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Executive Summary

The Office of Budget, in partnership with the Department of Neighborhoods, conducted ten meetings throughout the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (“FY27 Budget”) budget development process: two Annual Public Budget Meetings and seven District Budget Priorities Forums. The purpose of these meetings was to provide information on how the budget process works and to hear residents’ budget priorities in accordance with the City Charter and Community Outreach Ordinance. Meetings included a presentation on the budget and an interactive public comment period.

WHAT THE BUDGET OFFICE HEARD FROM RESIDENTS

Residents voiced what they would like to see prioritized in the FY27 Budget. The Budget Office took notes on every item mentioned and grouped the items into priorities. At each District Budget Priorities Forum, the Budget Office asked participants to rank the top ten priorities heard from last year. The graphic on the left represents the results from this poll. The graphic on the right represents the top priorities from the comments shared outside of the ranked-choice polling question:



This report provides a detailed breakdown of priorities raised by district. Information on district priorities begins on page 20.

HOW THE FY27 BUDGET ADDRESSES RESIDENT CONCERNS

The FY27 Budget addresses most concerns raised by residents, either directly through budget funding or indirectly through City or non-City programming. This report explains how the FY27 Budget addresses each priority. The report groups priorities under each department that has responsibility for that priority and provides an explanation for how the department addresses that priority.

Introduction

In accordance with Chapter 12, Article X of the 2019 Detroit City Code (the “Community Outreach Ordinance”), the Mayor’s proposed annual budget to the City Council constitutes a “city-wide proposal” under the ordinance and is subject to the following community outreach process:

- (1) Prior to submitting a City-wide Proposal to City Council for consideration, a representative of the Administering Department, in collaboration with the Department of Neighborhoods, shall hold one outreach meeting in each of the seven City Council districts.
- (2) The Administering Department shall present an Administrative Summary of the proposed legislation, contract, agreement, or resolution at the meeting(s) required under Subsection (1) of this section and discuss ways in which the proposed legislation, contract, agreement, or resolution is anticipated to affect the impacted neighborhood.
- (3) If an outreach meeting is not feasible, technology-aided outreach may be used to allow community input for a minimum of four weeks.
- (4) The Administering Department, in collaboration with the Department of Neighborhoods, shall provide a Community Outreach Report to City Council regarding the proposed legislation, contract, agreement, or resolution prior to the request for any approval of a City-wide Proposal. The Community Outreach Report shall contain:
 - a. A detailed account of notice provided to organize the community outreach process;
 - b. An itemized list of concerns raised by the impacted neighborhood during the outreach process required under this article;
 - c. Any proposed method to address the concerns raised by the impacted community, or why a particular concern will not be addressed;
 - d. Any submitted letters, comments, or reports from a resident, business, neighborhood organization, or community group within the City of Detroit; and
 - e. If provided, a report from the established Community Advisory Council within each district.

The Office of the Chief Financial Officer, and specifically its Office of Budget, is the administering department for the Mayor’s proposed annual budget. This report constitutes the Community Outreach Report to City Council on the Mayor’s proposed annual budget for Fiscal Year 2026–2027. This report fulfills the requirements of the Community Outreach Ordinance in the following ways (**bolded phrases** reflect the exact language of the Community Outreach Ordinance):

- The Meeting Notice & Details section includes **a detailed account of notice provided to organize the community outreach process.**
- The section on Summary of Concerns Raised provides an **itemized list of concerns raised by the impacted neighborhoods during the outreach process.**
- The section on How the Budget Addresses Concerns Raised, including the tables of concerns by City department and how the FY27 budget responds to each of those concerns, includes **any proposed method to address the concerns raised by the impacted community, or why a particular concern will not be addressed.**
- A spreadsheet catalog of all resident comments is included in the appendices, therefore providing **any submitted letters, comments, or reports from a resident, business, neighborhood organization, or community group within the City of Detroit.**

Meeting Notice and Details

The Community Outreach Ordinance (COO) requires that the FY2026–2027 Budget (“FY27 Budget”) is informed by a public outreach campaign. The Office of the Budget’s outreach campaign included two Annual Public Budget Meetings, as well as seven Budget Priorities Forums, one for each City Council district. These meetings were held via Zoom. This is a report of findings and insights from those public outreach efforts.

MEETING DATES AND PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT

District	Meeting Date & Time	Approx. # of Attendees	Approx. # of Participants - Zoom	Approx. # of Participants - Slido
APBM Part 1: City Service Departments	September 22, 2025 @5 p.m.	156	156	N/A
APBM Part 2: Public Health & Safety Departments	September 29, 2025 @5 p.m.	140	140	N/A
District 1	January 29, 2026 @5:30 p.m.	46	46	28
District 2	January 26, 2026 @6 p.m.	40	40	22
District 3	January 27, 2026 @6 p.m.	56	56	25
District 4	January 27, 2026 @5 p.m.	50	50	32
District 5	January 28, 2026 @6 p.m.	40	40	26
District 6	January 29, 2026 @5 p.m.	34	34	20
District 7	January 28, 2026 @5 p.m.	51	51	22

The number of attendees is reflective of the maximum number of attendees who joined the meeting, according to Zoom. This count includes those hosting the meeting and others who may have joined in official City employee capacity. It should be noted that the number of attendees often fluctuated throughout the duration of the meeting.

The number of participants is reflective of the approximate number of attendees who participated by sharing their thoughts in some manner during the meeting. The number of participants is separated between Zoom and Slido – the online engagement platform – since participants’ identity can remain anonymous in Slido, thus we cannot know which participants may have participated through both platforms.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Residents were notified about these community meetings via email through the City’s GovDelivery outreach system, as well as through Department of Neighborhood regular meeting notices.

Flyer/Notice	Date Sent	# of Recipients	Open Rate
Public Notice Flyer (Annual Public Budget Meetings)	1/15/2026	61,350	25%
Media Advisory (D1&D6)	1/29/2026	403	40%
Media Advisory (D2)	1/26/2026	402	41%
Media Advisory (D3&D4)	1/27/2026	402	39%
Media Advisory (D5&D7)	1/28/2026	402	41%

MEETING & INPUT STRUCTURE

Annual Public Budget Meetings

The Annual Public Budget Meeting is an informational meeting on how the budget process works. It also highlights key budget components of several major departments, as mandated by the City Charter. The Annual Public Budget Meeting is split into two parts to shorten the length of the meetings and allow more time for public comment. Part one included general city service departments (General Services, Public Works, and Water & Sewer) and part two included health and safety departments (Public Lighting Department, Public Lighting Authority, Fire, Health, and Police). The Office of Budget worked with the Department of Neighborhoods (DONs) to hold these Annual Public Budget Meetings during two of the weekly DON Cast meetings throughout the month of September.

Each meeting began with a brief (~10 minute) presentation by the Budget Director to inform residents on key budget highlights. This was followed by a short (5-7 minute) presentation from each of the City Charter-mandated departments. The public comment period opened after all presentations concluded, during which time residents were able to ask questions to any of the department representatives present. The public comment portion lasted approximately 30 minutes, at which point the Department of Neighborhoods representative gave closing remarks and ended the meeting.

District Budget Priorities Forums

The District Budget Priorities Forums are meetings hosted in each council district to hear residents' budget priorities. The Office of Budget works with the Department of Neighborhoods (DONs) to hold the Budget Priorities Forums during the DONs standing monthly District Meetings. While typically these meetings are held throughout the months of October and November, due to this year being a Mayoral transition year, the Budget Priorities Forums were held in January 2026.

Each meeting began with a brief (~10 minute) presentation by either the Budget Director or Deputy Budget Director to inform residents on key budget highlights. This was followed by an interactive question and answer portion, in which the Office of Budget representative prompted polling questions and residents were given the opportunity to respond verbally, via the Zoom chat feature, or anonymously via an online engagement platform called Slido. Time was taken to introduce the platform and provide residents with instructions on how they could join as a participant. The two questions asked of residents were as follows:

1. What would you like to see prioritized in the budget?
2. These are the priorities that we heard last year across the City. How would you rank these priorities?

After each question was launched, residents were given a few minutes to respond before the polling question closed and responses were screen shared.

The first question was structured as a word cloud, which showed the most frequently stated responses in larger-sized text, and lesser-given answers in smaller-sized text (see Figure 1).



Figure 1. Question 1 launched in the Slido platform

The second question compiled priorities stated across all city districts during last fiscal year's forums and asked residents to rank them in order of highest to lowest priority (see Figure 2).

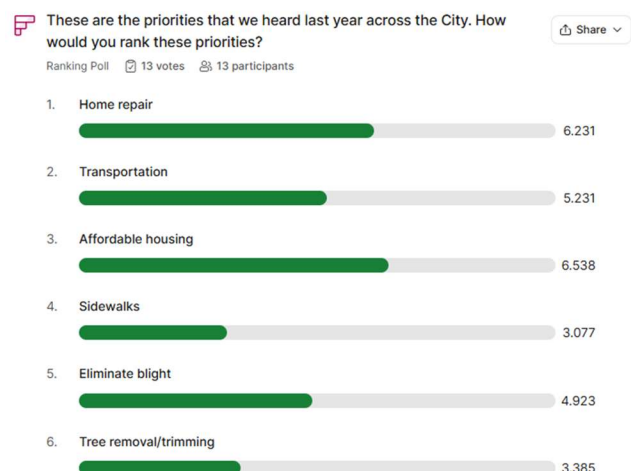


Figure 2. Question 2 launched in the Slido platform

After the responses to each question were shown and briefly reviewed by the Office of Budget representative, time was allotted for residents to comment further. Only after all resident input was heard was the next polling question was launched. After all questions and comment periods were completed, the Department of Neighborhoods representative gave closing remarks and ended the meeting.

Your Budget Inbox

The Office of Budget maintains an inbox for the yourbudget@detroitmi.gov email to provide residents with another channel to voice priorities, concerns, and questions around the budget. All emails sent to this inbox receive an automatic reply letting senders know their message has been received. The Office of Budget follows up on these emails by either responding to inquiries or recording any concerns or priorities stated in a public comment log.

Summary of Concerns Raised

METHODOLOGY

The seven districts in Detroit represent diverse geographic areas with unique interests and priorities. To capture the uniqueness of each district, as well as the similarities, the following pages summarize the comments heard from each district. The Budget Office hosted nine public meetings in September 2025 and January 2026 to hear residents' priorities for the FY27 Budget. The Budget Office hosted two Annual Public Budget Meetings, where the Budget Office partnered with representatives from several City departments to present to residents the budgets of those departments. After department presentations, residents had the opportunity for public comment. If a resident stated what district they were from during this public comment period, the Budget Office noted the resident's district. Following the Annual Public Budget Meetings, the Budget Office hosted one Budget Priorities Forum in each of the seven districts in the City. The tables that follow summarize comments by district, both from residents who stated their district at the Annual Public Budget Meetings and from the comments heard during the Budget Priorities Forum in that district.

