my hand and Seal of the City of Brevard to be affixed this 4th day of May, 2026.

Attest: s/ Denise Hodsdon, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk s/ Maureen Copelof, Mayor

H. Public Comments

Rodney Locks commented that he attended the last Public Safety Committee meeting where Chief Wentzell presented her plan to address the issues expressed in the Berry Dunn report. The report found a host of serious organizational and operational issues with the Brevard Police Department. Chief Wentzell presented a path forward where the Council, the citizens of Brevard and visitors could see an accredited Brevard Police Department in one budget cycle. Brevard would join Hendersonville, Asheville and Buncombe County as the only accredited law enforcement departments in Western North Carolina. He said that can only happen if Council had her back, supported her, and moved public health and safety up on the priority list by funding in the budget the programs she recommends. Accreditation means Brevard has demonstrated a commitment to professionalism and higher standards. This is all predicated on Council's next step. You knew there was a problem, you paid to find out the extent of the problem, you hired a person who could address the problem; you now know what

must be done to eliminate the problem. What are you going to do? Budget to solve and move forward or kick the can down the road? The ball is in your court.

Doug Powell used a Star Wars "May the 4th" reference to compare King George III's rule and colonial-era "taxation without representation" to modern government policies. He noted that the Declaration of Independence listed 27 grievances against the King, highlighting one about creating "a multitude of New Offices" and sending officers to "harass our people and eat out their substance." Mr. Powell argued that taxes and regulations may look good on paper but can burden citizens in practice, citing Brevard's Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) as an example. He said the UDO added about $1.14M to the new county courthouse project, including $125,000 for required street trees, parking lot trees, and other vegetation, and warned that ongoing landscaping maintenance would continue to increase taxpayer costs. He criticized the timing given recent and proposed property tax increases and challenged Council to consider whether the costly effects of its policies align more with oppressive taxation or with limited-government ideals that support affordable living, especially for residents on fixed incomes.

Harvey Sankey commented that the City Manager's recommended budget for FY26-27 shows a property tax increase of 7%, plus fee increases over last year. Last year's increase was 8.3%. Part of the 7% increase includes a 4.4% increase in the General Fund for the operating departments. I agree with this increase, and it is necessary. It includes a 2.7% COLA increase for city employees, three new full-time positions in the Public Works Department, enhanced staffing levels for the Fire Department, and two new police cars for the Police Department. What about the other non-departmental funds that make up the balance of the 7%, which is an increase of 2.6%. Are these increases necessary? If you reduce these budgeted items by about $200,000, you could bring the property tax rate increase to about 4.4%. The increases in the Housing Trust Fund, the Multi-Use Path Fund, the Downtown Master Plan Fund, and other fund increases in these non-departmental budgets—are they needs or are they wants? The impact of the 7% increase, plus last year's increase of 8.3% on a house appraised at $595,000 is a burden increase of 29.8% over a 2-year period; 20.5% on a house appraised at $191,760 over that same 2-year period. This burden increase also includes the fee increases. You need to consider the budget of lower-income taxpayers to make their life more affordable.

I. Special Presentations

I-1. FY2027 Recommended Budget Presentation and Set Date for Public Hearing – City Manager Hooper presented his FY 2026-2027 Recommended Budget to Council, The Recommended Budget is $27, 677,133 across all funds, which is approximately $50,000 lower than last year. The proposal by and large maintains all major service levels and enhances service levels in certain areas. It includes resources for:

- A 2.7% cost of living increase for all eligible employees, however, asks employees to contribute more to the cost of health insurance coverage for dependents.
- Three new full-time positions in Public Works.
- A switch to 96-gallon tipper carts for residential and small commercial garbage collection.
- Enhanced staffing levels for Brevard Fire Department.

The proposal funds these expenses via:

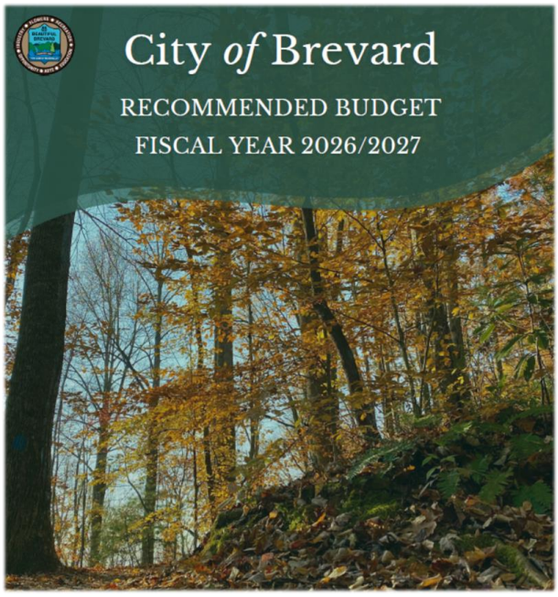
- A proposed 2.5-cent increase in Brevard's property tax rate.
- Increased sanitation collection fees for commercial and institutional properties.
- Continuation of the city's regular 4% increases to the city's "per/1000 gallon" utility fee, and 4% increases to other utility fees including the high strength waste surcharge.

A copy of the FY 2026-2027 Recommended Budget is on file in the Clerk's Office and available for viewing on the City's website.

Mr. Hooper's shared the following PowerPoint presentation:

Presentation Summary

- Statutory and ordinance responsibilities
- Transparency and public hearing
- Budget building process
- Priorities
- Recommended budget
  - General Fund revenue
  - General Fund expenses
  - Fire Fund
  - Stormwater Fund
  - Water/Sewer Fund revenue
  - Water Sewer Fund expenses
- Reserve funds
- FY26 Supplemental Spending Plan
- Impact on taxpayers/ratepayers



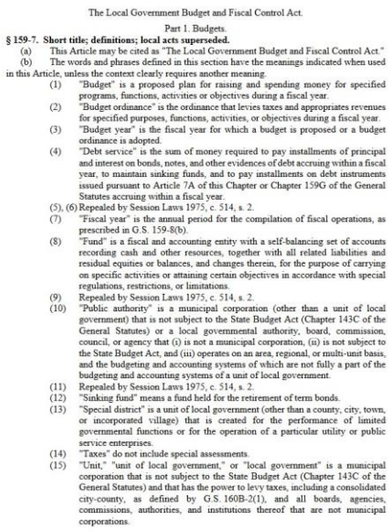
Statutory and ordinance responsibilities

- Brevard Code of Ordinances Sec. 2-113(5)

City Manager must "prepare and submit the annual budget and capital program to Council."

- NCGS 159-9

"Each local government…shall appoint a budget officer to serve at the will of the governing board. In cities…having the manager form of government, the city manager shall be the budget officer."



The Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

Part 1. Budgets.

§ 159-7. Short title; definitions; local acts superseded.

(a) This Article may be cited as "The Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act."

(b) The words and phrases defined in this section have the meanings indicated when used in this Article, unless the context clearly requires another meaning.

(1) "Budget" is a proposed plan for raising and spending money for specified programs, functions, activities or objectives during a fiscal year.

(2) "Budget ordinance" is the ordinance that levies taxes and appropriates revenues for specified purposes, functions, activities, or objectives during a fiscal year.

(3) "Budget year" is the fiscal year for which a budget is proposed or a budget ordinance is adopted.

(4) "Debt service" is the sum of money required to pay installments of principal and interest on bonds, notes, and other evidences of debt accruing within a fiscal year, to maintain sinking funds, and to pay installments on debt instruments issued pursuant to Article 7A of this Chapter or Chapter 159G of the General Statutes accruing within a fiscal year.

(5), (6) Repealed by Session Laws 1975, c. 514, s. 2.

(7) "Fiscal year" is the annual period for the compilation of fiscal operations, as prescribed in G.S. 159-8(b).

(8) "Fund" is a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts recording cash and other resources, together with all related liabilities and residual equities or balances, and changes therein, for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions, or limitations.

(9) Repealed by Session Laws 1975, c. 514, s. 2.

(10) "Public authority" is a municipal corporation (other than a unit of local government) that is not subject to the State Budget Act (Chapter 143C of the General Statutes) or a local governmental authority, board, commission, council, or agency that (i) is not a municipal corporation, (ii) is not subject to the State Budget Act, and (iii) operates on an area, regional, or multi-unit basis, and the budgeting and accounting systems of which are not fully a part of the budgeting and accounting systems of a unit of local government.

(11) Repealed by Session Laws 1975, c. 514, s. 2.

(12) "Sinking fund" means a fund held for the retirement of term bonds.

(13) "Special district" is a unit of local government (other than a county, city, town, or incorporated village) that is created for the performance of limited governmental functions or for the operation of a particular utility or public service enterprises.

(14) "Taxes" do not include special assessments.

(15) "Unit," "unit of local government," or "local government" is a municipal corporation that is not subject to the State Budget Act (Chapter 143C of the General Statutes) and that has the power to levy taxes, including a consolidated city-county, as defined by G.S. 160B-2(1), and all boards, agencies, commissions, authorities, and institutions thereof that are not municipal corporations.

Transparency and public hearing

- The law merely requires that this presentation be filed with the City Clerk and be sent to all news media in the county.
- Brevard will also post prominently on its website, with links on all social media platforms. Hard copies will be sent to the Public Library for reference.
- If so directed by Council this evening, the Public Hearing will take place two weeks from tonight.
- Mayor/Council appreciate public input on this proposal.



