City of Bloomington, Indiana Common Council

Departmental Budget Hearings Night 2

Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.
Council Chambers (Room 115), City Hall
401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, IN 47404

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1. **Planning & Transportation Department**

2. **Engineering Department**

3. **Street & Traffic Division - Public Works**

4. **Parking Services - Public Works**

5. **City of Bloomington Utilities (CBU)**

6. **Adjournment**

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2027 BUDGET HEARINGS

PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

Lynn Coyne, Interim Director

AUGUST 19, 2026

OVERVIEW

- 18 FT staff and 1 permanent PT
- Budget change from 2026: +$88,126
- Key budget needs and issues for 2027:
  - Downtown Corridor and Subarea Planning Study
  - Develop a Safe Routes to School plan for one MCCSC school
  - Quick-Build Safety Projects

2026 HIGHLIGHTS

- Awarded a $1.44 million USDOT Safe Streets for All grant for corridor studies and transportation safety improvements
- Hosted more than 60 public outreach events to collect public feedback on transportation safety projects and corridor studies
- Issued 24 Occupancy and Closeout recommendations for MCCSC, transportation, and business establishment & improvement projects
- Awarded $8,000 in Local Motion Grants to support local walking and bicycling initiatives

2027 PRIORITIES & GOALS

- Downtown Bloomington Corridor and Subarea Planning Study
  Estimated Budget: $265,000

- Safe Routes to School

- Quick-build Safety Projects

KEY 2027 PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

- Implement recommendations from the development review audit.
- Improve coordination, transparency, and predictability through concurrent reviews, clearer review standards, and improved workflows.
- More than 20 recommendations identified across technology, process, communication, and organizational improvements

KEY 2027 PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

- Long-Range Planning & Community Visioning
- Develop a long-range vision for downtown Bloomington through the Downtown Corridor and Subarea Planning Study
- Create a conceptual design for a shared street design to improve safety, accessibility, and the public realm on Kirkwood Avenue

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- Community input shapes the future.

- Public engagement is essential to developing plans and projects that reflect community priorities.

Residents helping shape safer streets

CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

- Improving Transportation Safety
- Large transportation projects require significant funding and years before safety benefits are realized.
- A quick-build strategy allows the City to implement lower-cost safety improvements while larger projects are designed and funding opportunities are pursued.
- Process improvement will speed up “getting to yes” for projects, provide transparency, and be more efficient for staff.

CONCLUSION

- Our budget will move the city to a safer, more efficient transportation environment.

- Transformation of the Department's processes and communications will move our housing and economic objectives forward.

Thank you for your consideration!

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2027 BUDGET HEARINGS

ENGINEERING

Andrew Cibor, City Engineer

AUGUST 24, 2026

OVERVIEW

- 17 FT staff and 1 permanent PT staff
- Budget change from 2026: - $3,760,801
- Key budget needs and issues for 2027
  - Increased personnel expenses
  - Additional supply needs
  - Capital project funding

2026 HIGHLIGHTS

- Two new full-time positions (Engineer & Inspector)
- Fully staffed for 4 months (first time since 2022)
- Relocated offices to Showers West

Engineering Department Team

2026 HIGHLIGHTS

- Hopewell infrastructure and development support
- Coordinated road maintenance and safety improvements
- Citywide traffic signal retiming

S Rogers Street Pedestrian Improvements

2027 PRIORITIES & GOALS

Guided by adopted community plans and City Council budget priorities

- Steward and enhance Bloomington’s public infrastructure.
- Support community investment through collaboration.
- Build an effective and resilient organization.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

	2026 Budget ($)	2027 Budget ($)	Change ($)
Personnel	2,224,709	2,411,803	187,095
Supplies	31,395	33,831	2,436
Services	134,715	132,527	(2,188)
Capital	5,153,644	1,205,500	(3,948,144)
TOTAL	**7,544,463**	**3,783,661**	**(3,760,801)**

CITY PROJECTS

- Planning
  - S Walnut Street
- Design
  - E/W 10th Street
- Right-of-Way
  - S Vanguard Parkway
- Construction
  - S High Street
- Operation & Maintenance
  - N College/Walnut St

N Jefferson Street Sidewalk Project

CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

- Many opportunities is a challenge
- Future funding uncertainty
- New external funding and programs
- Development support
- New lighting program
- Roles and responsibilities

S College Avenue Temporary Closures

CONCLUSION

Thank you for your consideration!