CLASSIFICATION OF CONCERNS

Staff from the Budget Office attended each public meeting and took notes on each comment spoken or written by residents. After all meetings were completed, the Budget Office compiled the comments into an Excel database and manually reviewed each comment for priorities mentioned. A **priority**, in the context of this report, is defined as a specific topic that is important to a resident, as stated or written in their comment. One comment could

include no priorities, one priority, or many priorities. If a comment included many priorities, the Budget Office noted all priorities raised in that comment. In this way, the Budget Office's list of priorities developed organically from residents' comments. As the list of priorities developed, the Budget Office grouped the priorities into categories. In the context of this report, a **category** is the overall theme that emerged from a grouping of priorities. The purpose of grouping the priorities into categories was to summarize concisely what is important to residents across the city.

EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES

The Budget Office developed the ten categories organically from the priorities noted from residents' comments. For the clarity of this report, the information below provides a summary statement of each category.

- **Beautification:** Residents desire a clean, beautiful city. This category encompasses any priority related to cleaning up the city, from dealing with abandoned homes, to picking up trash, clearing alleys and drains, controlling rodents and pests, and removing dangerous trees.
- **Climate & Sustainability:** Residents would like to see a city that is prepared for a changing climate, including the resiliency of infrastructure and how the city will deal with water and flooding, both past and present.
- **Economic Opportunity Programs:** Residents want to see a city that prioritizes equity and provides opportunities for residents to improve and sustain their economic situations, from fixing the digital divide, to providing programs for youth and job training.
- **Economic Supports:** Residents want direct financial support from the city government to remedy certain situations or improve the economic situation of the city as a whole. This includes supporting seniors and people living with disabilities, small businesses, providing tax assistance, and fostering economic development in the city.
- **Government Accountability:** Residents would like a government that is efficient, effective, and responsive to their needs. They would like the government to engage more with the community and be transparent in its efforts and programs.
- **Health:** Residents desire access to healthcare, mental health supports, nutritious food, and a healthy environment.
- **Housing:** Residents would like a city with adequate housing that is truly affordable for Detroit residents. They would like programs to support home repair, homeownership, renters, and housing insecure persons.

- **Neighborhood Infrastructure, Design, & Transportation:** Residents desire many citywide improvements as well as improvements to their own neighborhoods, from safer street design, to streetlights, sidewalks, fire hydrant improvements, to more accessible transportation. They also would like support for community groups to make changes themselves.
- **Public Safety:** Residents would like a focus on public safety, from better code enforcement across the city, to increased enforcement of noise regulations, speed regulations, monitoring of parked cars, and cameras to keep neighborhoods safe. Some residents desired greater police presence, better police responsiveness, or a police audit.
- **Recreation & Parks:** Residents desire greater recreational opportunities across the city, from recreation centers to parks.

EXPLANATION AND SUMMARY OF PRIORITIES

The following table summarizes all priorities stated in all public meetings, mentioned aloud, by chat, or in the Slido platform during the FY27 public engagement cycle. It also includes all priorities received through the Your Budget inbox.

Category	Priority	# Mentions	Summary of Priority	Example Comment
Beautification	Alley Cleanup	3	The City should maintain alleyways	"Alley Maintenance"
	Beautification	12	The City should be beautiful and clean	"I wanted to mention is beautification especially around the transfer stations... I would like to see and the rest of the residents that we've engaged is an aesthetically pleasing vegetative buffer around the perimeter of it."
	Demolition	3	The City should demolish abandoned buildings	"I am asking that Courville Elementary at 18030 St. Aubin be Demolished this year. Reasoning: This land can be used by local block clubs for farm land... This school has been abandoned for over 20 years and the roof is caving and distress is visible."
	Eliminate Blight	10	The City should take efforts to get rid of blight	"I would like to see our blight eliminated budget as a priority to clean up our neighborhoods but come to some of sustainable program so

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				that we're able to maintain the programs."
	Litter Cleanup	2	The City should enforce laws to keep neighborhoods free of litter.	"I live on a corner lot, and every day I have to pick up trash from people that just throw away fast food bags, liquor bottles... then why [does the City] not consistently enforce or enact laws in neighborhoods to keep it clean?"
	Pest and Wildlife Control	3	The City should have animal control catch more stray animals in neighborhoods	"I promised my community that I would tell them, you all, that they have a high priority with animal control. Tied into, you know, wellness and mental health, getting out on those sidewalks that are repaired, they're terrified of the animals and the dogs and the...wanting to get out, and I remember I used to walk the community, and I can't do that anymore."
	Street Cleaning	2	The City should ensure streets are clear by prioritizing snow removal	"Snow Removal"
	Tree Removal / Trimming	4	The City should treat and clear dead and diseased trees	"Dead dangerous and diseased tree program created through ARPA want that [program] back."
	Vacant Lot Cleanup	5	The City should do more about vacant lots and maintaining them	"Vacant lot maintenance"
Climate & Sustainability	Emergency Planning	2	The City should be better prepared to respond to emergencies especially main water breaks	" There is not an active plan for what happens to our residents when water main breaks happen in our neighborhood. I would like to see funding for an action plan to service the community when we have a water main break and have a plan for curbing water main breaks."
	Green Infrastructure	2	More green infrastructure for residents near industry	"Increase the green space buffers for residents who live next to industry."
	Sustainability & Resilience	3	The City should address concerns around floodplains	"One area that is especially important to me and my neighbors in District 4 is infrastructure—particularly issues related to

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				floodplain designation in Jefferson Chalmers."
	Urban Agriculture	1	The City should make it easier for residents to buy empty lots to promote urban agriculture	" Instead of putting the budget into those empty lots, how about we make it easier for D3 to buy the lots. I have bought 3 lots on Riopolle Street and 7 Mile...So far, on my lot, I have garden beds, I have a tractor... I have a farm, Robins Greenhouse Farm, those are the lots I bought. I bought 5 lots... And once I start getting my crops and selling my eggs, and we can start delivering to the local area.
	Water & Sewer Infrastructure	7	Fix water drainage infrastructure	"Street water drainage."
Economic Opportunity Programs	Better Schools	1	Improve the school system	"School system"
	Childcare Support	3	The City should provide affordable options for childcare services	"Childcare services"
	Citizen Education Programs	5	Fund more informational programs for citizens	"Community safety education" "Grant education"
	Digital Divide	6	The City should promote equal access to technology	"Digital divide decrease"
	Economic Equity	2	Ensure that economic development is done equitably across the City	"Equitable development"
	Immigrant Supports	4	The City should provide more support for immigrants	"Immigration safety" "General aid for immigrants"
	Job Training & Hiring	2	Fund trainings for Detroiters that lead to higher paying jobs	"Funding in trainings"
	Youth Programs	9	The City should expand programs for young people	"Youth business incentives"

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Economic Supports	Disability Supports	6	The City should increase accessibility and support for residents with disabilities	"There is lack of access for special needs and people with disabilities. How can we make these spaces more inclusive for everyone?"
	Retiree Supports	3	The City should do more to support retirees	"Pensions taken support"
	Senior Supports	7	The City should do more to support senior citizens regarding housing and home repair programs	"Senior housing"
	Small Business Support	4	There should be more grants and programs for small businesses	"Small businesses"
	Water Affordability	6	Make water more affordable for residents	"Affordable water rates"
Government Accountability	Community Engagement	4	The City should do more to fund organizations ran by the community	"Community ran centers"
	Civil Rights Protection	1	The City should implement programs that protect residents' civil rights.	"Civil rights protections"
	Effective City Services	6	The City should provide functional, efficient, and effective services	"Snow removal residential" "Better communication"
	Government Responsiveness	6	Hold public servants accountable	"Government accountability" "More city accountability"
	Strategic Planning	3	The City should do more to participate in investing in the Strategic Neighborhood Fund.	"Strategic neighborhoods"
	Tax Fairness	1	Reduce tax burden on residents	"Property tax justice"
	Participatory Budgeting	14	The City should implement a participatory	"I suppose, since we were talking about categories, which would be the ability to have some participatory budgeting included in"

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			budgeting process.	the district level so that people could get together and have a bucket of money to be able to put input in, for various projects and things that, that are, you know, specific to, to the district."
	Transparency in Budget	4	Ensure what goes into the budget and how money is spent is as transparent as possible	"Public priorities not translated into budget as well as could be. "
Health	Accessible Health Care	4	Provide residents access to health care through all ages	"I would like to suggest for funding for the budget in the Health and Recreation Department that the city of Detroit fund programs for our toddlers, pre-school aged kids, children, and adults with autism."
	Coordinated Services	2	Implement a wraparound services model for families and youth services	"Wrap around services"
	Environmental Health	12	Ensure residents have access to a healthy environment	"Semi-truck/air pollution" "Clean contaminated soils"
	Food Accessibility	3	Increase the number of food retailers in the city	"What I would like to see is a supermarket. We have a desert over here, and it has been for some time, so that would be very beneficial to the residents, within this 55 blocks. "
	Mental Health Response	3	Prioritize mental health resources and programs	"Crisis intervention" "Mental health services"
	Substance Use Prevention	1	The City should fund more programs that prevent substance abuse.	"Substance abuse"
	Affordable Housing	33	Maintain high-quality, accessible affordable housing for Detroiters	"Create truly affordable housing by approaching both new housing developments and modifying existing rehabilitated housing with MIXED INCOME requirements. To include 1/4 to 1/3 housing at each 30% and 60% AMI, increasing housing stability, neighborhood

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Housing				stability, and reducing the unhoused population. "
	Affordable housing Preservation Fund	1	The City should continue to fund the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.	"Housing Trust Fund"
	Expanded Home Repair	2	The City should offer home repair programs for middle income and non-senior residents	"My concern is for home health repair for people that are not seniors and who are right over the poverty threshold."
	Home Repair	19	The City should invest more and expand access to home repair programs for more residents	"Senior home repairs" "Home repair programs"
	Homeownership	1	The City should provide support to those seeking homeownership	"Grants for buying homes"
	Land Bank Reform	2	The Land Bank should be evaluated to ensure it is operating optimally	"Community land trust"
	Multi-family Housing	1	The City should build more multi-family housing units.	"I think there are too many [traffic] lanes there and need more multifamily housing. "
	Renter Supports	1	The City needs to fund a rental assistance program.	"Rental assistance program"
	Right to Counsel	4	The City needs to identify long-term funding to maintain Right to Counsel	"Fund Right to Council"
	Support for Housing Insecure Persons	7	The City needs to promote efforts preventing homelessness	"Homelessness services" "Homeless intervention"
	Bike Infrastructure	6	Safe bike infrastructure should be	"Bike routes to school" "More Bike Lanes"

