



# 2026 PRELIMINARY CAPITAL BUDGET

**Public Workshop Session**

Whitman Community Room

Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 6:30PM





# Agenda

**2026 Budget Process & Timeline**

**2026 Capital Budget Summary & Prior Year Comparison**

**Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan 2027 to 2031 & Prospective Projects**

**Department Capital Project Requests**

**City Debt Position & Outlook**





# 2026 Budget Process & Timeline

## OPERATING & CAPITAL BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

- August 2025
- All departments commence process

## DEPARTMENT BUDGETS

- October 15, 2025
- Submitted to City Administrator  
& Chief Financial Officer



# 2026 Budget Process & Timeline

## COUNCIL COMMITTEE REVIEW & DISCUSSION

- October 15 to December 1, 2025
- Revisions provided to City Administrator & CFO

## PUBLIC WORKSHOP

- December 10, 2025
- Review capital budget requests



# 2026 Budget Process & Timeline

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REVIEW & DISCUSSION

- January to February 2026
- Operating budgets with department heads
- Finance & Capital Projects Committees to evaluate and finalize capital budget plan



# 2026 CAPITAL BUDGET SUMMARY

## CURRENT FUND

**TOTAL**  
**\$7,043,000**



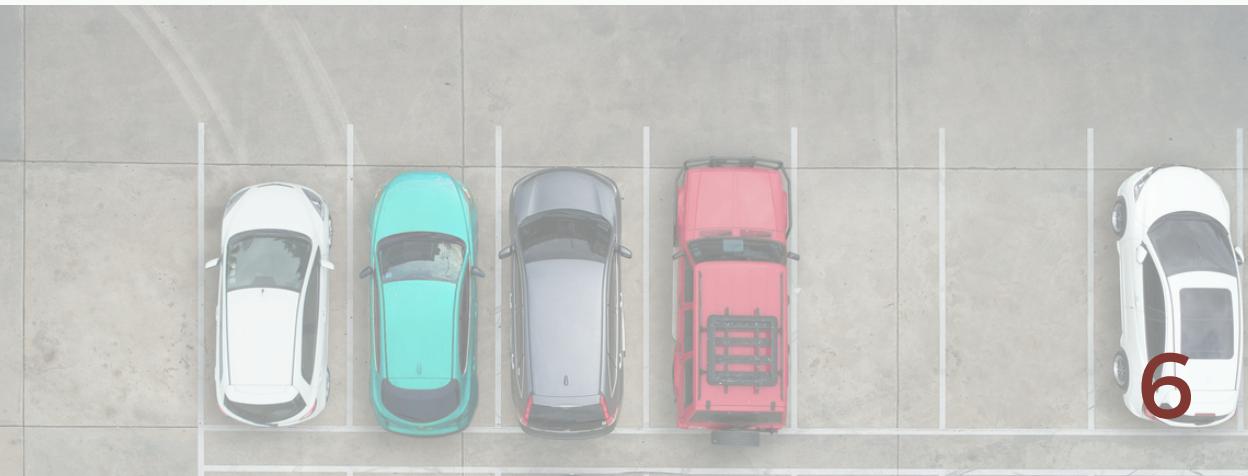
## SEWER UTILITY FUND

**TOTAL**  
**\$2,250,000**



## PARKING SERVICES UTILITY FUND

**TOTAL**  
**\$2,593,000**





# CAPITAL BUDGET COMPARISON

## 2026 VS. 2025

DEPARTMENT	2026	2025	% Change
ADMINISTRATION/CLERK	\$0	\$260,000	-100.00%
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS	955,000	1,375,000	-30.50%
COMMUNITY SERVICES	3,920,000	3,075,000	27.00%
FIRE	1,378,000	333,000	314.0%
POLICE	790,000	215,000	267.0%
TOTAL	\$7,043,000	\$5,258,000	34.00%



# CAPITAL BUDGET COMPARISON

## 2026 VS. 2025

UTILITY	2026	2025	% CHANGE
PARKING SERVICES	\$2,593,000	\$2,725,000	-4.84%
SEWER	2,250,000	2,145,000	4.89%
TOTAL	\$4,843,000	\$4,870,000	.005%



# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN & PROSPECTIVE PROJECTS 2027-2031

DEPARTMENT	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Prospective Projects
ADMINISTRATION/CLERK	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS	2,120,000	1,750,000	813,850	470,000	10,000	10,000
COMMUNITY SERVICES	4,940,000	4,795,000	4,385,000	2,250,000	1,590,000	11,300,000
FIRE	1,688,000	83,000	144,000	144,000	0	0
POLICE	560,000	195,000	155,000	260,000	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,308,000</b>	<b>\$6,823,000</b>	<b>\$5,497,850</b>	<b>\$3,124,000</b>	<b>\$1,600,000</b>	<b>\$11,310,000</b>



# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN & PROSPECTIVE PROJECTS 2027-2031

UTILITY	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Prospective Projects
PARKING SERVICES	2,128,000	243,000	243,000	278,000	243,000	\$0
SEWER	2,275,000	1,370,000	2,275,000	1,405,000	2,815,000	6,945,000
TOTAL	\$4,403,000	\$1,613,000	\$2,518,000	\$1,683,000	\$3,058,000	\$6,945,000



# CITY DEPARTMENTS

# 2026 CAPITAL BUDGET PLAN





# FIRE DEPARTMENT

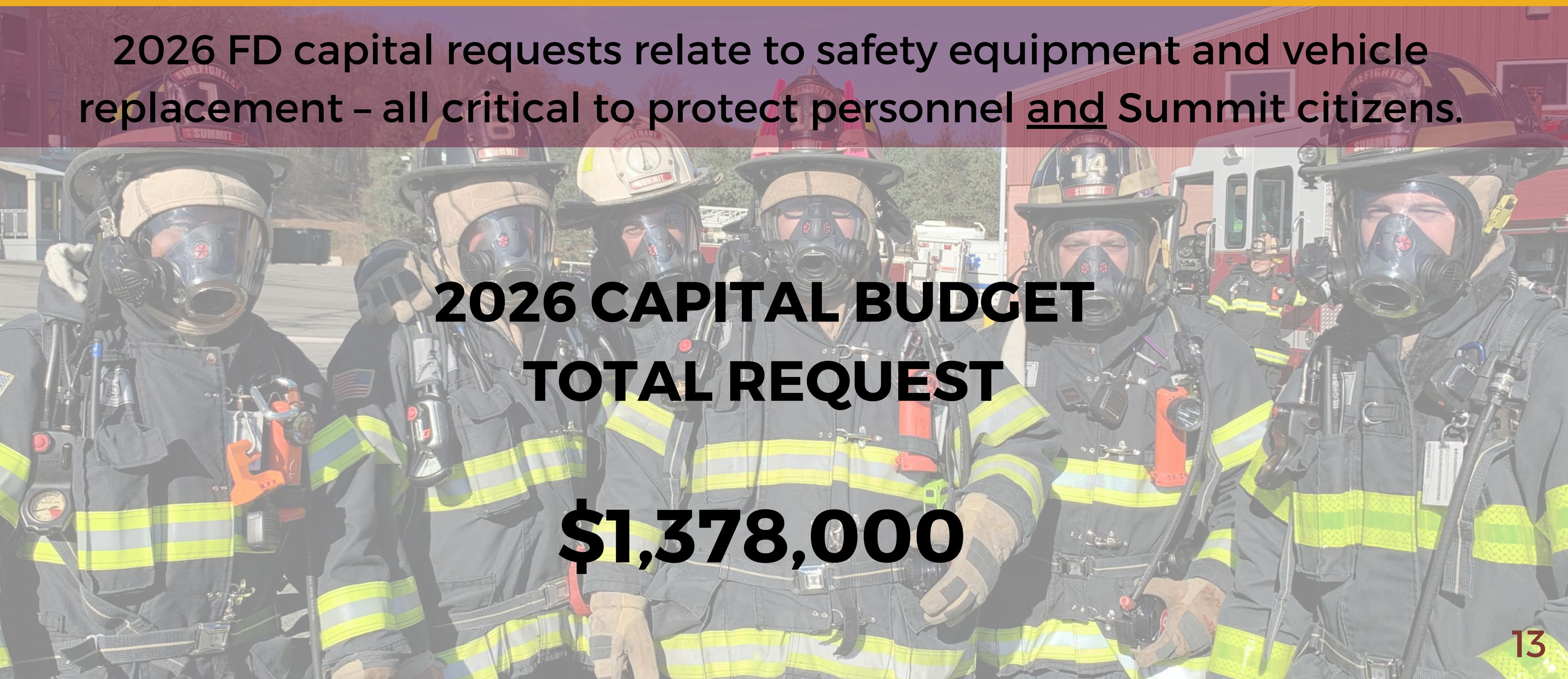
**Eric Evers, Fire Chief**





# FIRE DEPARTMENT

2026 FD capital requests relate to safety equipment and vehicle replacement – all critical to protect personnel and Summit citizens.

A group of firefighters in full protective gear, including helmets and oxygen tanks, standing in front of a fire truck. They are wearing dark uniforms with yellow reflective stripes and various equipment attached to their belts and chests. The background shows a fire station and a red fire truck.

**2026 CAPITAL BUDGET  
TOTAL REQUEST**

**\$1,378,000**



# HIGHLIGHT: Turnout Gear



## Turnout Gear: \$20,000

- Continual program
- Limited number of backup sets



# HIGHLIGHT



**Rescue Equipment:** **\$25,000**  
**Small Equipment:** **\$8,000**  
**Replace Vehicle:** **\$105,000**  
**Fire Hose:** **\$15,000**



# HIGHLIGHT



## Engine Replacement: \$ 1,200,000

### FERRARA FIRE ENGINE

Lease option

Finance Amount: \$1,175,388.00

Rate: \$ 4.915%

Terms: 10 Years

#### 10-Year Sample Payment Schedule

12/20/2026 – \$151,589.54

12/20/2027 – \$151,589.54

12/20/2028 – \$151,589.54

12/20/2029 – \$151,589.54

12/20/2030 – \$151,589.54

12/20/2031 – \$151,589.54