Budget building process

- Staff begins work in December, collecting data on the base costs of providing services.
- Requests for "new money" submitted in January.
- Revenues come into focus in February.
- Council names priorities in February/ March. Staff filters requests through these.
- Council gets first look at numbers in April. Conducts straw votes on spending plan and revenues.
- Manager incorporates Council's feedback into recommendation presented in May.

ADDENDUM 2
FY27 BUDGET CALENDAR

(dates subject to change)

December 9, 2025	Staff Budget Kick-Off
Before Christmas	Send funding letters to non-profits
January 5-16	Individual Department Kick-Off Meetings w/Wilson, Dean, David, and Shawnee
	(Operating AND capital will be discussed)
Jan. 5 – March 5	Retreat planning meeting(s) with facilitators and planning subcommittee (Maureen, Pamela, Wilson)
February 6	Base operating budget, capital needs, and Service Level Change requests (SLCs) due
February 9-28	Dean/Finance compile expenses and prepare revenue projection
	Evaluate corporate-wide resource demands (compensation, ins. etc)
	Wilson/Dean/David preliminarily review SLCs
	Prep for Priority Setting Retreat
March 5-6	Priority Setting Retreat
March 9-April 7	Craft first draft budget
	Take non-profit funding requests to HR/F committee
April 7	Distribute budget retreat materials
April 10	Budget retreat w/straw votes
April 13-April 30	Craft recommended budget/produce document
May 1	Distribute recommended budget document
May 4	Manager presents recommended budget
	Call for public hearing
May 18	Conduct public hearing
June 1	Approve budget
June 15	Relief date if not approved June 1.

Priorities

- Three top priorities identified by Council during the March Priority Setting Retreat.
- Informed April 10 Budget Workshop discussion
- The filter through which funding requests or proposals are considered
- Even if little fundings applied, the Priority Setting Retreat will guide staff's activities in the year to come.

March 2026 Strategic Planning Retreat

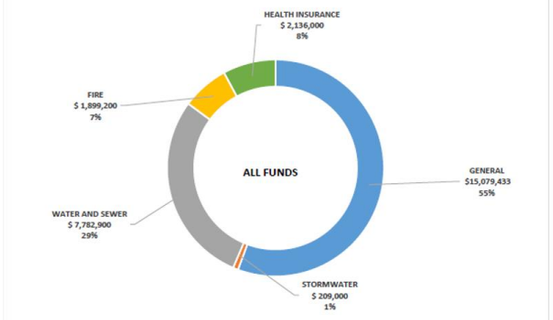
Council has identified three priorities it sees as integral to the City's mission and therefore deserving of dedicated resource allocations. Council also agreed upon corresponding action steps for those priorities to ensure concrete progress is made on each.

- Housing
  - Members of Council desire continued progress on the Azalea Avenue project and intend to develop a Plan B that can be implemented if necessary.
  - Council also aims to generate creative non-financial activities to maintain housing momentum.
- Infrastructure (with an emphasis on the wastewater treatment plant)
  - With Phase I of the WWTP renovations underway, staff should begin concentrated efforts to obtain funding for Phase II of the project.
- Core Services
  - Council seeks to maintain core services via the creation of a small number of new positions in the Fire and Public Works departments to ensure appropriate staffing levels.

Notables

- Total budget is *lower* than FY26
- By and large maintains all major service levels; enhances select service levels
- Proposed budget focuses resources on providing fair compensation and benefits for our employees even during times of austerity.
- Increases employee compensation 2.7%
  - However, asks employees to contribute a bit more to the cost of health insurance
- Proposed budget socks away money for future water/sewer utility project
- Continues contributions to Housing Trust Fund, Multi-Use Path Fund, and Downtown Master Plan Fund though at a diminished level for the latter two.

All Funds
City of Brevard Total Expenditures By Fund

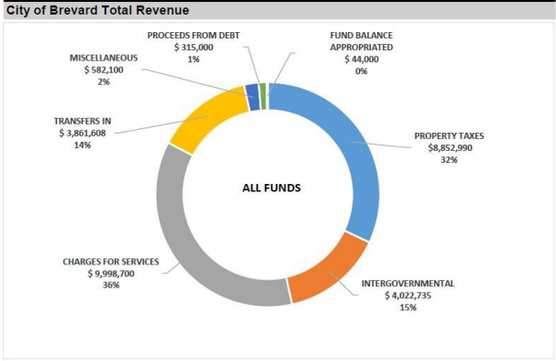


	ACTUAL FY25	ORIGINAL BUDGET FY25-26	AMENDED BUDGET FY25-26	PROJECTED TO 6-30-26	MANAGER RECOMMENDED FY26-27	CHANGE IN % FROM FY25-26 ORIGINAL
GENERAL	$ 13,078,440	$ 14,448,955	$ 14,730,555	$ 14,650,805	$ 15,079,433	4.4%
STORMWATER	15,384	219,000	219,000	150,000	209,000	-4.6%
WATER AND SEWER	6,920,605	7,979,125	7,979,125	7,568,500	7,782,900	-2.5%
FIRE	2,334,245	2,489,800	2,639,800	2,564,300	1,899,200	-23.7%
CAPITAL RESERVE	-	80,000	80,000	-	105,000	31.3%
BJERG TRUST	-	2,400	2,400	-	2,100	-12.5%
HEALTH INSURANCE	1,898,845	2,066,200	2,066,200	2,080,900	2,136,000	3.4%
HEART OF BREVARD	152,155	166,000	166,000	152,500	177,000	6.6%
HOUSING TRUST	1,163,363	265,000	265,000	218,700	286,500	8.1%
TOTAL	$ 25,563,037	$ 27,716,480	$ 28,148,080	$ 27,385,705	$ 27,677,133	-0.1%

Budget recommendation

- Total across all fund - $27,677,133
  - GF – $15,079,433
  - Fire Fund – $1,899,200
  - W/S Fund - $7,782,900
  - Stormwater Fund - $209,000
- Down <.1% overall compared to last year
- Funded via:
  - $.025 increase to millage rate (to $.3825) (yields about $600,000)
  - Increased fees
  - A 4% increase to utility consumption fees

All Funds
City of Brevard Total Revenue



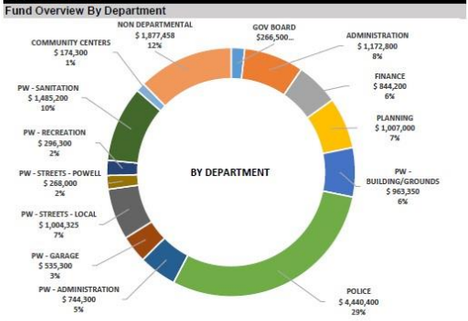
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PROPERTY TAXES	$ 7,162,730	$ 8,036,432	$ 8,036,432	$ 8,063,124	$ 8,852,990	10.2%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	3,799,660	3,897,200	4,028,800	3,841,040	4,022,735	3.2%
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	9,230,444	9,476,925	9,476,925	9,532,300	9,998,700	5.5%
TRANSFERS IN	3,219,745	3,465,905	3,465,905	3,465,905	3,861,608	11.4%
MISCELLANEOUS	794,426	599,518	749,518	1,661,525	582,100	-2.9%
PROCEEDS FROM DEBT	925,000	815,000	965,000	965,000	315,000	-61.3%
FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATE	-	1,425,500	1,425,500	-	44,000	-96.9%
TOTAL	$ 25,132,005	$ 27,716,480	$ 28,148,080	$ 27,528,894	$ 27,677,133	-0.1%

Budget recommendation

General Fund

- Total - $15,079,433
- By function
  - Public safety (36.0%) - $5,436,008
  - Public Works (33.1%) - $4,998,475
  - General Govt. (21.8%) - $3,290,500
  - Recreation/Culture (3.1%) – $470,600
  - Debt (3.2%) - $495,975
  - Housing (1.5%) - $235,000
  - Non-Departmental (0.7%) - $106,000

General Fund
Fund Overview By Department



	ACTUAL FY25	ORIGINAL BUDGET FY25-26	AMENDED BUDGET FY25-26	PROJECTED TO 6-30-26	MANAGER RECOMMENDED FY26-27	CHANGE IN % FROM FY25-26 ORIGINAL
GOV BOARD	$ 182,574	$ 275,600	$ 275,600	$ 268,400	$ 266,500	-3.3%
ADMINISTRATION	1,034,986	1,145,600	1,145,600	1,115,400	1,172,800	2.4%
FINANCE	914,245	813,200	813,200	836,700	844,200	3.8%
PLANNING	983,373	1,017,100	1,017,100	977,600	1,007,000	-1.0%
PW - BUILDING/GROUNDS	535,828	532,600	532,600	631,750	963,350	80.9%
POLICE	3,785,865	4,405,300	4,536,900	4,298,700	4,440,400	0.8%
PW - ADMINISTRATION	666,892	719,600	719,600	725,300	744,300	3.4%
PW - GARAGE	562,613	526,100	526,100	560,650	535,300	1.7%
PW - STREETS - LOCAL	897,048	907,400	1,057,400	1,100,300	1,004,325	10.7%
PW - STREETS - POWELL	262,116	268,000	268,000	264,000	268,000	0.0%
PW - RECREATION	260,341	306,500	306,500	283,500	296,300	-3.3%
PW - SANITATION	1,139,226	1,559,400	1,559,400	1,627,800	1,485,200	-4.8%
COMMUNITY CENTERS	169,645	191,200	191,200	179,900	174,300	-8.8%
NON DEPARTMENTAL	1,683,688	1,781,355	1,781,355	1,780,805	1,877,458	5.4%
TOTAL	$ 13,078,440	$ 14,448,955	$ 14,730,555	$ 14,650,805	$ 15,079,433	4.4%

General Fund Service Level Changes

- Public Works
  - 2 additional full-time employees (FTEs) for Buildings & Grounds division.
  - 1 additional FTE for Streets division.
  - Purchase of 96-gallon tipper carts for residential and small commercial garbage collection that will enable us to switch to a faster, cleaner, and safer automated collection method.



