



FY 2025-26 Budget

Urban Forestry Commission

April 15, 2025

Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Addressing PP&R's Projected Budget Gap
3. Recommended Reductions
4. Levy Update
5. Budget Process Next Steps

Addressing PP&R Projected Budget Gap

Estimated \$23M budget reduction to balance the budget by June 30, 2026 (end of Parks Levy)

- **City Administrator recommendations include \$20.7M savings from PP&R**

Revenues:

- PP&R has taken 2 General Fund reductions (\$11.4M total, ongoing)
 - 5% in the current fiscal year (FY 2024-25)
 - 8% as required by Mayor (FY 2025-26)
- Receiving \$6M less from the Levy (FY2024-25)

Expenses:

- Labor costs increased Citywide 35% per hour worked over the first three years of the Parks Levy
- PP&R has seen a 19.6% increase in FY 2025-26 from internal service providers

Summer Program continued for 2025

More Support Service changes pending City Administrator direction

Urban Forestry - Recommended

July 1:

- Utilize Urban Forestry Fund (one-time): retain nuisance abatement, tree care, preservation, planting, and emergency response capacity (\$816K)
- Increased revenue from CIP and NPUP project permitting (\$125K)
- Realignment – Move position to IRA grant to support partnerships and tree care (\$123K)
- Reduce vehicle leasing expense (\$120K)
- Reduce External Materials and Services (\$78K)
- Reduce credit card fees (\$30K)
- Reduce Internal Materials and Services (\$20K)

Sept. 1:

- Reduce Community Stewardship program, including eliminating YCC, most volunteer and partnership programs, communications, outreach (\$272K)

Total Recommended Reductions/Realignments: \$1.5M

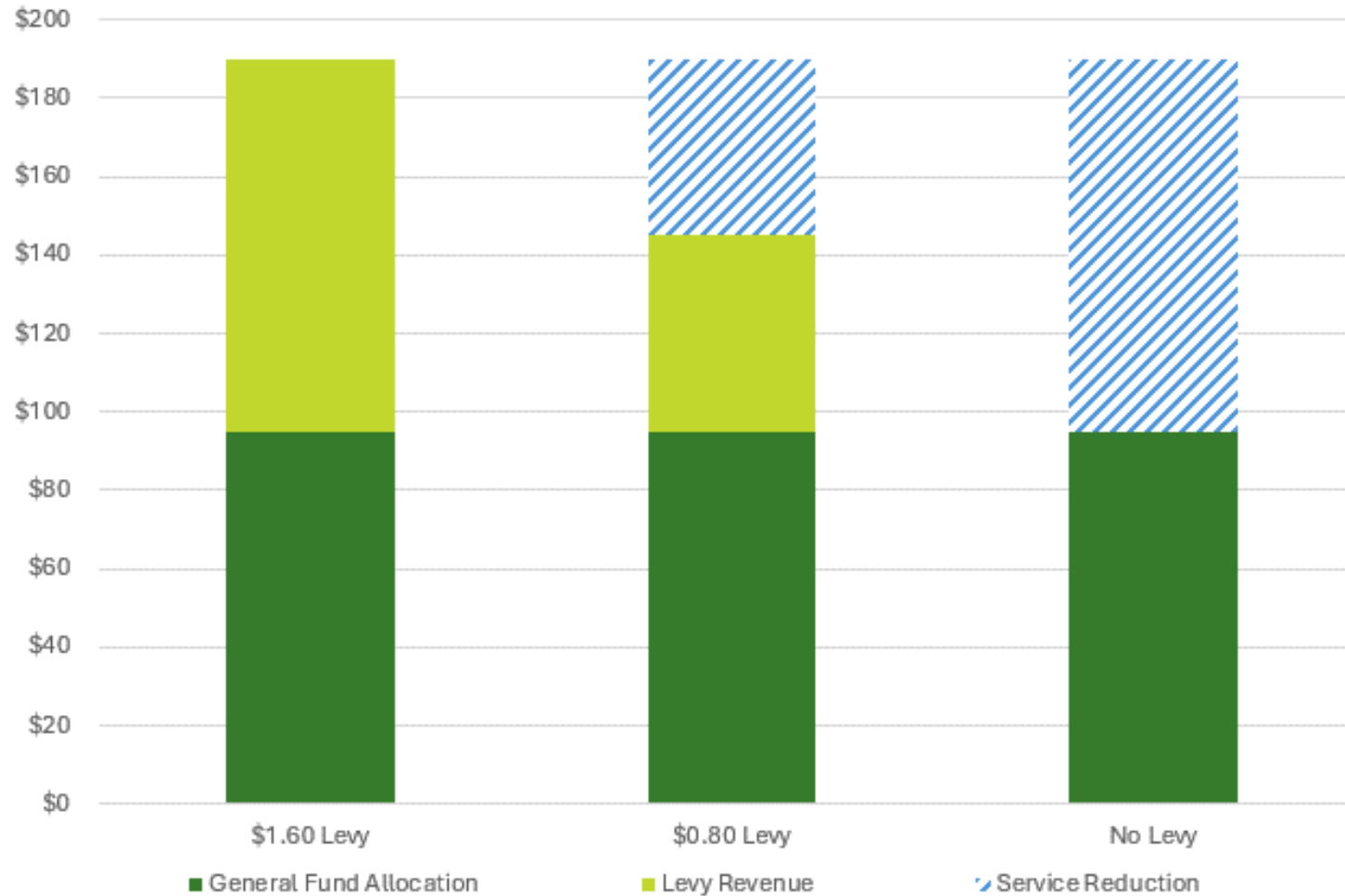
Parks Levy Options

Parks Levy expires June 30, 2026

- **If passed at a \$1.60 per \$1,000 of assessed value:**
 - No cuts would be required
- **If renewed at its current rate, \$0.80 per \$1,000 of assessed value:**
 - FY 25-26 budget reductions: as much as \$23 million
 - FY 26-27 budget reductions: an additional \$27 million
 - Reductions total about 25% of the PP&R General Fund and Parks Levy funded current services (\$50M total)
- **If not renewed:**
 - FY 25-26 budget reductions: as much as \$23 million
 - FY 26-27 budget reductions: an additional \$77 million
 - Reductions total about 50% of its General Fund and Parks Levy funded current services (\$100M total)

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Parks Levy Options – Service Reductions



Scenarios: Even Distribution by Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Employees Estimated Funding Forecast FY 2026-27



FY 2025-26 City Budget Process – Next Steps

March/April: Mayor and City Councilors held District listening sessions

March/April: City Council Committees – budget work sessions

April 2: City Council Work Session - draft budget recommendations

April 16: City Council Work Session - draft budget recommendations

May 7: Mayor presents proposed budget; Proposed Budget Work Session

May 14, 2:00 to 5:00: Budget Committee Work Session (City Council)

May 15, 2:30 to 5:30: Budget Committee Work Session (City Council)

May 28, 9:30 to 12:00: Budget Committee Work Session (City Council)

June 4, 2:00 to 5:00: Budget Committee Work Session (City Council)

June 11 or 18: City Council adopts budget