12/20/2032 – \$151,589.54

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12/20/2034 – \$151,589.54

12/20/2035 – \$151,589.54



# Six-Year Capital Budget

2026 Capital Budget		Approved	Future Years					
PROJECT SUMMARY		2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2025-2030 Total
<b>Fire Department</b>								
<b>Equipment</b>								
Replace Special Operations/ Rescue			675,000					\$ 675,000
Replace Car One	65,000		65,000		60,000	60,000		
Small Equipment Replacement	8,000	8,000		10,000				\$ 178,000
Replacement of SCBA Breathing Air Packs					50,000	50,000		\$ 50,000
Firefighter Turnout Gear	15,000	20,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000		\$ 104,000
Replace Rescue One			850,000					
Replace Engine		1,200,000						\$ 1,200,000
Replace Special services Vehicle		110,000						\$ 110,000
Small Equipment Replacement Program			15,000		16,000	16,000		\$ 41,000
Replacement of Fire Hose		15,000		15,000				\$ 45,000
IT for new building								
Rescue Equipment Replacement	20,000	25,000		40,000				\$ 80,000
Replace Portable Radio's	225,000							
Replacement of Fire Prevention Vehicle			65,000					\$ 65,000
<b>Fire Equipment Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 333,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,378,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,688,000</b>	<b>\$ 83,000</b>	<b>\$ 144,000</b>	<b>\$ 144,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,523,000</b>	



# POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Ryan Peters, Chief of Police**





# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 2026 Capital Budget Request

A blurred background image of a police car, showing its front grille, headlights, and a badge on the front fender. The car is dark-colored.

**2026 CAPITAL BUDGET  
TOTAL REQUEST**

**\$790,000**



# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Vehicle Replacement Program

### Front-Line Patrol Vehicle Replacement Program

Discontinue the lease/purchase program and transition to purchasing vehicles outright.

Remove interest costs from budget.

This alteration will allow the department to purchase and upfit two (2) marked police vehicles annually and backfill unmarked vehicles on a less frequent 5-10 year cycle.





# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Vehicle Replacement Program

Outstanding finance payments for three (3) vehicles previously purchased:

$$\$35,964 + \$19,406 = \$55,370$$

Purchase of two (2) new patrol Ford Utility Interceptors:

$$\$43,979 \times 2 = \$87,958$$

Morris County Cooperative Pricing - MCCPC #15A

Upfitting for two (2) patrol vehicles:

$$\$24,000 \times 2 = \$48,000$$

Tropic Upfitting - State Contract #17-FLEET-00739

DeFalco's Paint - State Contract

Purchase of two (2) new DB Dodge Durango's:

$$\$38,053 \times 2 = \$76,106$$

Cranford Cooperative Pricing -

Purchase of two (2) new Chevrolet Malibu's

$$\$28,100 \times 2 = \$56,200$$

Shumacher Chevrolet

Upfitting for four (4) DB cars:  $\$6,000 \times 4 = \$24,000$

Tropic Upfitting - State Contract #17-FLEET-00739

$$\text{TOTAL COST} = \$347,634$$

**2026 Capital Request: \$350,000**





# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Surveillance Camera Network

- Phase 1: (2025) City Hall is currently undergoing a surveillance camera replacement project with GTBM. (\$110,000)
- Phase 2: (2026) Add surveillance cameras to the Broad Street Parking Garage and Cullis Parking Garage. (See below)
- Phase 3: (2027) Build a surveillance camera network in the Central Retail Business District (CRBD). (See below)
- Phase 4: (2028) Expand surveillance camera network to include parks, recreational facilities, and DCP/DCS. (TBD)

**TOTAL COST FOR PHASES 2 & 3: \$925,213.86 - \$120,000 = \$805,213.86**

**2026 Capital Request: \$400,000**





# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Solar Powered Fixed Radar Signs

- City deployed five (5) solar powered speed signs in 2025 to reoccurring problem areas.
- Residents were very pleased with their effectiveness.
- Requesting another six (6) solar powered speed signs be purchased/deployed in 2026.

$\$4999.75 \times 6 = \$29,998.50$

All Traffic Solutions NJ: 17-FLEET-00776

**2026 Capital Request: \$30,000**





# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Mobile Message Board

- Mobile message board was damaged in a motor vehicle accident in 2025.
- SPD received approximately \$12,000 in insurance claim funds.
- Requesting another \$10,000 to purchase a new mobile message board from Traffic Safety Service.

**2026 Capital Request: \$10,000**



# DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



**Mark Ozoroski**

Director



**David Guida**

Assistant Director



# DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

A faded background image of a brick building with a white roofline and trim. The words "Summit Community Center" are visible on the side of the building. A small circular logo is on the roofline.

**2026 CAPITAL BUDGET  
TOTAL REQUEST**

**\$955,000**

# SUMMIT FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

## **\$160,000 - Slide Repairs and Restoration**

The slides at the Summit Family Aquatic Center need to be repaired to extend their life.

- Interior and exterior repairs
- Sand blasting
- Painting and gel coats
- Slide towers painted

## **\$50,000 - Bathhouse Study - ADA/Roof**

The bathhouse is not currently ADA compliant from the interior entryways.

The roof is also aging and near the end of its useful life.

- Request - engineering study to provide proposals for future repairs

# PLAYGROUNDS

## **\$105,000 - Tatlock Playground Phase 2**

Phase one of this project has been awarded, and installation will happen during Quarter 1 of 2026.

Remaining old playground structures will be replaced as part of phase two.

- **Reimbursement grants to be received - \$215,256**
- **Total Projected Cost - \$319,500.35**



# PLAYGROUNDS

## **\$100,000 - East Summit or Memorial Playground**

Currently, outside of the Jefferson School playground, there are no walkable playgrounds in East Summit. The areas behind and next to the Community Center are being considered as a possible playground construction site. DCP is also working with Union County to explore Briant Park as a possible site.

- This allocation in the budget will allow us to apply for the County Kids Rec Trust Grant, Green Acres Funding and/or the Local Recreation Improvement Grants, which all require matching funds.