General Fund Service Level Changes, cont.



- Brevard Fire Dept.
  - Additional full-time staff to make progress towards department goal of having at least two full-time officers per shift.
  - Exact number TBD; awaiting word on potential County contribution

Budget recommendation

Fire Fund

- Total - $1,899,200
- Includes $150,000 increase for enhanced staffing
- County contribution not yet finalized.

Fire Fund
Total Revenue

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL FY25	ORIGINAL BUDGET FY25-26	AMENDED BUDGET FY25-26	ACTUAL 3-31-26	PROJECTED FY26	MANAGER RECOMMENDED FY27
40-3350-0000	MISC REVENUE	$ 5,305	$ -	$ -	$ 1,765	$ 4,000	$ -
40-3350-0100	GRANT REVENUE	-	-	50,000	50,000	50,000	-
40-3530-0100	DONATIONS	310	-	-	3,100	2,500	-
40-3600-0000	INSURANCE PROCEEDS	18,082	-	-	-	-	-
40-3600-0100	STAND BY PAY	11,145	10,000	10,000	10,830	16,000	10,000
40-3830-0000	SALE OF FIXED ASSETS	42,500	-	100,000	100,000	100,000	-
40-3970-0000	FIRE DISTRICT TAX - CURRENT YEAR	536,359	770,895	770,895	581,719	775,624	893,592
40-3940-0200	FEMA HELENE	-	-	-	59,535	60,000	-
40-3970-0600	TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	789,745	858,905	858,905	644,179	858,905	995,608
40-3990-0000	FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATED	-	850,000	850,000	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE		$ 1,403,446	$ 2,489,800	$ 2,639,800	$ 1,451,128	$ 1,867,029	$ 1,899,200

Fire Fund
Total Expenditures

	ACTUAL FY25	ORIGINAL BUDGET FY25-26	AMENDED BUDGET FY25-26	PROJECTED TO 6-30-26	MANAGER RECOMMENDED FY26-27	CHANGE IN % FROM FY25-26 ORIGINAL
SALARY & BENEFITS	$ 832,989	$ 810,800	$ 810,800	$ 856,000	$ 1,130,700	39.5%
OPERATING	400,724	404,700	504,700	414,000	419,100	3.6%
CAPITAL	764,465	925,000	975,000	945,000	-	-100.0%
DEBT	336,067	349,300	349,300	349,300	349,400	0.0%
TOTAL	$ 2,334,245	$ 2,489,800	$ 2,639,800	$ 2,564,300	$ 1,899,200	-23.7%

General Fund - Non Departmental
Detailed Expenditures

Operating

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL FY25	ORIGINAL BUDGET FY25-26	AMENDED BUDGET FY25-26	ACTUAL 3-31-26	PROJECTED FY26	MANAGER RECOMMENDED FY27
10-6600-5000	BANKING FEES	49,376	40,000	40,000	37,975	45,000	45,000
TOTAL OPERATING		$ 49,376	$ 40,000	$ 40,000	$ 37,975	$ 45,000	$ 45,000

Transfer Out

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL FY25	ORIGINAL BUDGET FY25-26	AMENDED BUDGET FY25-26	ACTUAL 3-31-26	PROJECTED FY26	MANAGER RECOMMENDED FY27
10-6600-9240	TO FIRE DEPT	$ 789,745	$ 858,905	$ 858,905	$ 644,179	$ 858,905	$ 995,608
10-6600-9249	TO HEART OF BREVARD	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
10-6600-9251	TO FUND 83 - DOWNTOWN	95,000	95,000	95,000	71,250	95,000	47,500
10-6600-9256	TO FUND 82 - ROSENWALD	-	-	-	-	-	
10-6600-9259	TO FUND 78 - ESTATOE	95,000	95,000	95,000	71,250	95,000	47,500
10-6600-9262	TO FUND 70 - HOUSING	198,000	198,000	198,000	148,500	198,000	235,000
10-6600-9264	TO FUND 76 - BRACKEN		-	-			
10-6600-9265	TO FUND 83 - TIMES ARCADE		-	-			
10-6600-9266	TO FUND 83 - NORTON CREEK	-	-	-			
10-6600-9267	TO FUND 32 - FACILITIES		-	-			-
10-6600-9270	TO FUND 75 - ROUNDABOUTS	75,000	75,000	75,000	56,250	75,000	-
TOTAL TRANSFER OUT		$ 1,263,745	$ 1,332,905	$ 1,332,905	$ 1,002,429	$ 1,332,905	$ 1,336,608

Debt

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL FY25	ORIGINAL BUDGET FY25-26	AMENDED BUDGET FY25-26	ACTUAL 3-31-26	PROJECTED FY26	MANAGER RECOMMENDED FY27
10-6600-9120	DEBT PRINC DUE - BBT004	$ 21,932	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
10-6600-9121	DEBT INT DUE - BBT004	227	-	-	-	-	-
10-6600-9130	DEBT PRINC DUE - FC9262	9,216	-	-	-	-	-
10-6600-9131	DEBT INTEREST DUE - FC9262	123	-	-	-	-	-
10-6600-9170	DEBT PRINCIPAL DUE - ST001	11,312	11,700	11,700	8,677	11,700	12,000
10-6600-9171	DEBT INTEREST DUE - ST001	1,458	1,200	1,200	900	1,200	900
10-6600-9180	DEBT PRINCIPAL DUE - MCJ	141,454	144,300	144,300	144,269	144,300	147,200
10-6600-9181	DEBT INTEREST DUE - MCJ	41,299	38,500	38,500	38,484	38,500	35,700
10-6600-9320	DEBT PRINC DUE - BBT005	25,554	26,000	26,000	19,437	26,000	26,400
10-6600-9321	DEBT INTEREST DUE - BBT005	1,498	1,100	1,100	852	1,100	700
10-6600-9330	DEBT PRINC DUE - UNIT1078	18,528	19,000	19,000	14,170	19,000	19,400
10-6600-9331	DEBT INTEREST DUE - UNIT1078	2,437	2,100	2,100	1,554	2,100	1,700
10-6600-9340	DEBT PRINC DUE - UNIT7431	19,683	20,300	20,300	15,173	20,300	21,000
10-6600-9341	DEBT INTEREST DUE - UNIT7431	2,213	1,700	1,700	1,249	1,700	1,000
10-6600-9350	DEBT PRINC DUE - FY23 CAPITAL	63,366	66,000	66,000	49,338	66,000	68,300
10-6600-9351	DEBT INT DUE - FY23 CAPITAL	10,267	7,800	7,800	5,886	7,800	4,900
10-6600-9370	DEBT PRINC DUE - FY26 CAPITAL	-	58,750	58,750	33,022	53,600	82,200
10-6600-9371	DEBT INT DUE - FY26 CAPITAL	-	10,000	10,000	6,521	9,600	12,700
10-6600-9390	DEBT PRINC DUE - FY7 CAPITAL	-	-	-	-	-	50,000
10-6600-9391	DEBT INT DUE - FY27 CAPITAL	-	-	-	-	-	11,375
TOTAL DEBT		$ 370,567	$ 408,450	$ 408,450	$ 339,532	$ 402,900	$ 495,975

TOTAL	$ 1,683,688	$ 1,781,355	$ 1,781,355	$ 1,379,936	$ 1,780,805	$ 1,877,583

Budget recommendation

Stormwater Fund

- Total - $209,000
- Third year of fund designed to raise money to repair and enhance Brevard's stormwater conveyance system.
- No rate changes recommended
- Revenues and expenses slightly down to reflect actual collections, rather than projections like last year.
- Expenses anticipated to be completion of stormwater master plan.

Stormwater Fund
Total Revenue

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL FY25	ORIGINAL BUDGET FY25-26	AMENDED BUDGET FY25-26	ACTUAL 3-31-26	PROJECTED FY26	MANAGER RECOMMENDED FY27
21-3800-3000	TIER 1 REVENUE	141,696	145,000	145,000	140,976	142,000	140,000
21-3800-4000	TIER 2 REVENUE	58,680	62,000	62,000	58,860	60,000	60,000
21-3800-5000	TIER 3 REVENUE	9,000	12,000	12,000	5,400	6,000	9,000
TOTAL REVENUE		**$ 209,376**	**$ 219,000**	**$ 219,000**	**$ 205,236**	**$ 208,000**	**$ 209,000**

Stormwater Fund
Detailed Expenditures

Operating

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL FY25	ORIGINAL BUDGET FY25-26	AMENDED BUDGET FY25-26	ACTUAL 3-31-26	PROJECTED FY26	MANAGER RECOMMENDED FY27
21-8500-0925	PROF SERVICES	$ 150	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
21-8500-4500	CONTRACTED SERVICES	15,234	219,000	219,000	111,075	150,000	209,000
TOTAL OPERATING		**$ 15,384**	**$ 219,000**	**$ 219,000**	**$ 111,075**	**$ 150,000**	**$ 209,000**

Budget recommendation

Water/Sewer Fund

- Total - $7,782,900
- By function:
  - Water treatment - $1,223,700
  - Wastewater treatment - $1,496,900
  - Water/sewer maintenance - $2,390,200
  - Non-department (e.g. capital expenses) - $2,672,100
- Funded via:
  - Proposed 4% increase in per 1000/gallon rate
  - Corresponding 4% increase in other fees (HSWS, etc.)