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Neighborhood Infrastructure, Design & Transportation			instituted throughout the city	
	Bus Improvements	17	Improve bus services, and bus shelters by making them more accessible	"Bus route timeliness" "Bus stop improvements" "Bus frequency"
	Citywide Improvements	6	The City should work to reimagine how the City could be and invest in improving its functions	"Aging infrastructure" "Infrastructure redesign"
	Community Group Funding	7	The City should provide funds to support community group initiatives	"Block club grants" "Grants for community work"
	Corridor Development	7	The City should look into funding more commercial corridors.	"Improve Livernois" "Joy Rd. Retail Market [Study]"
	Lead Pipe Replacement	1	The City should support residents needing to replace lead pipes	"Lead line replacement"
	Neighborhood Rebuilding	12	The City should focus on creating connected, vibrant communities with resources such as stores and community centers	"I would like for someone to put in the budget this year money for development north of West Warren Avenue. There are no stores over here. There's no community centers with recreational facilities and we have been without a very long time."
	Neighborhood Signage	2	Improve and fund updated neighborhood welcome signs	"One thing we like to do in our neighborhood, as we back up to 8 Mile and Van Dyke is one of the main corridors coming from the suburbs into the city, we'd like to spruce up some good welcome to the people coming into our neighborhood and into the proud city of Detroit."
	Safer Street Design	9	Need to improve street safety and walkability across the City, especially for children's sake	"Elevated Crosswalks" "Traffic Calming"
	Sidewalks	11	The City should replace/repair	"I would like to see DPW allocate more money"

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			damaged sidewalks	for sidewalk repairs near Schools and parks "
	Street Repair	4	The City should make streets safer to drive on	"Potholes" "Roads"
	Streetlights	1	Ensuring high-quality streetlights are put in throughout the City	"Funding to replace all the old street lights on Grand River between Asbury Park and Evergreen."
	Transportation	29	Improve the reliability and accessibility of transportation in the City	" The DDOT Reimagined plan, released by DDOT in early 2024, is ready to double bus service, increase frequency, and connect residents to jobs, schools, and healthcare."
Public Safety	Cameras in Neighborhoods	1	Putting cameras in neighborhoods to deter crime and blight	"And at one point, I think, in an area in the Von Steuben area, school area, they had cameras to catch the... these people who were violating our community, and I think that's the only way that is gonna be eliminated, and is the city looking at, pardon me, looking at putting in some type of surveillance, where we can catch these people doing this, because otherwise, it's just gonna continue, and you're not... we're never gonna get it cleared up."
	Code Enforcement	10	The City should do more to create stronger trucking protections	"I just wanted to speak on behalf of community members saying that we do need to expand enforcement and create stronger trucking protections in D6."
	Enforce Speeding	1	The City needs to enforce speed limits.	"Although I am retired and work part time, due to excessive speeding I avoid taking Gratiot Avenue. No doubt, you see more police writing tickets, but it is a dangerous street to drive."
	Neighborhood Public Safety	8	Improve neighborhood safety by having more neighborhood policing	"We should do more, increase our budget, for neighborhood policing, right now we have banking hours for our neighborhood policing, 9-5 or 8-4. I think we should change it to have

Category	Priority	# Mentions	Summary of Priority	Example Comment
				officers 7 days a week around the clock."
	Police Audit & Reform	2	Ensuring police funding and actions are being accounted for and budgeted responsibly	"Less for police" "Anti-surveillance"
	Public Safety	12	Residents desire a safe City and city leadership that is responsive to safety concerns	"Public safety" "Police support"
Recreation & Parks	Entertainment	3	Fund cultural events and nightlife events in the City	"Nightlife" "Cultural events"
	Parks Funding	5	The City should ensure parks are well-maintained and offer spaces for activities desired by community members	"Parks and Greenspace" "More Parks"
	Recreation	11	Continue to fund recreation centers across the City	"Centers funded by the city" "Rec centers"
	Recreational Facilities Improvements	2	Create connections between City parks with walkways free of cars	"Lakewood East, in particular, is in need of some improvements, and it would be wonderful to see all three parks connected through non-motorized trails and walkways."

SUMMARY OF PRIORITIES BY DISTRICT

The following tables present a summary of the priorities stated during the Annual Public Budget Meetings and District Budget Priorities Forums by district. For all district meetings, residents could provide comments aloud, in the chat feature in Zoom, or through the online engagement platform, Slido. It should be noted that participants in Slido were anonymous, which means that the Budget Office could not know if a resident shared the same priority via Zoom and Slido.

The first table shows responses to the prompt asking what residents would like to see prioritized in the budget. The purpose of this question was to gauge what issue areas were

front of mind for residents. Participants couldn't see how others responded before submitting their input, which helped ensure participants were submitting responses reflective of their own true sentiments without bias from others.

The second table for each district presents that district's ranking of the issues that were stated as the highest priorities citywide in the budget priorities forums held in the Winter of 2026. This question was presented through the Slido platform and allowed each resident to rank the categories. Slido then averaged the rank for each category and presented a summary of the rankings. The results are shown in the second table for each district. The purpose of this question was to determine residents' relative prioritization of these categories against one another and to demonstrate the trade-offs that the City government and the Budget Office face when having to decide how to allocate dollars among equally important initiatives.

District 1

Summary of Responses to Question 1

Medium	Category	Priority	# comments
Aloud, Chat & Slido	Neighborhood Infrastructure, Design, & Transportation 15 comments	bus improvements	4
		Transportation	3
		Safer street design	2
		Community group funding	1
		Corridor development	1
		Lead pipe replacement	1
		Neighborhood rebuilding	1
		Sidewalks	1
		Streetlights	1
	Beautification 14 comments	Beautification	5
		Eliminate blight	4
		Tree removal / trimming	3
		Litter cleanup	1
		Street cleaning	1
	Housing 12 comments	Home repair	7
		Affordable housing	2
		Right to counsel	2
		Renter supports	1
	Economic Supports 11 comments	Economic development	3
		Senior support	3
		Water affordability	3
		Childcare support	2
	Government Accountability 8 comments	Government responsiveness	2
		Participatory budgeting	2
		Effective city services	1

		Strategic planning	1
		Tax fairness	1
		Transparency in budget	1
	Health 6 comments	Environmental health	5
		Food accessibility	1
	Public Safety 5 comments	Neighborhood public safety	2
		Code enforcement	1
		Police audit & reform	1
		Public safety	1
	Economic Opportunity Programs 4 comments	Youth programs	3
		Job training & hiring	1
	Climate & Sustainability 2 comments	Water sewer infrastructure	2
	Recreation & Parks 1 comment	Parks funding	1

Summary of Ranking Poll Results from Question 2

Priority	Rank	Slido calculated ranking (1 – lowest, 9 – highest)
Affordable Housing	1	6.53
Home Repair	2	6.23
Transportation	3	5.23
Eliminate Blight	4	4.92
Public Safety	5	4.23
Parks Funding	5	4.23
Small Business Support	7	3.93
Tree Removal/Trimming	8	3.38
Safer Street Design	9	3.23
Sidewalks	10	3.07

District 2

Summary of Responses to Question 1

Medium	Category	Priority	# comments
Aloud, Chat & Slido	Neighborhood Infrastructure, Design, & Transportation 10 comments	Transportation	5
		Street repair	2
		Corridor development	1
		Neighborhood rebuilding	1
		Safer street design	1
	Housing 10 comments	Affordability	6
		Home repair	1
		Homeownership	1
		Right to counsel	1
		Support for housing insecure persons	1
	Government Accountability	Participatory budgeting	3

	9 comments	Effective city service	2
		Transparency in budget	2
		Community engagement	1
		Government responsiveness	1
	Beautification 4 comments	Vacant lot cleanup	3
		Beautification	1
	Economic Opportunity Programs 4 comments	Youth programs	2
		Citizen education programs	1
		Digital divide	1
	Economic Supports 4 comments	Childcare support	1
		Poverty alleviation	1
		Retiree support	1
		Small business support	1
	Public Safety 3 comments	Neighborhood public safety	2
		Public safety	1
	Recreation & Parks 1 comment	Recreation	1

Summary of Ranking Poll Results from Question 2

Priority	Rank	Slido calculated ranking (1 – lowest, 9 – highest)
Affordable Housing	1	6.17
Home Repair	2	6.05
Public Safet	3	5.17
Transportation	4	5.11
Eliminate Blight	4	5.11
Sidewalks	6	4.05
Small Business Support	7	4.00
Parks Funding	8	3.52
Tree Removal/Trimming	9	3.23
Safer Street Design	10	2.52

District 3

Summary of Responses to Question 1

Medium	Category	Priority	# comments
Aloud, Chat, & Slido	Neighborhood Infrastructure, Design, & Transportation 12 comments	Community group funding	2
		Neighborhood rebuilding	2
		Neighborhood signage	2
		Transportation	2
		Bike infrastructure	1
		Bus improvements	1
		Corridor development	1
		Sidewalks	1

	Beautification 8 comments	Beautification Demolition Eliminate blight Pest and wildlife control	3 3 1 1
	Public Safety 6 comments	Neighborhood public safety Public safety Code enforcement	3 2 1
	Housing 5 comments	Affordable housing Land bank reform	4 1
	Climate & Sustainability 3 comments	Green infrastructure Sustainability & resilience Urban agriculture	1 1 1
	Economic Opportunity Programs 3 comments	Digital divide Job training & hiring Youth programs	1 1 1
	Economic Supports 3 comments	Economic development Small business support	2 1
	Government Accountability 3 comments	Effective city services Government responsiveness Participatory budgeting	1 1 1
	Health 3 comments	Accessible health care Coordinated services	2 1
	Recreation & Parks 2 Comments	Entertainment Recreation	1 1

Summary of Ranking Poll Results from Question 2

Priority	Rank	Slido calculated ranking (1 – lowest, 9 – highest)
Affordable Housing	1	7.37
Public Safety	2	5.87
Small Business Support	3	5.62
Home Repair	4	5.37
Transportation	5	5.25
Eliminate Blight	6	4.12
Sidewalks	7	3.25
Parks Funding	8	3.00
Safer Street Design	9	2.75
Tree Removal/Trimming	10	2.37