**Total Projected Cost (2027-2028) - \$600,000-\$1,000,000**

# ATHLETIC FACILITIES

## **\$300,000 - Memorial Baseball/Softball**

Currently, the slope from the retaining wall by the soccer fields to home plate is 13 feet. The slope created on the baseball/softball field created between the pitcher's mound and home plate has been deemed unsafe by our sports field management company.

The backstop is currently compliant, but there are safety concerns about balls flying over the backstop.

- This project will address the slope issues on the entire baseball field and replace the backstop.

**Backstop Replacement - \$125,000**

**Grade Remediation - \$175,000**

# ATHLETIC FACILITIES

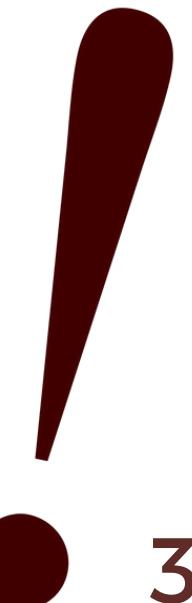
## **\$100,000 - Memorial Tennis Courts**

These tennis courts are near the end of their useful life with many cracks and dips appearing in the courts. Courts would be replaced with the traditional concrete base courts. Lines for pickleball included.

- This allocation in the budget will allow us to apply for the County Kids Rec Trust Grant, Green Acres Funding, and/or the Local Recreation Improvement Grants, which all require matching funds.

**Future Years (2027) - \$200,000**

**Total Projected Cost - \$300,000**



# OTHER PROJECTS

## **\$50,000 - Tatlock Cameras**

Installation of security cameras will allow for the surveillance and monitoring of the fields. Should be equipped with HUDL to live stream games.

## **\$50,000 - Tatlock Parking Lot Re-Pave**

Upon completion of the Anderson Field House, the parking lot at Tatlock Park will need to be repaved for safety reasons. This does not include parking lot expansion.

## **\$30,000 - Dog Park**

Installation of permanent dog park following the pop-ups in 2025.

## **\$10,000 - Park Furnishings**

Annual replenishment of park benches, tables, bike racks and other furnishings, including parks and playgrounds signage.

# FUTURE YEARS

	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
<b>Summit Municipal Golf Course</b>					
<i>None</i>					
<b>Summit Family Aquatic Center</b>					
Slide Repairs and Restoration	\$160,000.00				
ADA Updates/Bathhouse Roof	\$50,000.00	\$300,000.00			
<b>Tatlock Projects</b>					
Parking Lot Re-Pave	\$50,000.00				
Accessibility		\$1,000,000.00			
General Purpose Area				\$145,000.00	
Southerly Open Area				\$17,350.00	
Cow Pasture Area				\$6,500.00	
New Stadium Bathroom					\$460,000.00
<b>Playgrounds</b>					
Tatlock Playground (Phase 2)	\$105,000.00				
Memorial Playground or East Summit Playground Grant Hold	\$100,000.00				
Memorial Playground		\$500,000.00			
East Summit - New Playground			\$1,000,000.00		

# FUTURE YEARS (2)

	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
<b>Other</b>					
Memorial Tennis Courts	\$100,000.00	\$200,000.00			
Memorial Baseball/Softball	\$300,000.00				
Dog Park	\$30,000.00				
Tatlock Tennis Courts		\$80,000.00			
Investors Field Turf			\$725,000.00		
Upper Tatlock Turf				\$600,000.00	
<b>Park Furnishings</b>					
Park Furnishings	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
<b>Park Cameras</b>					
Tatlock	\$50,000.00				
Golf Course		\$30,000.00			
Wilson			\$15,000.00		
Memorial				\$35,000.00	

# Department of Community Services

Affordable Housing  
Code Enforcement  
Construction  
Engineering  
Environmental & Art Initiatives  
Planning & Zoning  
Public Works



 **Aaron Schrager, PE, CME, PP**  
Director of Engineering and Public Works



DCS oversees Summit's largest monetary asset

# CITY INFRASTRUCTURE

# KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

## **Pedestrian Safety and Road/Drainage Projects**

32 Signals

83 Road miles

269 Streets

## **Public Buildings, Parks and Spaces**

45 Buildings and structures

All city parks and public spaces

## **Storm Water and Sewer Infrastructure**

6 miles of force mains

50 miles of storm sewer

82 miles of sanitary sewer

2,256 sanitary structures

2,783 storm structures

5 million gallons of daily sanitary sewer flow

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES



**2026 CAPITAL BUDGET  
TOTAL REQUEST**

**\$3.92 million**

# INFRASTRUCTURE

A blurred background image of a city street. In the center, there is a construction site with a large orange crane and some industrial structures. To the right, there is a brick building with several windows. The overall scene suggests an urban environment with ongoing infrastructure work.