Water and Sewer Fund
Total Revenue

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL FY25	ORIGINAL BUDGET FY25-26	AMENDED BUDGET FY25-26	ACTUAL 3-31-26	PROJECTED FY26	MANAGER RECOMMENDED FY27
30-3350-0100	MISC UTILITY FEES	$ 2,375	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 225	$ 1,000	$ 1,000
30-3600-0000	INSURANCE PROCEEDS	-	-	-	92,773	92,800	-
30-3710-0100	WATER CHARGES	3,464,570	3,531,125	3,531,125	2,689,887	3,600,000	3,700,000
30-3710-0200	SEWER CHARGES	3,230,808	3,341,500	3,341,500	2,451,005	3,200,000	3,375,000
30-3710-0300	METER CHARGES	183,348	185,000	185,000	138,654	186,000	186,000
30-3710-0400	METER REACTIVATION	1,440	500	500	720	1,000	1,000
30-3710-0500	HIGH STRENGTH WASTE	118,997	150,000	150,000	161,862	216,000	224,700
30-3730-0100	WATER TAP & CONNECT FEE	32,041	60,000	60,000	57,050	80,000	80,000
30-3730-0200	SEWER TAP & CONNECT FEE	23,850	30,000	30,000	25,575	40,000	45,000
30-3750-0200	LATE - RECONNECT FEES	34,700	55,000	55,000	29,110	35,000	35,000
30-3760-0000	SEPTAGE PRETREATMENT	71,975	85,000	85,000	99,581	130,000	135,200
30-3940-0200	FEMA REIMB - HELENE	-	-	-	128,152	128,200	-
30-3970-0300	DEBT PROCEEDS	-	540,000	540,000	540,000	540,000	-
TOTAL REVENUE		**$ 7,164,104**	**$ 7,979,125**	**$ 7,979,125**	**$ 6,414,594**	**$ 8,250,000**	**$ 7,782,900**

	ACTUAL FY25	ORIGINAL BUDGET FY25-26	AMENDED BUDGET FY25-26	PROJECTED TO 6-30-2026	MANAGER RECOMMENDED FY26-27	CHANGE IN % FROM FY25-26 ORIGINAL
PERSONNEL	$ 2,041,774	$ 2,183,000	$ 2,183,000	$ 2,175,500	$ 2,267,900	3.9%
OPERATING	2,165,212	2,604,500	2,604,500	2,288,600	2,457,900	-5.6%
CAPITAL	314,510	540,000	540,000	658,000	475,000	-12.0%
TRANSFER OUT	736,000	901,825	901,825	750,000	862,600	-4.3%
DEBT	1,663,109	1,749,800	1,749,800	1,696,400	1,719,500	-1.7%
TOTAL	**$ 6,920,605**	**$ 7,979,125**	**$ 7,979,125**	**$ 7,568,500**	**$ 7,782,900**	**-2.5%**

Water/Sewer Fund Service Level Changes

- Water Treatment Plant
  - Funding for "Non-Revenue Water" measures
- Wastewater Treatment Plant
  - Fats, Oils, Greases (FOG) regulatory program
    - Mandated by state law; NCDEQ gave us an official reminder this year
    - Recommended changes to relevant ordinances and roll out strategy will come to Council this summer, but funding is included in this budget



Water and Sewer Fund - Non Departmental		
Budget By Line Item / 30-6600-XXXX		
1110	Postage Utility Bill Postage	$ 32,000
4500	Contracted Services Utility Bill Other	$ 14,000
5800	Banking Fees	$ 44,000
9100	Reimburse General Fund for Services	$ 750,000
9408	Transfer to Water Capital Reserve Fund	$ 112,600
9250	Debt Principal Due - FY20Cap-Unit 1078	$ 21,000
9251	Debt Interest Due - FY20Cap-Unit 1078	$ 1,800
9270	Debt Principal Due - FY18 Cap -Unit 7431	$ 7,800
9271	Debt Interest Due - FY18 Cap- Unit 7431	$ 400
9310	Debt Principal Due - Belt PR - DEQ476-03	$ 71,500
9311	Debt Interest Due - Belt PR - DEQ476-03	$ 5,300
9320	Debt Principal Due - Burrell -11-1778	$ 132,400
9330	Debt Principal Due - 6-8 UPG - DEQ476-04	$ 84,000
9331	Debt Interest Due - 6-8 UPG-DEQ476-04	$ 16,800
9340	Debt Principal Due - Radio M-12-1787	$ 74,900
9350	Debt Principal Due - KC1-DEQ476-05	$ 37,500
9351	Debt Interest Due - KC1 - DEQ476-05	$ 5,300
9360	Debt Principal Due - KC2 - DEQ476-06	$ 71,800
9370	Debt Principal Due - KC3 - DEQ476-07	$ 74,200
9380	Debt Principal Due - Sewer - DEQ476-08	$ 649,400
9381	Debt Interest Due - Sewer - DEQ476-08	$ 143,400
9410	Debt Principal Due - FY19 Cap - ST001	$ 23,300

Water and Sewer Fund - Non Departmental		
Budget By Line Item / 30-6600-XXXX		
9411	Debt Interest Due - FY19 Cap - ST001	$ 1,700
9430	Debt Principal Due - WATMET - ST600-002	$ 26,000
9431	Debt Interest Due - WATMET - ST600-002	$ 2,000
9440	Debt Principal Due - Gallimore Road	$ 87,100
9460	Debt Principal Due - King St	$ 12,400
9470	Debt Principal Due - Burrell Mountain Tank	$ 48,700
9480	Debt Principal Due - FY26 Vac Truck	$ 104,600
9470	Debt Interest Due - FY26 Vac Truck	$ 16,200
TOTAL		$ 2,672,100

FUND	Acct. Bal. as of 03/31/26	Encumbrances/ Commitments	Q4 FY26 Activity	FY27 Additions	Avail 7/1
Housing Trust Fund (76) --Azalea Ave. --Fairhaven Mdws --Other	$196,484	($484,875) --Azalea Ave. debt service ($210,000) --Loan Tranche 2 ($262,500) --Habitat tap fee reimb ($12,375)	($2,880) --Q4 FY26 transfer $49,500 --Azalea debt svc ($52,380)	$295,000 --Bdgt contr. $235,000 --Prop sale $60,000[1]	$3,729
Rosenwald (82) --Norton Crk Streambank	$81,213	($44,242) --Streambank design/engineering ($14,730) --Construction ($29,512)	$62,000 --DEQ grant $62,000	$0	$98,971
Roundabouts (75) --Roundabouts --RS800 improve.	$133,092	($270,287) --NCDOT betterments ($113,727) --NCDOT landscaping ($53,900) --Forest entrance sidewalk ($27,000) --Bear Statue ($19,660) --Various McAdams prof. services ($36,000) --Extra wide Pisgah Forest sidewalks ($20,000)	$28,250 --Q4 FY26 transfer $18,750 --Bear Statue (CFF) $9,500	$0[2]	($108,945)
Multi-Use Path (78) --Bracken Preserve --Estatoe Trl	$646,979 --$42,973 --$604,006	($454,055) --Long Cane contract ($39,688) --30% design ($27,256) --100% design trail match ($168,500) --Tannery North environmental ($3,650) --path from David River bridge to 276 ($48,411) --Tannery North match ($112,000) --BLE-Eng Smokestack ($23,000) -- TAPCO RFB ($10,758) --Traffic Control Rosman Hwy ($12,242) --Tree Removal-Smokestack ($8,550)	$136,083 --Q4 FY26 transfer $23,750 --Great State Trail grant revenue $112,333	$47,500	$376,507
Downtown Master Plan Fund (83) --Times Arcade --Streetscape Improve	$45,488	($95,096) --Remaining construction ($20,870) --Remaining design ($1,226) --Jordan and Broad stamped xwalks ($73,000)	$64,750 --Q4 FY26 transfer $23,750 --Platt reimb $41,000	$47,500	$62,642
Capital Reserve Fund (35) --Utilities	$505,036	($130,738) --Fairhaven Meadows Loan Tranche 2 ($130,738)[3]	$30,000 --Q4 sys dev fee collections est. 30,000	$217,600 --Bdgt contr $112,600 --Sys dev fee $105,000	$621,898
FUND	Acct. Bal. as of 3/31/26				
Unassigned Fund Balance	$4,400,000	($3,425,000) --Council's policy of retaining 25% of GF budgeted expenditures minus transfers ($3,425,000)	TBD		$975,000

FY26 Supplemental Spending Plan
(April 2026 Draft)

PROJECT	FUND	AMOUNT	SOURCE	STATUS	FISCAL YEAR	ACTION	NOTE
Jordan St. parking lot enhancement w/Pisgah Health	GF	$20,000 est	Fund 83 and operating savings	Pending	Current	Depends on total cost	Total cost unknown. Using $20k as a target number
Tannery North remediation (smokestack and vault removal)	GF	$400,000 est	Fund 78, operating savings, and unassigned fund balance	Pending	Current	Council action needed to reappropriate FB if needed.	
Azalea Ave. sewer extension contribution	W/S	$525,000	FY26 budget surplus[1]	Council approved	Current	Council approved at 3/16/26 meeting	
Water Treatment Plant Security Camera	W/S	$45,000	FY26 budget surplus[1]	Staff proposed	Current		Staff intend to piggyback off TCSO contract with vendor Security Camera Warehouse

[1] This surplus was intentional.