District 4

Summary of Responses to Question 1

Medium	Category	Priority	# comments
Aloud, Chat, & Slido	Neighborhood Infrastructure, Design, & Transportation 21 comments	Neighborhood rebuilding	4
		Citywide improvements	4
		Bus improvements	3
		Safer street design	3
		Transportation	3
		Corridor development	2
		Community group funding	1
		Bike infrastructure	1
	Housing 12 comments	Affordable housing	5
		Home repair	4
		Expanded affordable housing	1
		Land bank reform	1
		Support for housing insecure persons	1
	Public Safety 10 comments	Public safety	5
		Code enforcement	2
		Cameras in neighborhoods	1
		Enforce speeding	1
		Neighborhood public safety	1
	Beautification 9 comments	Pest and wildlife control	2
		Alley cleanup	1
		Beautification	1
		Eliminate blight	1
		Litter cleanup	1
		Street cleaning	1
		Tree removal/trimming	1
		Vacant lot cleanup	1
	Government Accountability 7 comments	Participatory budgeting	3
		Civil rights protection	1
		Effective city services	1
		Government responsiveness	1
		Transparency in budget	1
	Economic Supports 7 comments	Disability supports	2
		Economic development	1
		Poverty alleviation	1
		Retiree supports	1
		Senior supports	1
		Small business support	1
	Climate & Sustainability 6 comments	Water & Sewer infrastructure	3
		Sustainability & Resilience	2
		Emergency planning	1

	Recreation & Parks 6 comments	Recreation	3
		Entertainment	1
		Parks funding	1
		Recreational facilities improvements	1
	Health 5 comments	Mental health response	2
		Food accessibility	1
		Accessible health care	1
		Coordinated services	1
	Economic Opportunity Programs 5 comments	Citizen education programs	2
		Youth programs	2
		Digital divide	1

Summary of Ranking Poll Results from Question 2

Priority	Rank	Slido calculated ranking (1 – lowest, 9 – highest)
Transportation	1	6.45
Affordable Housing	2	6.36
Home Repair	3	6.18
Eliminate Blight	4	4.55
Sidewalks	5	4.45
Public Safety	5	4.46
Parks Funding	7	3.90
Small Business Support	8	3.54
Safer Street Design	9	3.18
Tree Removal/Trimming	10	1.90

District 5

Summary of Responses to Question 1

Medium	Category	Priority	# comments
Aloud, Chat, & Slido	Neighborhood Infrastructure, Design, & Transportation 34 comments	Transportation	8
		Bus improvements	8
		Safer street design	5
		Sidewalks	4
		Bike infrastructure	4
		Citywide improvements	2
		Community group funding	1
		Street repair	1
		Neighborhood rebuilding	1
	Housing 14 comments	Affordable housing	7
		Support for housing insecure persons	3
		Home repair	2
		Affordable housing preservation fund	1
		Expanded affordable housing	1
	Recreation & Parks	Recreation	3

	5 comments	Parks funding	1
		Recreational facilities improvements	1
	Health 5 comments	Environmental health	2
		Food accessibility	1
		Substance use prevention	1
		Accessible health care	1
	Government Accountability 4 comments	Community engagement	1
		Community involvement in budget	1
		Government responsiveness	1
		Participatory budgeting	1
	Public Safety 4 comments	Public safety	2
		Code enforcement	2
	Economic Opportunity Programs 3 comments	Citizen education programs	1
		Digital divide	1
		Economic equality	1
	Economic Supports 2 comments	Disability supports	1
		Senior supports	1
	Climate & Sustainability 2 comments	Emergency planning	1
		Water & Sewer infrastructure	1
	Beautification 2 comments	Alley cleanup	1
		beautification	1

Summary of Ranking Poll Results from Question 2

Priority	Rank	Slido calculated ranking (1 – lowest, 9 – highest)
Transportation	1	1.56
Eliminate Blight	1	1.56
Affordable Housing	3	1.50
Safer Street Design	4	1.43
Public Safety	5	1.18
Home Repair	6	1.06
Sidewalks	7	0.93
Parks Funding	8	0.37
Tree Removal/Trimming	9	0.18
Small Business Support	9	0.18

District 6

Summary of Responses to Question 1

Medium	Category	Priority	# comments
Aloud, Chat, & Slido	Neighborhood Infrastructure, Design & Transportation 10 comments	Transportation	3
		Neighborhood rebuilding	3
		Corridor development	1
		Safer street design	1

		Sidewalks	1
		Street repair	1
	Housing 9 comments	Affordable housing	3
		Expanded home repair	2
		Home repair	2
		Multi-family housing	1
		Right to counsel	1
	Health 6 comments	Environmental health	5
		Mental health response	1
	Economic Opportunity Programs 5 comments	Immigrant supports	4
		Citizen education programs	1
	Economic Supports 4 comments	Water affordability	2
		Disability supports	1
		Poverty alleviation	1
	Public Safety 4 comments	Code enforcement	4
	Recreation & Parks 4 comments	Parks funding	2
		Entertainment	1
		Recreation	1
	Government Accountability 3 comments	Participatory budgeting	2
		Community engagement	1
	Beautification 1 comment	Beautification	1
	Climate & Sustainability 1 comments	Green infrastructure	1

Summary of Ranking Poll Results from Question 2

Priority	Rank	Slido calculated ranking (1 – lowest, 9 - highest)
Transportation	1	5.66
Sidewalks	2	5.33
Home Repair	3	5.00
Affordable Housing	4	4.75
Eliminate Blight	4	4.75
Safer Street Design	6	4.66
Parks Funding	7	4.33
Public Safety	8	4.00
Small Business Support	9	3.33
Tree Removal/Trimming	10	3.16

District 7

Summary of Responses to Question 1

Medium	Category	Priority	# comments
Aloud, Chat, & Slido	Housing 11 comments	Affordable housing	6
		Home repair	3

		Right to counsel	2
	Economic Supports 5 comments	Senior supports	2
		Small business supports	1
		Retiree supports	1
		Disability supports	1
	Economic Opportunity Programs 5 comments	Digital divide	2
		Better schools	1
		Economic equity	1
		Youth programs	1
	Neighborhood Infrastructure, Design, & Transportation 4 comments	Transportation	2
		Community group funding	1
		Corridor development	1
	Government Accountability 4 comments	Participatory budgeting	2
		Community engagement	1
		Effective city services	1
	Recreation & Parks 2 comments	Recreation	2
	Public Safety 2 comments	Police audit & reform	1
		Public safety	1
	Beautification 2 comments	Beautification	1
		Eliminate blight	1

Summary of Ranking Poll Results from Question 2

Priority	Rank	Slido calculated ranking (1 – lowest, 9 – highest)
Affordable Housing	1	7.50
Eliminate Blight	2	6.62
Public Safety	3	5.87
Transportation	4	5.50
Home Repair	5	5.37
Small Business Support	6	4.12
Parks Funding	7	3.00
Sidewalks	8	2.75
Tree Removal/Trimming	9	2.25
Safer Street Design	10	2.00

How the Budget Addresses Concerns

The tables below summarize resident-stated priorities broken out by the department(s) responsible for those priorities. The number of comments includes those stated verbally, via the chat feature on Zoom, as well as Slido question 1. The number also includes priorities received through the Your Budget inbox through February 20, 2026. Many of the responses below describe programs that the department runs to support the priority.

BUILDINGS, SAFETY, AND ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT (BSEED)

Priority	# of Comments
Code enforcement	10

Code enforcement: The Property Maintenance Bureau within BSEED ensures continued compliance for commercial and residential properties. The Bureau enforces the Property Maintenance Code and the Rental Ordinance. To support BSEED's Order Demolition and Certificate of Compliance Initiative, there will be a total of 141 positions within the Dangerous Building Office (23) and Property Maintenance Enforcement (118) Divisions in FY27. Property maintenance enforcement accounts for roughly 32% of BSEED's overall budget and total FTEs.

CIVIL RIGHTS, INCLUSION, AND OPPORTUNITY DEPARTMENT (CRIO)

Priority	# of Comments
Disability supports	7
Economic equity	2
Immigrant supports	4

Disability supports: CRIO maintains an Office of Disability Affairs (ODA) that works to increase independence, opportunities, community participation, safety, and wellness for people with disabilities in the City of Detroit. The FY27 Adopted Budget for ODA is \$1,010,716, including funding for American Sign Language translation services.

Economic equity: The Civil Rights, Inclusion, and Opportunity Department (CRIO) removes discriminatory barriers through innovative and high-quality, customer-driven programs

that foster economic opportunity and empowerment, which will benefit Detroit residents, visitors, and the entrepreneurial sector of the local economy, specifically the Office of Cannabis Affairs (OCA). In FY27, the OCA is funded at \$860,000. The OCA oversees cannabis business licensing and connects Detroiters and social equity applicants with technical and educational resources, as well as employment and networking opportunities. The OCA also manages the social equity fund for economic development initiatives developed from statutory cannabis revenue sharing, which is intended to support very low-income entrepreneurs and justice-impacted individuals.

Immigrant supports: For Limited English Proficient (LEP) individuals, CRIO prioritizes language assistance for essential services while offering interpretation services during public meetings and document translation upon request.

DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (DOIT)

Priority	# of Comments
Digital divide	2

Digital divide: The Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT) is a digital enabler for the residents it serves, and the department aims to leverage digital potential for all Detroiters. DoIT implemented a pilot program in one neighborhood in Detroit to install fiberoptic cable and connect the neighborhood to high-speed internet and has plans to expand the pilot in coming years. In March 2023, the department also hired the City's first Digital Equity Director. The FY27 Budget continues to support DoIT's efforts to close the digital divide.

DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS

Priority	# of Comments
Citizen education programs	5
Community group funding	7
Neighborhood signage	2

Citizen education programs: The City provides a range of resident education and capacity-building opportunities through departments and partner agencies, including financial literacy, workforce training, and civic engagement programming. These efforts are supported through grant coordination, workforce initiatives, and public-facing

programming that improve access to information and economic opportunity for Detroit residents.

Community group funding: Neighborhoods are key to the vibrancy of Detroit. The Department of Neighborhoods recognizes the many community groups, block clubs, and neighborhood organizations throughout the city that organize community members, take care of their blocks, and beautify their neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Beautification Fund provides grants for these groups to further improve their corner of the city.

Neighborhood signage: The City continues to address neighborhood infrastructure needs, including signage, through broader investments in public works, neighborhood improvement, and beautification initiatives. These efforts support safer navigation, improved aesthetics, and stronger neighborhood identity.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW)

Priority	# of Comments
Bike infrastructure	6
Corridor development	7
Green infrastructure	2
Safer street design	9
Sidewalks	11
Street cleaning	2
Street repair	4
Sustainability & resilience	3

Bike infrastructure: In April 2026, City Council voted to add \$50,000 to the FY27 budget to expand the number of bike racks throughout the City. This funding supports Detroit's growing cycling community with safe, reliable options for bicycle parking. The FY27 Budget also includes continued support for DPW's Complete Street team, which helps make commercial corridors safer for cyclists by building bike infrastructure. Additionally, the budget supports management of the Joe Louis Greenway project, a walking and biking path that will extend 27.5 miles from the Detroit Riverfront to Highland Park, Dearborn, and Hamtramck, with connectors along throughfares Livernois and McNichols.