**Capital Infrastructure Investment is critical for:**

- Pedestrian and vehicular safety
- Maintaining property values
- Reduced expenses in future infrastructure
- Emergency services

# PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

## Engineering responsibilities for ADA Compliance:

- Crosswalk beacons
- Crosswalk visibility
- Sidewalk repairs
- Intersection lighting

# STORM WATER & SEWER SYSTEMS

- 100 year-old systems
- Constant need for improvements
- System compromises directly impact health, safety, and citizen well-being



# CAPITAL PROJECT GOALS



## ROADS

Improve road and travel conditions, and safety



## STORM & SEWER

Reduce flooding, extend infrastructure life, and decrease line overload



## TRAFFIC CALMING & SIDEWALKS

Increase pedestrian safety

# 2026 INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

- 3 road projects – mill, pave, curb and sidewalk improvements
- Sidewalk installation projects (Partially grant funded)
- Stormwater DEP requirements and sewer inspection maintenance
- Stream cleaning and stabilization projects
- Drainage improvement projects
- Storm sewer outfall replacements
- 3 streets to be milled and paved by DPW
- 6 streets to be micro-paved
- Regulatory and warning sign improvements
- RRFB installations and traffic calming
- Pedestrian & bicycle safety projects

# 2026 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

## Roads

Beekman Terrace  
Briant Parkway, Edison Drive & Mead Court (Grant Funding)  
Business District Repairs/Improvements  
Michigan Avenue  
Micropaving Program  
Public Works Paving Program  
Utility Repair Paving Program

150,000
650,000
10,000
350,000
150,000
75,000
50,000



## Stormwater

Stream Scouring & Stabilization  
Storm Pipe Extension at the Dell  
Ascot Way Stream Dredging  
Storm Water - DEP Requirements  
Storm Water - Drainage Improvement Projects  
Storm Water - Outfall Replacements  
Storm Water - Sewer Line Investigation and Replacements

150,000
50,000
375,000
5,000
250,000
75,000
100,000

## Traffic & Pedestrian Safety

RRFB Installations  
Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Improvement Project  
Sidewalk Infrastructure Project (Grant Funded)

# 2026 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS



**Beekman Terrace**



**Briant Parkway**



**Michigan Avenue**



**Springfield Sidewalk**



**Ascot Drainage**

# 2026 VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT

DCS is responsible for 500+ vehicles and equipment from city emergency equipment to Board of Education vehicles



# 2026 VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT

## Funding Requests:

**\$740,000 Total**

- Dump Truck Rehabilitation
- 20CY Garbage Truck
- Street Sweeper
- Trash Transfer Trailer



# 2026 CITY BUILDINGS CAPITAL FUNDING REQUESTS \$175,000 TOTAL



## CITY HALL

**\$125,000 Total**

- Masonry Work
- General Improvements

## CORNOG BUILDING

**\$50,000 Total**

- Restoration
- Plan Development

# CONCLUSION

- **\$2.865 million for infrastructure**  
Roads, drainage, open space management, pedestrian safety, regulatory and warning sign replacement, storm water requirements, and traffic signal upgrades
- **\$740,000 for vehicles and equipment**
- **\$125,000 for city buildings**
- **\$3.920 Million total request**

# SEWER UTILITY OVERVIEW

- Conveyance of sanitary sewage to the Joint Meeting
- Collects from +/- 15,000 Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDU)
- Overseen by a licensed sewer operator (C3 License)
- 82 miles of sanitary sewer mains
- Average daily sewer flow for 2024 @ 4.364 million gallons
- Four pump stations with 11 total pumps
- Twelve pieces of equipment/vehicles