Cumulative Impact of Potential Tax and Fee Increases (FY27)

Impact on household of $191,760 appraised value, residential refuse collection, and 800 gallons/mo. utility consumption							
	Annual property taxes		Annual refuse fees	Annual Utility fees	Annual Stormwater fees	TOTAL ANNUAL BURDEN	DIFFERENCE
FY24	$475.01		$288	$502.70		$1,265.71	
FY25	$475.01		$300	$509.62	$48	$1,332.63	$66.92
FY26	$.3575	$685.54	$300	$516.91	$48	$1,550.45	$217.82
FY27	$.3825	$733.48	$300	$524.40	$48 (No Change)	$1,605.88	$55.43

Impact on household of $595,000 appraised value, residential refuse collection, and 2,700 gallons/mo. utility consumption							
	Annual property taxes		Annual refuse fees	Annual Utility fees	Annual Stormwater fees	TOTAL ANNUAL BURDEN	DIFFERENCE
FY24	$1,494.91		$288	$918.58		$2,701.49	
FY25	$1,494.91		$300	$941.90	$48	$2,784.81	$83.32
FY26	$.3575	$2127.12	$300	$966.53	$48	$3,441.65	$656.85
FY27	$.3825	$2275.87	$300	$991.80	$48 (No Change)	$3,615.67	$174.03

Impact on household of $1,181,620 appraised value, residential refuse collection, and 4,200 gallons/mo. utility consumption							
	Annual property taxes		Annual refuse fees	Annual Utility fees	Annual Stormwater fees	TOTAL ANNUAL BURDEN	DIFFERENCE
FY24	$4,352.73		$288	$1,246.89		$5,887.62	
FY25	$4,352.73		$300	$1,283.18	$180	$6,115.97	$228.29
FY26	$.3575	$4224.29	$300	$1,321.49	$180	$6,028.78	($87.18)
FY27	$.3825	$4518.28	$300	$1,360.80	$180 (No Change)	$6,359.09	$330.30

	Annual Impact of New Tax Rate and Fees on Various Commercial Entities							
		Prop Tax	Refuse Fees	Existing Utility Fees	HSWS	Stormwater Fee	TOTAL BURDEN	DIFFERENCE
Ingles	FY25	$49,343	$189	$58,442	$6,072	$1,800	$115,846	-
	FY26 & 27	Based on valuation of $11,065,990	Enrolled in commercial cardboard/ recycling	Based on Avg. of 251,000 gal./mo. (Total includes annual 4% increase to consumpt fee)	Tier 3 rates Based on Avg. of 251,000 gal./mo. (Total incl. 4% fee increase)	>250,000 sq. ft. of impervious @ $150/mo. (No Change)		
	FY26	$.3575 $39,560	$189	$59,940	$6,072	$1,800	$107,561	($8,285)
	FY27	$.3825 $42,327	$336	$61,439	$6,315	$1,800	$112,217	$4,656
Belk	FY25	$12,628	$2,349	$1,360	$0	$180	$16,517	-
	FY26 & 27	Based on valuation of $2,553,900	12 dumpster collection/mo., Comm. crdbrd (large user), Comm. recycl	Based on Avg. of 3,600 gal./mo. (Total includes annual 4% increase to consumpt fee)	Tier 2 rates Based on Avg. of 75,400 gal./mo. (No change)	>7,000 sq. ft. of impervious @ $15/mo. (No change)		
	FY26	$.3575 $9,130	$2,349	$1,395	$0	$180	$13,054	($3,463)
	FY27	$.3825 $9,769	$4,116	$1,429	$0	$180	$15,494	$2,440
Charlies Tire	FY25	$5,000	$1,389	$1,832	$89.52	N/A	$8,310	-
	FY26 & 27	Based on valuation of $1,191,970	8 dumpster collections per/mo., Comm. recycle Comm. crdbrd (large user)	Based on Avg. of 4,800 gal./mo. (Total includes annual 4% increase to consumpt fee)	Tier 3 rates Based on Avg. of 4,800 gal./mo. (Total incl. 4% fee increase)	>7,000 sq. ft. of impervious @ $15/mo. (No change)		
	FY26	$.3575 $4,261	$1,389	$1,879	$89.52	$180	$7,798	($512)
	FY27	$.3825 $4,559	$3,156	$1,926	$93.10	$180	$9,914	$2,116
TR Hospital	FY25	$114,965	$189	$129,773[1]	$12,347	$1,800	$259,074	-
	FY26 & 27	Based on valuation of $21,915,080	Enrolled in commercial cardboard/ recycling	Based on Avg. of 510,400 gal./mo. (Total includes annual 4% increase to consumpt fee)	Tier 3 rates Based on Avg. of 510,400 gal./mo. (Total incl. 4% fee increase)	>250,000 sq. ft. of impervious @ $150/mo. (No change)		
	FY26	$.3575 $78,346	$189	$121,636	$12,347	$1,800	$214,318	($44,756)
	FY27	$.3825 $83,825	$336	$124,677	$12,841	$1,800	$223,479	$9,161
Hunters and Gatherers	FY26 & 27	Based on valuation of $662,540	Comm. garbage, Comm. recycling Comm. crdbrd (medium)	Based on Avg. of 1,900 gal./mo. (Total includes annual 4% increase to consumpt fee)	Tier 2 rates Based on Avg. of 12,200 gal./mo. (No change)	<7,000 sq. ft. of impervious @ $4.00/mo. (No change)		
	FY26	$.3575 $2,368 $.1754 $1,162 Total $3,530	$441	$807.12	$0	$48	$4,826	-
	FY27	$.3825 $2,534 $.1954 $1,294 Total $3,828	$1,608	$828.95	$0	$48	$6,313	$1,487

[1] Consumption numbers were higher in FY25.

IN CONCLUSION

- Budget preserves all services and maintains all major service levels.
- Values employees by keeping them fairly compensated.
- Sets resources to sustain momentum on water/sewer capital projects.
- Addl. burden on tax payers/ratepayers is modest.

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Mr. Daniel moved, seconded by Mr. Baker to set May 18, 2026 as the required public hearing date for the FY 2026-2027 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

~~At 6:51 p.m. Mayor Copelof called for a 5-minute break.~~

Following the break Council Members commented on the proposed budget and Mr. Hooper's presentation, and asked questions, which were answered by Staff. Mr. Baker noted that the proposed budget includes funding for an employee compensation study and requested that Staff investigate a system to establish annual employee reviews and merit-based pay in the future. He also commented that the Sports Complex is very heavily utilized and the issues with the parking lot need to be addressed. He noted that the City has received a proposal from an engineering group to reconfigure that parking lot and stressed that needs to be done in this budget. He said that is the most dire need in the City's park system and has shown itself to be a safety issue.

J. Public Hearing(s)

J-1. Proposed Amendment to the Official Zoning Map of the City of Brevard – The Hub – Aaron Bland introduced this item explaining that Ogeechee Davidson LLC, owners of the Hub bike shop, has applied to rezone its two parcels located at 11 Mamas Place and 113 Mamas Place to the new Pisgah Gateway Mixed-Use (PGX) zoning district. The 1.7 acre parcel which contains the Hub bike shop is currently zoned Downtown Mixed Use and is located at 11 Mamas Place. The adjacent 113 Mamas Place is 7.1 acres and split zoned between Residential Mixed Use and General Residential-4. The Planning Board discussed the request at its April 8th meeting and unanimously recommended in favor.

At 7:24 p.m. Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel to open the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Participation – None.

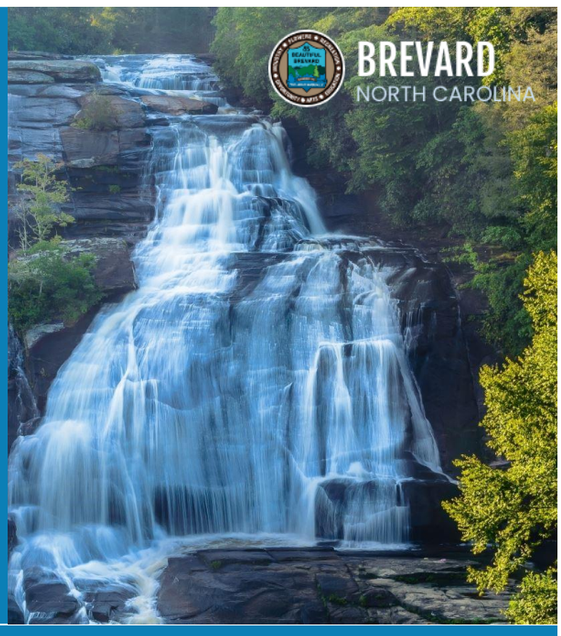
At 7:24 p.m. Mr. Daniel moved, seconded by Mr. Baker to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

J-2. Proposed Amendments to the City of Brevard Unified Development Ordinance Chapters 2, 3 and 19 – Regulations for Data Centers – Aaron Bland explained that in response to Council's request, Staff has looked into the adequacy of the city's zoning regulations regarding data centers. In order to provide Staff time to make recommended updates to the UDO, Council adopted Ordinance No. 2026-11 on March 16, 2026, enacting a "temporary moratorium on the acceptance, processing, and approval of any application for data centers, cryptomining facilities, server farms, or other high-impact digital infrastructure facilities." The moratorium expires on July 2,

