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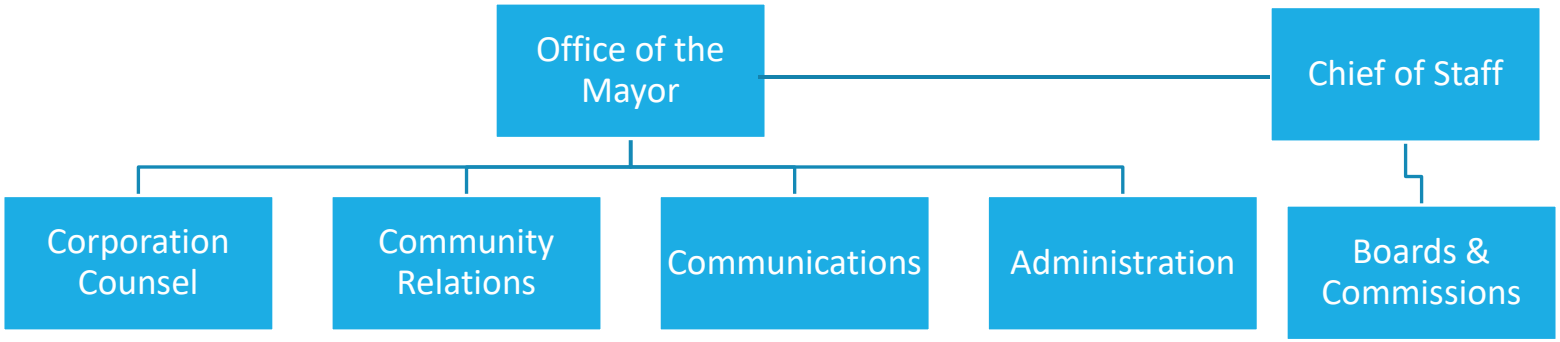
Fiscal Year 2027
Budget Summary

1st Budget Workshop
Wednesday, January 14th, 2026

MISTY BUSCHER, MAYOR

BILLY FLEISCHLI, CHIEF OF STAFF

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE



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DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE

Mayor

- **Administration**
- **Chief of Staff**
  - Boards & Commissions
    - Senior Citizens Services Center *(Increase of $10,000 for Utilities and Partial Reimbursement for Janitor Salaries and Benefits)*
- **Corporation Counsel**
- **Communications**
  - Public Access and Education Funds (PEGF)
- **Community Relations**

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CORPORATION COUNSEL STRUCTURE

- **Three Divisions**
  - **General Practice**
    - **Split into Litigation and Transactional**
    - **6 employees and 1 vacancy**
  - **Code Enforcement**
    - **5 employees and 2 vacancies**
      - **Jobs have been posted**
  - **Business Licensing**
    - **2 employees**

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CORPORATION COUNSEL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ADMINISTRATION – CALENDAR YEAR 2025

- **Ordinances Prepared and Reviewed = 532**
- **Zoning Ordinances Prepared and Reviewed = 44**
- **State and Federal Court Matters = 49 cases pending**
- **Risk Management = 44 cases opened**
- **Workers' Compensation Cases in Litigation = ~50**

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CORPORATION COUNSEL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CODE ENFORCEMENT – CALENDAR YEAR 2025

- **Total Administrative Court Cases Filed = 699**
- **Total Finished Demolition Cases = 29**
  - **19 demolished by the City**
  - **5 Olde Town buildings demolished by the City**
  - **10 demolished by Owner**
- **Total Pending Demo Cases = 44**
  - **17 completed cases waiting for demolition by contractor**
  - **14 Agreed Orders to Repair**
  - **13 Pending in Circuit Court**
- **Total MR Cases Filed = 136**
- **Total Small Claims, Property Damage Cases Filed = 329**
- **Total Fees/Fines Collected = $336,506.46**

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CORPORATION COUNSEL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

BUSINESS LICENSING – CALENDAR YEAR 2025

- **Liquor Fees = $342,917.90**
- **Video Gaming = $397,825.00**
- **Taxi Fees = $1,478.25**
- **Transportation Network Fee = $4,500.00**
- **Massage Parlor Fees = $1,380.00**
- **Second-Hand Dealer Fees = $300.00**

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CORPORATION COUNSEL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CORPORATION COUNSEL SUMMARY – CALENDAR YEAR 2025

- **Code Enforcement, Risk & Corporation Counsel**
  - **$336,506.46**
- **Business Licensing Fees & Fines**
  - **$748,401.15**
- **Vehicle Use Tax and Registration Fees**
  - **Now reported through OBM**

2025 Total = $1,084,907.61

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CORPORATION COUNSEL
FY 2027 INITIATIVES

- **Budgetary Increases**
  - **Increase in software costs**
    - **Expiring contracts**
    - **Obsolete hardware**
  - **Cost of living Wage Increases**

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
COMMUNICATIONS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **City of Springfield's Communications Initiative**
  - Mayor Buscher launched a communication initiative to help build stronger connections, through departmental Open Houses, updates to the website, and expanded direct engagement opportunities with city leaders.
- **Launch of City Navigator on Website**
  - Serves as a centralized, accessible hub for all City of Springfield services, resources, and information
- **Launch of Community Connection- New Communication Tool**
  - New digital platform through the City Navigator portal that allows residents to submit questions, compliments, and concerns directly to City Hall.
- **Upgrades to the Audio and Visual Equipment/ Software**
  - Initiated the process of upgrading outdated audio and visual equipment in the control room. These improvements are to improve reliability, quality, and consistency in broadcasting meetings in council chambers.