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

## SEWER UTILITY

**2026 TOTAL REQUEST: \$2,250,000**

CITY-PORTION  
REQUEST

**\$2,250,000**

JMEUC CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION  
REQUEST

**\$0**

# SEWER UTILITY 2026 CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

- **\$980,000 for Infrastructure (57% increase over approved 2025)**  
Sewer TV inspection and line cleaning, spot repairs, facility maintenance/upgrades
- **\$700,000 for Capital Projects (26% decrease)**
- **\$320,000 for Equipment and Vehicles (178% increase)**  
Sewer trucks and mobile lift equipment
- **\$250,000 for Sewer Pump Stations (25% increase)**  
Upgrades - Chatham Rd, Constantine Pl, Glen Ave, River Rd; Pump upgrades
- **TOTAL - \$2,250,000 (5% increase from 2025)**

# SEWER UTILITY 2026 CAPITAL PROJECTS





# PARKING SERVICES UTILITY



**2026 CAPITAL BUDGET  
TOTAL REQUEST**

**\$2,593,000**



# PARKING SERVICES UTILITY

## Tier Garage Rehabilitation Project \$2,500,000

- The city recently completed emergency repair work at the Tier Garage. Those repairs were considered Phase 1 to ensure safety and keep the garage operational.
- This project represents Phase 2 and will focus on more in-depth structural restoration aimed at extending the lifespan of the facility, improving safety, and enhancing the user experience.
- The Tier Garage serves residents, employees, and downtown visitors, making its long-term reliability essential for daily operations.





# PARKING SERVICES UTILITY

## Parking Lot Improvements \$93,000

- This project includes general improvements to various municipal parking lots to address safety, accessibility, and long-term improvements.





# CITY DEBT OUTLOOK



**Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan  
and impact on future debt obligations**



# CURRENT DEBT POSITION

Net Debt (January 1, 2025)	\$ 62.79 million
2025 Debt Service Payment \$4.690M (principal) plus \$1.818M (interest)	\$ 6.51 million
2025 Capital Budget (General Fund) Approved	\$ 5.50 million
New Debt Authorizations	\$ 5.24 million
Estimated Net Debt (12/31/2025)	\$ 61.52 million
2026 Projected Debt Service Payment	\$ 5.92 million



# EXISTING DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE

	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Existing Bond Principal	\$4,245,000	\$3,375,000	\$3,495,000	\$2,950,000	\$3,030,000	\$3,110,000
Existing Bond Interest	1,676,958	1,547,716	1,417,215	1,292,150	1,164,550	977,050
Existing Debt Service Payments (P&I)	5,921,958	4,922,716	4,912,215	4,242,150	4,194,550	4,087,050
Estimated Debt Service Total	<b>\$5,921,958</b>	<b>\$4,922,716</b>	<b>\$4,912,215</b>	<b>\$4,242,150</b>	<b>\$4,194,550</b>	<b>\$4,087,050</b>



# EXISTING NOTE PAYMENT SCHEDULE

	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Projected Note Principal	\$0	\$189,600	\$761,000	\$1,284,800	\$1,284,800	\$1,284,800
Projected Note Interest	509,904	506,336	475,896	424,504	373,112	321,720
<b>Estimated Debt Service Total</b>	<b>\$509,904</b>	<b>\$695,936</b>	<b>\$1,236,896</b>	<b>\$1,708,504</b>	<b>\$1,657,112</b>	<b>\$1,606,520</b>



# ESTIMATED DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE WITH PROPOSED SIX-YEAR CIP

	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Existing Debt Service Payment (Bonds/Notes)	\$6,431,862	\$5,618,652	\$6,149,111	\$5,950,654	\$5,479,350	\$5,693,570
Proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)	7,043,000	9,308,000	6,823,000	5,497,850	3,124,000	\$1,600,000
Proposed CIP Estimated Debt Service (P&I)	0	281,720	654,040	1,603,088	2,688,398	3,402,962
Estimated Debt Service Payment w/ CIP Budget \$	\$6,431,862	\$5,900,372	\$6,803,151	\$7,553,742	\$8,167,748	\$9,096,532



# THANK YOU

