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**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026
WORKSHOP, 4:00 PM
FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING ROOM
625 UTE AVENUE**

1. Discussion Topics

- a. 2027 City Manager's Recommended Budget

2. City Council Communication

An unstructured time for Councilmembers to discuss current matters, share ideas for possible future consideration by Council, and provide information from board & commission participation.

3. Next Workshop Topics

4. Other Business

What is the purpose of a Workshop?

The purpose of the Workshop is to facilitate City Council discussion through analyzing information, studying issues, and clarifying problems. The less formal setting of the Workshop promotes conversation regarding items and topics that may be considered at a future City Council meeting.

How can I provide my input about a topic on tonight's Workshop agenda?

Individuals wishing to provide input about Workshop topics can:

1. Send input by emailing a City Council member ([Council email addresses](#)) or call one or more members of City Council (970-244-1504)
2. Provide information to the City Manager's Office (johnnym@gjcity.org) for dissemination to the City Council. If your information is submitted prior to 3 p.m. on the date of the Workshop, copies will be provided to Council that evening. Information provided after 3 p.m. will be disseminated the next business day.

3. Attend a Regular Council Meeting (generally held the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall) and provide comments during “Public Comments.”
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Grand Junction City Council

Workshop Session

Item #1.a.

Meeting Date: October 5, 2026
Presented By: Mike Bennett, City Manager, Jay Valentine, Chief Financial Officer
Department: City Manager's Office
Submitted By: Jay Valentine

Information

SUBJECT:

2027 City Manager's Recommended Budget

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this workshop item is to present City Council with the recommended balanced 2027 Annual Budget and provide an overview of the strategies, priorities, and financial considerations incorporated into the recommendation.

BACKGROUND OR DETAILED INFORMATION:

The 2027 budget was developed in a significantly more constrained financial environment than in recent years. As discussed with City Council during the August 31 budget workshop, the cost of maintaining existing services, personnel, facilities, infrastructure, and other ongoing commitments has been increasing at a faster rate than recurring General Fund revenues, creating a structural imbalance that required meaningful adjustments as part of the 2027 budget process.

Following the August workshop, staff continued working through departmental budgets, revenue projections, expenditure assumptions, capital needs, and potential strategies to address the structural deficit. That work has resulted in a recommended 2027 budget that is balanced while seeking to preserve core municipal services, maintain the City's long-term financial stability, and begin addressing the underlying structural imbalance between recurring revenues and expenditures.

The October 5 workshop provides City Council with an opportunity to review the recommended balanced budget, discuss the strategies used to achieve balance, and provide direction to staff prior to bringing the 2027 Annual Budget forward for formal consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct financial impact associated with the workshop discussion itself. However, the recommended 2027 Annual Budget establishes the proposed financial plan for City operations, capital investments, personnel, and other expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year.

Final fiscal impacts will be established through City Council's subsequent consideration and adoption of the 2027 Annual Budget and associated appropriations.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

This item is for discussion and direction to staff regarding the recommended 2027 Annual Budget.

Attachments

None