2026. This staff-initiated text amendment adds a new specific land use to the Brevard UDO for data centers and similar facilities, and the use would be allowed only in the General Industrial zoning district as a part of a conditional zoning district (CZD). Mr. Bland shared the following PowerPoint presentation:

Data Center Text Amendments

City Council | May 4, 2026



Background

- **February 16, 2026**
  - Council asked Staff to study the adequacy of the city's zoning regulations regarding data centers
  - Investigate the legal steps necessary to impose a moratorium on data center development
- **March 16, 2026**
  - Planning Staff determines current text of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) is insufficient to properly regulate data centers and their potential negative impacts
  - Council adopts Ordinance No. 2026-11 enacting a temporary moratorium
    - Expires on July 2, 2026
- **April 8, 2028**
  - Planning Board discussed proposed amendments
  - Recommended in favor by a 4-1 vote, with one modification

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Current Ordinance

- **Data centers do not appear at all**
  - No land use currently in the UDO adequately incorporates data centers or crypto-mining facilities
  - Must fit it into some land use in the UDO
- **"Best" fit is Heavy Manufacturing**
  - Their impactful operating characteristics are consistent with the UDO definition:
    - *"A facility that involves dangerous, noxious, or offensive uses or a facility that has smoke, odor, noise, glare, fumes, gas, vibration, threat of fire or explosion, emission of particulate matter, or any other likely cause. Typically, this use requires an NPDES permit for an industrial or stormwater discharge or involves the use or storage of any hazardous materials or substances or that is used for the purpose of manufacturing, assembling, finishing, cleaning or developing any product or commodity."*
  - Allowed with Special Use Permit in General Industrial zoning district

Heavy Manufacturing	**3.11.2**	All heavy manufacturing activities, except as listed below	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	SUP
		Metal Products Fabrication, Machine or Welding Shop	—	—	SUP	SUP	SUP	P	—	P

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Current Ordinance

- **Special Use Permits**
  - Approved by the Board of Adjustment
  - Quasi-judicial evidentiary hearing
  - BOA can attach reasonable conditions
  - Runs with the land
  - Each case heard on its own
  - BOA must base their decision on "substantial, competent, and material evidence" that is presented at the hearing
- **Required Findings of Fact**
  - The use meets all requirements and specifications of the ordinance and any adopted land use plans and is in harmony with the general purpose and intent and preserves its spirit
  - The proposed use or structure will, if developed according to the plan submitted and approved, be visually and functionally compatible to the surrounding area
  - The proposed use or structure will not be injurious to the public health, safety, and welfare, and will not be detrimental to the value of adjoining property and associated uses

Current Ordinance

- **Staff believes SUPs are not the best zoning tool**
  - Provides *some* safeguards against the negative aspects of data centers
  - But SUPs do not offer the same level of oversight that we believe Council wants
  - May consider noise, environmental impacts, and the consumption of community resources such as water, wastewater capacity, and electrical demand, but only if presented at the hearing
  - BOA members cannot discuss a pending case with the applicant, neighbors, or city staff
  - A decision cannot be based on anything not presented at the hearing
  - SUP hearing is the application of the zoning ordinance, not a policy discussion
- **Current language has potential for confusion**
  - A potential applicant would not know where their project lands in the UDO
  - Future staff might interpret differently

Proposed Amendments

- **Add new land use to UDO**
  - New definition
    - A facility used primarily for providing computation services such as cloud computing, data storage, artificial intelligence (AI), cryptocurrency mining, high-performance computing, and other high-impact digital infrastructure facilities involved in the general storage, management, processing, and transmission of digital data. These facilities house computer and/or network equipment, systems, servers, appliances, and other associated components related to digital data storage and operations.
  - Add to Use Matrix as allowed only with a Conditional Zoning District in General Industrial

Heavy Manufacturing	**3.11.2**	All heavy manufacturing activities, except as listed below	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	SUP
		Data centers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	CZD
		Metal Products Fabrication, Machine or Welding Shop	—	—	SUP	SUP	SUP	P	—	P

Proposed Amendments

- **Conditional Zoning Districts**
  - Site-specific zoning ordinance with specific standards and conditions
  - Allows zoning to be tailored more carefully to a particular situation without the tight parameters of a quasi-judicial hearing/decision
  - A negotiated approach that allows maximum flexibility to tailor regulations to a particular site and project
  - Can impose conditions to address impacts reasonably expected to be generated by the use of the site
  - Intended to provide an effective means for the city to manage the impacts of large-scale developments and to manage developments in sensitive contexts
  - Good tool for when the conventional zoning standards are insufficient to protect neighbors or the public interest
  - A quasi-judicial decision becomes a legislative decision



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Proposed Amendments

- **Add new land use to UDO**
  - New definition
    - A facility used primarily for providing computation services such as cloud computing, data storage, artificial intelligence (AI), cryptocurrency mining, high-performance computing, and other high-impact digital infrastructure facilities involved in the general storage, management, processing, and transmission of digital data. These facilities house computer and/or network equipment, systems, servers, appliances, and other associated components related to digital data storage and operations.
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Heavy Manufacturing	**3.11.2**	All heavy manufacturing activities, except as listed below	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	SUP
		Data centers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	CZD
		Metal Products Fabrication, Machine or Welding Shop	—	—	SUP	SUP	SUP	P	—	P

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Proposed Amendments

- **Add new land use to UDO**
  - Added to Chapter 3
  - Still falls under the "Heavy Manufacturing" category

3.11.2. Heavy manufacturing use category.

A. ***Heavy manufacturing.***

1. Definition: A facility that involves dangerous, noxious, or offensive uses or a facility that has external impacts such as smoke, odor, noise, glare, fumes, gas, or vibration that are detectible from outside the building, threat of fire or explosion, emission of particular matter, or any excessive utility usage~~other likely cause~~. Typically, this use requires an NPDES permit for an industrial or stormwater discharge or involves the use or storage of any hazardous materials or substances or that is used for the purpose of manufacturing, assembling, finishing, cleaning or developing any product or commodity.
2. Additional Standards:
   a. For a Conditional Zoning District:
      i. Primary access to heavy manufacturing uses shall be from a street that is classified no less than a minor thoroughfare.
      ii. A traffic impact study in accordance with Section 17.13 shall accompany the application for a permit. The improvements recommended by the study shall be constructed by the applicant as a condition of approval.

B. Data centers.

1. Definition: A facility used primarily for providing computation services such as cloud computing, data storage, artificial intelligence (AI), cryptocurrency mining, high-performance computing, and other high-impact digital infrastructure facilities involved in the general storage, management, processing, and transmission of digital data. These facilities house computer and/or network equipment, systems, servers, appliances, and other associated components related to digital data storage and operations.
2. As part of a conditional zoning district approval, Council shall consider the following potential negative impacts: lighting, noise, and city utility capacity.

Planning Board recommended removing →

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Proposed Amendments

- **Changes to other definitions of similar high-impact uses**
  - Heavy Manufacturing
    - A facility that involves dangerous, noxious, or offensive uses or a facility that has external impacts such as smoke, odor, noise, glare, fumes, gas, or vibration that are detectible from outside the building, threat of fire or explosion, emission of particular matter, or any excessive utility usage ~~other likely cause~~. Typically, this use requires an NPDES permit for an industrial or stormwater discharge or involves the use or storage of any hazardous materials or substances or that is used for the purpose of manufacturing, assembling, finishing, cleaning or developing any product or commodity.
  - Utilities – Class 3
    - Generation, production, or treatment facilities such as power plants (including solar farms and wind farms), water and sewage plants, and landfills.

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Proposed Amendments

- **One other use matrix change**
  - Utilities – Class 3
    - Also make allowed by Conditional Zoning District in General Industrial

		Infrastructure								
Utilities	**3.12.1**	Utilities—Class 1	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
		Utilities—Class 2	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
		Utilities—Class 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	~~P~~CZD

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Moving Forward

- **Next Steps**
  - Tonight: Public Hearing
  - May 15: Possible vote
- **Other Options**
  - Do nothing and maintain the Heavy Manufacturing interpretation (SUPs)
  - Amend the Heavy Manufacturing definition to more explicitly reference large-scale operations characterized by extraordinary consumption of water, wastewater, and electrical resources, as well as substantial noise or other environmental impacts

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At 7:41 p.m. Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Lytle to open the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Participation:

Phillip Heath said I grew up here and I just don't want to see the resources go away—talking about the Davidson River. We're already in a drought.

Tammy Heath said in light of their not being legally able to say "no data centers" here, we have a unique town where tourists from miles away come to see us here in Brevard. I don't want to see our natural resources and beauty of our area go to a data center where it's taking more of the resources than it's giving to our community and our people.

Rebecca Nunneley said I am very encouraged to hear that you are addressing this situation before a request actually came before you and I am encouraged that you are putting in what sounds like the strongest guidelines that are available legally. I think it indicates that you share, possibly, my views that, as expressed by the two previous speakers, we do have a very special area. We are already in a severe drought; we are very dependent in our economy on tourism; and if we see the usage for electricity, for water, and its impact on the environment as far as increased temperatures even; and without providing a lot of additional jobs, we're going to have a very bad impact on the local economy if we do allow data centers to come in without giving due consideration to its impact.