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PUBLIC WORKS: STREET

Adam Wason, Public Works Director
Daniel Bitner, Director of Street Operations

AUGUST 19, 2026


STREET

OVERVIEW

- 47 FT staff members
- Budget change from 2026: $82,364 (1%)
- Key budget needs and issues for 2027
  - Street Preservation Funding - Asset Management
  - Sidewalk & ADA Accessibility
  - Strengthen Winter Operations

2026 HIGHLIGHTS

- 8,764 potholes repaired to date
- Resurfacing 7.8 lane miles of roadway
- Kirkwood sidewalks - brickwork restoration
- Sidewalk ADA compliant upgrades - meeting federal standards
- Achieved APWA accreditation for street operations!

2027 PRIORITIES & GOALS

- Balancing safety, infrastructure needs and community expectations
- ADA and pedestrian access
- Traffic operations reliability - signs and signals
- Community responsiveness
- Winter operations readiness

Street Maintenance

- PCI is 58.8 today
- $3.96 million invested in streets
- $30.2 million investment needed to raise PCI to 80

Sidewalk Maintenance

- SWSCI is 75
- $1.15 million invested in sidewalks
- $16.3 million investment needed

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KEY 2027 PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

- Street and Sidewalk maintenance and repair investments
- Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG)
- Provide efficient snow removal and emergency response services
- Traffic Management & Safety

Community Crossing Matching Grant

- State’s 50/50 Match - $ 1,000,000 max
- Funds projects that enhance roadway safety and ADA compliance
- Turns local municipal dollars into larger construction projects
- Requires certified pavement data

Sidewalk & ADA Repairs

- Accessible improvements
- ADA accessibility audits
- Trip hazard removal

ADA-compliant curb ramp installed

Street Infrastructure Statistics

Project	2024	2025	YTD 2026
Paving - street lane miles	14	18	8
ADA compliant ramps installed	93	189	24
Sidewalk saw-cut (trip hazards)	3,124	8,179	2,314
Potholes repaired	7,231	14,345	8,764

CONCLUSION

- Reinforce the City’s commitment to safe, reliable infrastructure and responsible fiscal management, while delivering visible improvements.

Thank you for your consideration!

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PUBLIC WORKS: PARKING

Adam Wason, Director of Public Works

Michelle Wahl, Parking Services Director

AUGUST 19, 2026

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OVERVIEW

- 26 FT staff
- Budget change from 2026: +$2,814,598
- Key budget needs and issues for 2027
  - Replace parking technology, on-street and off-street
  - Evaluate parking rates for financial sustainability
  - Parking wayfinding and branding initiative

2026 HIGHLIGHTS

- Parking Rate Study & Comprehensive Final Review June 2026
- Improve parking operations, enhance customer service, support economic vitality, and ensure long-term financial sustainability
- Supports Administration and Council priorities through data-driven planning, fiscal sustainability, and downtown vitality

2027 PRIORITIES & GOALS

Parking Services must replace aging assets and evaluate rate adjustments to ensure reliable parking services continue to be provided.

- Parking meters were installed in 2013; current kiosks will sunset December 2028, and garage technology sunsets December 2027
- Initial investment is $2.5M for future capital needs; additional bonding will be sought based on possible revenue increase.

CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

- Building public understanding and support for parking technology upgrades and necessary rate increases
- Engage the community through public feedback to help shape future parking technology investments and rate decisions

CONCLUSION

Thank you for your consideration!

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2027 BUDGET HEARINGS

UTILITIES

Katherine Zaiger, Director

AUGUST 19, 2026

City of Bloomington Utilities Mission

Enhance the quality of life in our community by providing safe, sustainable, and high-quality drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater services in a cost-effective manner, promoting public health, economic vitality, and environmental stewardship

OVERVIEW

- 191 FT staff and 4 permanent PT
- Budget change from 2026: +$7,560,000
- Key budget topics for 2027:
    - Implementation of water rate case beginning September 2026
    - Continued investment in MWTP modernization
    - Distribution system improvements, including strategic water main replacement and booster station upgrades

WATER HIGHLIGHTS

- Rehabilitation of the fluoride system
- Rehabilitation of Low Service Pump #4
- Installation of secondary backwash pump
- New chemical feed lines

Top: Low Service #4 - Left: Chemical Feed Line - Right: Secondary backwash pump

WASTEWATER HIGHLIGHTS

- Rehabilitation of non-potable water pumps - Blucher
- Replacement of VFDs - Blucher
- Replacement of suction lines in the pump station - Dillman
- Installation of fifth blower to increase plant flow rate - Dillman