Green infrastructure: DPW maintains the City's viaducts located in public areas. Four times per year, DPW clears each of the hundreds of viaducts across the city. The FY27 Budget continues to support these efforts.

Safer street design: DPW's Traffic Engineering Division works to make the street system safe and fit for public use. It houses a Traffic Sign shop which creates and maintains all street signs in the city. DPW, through its Complete Streets team, continues to beautify commercial

corridors, as well as making them safer for pedestrian and vehicular travel through its streetscape projects. The FY27 Budget continues to support all safe street design efforts and includes allocated resources for residential street resurfacing and speed humps as well as street calming initiatives on Kercheval, Jefferson and McClellan.

Sidewalks: The Department of Public Works remains committed to its goal of providing high quality, cost-effective maintenance of City assets in public rights-of way. Through its annual maintenance program, DPW anticipates replacing roughly 30,000 sidewalk flags in FY27. In addition, in March 2026 the Administration requested and the City Council approved an \$8 million supplemental appropriation to repair and replace sidewalks throughout the city in fiscal year 2027.

Street cleaning: DPW maintains a fleet of trucks that sweep the streets between April and November each year. The street division sweeps local, major and state roads. The FY27 Budget continues to support these efforts.

Street repair: DPW's Street Maintenance Division serves more than 2,500 miles of major and local City streets as well as 29 bridges through pothole repair, residential street resurfacing, installation of speed humps, maintaining viaducts, and management of street closures. The FY27 Budget provides more than \$42 million to support Street Maintenance operations.

Sustainability & resilience: Department of Public Works picks up recyclable materials from residential and commercial properties across the city. DPW currently collects recycling on a weekly schedule, servicing roughly 103,000 households. The FY27 Budget makes additional investments to continue to support DPW's recycling program and its efforts to continue educating residents on the importance of participating in the City's recycling program.

DETROIT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DDOT)

Priority	# of Comments
Bus improvements	17
Disability supports	6
Safer street design	9
Sustainability & resilience	3
Transportation	29

Bus improvements: DDOT continues to focus on improving service reliability and quality across its 36 fixed routes operating throughout the city. The FY27 Budget includes continued investments in fleet reliability, vehicle replacement, and bus availability to support more dependable transit service for Detroit residents.

The FY27 budget supports DDOT's goal of maintaining more than 240 buses available for daily service, helping ensure reliable service coverage across the city while providing operational flexibility to address maintenance needs and unexpected service disruptions.

DDOT is currently in the process of replacing and installing new bus shelters and benches across the city as part of its ongoing efforts to improve the rider experience and transit infrastructure. The construction and installation of the initial 60 advertisement-supported bus shelters is expected to be completed by the end of FY26. Bus Shelter improvements will provide improved waiting experience for bus riders and improved access via ADA access. Shelters replaced in this phase will include locations along major corridors.

As part of ongoing system improvements, DDOT is initiating a multi-month community engagement process for the future renovation and expansion of the Rosa Parks Transit Center. The engagement process is intended to ensure that future improvements are informed by the needs and experiences of riders who utilize the facility most frequently. These efforts reflect DDOT's commitment to creating a modern, safe, efficient, and user-centered transit hub that supports long-term operational success and improved customer experience.

Disability supports: Seniors and individuals with disabilities will be supported by DDOT through Accessibility-D 2.0 and increased funding for paratransit ridership. The FY27 budget supports DDOT's commitment to improving transportation equity, accessibility, and mobility for Detroit's elderly and disabled residents.

Sustainability & resilience: DDOT continues its commitment to advancing a greener transportation system and improving air quality throughout Detroit communities. As part of these efforts, DDOT received four new electric buses to launch a pilot program evaluating operational efficiency, charging requirements, and overall feasibility of integrating electric vehicles into the transit fleet. The electric buses are expected to enter service in May 2026, and insights gained from the pilot program will help guide future fleet electrification strategies while maintaining reliable transit operations.

Transportation: Residents raised several concerns relating to transportation. All priorities were grouped together under "Transportation" in the previous table, but in order to address all concerns raised by residents, the following bullet points address separately each transportation concern.

- **Transportation – Improved service:** DDOT's FY27 Budget includes a total increase of \$29.9 million to support operational improvements and service enhancements across the transit system. The additional funding supports contract increases intended to provide both the staffing and bus availability needed to increase service levels while maintaining schedule reliability. The

FY27 budget calls for quarterly increases in bus service, exceeding pre-pandemic service levels (200 AM Pullout/215+ PM Pullout).

The FY27 Budget includes generational investment aimed at addressing high employee turnover and strengthening workforce development and retention efforts. By increasing fleet readiness and enhancing maintenance efficiency, these FY27 investments support DDOT's continued commitment to improving service quality, operational reliability, and the overall rider experience.

- **Transportation – Community engagement:** DDOT continues to actively collect public feedback on opportunities to improve Detroit's public transportation system through operational analysis and strategic planning initiatives focused on rethinking the fixed-route bus network, improving operations, and creating new mobility options. DDOT continues to evaluate service performance, ridership trends, and community input to help guide future transit planning and service improvements.
- **Transportation – Mobility innovation:** DDOT's Office of Mobility Innovation (OMI) builds solutions that improve transportation access and experience through public engagement. OMI works across multiple city departments to coordinate cleaner, more accessible, and more equitable mobility solutions for Detroit residents and visitors alike.
- **Transportation – Student transportation:** During FY26 DDOT launched its "Ride to Rise" program which allows all DPSCD and other individual Detroit schools K-12 students to ride DDOT fare-free year-round. The program is designed to reduce transportation barriers for students while improving access to educational and extracurricular opportunities across the city. Detroit's FY27 Budget continues to support these efforts by allocating funding to expand access to safe and reliable transportation for students citywide.

DETROIT ECONOMIC GROWTH CORPORATION (DEGC)

Priority	# of Comments
Economic development	6
Economic equity	2
Small business support	4

Economic development: In alignment with Mayor Sheffield's vision, DEGC will play an integral role in the Mayor's goal to make Detroit the "best place to start and grow a small business." The DEGC's development efforts has contributed to assisting the City of Detroit to grow it's

income tax revenue, the primary source of the City's General Fund, which provides the financing for essential City services.

On behalf of the City of Detroit, the DEGC helps to create jobs that provide Detroiters with a living wage. Moreover, the City exceeded the post-bankruptcy Plan of Adjustment income tax projections by \$508 million from the years 2014 to 2024, thereby outpacing the Plan's projected 2% annual growth rate in City income tax by two and one half times to an actual annual growth rate of 5%. The Plan of Adjustment's projection of income tax collections over the ten-year period of 2014-2024 was \$3.3 billion. However, actual collections were \$3.8 billion, an approximate \$500 million increase over the budgeted amount. This can be attributed, in part, to the coordinated economic development efforts of the DEGC.

In addition, the DEGC will facilitate a newly revised retail strategy and will assist in the implementation of it.

Economic equity: As the established driver of Commercial and Industrial development on behalf of the City of Detroit, DEGC will take a fresh look to expand and refocus efforts on establishing new retail development in the neighborhood corridors of the city of Detroit.

DEGC's Business Retention Program focuses on its support for Detroit's existing large scale and high growth employers located in neighborhoods outside of greater downtown. In 2025, the DEGC conducted 48 retention visits to Detroit-based companies, and more than 80% of those visits were to companies located outside of greater downtown. In 2025, DEGC identified and is actively managing six (6) competitive expansion projects representing the potential to create up to 257 new jobs. All six of those projects are located outside of greater downtown.

In fiscal year 2024-2025, the DBRA approved 5 brownfield plans all of which were outside of downtown and midtown. In 2024 & 2025 nearly 60% of the abatements underwritten by DEGC and approved by the Detroit City Council were outside the city core, which is defined as the Central Business District ("CBD"), Midtown and New Center Submarkets. This represents a total of 23 approvals totaling \$436 Million in investment.

Small business support: The success of DEGC's Small Business services can be measured by the following:

Detroit Legacy Business Project	Awarded \$610,000 to 60 business owners this current fiscal year.
Green Grocer	Awarded 11 grocers grants. The grants range between \$15,000 and \$25,000.

NextUp 313	7 micro internships, 80 course registrants, and 13 in person events. Grants will be awarded to small businesses owned by 10-30 year olds in the next few weeks.
Startup Fund	Awarded \$600,000 to 26 startups over two rounds this current fiscal year.
District Business Liaisons	Assist 400 business owners per quarter with help through city processes, referrals to business serving organizations, or other business matters.

DETROIT AT WORK - DETROIT EMPLOYMENT SOLUTIONS CORPORATION (DESC)

Priority	# of Comments
Economic development	6
Economic equity	2
Job training & hiring	2

Economic development: DESC supports Detroit's economic development strategy by connecting residents to employment and training opportunities aligned with high-growth and high-demand industries. Through Detroit at Work, DESC partners with employers, developers, and economic development organizations to build talent pipelines that support business attraction, expansion, and long-term economic growth while helping ensure Detroiters benefit from public and private investment.

Economic equity: DESC advances economic equity by reducing barriers to employment and expanding access to quality jobs, training, and career pathways for Detroit residents, particularly those facing systemic barriers to opportunity. Through workforce development, supportive services, youth employment, and targeted community-based initiatives, DESC works to increase economic mobility and create more equitable access to family-sustaining wages and careers.

Job training & hiring/Economic development - DESC operations: The City of Detroit contributes financial support to Detroit at Work (DAW) administrative staff who support workforce development programs such as job and scholarship fairs, job training, job readiness and job placement programs, employer services such as screening and referrals, and scholarship programs. DAW operates nine (9) career centers and six (6) youth centers across Detroit. The City also provides resources to the DAW Workforce Training Fund which supports programming designed to increase the pool of qualified Detroit applicants for jobs in the construction trades. Lastly, Grow Detroit's Young Talent, a summer jobs program for

the city's youth, has received \$4 million in the FY27 City Budget. The program has provided almost 80,000 summer work experiences for Detroit youth since 2015. The City supports staff of the Mayor's workforce development board who secure priority hiring agreements to get Detroit's jobs.

DETROIT HEALTH DEPARTMENT (DHD)

Priority	# of Comments
Accessible health care	4
Emergency planning	2
Environmental health	12
Food accessibility	6
Mental health response	3
Substance use prevention	1

Accessible health care: The Health Department (DHD) collaborates with federally qualified health centers, hospitals, and clinical groups to support equitable access to health care services. Public facing programs provide referral services for clients who are in need of health care services. The FY27 Budget continues to provide funding to support these efforts.

