

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Adoption of FY2027 City Budget Ordinance, Annual Appropriation, and Tax Levy
Staff Contact(s):	Samuel Sanders, Jr., City Manager, Krisy Hammill, Director of Budget
Presenter:	Krisy Hammill, Director of Budget
Date of Proposed Action:	April 9, 2026

Issue

Council must vote to adopt an operating budget for FY 2027 and establish the annual tax levy for tax year 2026 on or before April 14, 2026.

Background / Rule

Pursuant to Section 19 of the Charter of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia ("City"), and Virginia Code Title 15.2, Chapter 25, a Proposed Budget was prepared by the City Manager and presented to City Council for consideration. A Public Hearing was conducted by City Council on the City Manager's Proposed Budget on March 19, 2026, and a Public Hearing on the proposed tax rates to be adopted in support of the Adopted Budget was held on April 6, 2026. City Council is required to vote on these matters.

Analysis

Following the Public Hearings, City Council may deliberate and consider any additions, deletions, or modifications of the items presented within the City Manager's Proposed Budget, and consider the proposed annual tax rates. City Council must consider and vote on three (3) items:

1. Ordinance Approving the FY-2027 Budget and Annual Appropriation;
2. Ordinance Establishing the Annual Tax Levy for Tax Year 2026; and
3. Resolution Establishing the Personal Property Tax Relief Percentage for Tax Year 2026 (a separate Agenda Memo and Resolution provided by Commissioner Divers will be presented at the Special Meeting to be held on April 9, 2026).

Note the Budget Ordinance authorizes a total General Fund Budget of \$280,325,181, a difference of \$910,522 from the \$279,414,659 presented as the amended General Fund Budget.

Financial Impact

This is the second reading of the ordinance to adopt the final budget for Fiscal Year 2027, and sets the real estate and personal property tax rates for 2026.

Recommendation

Appropriation and Approval

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

N/A

Attachments

1. Tax ORDINANCE_Final

2. Amendments_FY27 Approved_Budget
3. FY 27 Budget Appropriation_FINAL