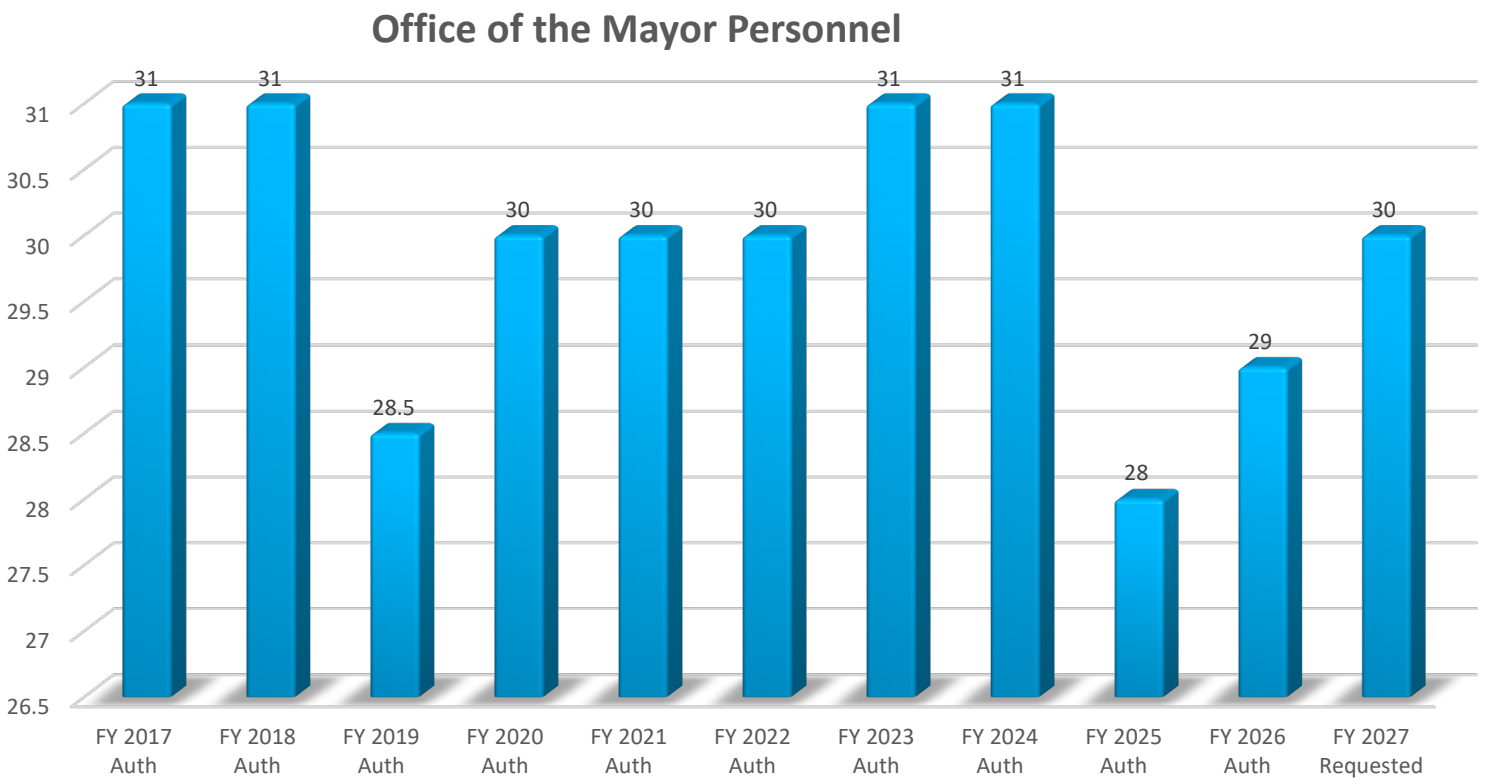
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
COMMUNICATIONS
Initiatives

- **Increase Public Awareness of City Resources**
  - Promote existing tools such as City Navigator, See Click Fix, public meetings, and service request options to improve resident awareness and participation.
- **Continue Upgrades to the Audio and Visual Equipment/ Software**
  - Complete additional upgrades to Council Chamber audio and visual equipment to improve reliability, production quality, and meeting broadcast continuity.
- **Grow and Measure Digital Engagement**
  - Track and increase engagement across social media, website traffic, and digital platforms using basic analytics to better understand resident information needs.