Emergency planning: The Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness (OPHEP) is dedicated to protecting the health and safety of residents before, during, and after public health emergencies. OPHEP focuses on planning and preparing for community health disasters, including chemical, biological, radiological incidents. Our team develops, maintains, and regularly updates emergency response plans, conducts drills and exercises to test and strengthen preparedness efforts. We also ensure that staff receive the appropriate training to effectively respond to public health emergencies. The FY27 Budget continues to provide funding to support these efforts.

Environmental health: DHD maintains an Environmental Health and Food Safety division dedicated to ensuring establishments throughout the City are safe and in compliance with ordinances and laws via inspections. The FY27 Budget continues to provide funding to support these efforts, with \$1,435,743 allocated towards these efforts.

Food accessibility: In the FY27 Budget, the newly created Office of Senior Affairs will have a Senior Food Access Program with \$750,000 in one-time funding. DHD also has WIC program funding of \$2,254,520 to provide nutritious foods, nutrition education and counseling, breastfeeding support, and referral services to help families in a time of need.

Mental health response: DHD maintains a Behavioral Health division dedicated to addressing mental health needs in the City. The FY27 Budget continues to provide funding to support

the programs within this division dedicated to mental health responsiveness. DHD also had Mental Health Co-Response services added, with FY27 funding of \$1,557,318.

Substance use prevention: In the FY27 Budget, DHD received \$25,000 for the You & Me Vape Free initiative and a \$250,000 budget increase for the Family Substance Misuse program. DHD also received \$75,000 to purchase child resistant lock safety containers for cannabis products. DHD also receives Opioid Settlement payout funding, which helps fund the Harm Reduction Wellness Stations.

DETROIT LAND BANK AUTHORITY (DLBA)

Priority	# of Comments
Land Bank reform	2

Land Bank reform: The DLBA offers programs and presentations geared toward community engagement and education to expand access to DLBA opportunities including: DLBA community affairs which provides community events that connect Detroiters directly with DLBA staff in key areas of interest like home and land sales, maintenance, compliance, and more; open houses that offer potential buyers a chance to see upcoming auction properties in-person before placing a bid; monthly board meetings; and Building Blocks events that partner with neighborhood stakeholders to engage residents and attract potential buyers ahead of a new release of Auction and Own It Now property listings.

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT (DPD)

Priority	# of Comments
Cameras in neighborhoods	1
Code enforcement	10
Enforce speeding	1
Neighborhood public safety	8
Police audit & reform	2
Public safety	12

Cameras in neighborhoods: The Police Department sometimes installs cameras near illegal dumping sites to catch anyone dumping trash at those sites. Several residents expressed support for these cameras and a desire for the numbers of cameras to be expanded; the Police Department will continue its current operations of placing cameras at sites where illegal dumping regularly occurs, and these efforts are supported in the FY27 Budget.

Code enforcement: On October 6, 2025, the City of Detroit passed a semi-truck ordinance in the 4th Precinct due to numerous complaints from the community. Currently officers in the 4th Precinct are dedicated to enforcement of restricted truck routes within residential areas improving roadway safety. This enforcement also improves the quality of air concerns in the neighborhoods.

Enforce speeding: Traffic enforcement is an aspect of community safety that is a high priority for the department. Ensuring those who commute in our city are safe by protecting motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians is critical as is holding violators accountable.

Neighborhood public safety: The FY27 Budget supports 74 Neighborhood Police Officers dedicated to enforcing public safety in neighborhoods throughout the entire city. Safety in all areas of the city are important to DPD. Our enforcement efforts involve violent crime as well as quality of life issues from vehicle theft to illegal dumping. Creating safe neighborhoods by partnering with the community has resulted in significant decreases in crime throughout the city.

Police audit & reform: A few residents expressed desires or suggestions for how to reform the Detroit Police Department. The Police Department has a mindset of continuous improvement and welcomes opportunities to serve residents better. The Department's Community Safety Strategy outlines the ways in which the Police Department continues to keep citizens of Detroit safe. The FY27 Budget supports the efforts of continuous improvement of the Detroit Police Department.

Public safety: Many residents expressed a desire for greater safety within the City of Detroit, with one envisioning a city of “safe days and safe nights, where crime and complaints are handled promptly.” This is in line with one of the goals of the Detroit Police Department, to “reduce crime throughout the city so residents can feel walk the streets without fear.” The FY27 Budget includes significant increases for DPD staffing and strategic initiatives in support of this goal.

DETROIT WATER AND SEWERAGE DEPARTMENT (DWSD)

Priority	# of Comments
Environmental health	12
Lead pipe replacement	1
Water affordability	6
Water & sewer infrastructure	4

Environmental health: The City of Detroit's drinking water is clean and safe to drink and it meets or exceeds all federal and state regulatory standards under the Safe Drinking Water

Act. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) tested drinking water in 2024 for lead -- under the most stringent Lead and Copper Rule (Michigan) in the nation -- and found that the sampling of the homes tested were below the EPA's action level for lead in drinking water. The water leaving the treatment plants does not contain lead, but lead can be released into drinking water from corrosion in service lines and household plumbing that contain lead. The water provided to DWSD customers contains a corrosion inhibitor to reduce corrosion of lead and other pipe materials into drinking water.

Lead pipe replacement: The water leaving the treatment plants that serve the City of Detroit does not contain lead, but lead can be released into drinking water from corrosion in lead service lines and household plumbing that contains lead. The water provided to DWSD customers contains a corrosion inhibitor to reduce corrosion of lead and other pipe materials into drinking water. Since 2018, DWSD has replaced 12,000 lead service lines and continues to work to verify and replace lead service lines as part of the Asset Management Program. Detroit citizens may be eligible for a full-service line replacement, if the service line is made of lead, at DWSD's cost while the department is replacing the water main on a given citizen's street.

Water affordability: DWSD has established the Lifeline Plan, which is an income-based water affordability program that allows qualifying customers to lower their monthly water payments while also erasing their past debts. Upon enrollment, customers start fresh with a zero balance due on their account. Their monthly payments are fixed based on household income and number of household members. Enrollees also get 1,125 gallons of indoor water usage per household member per month, shutoff protection while enrolled in the plan and making monthly payments, and, if qualified and as long as funding is available, a free water audit and minor plumbing repairs to fix leaks and inefficient equipment to save money. Interested customers can enroll via Wayne Metro at <http://waynemetro.org/DWSDlifeline>.

Water & sewer infrastructure: DWSD provides an online tool to determine whether residents have a lead service line. DWSD is replacing lead service lines throughout Detroit on a first come, first served basis and citizens should add their homes to the lead service line replacement list. DWSD will replace the lead service line, with homeowner/occupant permission, when workers are on your block replacing the water main. If water main replacement is taking place in your neighborhood, you will be notified in advance of construction beginning. Stormwater improvement projects are also ongoing to mitigate flood damage. The FY27 Budget supports these efforts.

GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (GSD)

Priority	# of Comments
Alley cleanup	3
Beautification	12
Eliminate blight	10
Environmental Health	12
Litter cleanup	2
Parks funding	5
Pest & wildlife control	3
Recreation	11
Recreational facilities improvements	2
Senior supports	7
Tree removal / trimming	4
Vacant lot cleanup	5
Youth programs	9

Alley cleanup: Over the course of the three-year alley cleanup program, GSD cleared 3,679 alleys throughout the City of Detroit.

Beautification: GSD strives to make the City of Detroit a clean, safe, and vibrant place. In support of these goals, GSD has funding dedicated to vacant lot cutting, litter removal, blight removal and vacant structure cleanouts, corridor and alley cleanup and graffiti removal. GSD also manages the freeway cleaning program on behalf of the State of Michigan, which has resulted in cleaner and safer freeways.

Eliminate blight: There are various sources of blight remediation supported by the FY 2027 Budget: GSD's Grounds Maintenance Division has funding dedicated to vacant lot cutting, litter removal, graffiti removal, and dangerous tree removal. The Construction & Demolition Department operates an abandoned building board up program. GSD also maintains a webpage to report illegal dump sites.

Litter cleanup: The General Services Department provides citywide litter abatement services to maintain clean, safe, and welcoming neighborhoods, corridors, and public spaces.

Parks funding: The FY27 Budget includes \$39.3 million in parks and public space management, including Landscape Design, Park Development, Grounds Maintenance, Floriculture, and support for the Unified Greenway Partnership.

Pest & wildlife control: The General Services Department Animal Care and Control Division oversees every aspect of an animal's life to ensure the best outcomes for those in the Department's care. Services include offering spay or neutering services for unattended dogs, helping animals find temporary and forever homes, improving safety for residents, and animal control services. This team protects the health, safety, and welfare of residents and visitors from loose/stray animals and disease. Wildlife control, specifically, falls under the

responsibility of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, while pest control services are available through numerous private companies.

Recreation: The General Services Department provides recreation services through a network of centers and programs designed to promote health, wellness, and community engagement. Services include youth and adult programming, aquatics, athletics, enrichment activities, and access to safe recreational spaces. The Department continues to expand programming and hours of operation, including targeted initiatives like Occupy the Summer, to better serve residents across all neighborhoods. These efforts support youth development, neighborhood activation, and equitable access to high-quality services.

Recreational facilities improvements: The General Services Department invests in recreational facility improvements to ensure safe, modern, and accessible spaces for residents. These efforts include upgrades to buildings, pools, athletic courts, and supporting infrastructure across the city. Improvements are prioritized based on facility condition, community need, and equity considerations. These investments enhance the user experience and support expanded programming and neighborhood activation.

Senior supports: There are numerous programs supported by GSD and its Recreation Division that are available to City of Detroit seniors including, but not limited to, senior technology classes, basketball, pickleball, boxing, chess, crafting, and senior walking.

Tree removal/trimming: GSD has dedicated funding for removal and trimming of dangerous trees on the City rights of way. GSD also administers the Dead, Dangerous, and Diseased Trees program which allows residents to report trees on their private property they feel need to be trimmed or removed. If the trees qualify, they will be trimmed or removed, with no charge to the resident.

Vacant lot cleanup: GSD's Grounds Maintenance Division has funding dedicated to vacant lot cutting and litter removal, and the Construction & Demolition Department operates an abandoned building board up program. The FY27 Budget supports these efforts.

Youth programs: The FY27 budget includes funding for GSD's Recreation Division, which provides recreation and leisure activities for all who live, work, and play in Metro Detroit. With over 300 parks and 15 recreation centers, Recreation connects communities with parks, programs, and facilities to positively impact their health and wellness. Numerous recreation programs are targeted towards the city's youth population through summer employment opportunities as well.