Blaise McCall said the biggest thing for me is I'm an avid outdoorsman—I love hunting, fishing, and all that. Data centers raise the temperature of the water and trout get lethargic over 65-67 degree water temperature, which we are already reaching in the summertime here, so it's already an issue. Besides that, it would limit…we already have a limited for public use of rivers, besides just in the forest because of private property, which is understandable. I just don't like the idea of it. Clay County also put in some sort of ban, but they worded it the correct way. I think that would be in our best interest to preserve the beauty of our county.

Lane Herrlinger said I feel strongly about the subject and I think everybody is on the same page to support and do the best thing to phrase things the right way. We wish we could ban it, but if we can't, do the best thing to make them jump through so many hoops that they don't want to. I know that some of the crazy stats are it could increase the ambient temperature three degrees Celsius within 6.2 miles of a data center. That increase I'm sure could totally kill species that are endemic to this area; we are extremely special in a temperate rain forest and imagine how less it would be with a data center here. When you're supporting data centers, you're support businesses like Google, Facebook, mega-companies that to me are essentially useless in our…I guess they have some uses, but I don't necessarily support them. I have a small business and I answer my phone when people call. If you try to call Google or Facebook, there is no phone number, so you're supporting businesses that don't even have a face. Data centers to me are the driving force to those businesses. They rape the resources, they're terrible for health and within 6.2 miles they can affect you. Let's say they put one where the old Ecusta was, 6.2 miles away as the crow flies is pretty far. Imagine it gets here, it gets almost to Mills River, it gets all over the place. I don't know anybody that is in support of them; I don't know who the people are that want them. I heard a story about a brewery that was putting warmer water into the French Broad…it was using the water and then putting the water back into the French Board at a temperature that was higher than they were allowed to do. They received a fine from the EPA, and when they received the fine they said "that's it?". They just kept doing it until they decided that they actually had to change something. You think about a company like a data center where money is like an infinite thing, or a cryptocurrency mine or something like that, EPA fines or rules we put on them once established may or may not be a thing. Any kind of fines or regulations or things we may incur to them may not be even enough to stop them or change it. I appreciate you doing all you can to put those regulations in place.

At 7:51 p.m. Mr. Lytle moved, seconded by Mr. Baker to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

During questions and comments Mr. Daniel noted there have been rumors and comments regarding the Ecusta site and clarified that that site currently is under a Conditional Zoning District and a development agreement, which means it cannot have a data center.

K. Consent and Information - Consent Agenda items are considered routine and are enacted by one motion. Mayor Copelof read aloud the items listed and asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

K-1. Property Tax Releases – April 2026

RESOLUTION 2026-25
A RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPERTY TAX RELEASES

WHEREAS, The City of Brevard has previously determined to collect property taxes for the City of Brevard and the Heart of Brevard, and it is necessary to release the below shown amount from the city tax records.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA THAT:

The Tax Collector is hereby authorized to remove April 2026 property values from the tax scroll in the amount of:

TAX YEAR 2025: $ 491.73

Adopted and approved this 4th day of May 2026.

Attest: s/ Denise Hodsdon, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk s/ Maureen Copelof, Mayor

K-2. Resolutions Requesting Approval from NCDOT for Public Art in Ecusta Road and Pisgah Forest Roundabouts

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-26
A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PUBLIC ART WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF HIGHWAY 64/276 (PISGAH FOREST) SOUTHWEST CORNER (MONUMENT SIGN AND SIDEWALK ARCHWAY)

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is constructing the roundabout project (STIP Project #R-5799) at the intersection of U.S. Highway 64/276 and N.C. Highway 280 in Brevard, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard previously collaborated with NCDOT and its consultant, McAdams, to design and fund optional landscaping betterments within the project; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to install a "Welcome to Brevard" monument sign and a stone archway feature over the sidewalk within NCDOT right-of-way along U.S. Highway 276, located on the southwest corner of the intersection and outside of the roundabout circulatory roadway; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT's Public Art in the Right-of-Way Policy requires that requests for artwork within the State highway right-of-way be formally initiated through a resolution of support adopted by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with NCDOT requirements, the City shall provide an opportunity for the community to consider and comment on the proposed art project through a public meeting at a regularly scheduled City Council Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has duly considered all comments received and finds that the proposed installation will enhance the public realm and is consistent with community goals; and

WHEREAS, the City has engaged McAdams to assist in preparing necessary documentation, design, and coordination with NCDOT for the required encroachment review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA THAT:

Section 1. The City of Brevard formally requests that the North Carolina Department of Transportation consider and approve the installation of a monument sign and stone archway within

NCDOT right-of-way along U.S. Highway 276, located on the southwest corner of the intersection of U.S. Highway 64/276 (Pisgah Forest), outside of the roundabout circulatory roadway; and in accordance with the Public Art in the Right-of-Way program.

Section 2. The City acknowledges and agrees that all costs associated with the design, installation, and long-term maintenance of the proposed improvements shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Brevard, and not NCDOT.

Section 3. The City further acknowledges that the proposed installation is subject to NCDOT encroachment agreement requirements and shall be designed, constructed, and maintained in a manner that does not interfere with the safe operation, maintenance, or function of the State highway system.

Section 4. The City authorizes its staff and consultants to coordinate with NCDOT Division 14 and the Art in the Right-of-Way Committee and to submit all necessary plans, analyses, and documentation required to complete the review and approval process.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this, the 4th day of May, 2026.

Attest: s/ Denise Hodsdon, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk s/ Maureen Copelof, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-27
A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PUBLIC ART WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF ECUSTA ROAD (DAVIDSON RIVER CONNECTOR ROAD) – ROUNDABOUT CENTER (DIGESTER SCULPTURE)

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has completed STIP Project No. R-5605, known as the Davidson River Connector Road, including construction of a roundabout at Ecusta Road in Brevard, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the project was administered through NCDOT's central office, and the City of Brevard had limited opportunity to coordinate landscape or aesthetic enhancements during project development; and

WHEREAS, no landscaping or public art elements were included as part of the original construction of the roundabout; and

WHEREAS, a digester vessel from the former Ecusta Paper Mill has been donated to the City of Brevard to serve as a public art sculpture reflective of the community's industrial heritage; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to install the digester sculpture within the center island of the roundabout at Ecusta Road, within NCDOT right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT's Public Art in the Right-of-Way Policy requires that requests for artwork within State-maintained right-of-way be formally initiated through a resolution of support adopted by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with NCDOT requirements, the City has provided an opportunity for the community to consider and comment on the proposed art project at a regularly scheduled City Council meeting; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has duly considered all comments received and finds that the proposed installation will enhance the visual character of the corridor and is consistent with community goals; and

WHEREAS, the City has engaged McAdams to assist in preparing necessary documentation, design, and coordination with NCDOT for the required encroachment review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA THAT:

Section 1. The City of Brevard formally requests that the North Carolina Department of Transportation consider and approve the installation of a digester sculpture within the center island of the roundabout at Ecusta Road (Davidson River Connector Road), within NCDOT right-of-way, in accordance with the Public Art in the Right-of-Way program.

Section 2. The City acknowledges and agrees that all costs associated with the design, installation, and long-term maintenance of the proposed sculpture shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Brevard, and not NCDOT.

Section 3. The City further acknowledges that the proposed installation is subject to NCDOT encroachment agreement requirements and shall be designed, constructed, and maintained in a manner

that does not interfere with the safe operation, maintenance, or function of the State highway system, including maintaining appropriate sight distance and safety clearances within the roundabout.

Section 4. The City authorizes its staff and consultants to coordinate with NCDOT Division 14 and the Art in the Right-of-Way Committee and to submit all necessary plans, analyses, and documentation required to complete the review and approval process.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this, the 4th day of May, 2026.

Attest: s/ Denise Hodsdon, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk s/ Maureen Copelof, Mayor

K-3. Proclamation No. 2026-14 Municipal Clerks Week

PROCLAMATION N0. 2026-14
57th ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK
May 3 - May 9, 2026

WHEREAS, the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels: and

WHEREAS, Professional Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all; and

WHEREAS, the Professional Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community; and

WHEREAS, Professional Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, provincial, county and international professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Maureen Copelof, Mayor of the City of Brevard, do recognize the week of May 3 through May 9, 2026, as the 57th Annual Professional **Municipal Clerks Week**, and further extend appreciation to our Professional Municipal Clerk, Denise Hodsdon, and to all Professional Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Brevard to be affixed on this 4th day of May, 2026.

Attest: s/ Denise Hodsdon, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk s/ Maureen Copelof, Mayor

K-4. Proclamation No. 2026-15 Public Service Recognition Week

PROCLAMATION N0. 2026-15
PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK
May 3-9, 2026

WHEREAS, Americans are served every single day by public servants at the federal, state, county and municipal levels. These unsung heroes do the work that keeps our nation working; and

WHEREAS, public employees take not only jobs, but oaths; and

WHEREAS, many public servants, including military personnel, police officers, firefighters, border patrol officers, embassy employees, health care professionals and others, risk their lives each day in service to the people of the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, public servants include teachers, doctors and nurses, scientists, social workers, train conductors and astronauts, safety inspectors, laborers, computer technicians, and countless other occupations. Day in and day out they provide the diverse services demanded by the American people of their government with efficiency and integrity; and

WHEREAS, without these public servants at every level, continuity would be impossible in a democracy that regularly changes its leaders and elected officials.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Maureen Copelof, Mayor of the City of Brevard, do hereby announce and proclaim to all citizens, that May 3-9, 2026 is **Public Service Recognition Week** in Brevard, North Carolina. All citizens are encouraged to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of government employees at all levels – federal, state, county and municipal.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Brevard to be affixed on this 4th day of May, 2026.