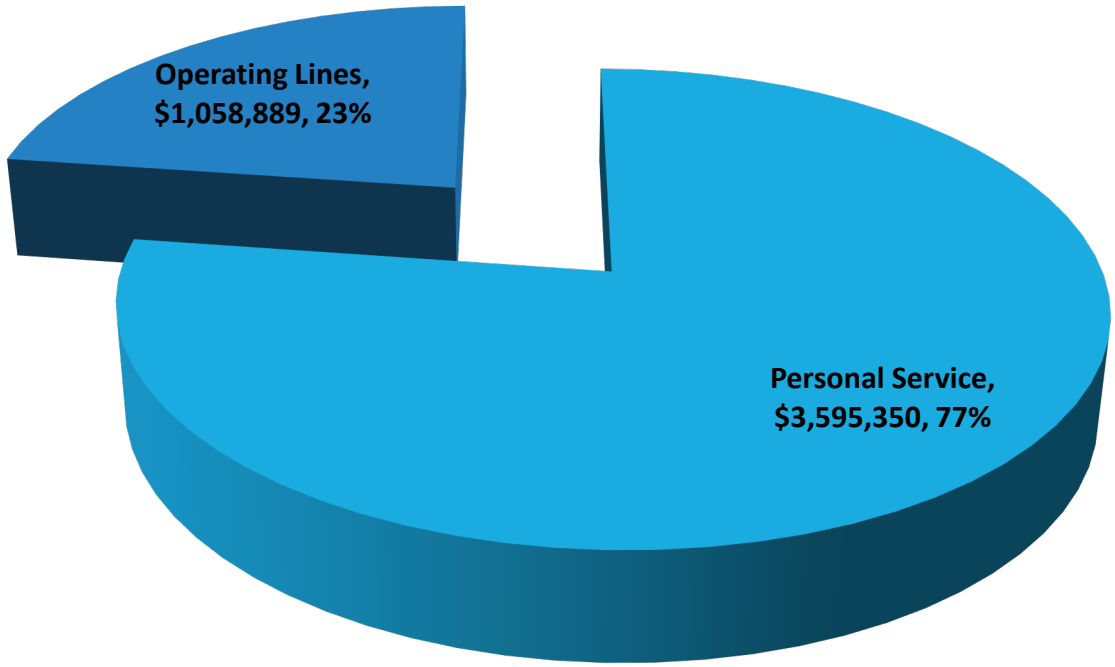
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COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **BUILD Springfield**
  - Organized and coordinated the annual BUILD Springfield Event which garnered the largest community turnout yet.
- **BEACON Project Announcement**
  - Launched the BOLT/BEACON Project with SFD and SPD which will represent the next step in improving the city's response to mental health/overdose related emergencies.
- **My First Home Initiative**
  - Work began on the 1933 East Cedar property and will be ready for sale in 2026.
- **Minority Business Institute Announced**
  - Announced the launch of the new Springfield Minority Business Institute which will bring operational education, resources, and opportunity to participating minority business owners and non-profit organizers in Springfield.
- **Homeless Outreach Team**
  - Tripled the size of the team, successfully collaborated with the Heartland Continuum of Care to relocate all individuals at 9th street encampment, held an overwhelmingly successful coat and hat for the homeless that received thousands of dollars worth of clothing donations.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
WORKFORCE



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR – CORPORATE FUND
FY 2027 BUDGET



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR – CORPORATE FUND
FY 2027 BUDGET

FY 2027 Office of the Mayor	FY 2025 Final	FY 2026 Current Budget	FY 2027 Request	$$$ Variance FY26 to FY27 Base	% Variance FY26 to FY27 Base
Personal Services	$ 2,815,574	$ 3,400,105	$ 3,595,350	$ 195,245	5.74%
Contractual Services	$ 513,110	$ 769,925	$ 796,179	$ 26,254	3.41%
Commodities	$ 13,791	$ 26,160	$ 36,760	$ 10,600	40.52%
Equipment	$ 14,975	$ 124,000	$ 124,500	$ 500	0.40%
Electronic Data Processing	$ 25,482	$ 39,300	$ 62,900	$ 23,600	60.05%
Telecommunications	$ 12,497	$ 14,850	$ 16,750	$ 1,900	12.79%
Operation of Auto Equipment	$ 100	$ 400	$ 425	$ 25	6.25%
Awards and Grants	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Travel	$ 1,550	$ 20,275	$ 21,375	$ 1,100	5.43%
Total(s):	**$ 3,397,079**	**$ 4,395,015**	**$ 4,654,239**	**$ 259,224**	**5.90%**

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR – CORPORATE FUND
FY 2027 BUDGET

- **The Office of the Mayor represents 2% of the Corporate Fund.**
- **The Office of the Mayor will see an increase in expenses of $260k, or 5.90%. This is due to cost of living expenses, headcount increase of 1 employee, and software upgrades.**
- **Our headcount will increase from 29 to 30.**
- **This request is $77K less than last year.**

QUESTIONS?

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