HOUSING AND REVITALIZATION DEPARTMENT (HRD)

Priority	# of Comments
Affordable housing	33
Affordable housing preservation fund	1
Expanded affordable housing	2
Multi-family housing	1
Neighborhood rebuilding	12
Senior supports	7

Affordable housing: HRD coordinates the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, where \$5.3 million will support affordable housing in FY27. The proposed FY27 budget allocates the City's estimated CDBG award. The FY27 Budget also supports affordable housing through the annual federal allocation for the HOME Investment Partnership (\$5.1M in FY27). Since 2015, HRD has preserved 12,250 affordable housing units and created 3,226 affordable units.

Affordable housing preservation fund: The Affordable Housing Development and preservation Fund (\$4M in FY27). HRD is also utilizing \$29.9 million in one-time federal grants for affordable housing development and preservation.

Expanded affordable housing: 2,000 affordable units are currently under construction and expected to be completed in the next 18 months. Affordable units (600) are set to start construction in FY2026.

Multi-family housing: HRD will continue to produce mixed-use, mixed-income multifamily housing developments in the city's neighborhoods through both new construction and adaptive reuse of existing structures.

Neighborhood rebuilding: Completion of infill housing strategy to coordinate resources, identify barriers and related solutions, and develop actions to reach 1,000-unit single family goal.

Senior supports: HRD continues to support the development and preservation of affordable housing units for seniors such as the ongoing development of Lee Plaza which will include 117 affordable housing units for seniors. Additionally, the FY27 Budget allocates resources for senior home repair via the City's annual CDBG allocation. Lastly, HRD provides grants for nonprofit and neighborhood service organizations serving senior residents through the Neighborhood Opportunity Fund program, funded from the City's annual CDBG allocation.

HUMAN, HOMELESS, AND FAMILY SERVICES (HHFS)

Priority	# of Comments
Homeownership	1
Home repair	19
Expanded home repair	2
Immigrant supports	4
Support for housing insecure persons	7
Renters supports	1

Homeownership: The FY27 Budget allocates \$2 million for downpayment assistance via the annual federal allocation of CDBG funding. Additionally, HHFS has allocated \$8.7 million in CDBG-DR funding to support down payment assistance. These funds will allow for the continuation of the Detroit Down Payment Assistance (DPA) program. Round III will provide up to \$25,000 in down payment assistance to 450+ eligible Detroiters. The City has created over 794 new homeowners in Detroit through the Detroit DPA program. Finally, HHFS supports homeownership and homebuying activities through funding of the Detroit Housing Network, comprised of seven housing agencies that connect Detroiters to a wide variety of housing programs and services including pre- and post-purchase homebuyer counseling and workshops.

Home repair: The FY27 Budget includes \$10.7 million for Home Repair and Renovation programs. Additionally, HHFS has grant funding that is being used to support home repair from various federal sources. Home repair and renovation programs include Senior Emergency Repairs, Lead Hazard Reduction, Renew Detroit, and CDBG-DR PSRP (Private Sewer Repair Program).

Expanded home repair: The Renew Detroit Program was expanded to \$45 million in American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds inclusive of \$15 million from the State of Michigan in July 2022. Phase 2 repairs will occur between 2024 and 2026 and allow for window and/or roof replacements.

Immigrant supports: The Office of Immigrant Affairs connects residents with resources like language access, job opportunities, small business support and community services while partnering with local organizations to expand opportunities across neighborhoods. The Immigration Task Force is committed to the mission to improve the quality of life for all new, existent and future immigrants in the City of Detroit.

Support for housing insecure persons: The FY27 Budget allocates a 10% increase for Homelessness Services for a total of \$9.2 million, for Housing Stability Services from the City's General Fund. These funds support a centralized housing resource access point, the Detroit Housing Resource HelpLine (866-313-2520), and the Housing Services Office which provides case management for Detroiters facing displacement due to housing emergencies. Housing stability is also supported with \$12.3 million in federal funds. This funding supports

permanent supportive housing services, emergency shelters beds, drop-in shelter beds, street outreach teams, rapid rehousing, prevention, and diversion.

Renter supports: The Homeowners & Tenant Services Division has a Rental Escrow Program, Home Connect and Financial Empowerment Center to assist with Renter's support. Additionally, policy focus areas include Eviction Prevention and Tenant Education Strategies, Tenant Protection Policies and Landlord Compliance Improvement.

LAW DEPARTMENT

Priority	# of Comments
Right to counsel	4

Right to counsel: The FY 2027 Budget funds the Right to Counsel Ordinance through remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and State of Michigan grant funding through March 2027. The Right to Counsel Ordinance allows the program to provide access to legal counsel for covered individuals. "Covered individuals" are City residents with annual gross household income that does not exceed 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. The City competitively procures the legal services to residents as authorized under the program from "designated organizations." Designated organizations would be either not-for-profit organizations or other entities with the capacity to provide legal services under standards set by the American Bar Association Standards for the Provision of Civil Legal Aid. As a result of the Right to Counsel ordinance, the Office of Eviction Defense was established in January 2023 and currently operates the City of Detroit Right to Counsel program. The Office of Eviction Defense has an Executive Director, Deputy Director, and Data Analyst. In alignment with the ordinance, the Office of Eviction Defense completes various reporting on the demographics and outcomes of tenants served and also completes tenant outreach.

LIBRARY

Priority	# of Comments
Digital divide	6

Libraries: Detroit Public Library's (DPL) FY27 Budget provides a full range of library programs and services at 20 branch locations. This includes DPL's enrichment programs, such as Children's Library Services and the Technology, Literacy & Career Center (TIP).

DPL remains committed to implementing strategies for improving information access and delivery, and to bringing Library resources to where people are. It offers public computers, computer training classes and individual computer support in addition to two mobile libraries.

MAYOR'S OFFICE

Priority	# of Comments
Better schools	1
Childcare support	3
Citizen education programs	5
Community engagement	4
Corridor development	7
Digital divide	6
Economic development	6
Economic equity	2
Effective city services	6
Emergency planning	2
Entertainment	3
Government responsiveness	6
Immigrant supports	4
Neighborhood rebuilding	12
Neighborhood signage	2
Participatory budgeting	14
Retiree supports	3
Strategic planning	3
Tax fairness	1
Urban agriculture	1
Youth programs	9

Better schools: While the City of Detroit supports youth and family outcomes through expanded programming, it does not oversee funding, operations, or governance of the Detroit Public Schools Community District. The FY27 budget prioritizes youth development, free transportation for K-12 students, expanded after-school programming, and workforce readiness initiatives that complement educational outcomes and provide additional supports for Detroit students and families. The Mayor's Office also has a new Office of Youth and Education, and a Mayor's liaison to the schools. This new office and liaison will create new partnerships with DPSCD and charter schools to improve schools across the city.

Childcare support: While the City of Detroit supports youth and family outcomes through expanded programming, it does not oversee funding, operations, or governance of the Detroit Public Schools Community District. The FY27 budget prioritizes youth development,

after-school programming, and workforce readiness initiatives that complement educational outcomes and provide additional supports for Detroit students and families.

Citizen education programs: The City provides a range of resident education and capacity-building opportunities through departments and partner agencies, including financial literacy, workforce training, and civic engagement programming. These efforts are supported through grant coordination, workforce initiatives, and public-facing programming that improve access to information and economic opportunity for Detroit residents.

Community engagement: Community engagement remains a core priority of the Mayor's Office. Through the Department of Neighborhoods (DON), the City maintains a coordinated, citywide approach to resident engagement, including weekly DONcast meetings, monthly district meetings, and Mayor-led community meetings. The FY27 budget also reflects continued investment in public engagement processes and participatory structures, ensuring resident input directly informs City priorities and decision-making.

Corridor Development: The City continues to advance corridor development through targeted investments in neighborhood economic development, small business support, and capital planning initiatives. These efforts are aligned with the City's broader focus on economic empowerment and neighborhood revitalization, supporting commercial activity, job creation, and improved access to services across Detroit neighborhoods.

Digital divide: Addressing the digital divide remains an ongoing priority through investments in digital access, communication, and service delivery improvements. The City continues to enhance accessibility to programs and resources through improved digital platforms, outreach strategies, and partnerships that expand access to information and services for all residents.

Economic development: The FY27 budget supports continued economic development through investments in small business support, workforce development, and neighborhood-based economic initiatives. Programs such as Motor City Match, the Small Business Emergency Fund, and workforce partnerships help expand opportunity, support entrepreneurship, and strengthen Detroit's economic base.

Economic equity: Economic equity is a central focus of the FY27 budget, with targeted investments in workforce development, living wage initiatives, and programs designed to reduce barriers to employment and economic participation. These efforts aim to ensure Detroiters benefit from the City's continued economic growth.

Effective city services: The City continues to strengthen service delivery through investments in core operations, staffing, and process improvements. The FY27 budget supports improved coordination across departments and aligns resources with strategic outcomes to ensure residents receive efficient, reliable, and high-quality City services.

Emergency planning: Emergency preparedness and response remain a priority through coordination with public safety departments and regional partners. The City continues to invest in public safety, emergency response capabilities, and community resilience efforts to ensure readiness for a range of emergency scenarios.

Entertainment: The City supports entertainment and cultural programming through investments in parks, recreation, special events, and public spaces. These efforts enhance quality of life, support local economic activity, and contribute to vibrant, active neighborhoods across Detroit.

Government responsiveness: Improving government responsiveness remains a key priority and is part of the focus of this administration's strong value of providing excellent customer service to residents. The City continues to enhance responsiveness through coordinated engagement efforts, improved communication channels, and performance-focused service delivery models that ensure resident concerns are addressed efficiently and transparently.

Immigrant supports: The City supports immigrant communities through targeted initiatives focused on access to services, economic inclusion, and community integration. Efforts include outreach, identification programs, and partnerships designed to ensure all residents can access critical resources and opportunities.

Neighborhood rebuilding: Neighborhood rebuilding is a cornerstone of the FY27 budget, with significant investments in blight removal, housing stabilization, beautification, and neighborhood improvement programs like the sidewalk repair program, which has enough funds to address the current backlog of sidewalk repairs. These efforts support safer, more stable communities and align with the City's broader focus on neighborhood revitalization.

Neighborhood signage: The City continues to address neighborhood infrastructure needs, including signage, through broader investments in public works, neighborhood improvement, and beautification initiatives. These efforts support safer navigation, improved aesthetics, and stronger neighborhood identity.

Participatory budgeting: Participatory budgeting will become an increasingly used tool for community engagement, allowing residents to directly inform how certain public resources are allocated. The City continues to expand and refine these processes to ensure equitable, transparent, and community-driven decision-making.