Attest: s/ Denise Hodsdon, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk s/ Maureen Copelof, Mayor

K-5. Proclamation No. 2026-16 National Bike Month

PROCLAMATION N0. 2026-16
NATIONAL BIKE MONTH

WHEREAS, the bicycle is an economical, healthy, convenient, viable, and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent form of recreation and enjoyment of Brevard and Transylvania County's scenic beauty; and

WHEREAS, Brevard and Transylvania County trails and roads attract bicyclists each year from across the country and the world; and

WHEREAS, Brevard hosts several major cycling races and events, including the Assault on the Carolinas, the WNC Flyer, and the Pisgah Stage Race; and

WHEREAS, these bicycling activities and attractions have great potential to have a positive impact on Brevard's economy and tourism industry, as well as to stimulate economic development by making the city attractive to businesses and citizens who enjoy the out of doors and healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, creating bicycle-friendly communities has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, to boost community spirit, to improve traffic safety, and to reduce pollution and congestion; and

WHEREAS, May has been declared National Bike Month since 1956 and is so again in 2026; and

WHEREAS, the League of American Bicyclists, bicycle clubs, schools, parks and recreation departments, police departments, hospitals, companies, and civic groups throughout North Carolina will be promoting bicycling as a leisure activity as well as an environmentally-friendly alternative to the automobile during the month of May 2026; and

WHEREAS, the education of bicyclists and motorists as to the proper and safe operation of bicycles is important to ensure the safety and comfort of all users; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard Comprehensive Plan includes several objectives and policies aimed at improving cycling as both a form of recreation and transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Maureen Copelof and the Brevard City Council do hereby proclaim and recognize the month of May 2026 as **National Bike Month** and **Bicycle Safety Month**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Brevard to be affixed this 4th day of May, 2026.

Attest: s/ Denise Hodsdon, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk s/ Maureen Copelof, Mayor

K-6. Parks, Trails & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2026

K-7. Finance, Human Services and Citizen Appointment Committee Meeting Minutes – February 23, 2026

K-8. Finance, Human Resources and Citizen Appointment Committee Meeting Minutes – March 31, 2026

K-9. Public Safety Committee Meeting Session Notes – February 23, 2026 Meeting

K-10. Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes – March 23, 2026

K-11. (M-2) Appointment of Alternate Member to the Board of Adjustment

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-29
A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE
BREVARD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

WHEREAS, in Fall 2022 the Brevard City Council held a work retreat to reform its committee structure, and initiated a new system for making appointments that would apply to every body to which the Council makes appointments; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Human Resources and Citizen Appointment Committee was charged with reviewing applicants for the various committees/advisory groups and making appointment recommendations to the full Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard appoints five citizen members to the Board of Adjustment—three Regular Members and two Alternate Members—each to serve 3-year terms; and

WHEREAS, the two Alternate Member seats are currently vacant; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of the Finance, Human Resources and Citizen Appointment Committee, city staff conducted an open recruitment for citizens interested in serving the Board of Adjustment; and

WHEREAS, the applications received during the recruitment period were reviewed by the Finance, Human Resources and Citizen Appointment Committee at their April 27, 2026 meeting; and

WHEREAS, at that meeting the Committee recommended that Amy Kelton be appointed as an Alternate Member of the Brevard Board of Adjustment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA THAT:

1) The Brevard City Council does hereby appoint Amy Kelton as an Alternate Member to the Board of Adjustment, for a term to be effective immediately and expiring in May 2029.

Adopted and approved this the 4th day of May, 2026.

Attest: s/ Denise Hodsdon, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk s/ Maureen Copelof, Mayor

L. Unfinished Business

L-1. Proposed Amendments to City of Brevard Code of Ordinances Chapters 38, 42, and 66 – Special Event Regulations – Emily Brewer recalled that this is a staff-initiated text amendment to review the ordinance and procedures in order to clarify / streamline the approval process, update the requirements, and continue to improve large-scale events. Council received a briefing and held a public hearing on the draft amendments on April 20, 2026.

Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel to adopt the amendments as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-15
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF BREVARD CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTERS 38, 42 AND 66 TO AMEND THE REGULATIONS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

WHEREAS, a special event is an organized gathering open to the public or with invited guests that use public spaces and public rights-of-way, such as roads, greenways, and plazas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard is home to many annual and one-time special events, including White Squirrel Weekend and Juneteenth Family Fest, that play a crucial role in the vibrancy of our community by creating a place for economic opportunity, arts, culture, and community; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the City to administer regulations for special events in order to: protect public health, safety and welfare during special events; ensure adequate coordination of public services; minimize disruption to residents, traffic circulation, and public infrastructure; and balance community vibrancy and economic activity with neighborhood compatibility and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard Public Safety Committee considered revisions to the special event regulations on March 4, 2026, and unanimously recommended in favor of adoption; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Brevard finds that the proposed amendment is consistent with the goals and objectives of the City of Brevard Comprehensive Land Use Plan *Building Brevard 2030, including*:

- *Goal 6*: Integrate arts, culture, diversity and history into everyday life and build on Brevard's identify as a dynamic community to live, work, play and create.
- *Goal 7*: Support economic vitality and grow the tax base, cultivate local businesses, and attract sustainable industry
- *PNRC-25*: Create opportunities for arts and cultural programming, public art, sculptures, and mural throughout the City.

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted on Monday, April 20, 2026, by the Brevard City Council, and, after hearing all persons wishing to comment, and upon review and consideration of the proposed amendments, it is the desire of the City Council of the City of Brevard Code of Ordinances be amended as outlined below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA THAT:

SECTION 01. City of Brevard Code or Ordinances is hereby amended as depicted in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 02. City Council hereby authorizes staff to implement policies and procedures for reviewing special event permit applications and ensuring public health, safety, and welfare are maintained.

SECTION 03. As to any conflict between this Ordinance and any parts of existing ordinances, the provisions of this Ordinance shall control.

SECTION 04. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed severable and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 05. This Ordinance shall be in full force and in effect from and after the date of its adoption and approval.

Adopted and approved this the 4th day of May, 2026.

Attest: s/ Denise Hodsdon, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk s/ Maureen Copelof, Mayor
Approved as to Form: s/ Mack McKeller, City Attorney

M. New Business

M-1. Purchasing Policy Update – Dean Luebbe explained that Staff is requesting the following revisions to the City's Purchasing Policy that was adopted in June 2024:

- Section 2.10 (B) raises the limit from $10,000 to $25,000 for the review of recurring purchase agreements, which are scheduled every three years.

- Section 3.7 (C) (4) adds wording to include other national purchasing coop programs besides US Communities.

- Sections 3.4 (A) and 3.4 (B) related to Construction and Repair contracts:

    - For contracts under $30,000, three quotes would be "encouraged, but not required."
    - Raises formal bidding limit from $250,000 to $500,000 and management is allowed discretion if three bids cannot be obtained. Council will receive a listing of all construction and repair contracts on a quarterly basis.

The Finance, Human Resources and Citizen Appointment Committee has reviewed the proposed amendments and at its meeting on April 27th referred them to Council with a recommendation to approve.

Mr. Lytle moved, seconded by Mr. Baker to approve the Finance, Human Resources and Citizen Appointment Committee's recommendation as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-28
A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY OF BREVARD PURCHASING POLICY

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City of Brevard to maintain a responsible procurement process that obtains the best apparatus, supplies, materials, equipment, and services at the best price and in compliance with all applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, City Council adopted the City of Brevard Purchasing Policy on June 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Staff has drafted amendments to the adopted Purchasing Policy establishing revised guidelines for the expenditure of funds used to procure goods and services by City departments; and

WHEREAS, the City Council Finance, Human Resources and Citizen Appointment Committee has reviewed the draft amendments to the Purchasing Policy and recommends approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA THAT:

Section 1. The attached City of Brevard Purchasing Policy, as amended is hereby adopted.

Section 2. This resolution shall become effective upon its adoption and approval on this 4th day of May, 2026.

Adopted and approved this the 4th day of May 2026.

Attest: s/ Denise Hodsdon, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk s/ Maureen Copelof, Mayor

N. Remarks/Future Agenda Considerations.

Mr. Daniel said I want to encourage people when they hear stories that excite them or enrage them to reach out to us, and we can help explain some of the misconceptions that you might be hearing, because I think there was a lot of energy that got blown up about data centers that was sort of wasted energy.

Mr. Lytle thanked Mr. Hooper and Staff for all the work on the budget. He said I want to call out that in the budget we do help fund non-profits and we recognize the importance of non-profits in the city. There are lots of them and where government may fall short or can't help, there's always a non-profit filling that gap, so I am glad we have some in the budget to support them. We did focus on those that provide essential needs like food and shelter.

Mr. Baker noted that this is Municipal Clerks Week and said I want to thank Denise for all the work she does for us.

Mr. Hooper noted that there is another honor we need to add to our recognitions this evening as today is National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Day.

Mayor Copelof thanked the Staff and said we couldn't do anything without the amazing staff that we have; they do an incredible job. It would be so great if we could just run the city and not have to deal with more taxes, but we have to balance the needs and what is happening in the economic environment that we live in, and we have to take care of the people that work for us with cost-of-living and making sure that the jobs are properly compensated. She reminded everyone that the public hearing on the budget is on May 18th.

O. Closed Sessions – None.

P. Adjourn – There being no further business, at 8:22 p.m. Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Lytle, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Maureen Copelof
Mayor

Denise Hodsdon, CMC
City Clerk

Minutes Approved: May 18, 2026