Retiree supports: The FY27 budget includes continued support for retirees, including pension obligations and benefit enhancements, ensuring long-term financial stability and honoring commitments to retired City employees.

Strategic planning: The City continues to align planning and budgeting through a strategic outcomes framework, connecting investments to long-term priorities such as neighborhood

revitalization, economic opportunity, and service delivery. This approach ensures resources are aligned with measurable outcomes and community priorities.

Tax fairness: The City maintains a structured and legally compliant tax system, with revenues supporting essential services and long-term financial stability. Ongoing financial planning ensures that tax policy decisions are aligned with equity, sustainability, and the City's overall economic health.

Urban agriculture: The City supports urban agriculture through broader efforts related to sustainability, land use, and neighborhood development, including initiatives that promote access to fresh food, community development, and productive reuse of vacant land.

Youth programs: With a new Mayor's Office of Youth and Education, there is a renewed focus on expanding programs and opportunities for our city's youth. The Mayor's Office regularly engages with youth across the city to bring their voices to the table and listen to their ideas on the types of programs, resources, and support they need from the City. Additionally, this summer's inaugural Occupy the Summer program will provide expanded rec center hours, weekly programming and the return of Midnight basketball, to provide safe, fun, and educationally enriching spaces for your youth and keep them engaged and occupied summer long.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (OCFO)

Priority	# of Comments
Retiree supports	3
Tax fairness	1
Transparency in budget	4

Retiree supports: The FY 2027 budget includes \$161.2 million to meet the legacy pension obligations, and an additional \$10 million of one-time funding for supplemental retirement checks.

Tax fairness: OCFO has staffing capacity and other resources within the Office of the Treasury and Office of the Assessor to conduct work around tax fairness. The Homeowners Property Exemption (HOPE) Program allows eligible residents to enroll in Pay as You Stay (PAYS), which reduces delinquent property taxes owed to the Wayne County Treasurer. In addition, the Detroit Tax Relief Fund is a new assistance program that pays off delinquent property tax debt for eligible low-income Detroit homeowners for taxes owed to the Wayne County Treasurer's Office for Detroit homeowners who have received the Homeowners Property Exemption (HOPE) and the Pay as You Stay (PAYS).

Transparency in budget: OCFO dedicates some of its FY27 staffing capacity within the Office of Budget to conduct outreach around the budget. This includes holding Annual Public Budget Meetings to inform residents on how the budget process works and share key budget highlights of several major departments. OCFO also dedicates some of its administrative staffing capacity and resources to generate educational one-pagers around key budget facts and highlights to aid in residents understanding of how the budget works.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Priority	# of Comments
Citywide improvements	6
Green infrastructure	2
Neighborhood rebuilding	12
Safer street design	9
Sustainability & resilience	3

Citywide improvements: The Planning and Development Department (PDD) plays a primary role in identifying and planning regional and neighborhood improvement projects. These projects are drawn from the work and community engagement of more than 21 underway or completed Neighborhood Planning Studies over the past nine years. PDD plays a supporting role in citywide improvements as identified by other departments, such as upgrades to traffic signals and other city-owned infrastructure. Additionally, PDD recommends improvements to projects proposed by private developers and investors for specific businesses (i.e., grocery, retail) or locations. PDD also leads planning for three citywide improvement projects. These are planning studies for neighborhoods along the Joe Louis Greenway, setting design standards and guidelines for commercial corridors, and updating the City's Master Plan consistent with ongoing community engagement.

Green infrastructure: PDD includes planning for green infrastructure in its Neighborhood Planning studies to stabilize and enhance property values and neighborhoods and support natural stormwater drainage. PDD also provides green infrastructure guidance in its citywide planning for Joe Louis Greenway neighborhoods, commercial corridors, and Master Plan guidelines. PDD may offer green infrastructure guidance as a part of its design reviews for private development, to ensure residential areas are adequately screened and protected from nearby traffic, industrial, and commercial land uses.

Neighborhood rebuilding: Neighborhood rebuilding claims the primary portion of PDD's budget expenditures and staff resources. PDD has completed 20 Neighborhood Planning Studies, which have guided over \$100 million in additional investment in streetscapes and parks and attracted over \$250 million in investment for commercial and residential development and greenspace. In addition, the Greater Corktown Plan helped the City win a \$30 million federal Choice Neighborhoods grant for affordable housing. PDD also manages the City's Community Benefits Ordinance process, ensuring that communities impacted by major development have a voice in how that investment benefits their communities. The

FY27 Budget provides funding to continue PDD's neighborhood rebuilding and transformation efforts.

Safer street design: PDD partners with the Department of Public Works in streetscape improvements, identifying and planning increased options for safe walking, biking and mass transit, as identified through PDD's Neighborhood Planning Studies.

Sustainability & resilience: PDD routinely consults with its land use planning contractors, and with the City's Office of Sustainability, on best planning practices for enhancing sustainability and resiliency in the department's neighborhood and citywide planning projects. Project examples include planning studies and stormwater management projects underway or planned in the Jefferson Chalmers, Corktown, and related neighborhoods. PDD is also partnering with other departments and local nonprofits to increase the city's tree canopy as a means of heat and pollution mitigation in addition to making city streets more attractive.

PUBLIC LIGHTING DEPARTMENT / PUBLIC LIGHTING AUTHORITY (PLD/PLA)

Priority	# of Comments
Streetlights	1

Streetlights: The Public Lighting Authority dedicates resources to switching over streetlights from the old high-pressure sodium lights to new, state-of-the-art Light-Emitting Diode (LED) lights to improve illumination and energy efficiency. The new lights are twice as bright as the old lights while also being more energy efficient, saving Detroit taxpayers money. The FY27 Budget continues to support these efforts.

Appendices

CITY OF DETROIT

Notice of Public Outreach

You are invited to give input on the following proposal.

PROPOSAL

**Office of Budget
Annual Public Budget Meetings**

OUTREACH DETAILS

The City of Detroit, Office of Budget is holding
two Annual Public Budget Meetings
September 22 and 29, 2025 @5PM

<https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/3631409738>

ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY

City of Detroit residents are invited to attend the Office of Budget's two Annual Public Budget Meetings where several major City departments will present on their core functions and how they are utilizing their current fiscal year budget. The two Public Budget meetings are scheduled for September 22 and 29.

On September 22, the following departments will present: General Services Department (GSD), Department of Public Works (DPW), Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD).

On September 29, the following departments will present: Public Lighting Department/Public Lighting Authority (PLD/PLA), Fire Department, Health Department, Police Department.

ONLINE FEEDBACK

Send feedback to: yourbudget@detroitmi.gov

For information about the City of Detroit budget, visit www.detroitmi.gov/budget



With advance notice of seven calendar days, the City of Detroit will provide interpreter services at public meetings, including language translation and reasonable ADA accommodations. Please contact the Civil Rights, Inclusion and Opportunity Department at (313) 224-4550, through the TTY number 711, or email crio@detroitmi.gov to schedule these services.

APPENDIX A: OFFICIAL NOTICE OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH



MEDIA ADVISORY

FOR RELEASE: January 23, 2026

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Detroit to hold annual series of budget meetings to engage and inform residents

- **Detroiters can provide input on Mayor Sheffield's first recommended Fiscal Year budget**
- **City will host 7 virtual Budget Priorities Forums, one in each City Council District to engage public on process and development of City's budget**

Detroit, MI -- The City of Detroit is encouraging residents to attend a series of virtual budget meetings aimed at informing the public on the process and development of its budget and soliciting input on budget priorities.

Starting Monday, January 26, the Office of Budget will hold its virtual **Budget Priorities Forums** in all 7 City Council districts to get resident input on the Mayor's Fiscal Year 2027 recommended budget. Budget staff will give an overview of the proposed budget, share priority-setting challenges, and take comments. The forums are part of an ongoing effort to engage the public on the process and development of the City's budget.

"This is a great opportunity for residents to weigh in on budget decisions and learn about the City's budgeting timeline and considerations," said Donnie Johnson, Deputy CFO/Acting Budget Director.

"Public engagement is vitally important, and we hope every resident will be able to attend one of several virtual meetings planned in the coming days, one in each City Council District," said Johnson.

Budget Priorities Forums for City Council Districts

January 26 Monday	DISTRICT 2 Budget Priorities Forum: 6pm	Zoom link: https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/86336845301 Call-In Number: (312) 626-6799 Meeting ID: 863 3684 5301
January 27 Tuesday	DISTRICT 4 Budget Priorities Forum: 5pm	Zoom link: https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/82296330262 Call-In Number: (312)626-6799 Meeting ID: 822 9633 0262
January 27 Wednesday	DISTRICT 3 Budget Priorities Forum: 6pm	Zoom link: https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/88166367861 Call-In Number: (301) 715-8592 Meeting ID: 881 6636 7861
January 28 Wednesday	DISTRICT 7 Budget Priorities Forum: 5pm	Zoom link: https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/89385098608 Call-In Number: (312)626-6799 Meeting ID:893 8509 8608
January 28 Wednesday	DISTRICT 5 Budget Priorities Forum: 6pm	Zoom link: https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/82045967056 Call-In Number: (312)626-6799 Meeting ID: 820 4596 7056
January 29 Thursday	DISTRICT 6 Budget Priorities Forum: 5pm	Zoom link: https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/87881183248 Call-In Number: (312)626-6799 Meeting ID: 878 8118 3248
January 29 Thursday	DISTRICT 1 Budget Priorities Forum: 5:30pm	Zoom link: https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/83384415741 Call-In Number: (312) 626-6799 Meeting ID: 833 8441 5741

The Budget Office within the City of Detroit Office of the Chief Financial Officer is preparing the Mayor's Recommended Annual Budget for programs, services, and activities for Fiscal Year 2027 which starts July 1, 2026, and ends June 30, 2027. It will be presented with the Four-Year Financial Plan to City Council in early March for their review and adoption.

Public comments on the City's budget can be made at any time by emailing yourbudget@detroitmi.gov. For more information, please visit www.detroitmi.gov/budget.

APPENDIX B: OFFICE OF BUDGET PRESENTATION SLIDES

The presentations given during the Annual Public Budget Meetings and District Budget Priorities Forums, as well as recordings of these meetings, can be found by visiting detroitmi.gov/budget, navigating to the Your Budget page under the green Resources pane on the right-hand side of the page, scrolling down to select the first button labeled “Budget Community Meetings”, then scrolling down to the video links and documents sections.

APPENDIX C: COMMENT DATABASE

A complete database of all comments received through budget community meetings and the Your Budget Inbox from the start of the fiscal year (July 1, 2025) until February 20, 2026 can be found by visiting detroitmi.gov/budget, navigating to the Your Budget page under the green Resources pane on the right-hand side of the page, then scrolling down to the Documents section.