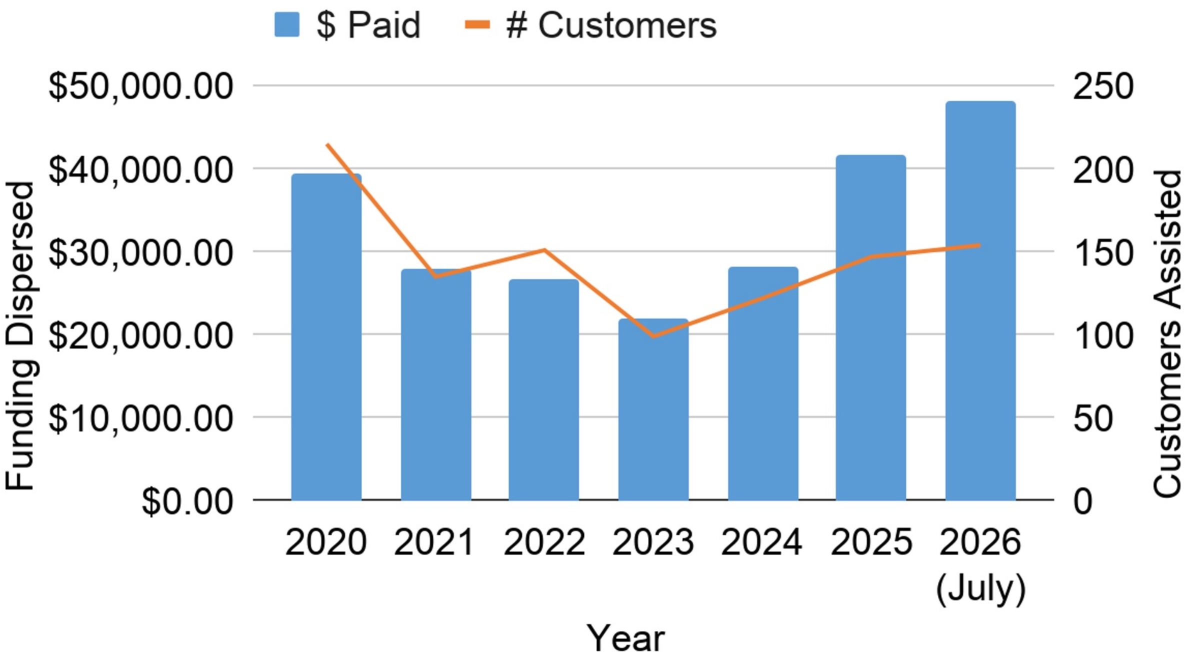
Top Left: Blower #5 - Bottom Left: Non-potable water pumps - Right: Suction lines in pump station

STORMWATER HIGHLIGHTS

- Clear Creek Renewal Feasibility Study RFQ
- Rain garden installation and reconstruction projects
- Clear Creek watershed E. coli sampling
- Completion of bioretention facility at 8th and Fountain

Top left: 7th St rain garden - Top right: Miller Shower Sampling - Bottom: Clear Creek cleanup

ASSISTANCE PROGRAM UPDATE



2027 PRIORITIES & GOALS

This budget prioritizes maintaining or enhancing our existing assets with a focus on reliability and climate resiliency.

- Distribution system improvements (Asset Maintenance)
- Electrical and control upgrade at Monroe Water Treatment Plant (Asset Maintenance)
- Blucher Poole Wastewater Plant upgrades (Asset Enhancement and Maintenance)
- Dillman Wastewater Plant phase II electrical upgrades (Asset Maintenance)

2027 PRIORITIES & GOALS

- Dillman collection system relief sewer (Asset Enhancement, Economic Development)
- Lower Cascades stormwater culvert (Asset Enhancement)
- Clear Creek renewal (Asset Enhancement, Public Safety, Economic Development)
- Winslow Sports Complex detention (Asset Enhancement, Public Safety)
- Utilities Service Center at Winston Thomas (Asset Enhancement)

Distribution System Improvements

- Full modernization of South Central and West Booster Stations
- Neighborhood water main replacement projects
- Estimated total cost: $11,150,000 combined design and construction

T&D Crew working on West 2nd Street Modernization project.

Electrical and Control Upgrade at Monroe Water Treatment Plant

- Critical electrical upgrades including emergency generators
- Improvements to SCADA
- Increase reliability and cybersecurity of the plant
- Estimated total cost: $10M

Lake Monroe Water Treatment Plant

Blucher Poole Wastewater Plant Upgrades

- Improvements to dewatering and solids handling systems
- Improves efficiency of treatment process and reduces cost of waste disposal.
- Estimated total cost: $2.3M for design

Blucher Poole Wastewater Treatment Plant

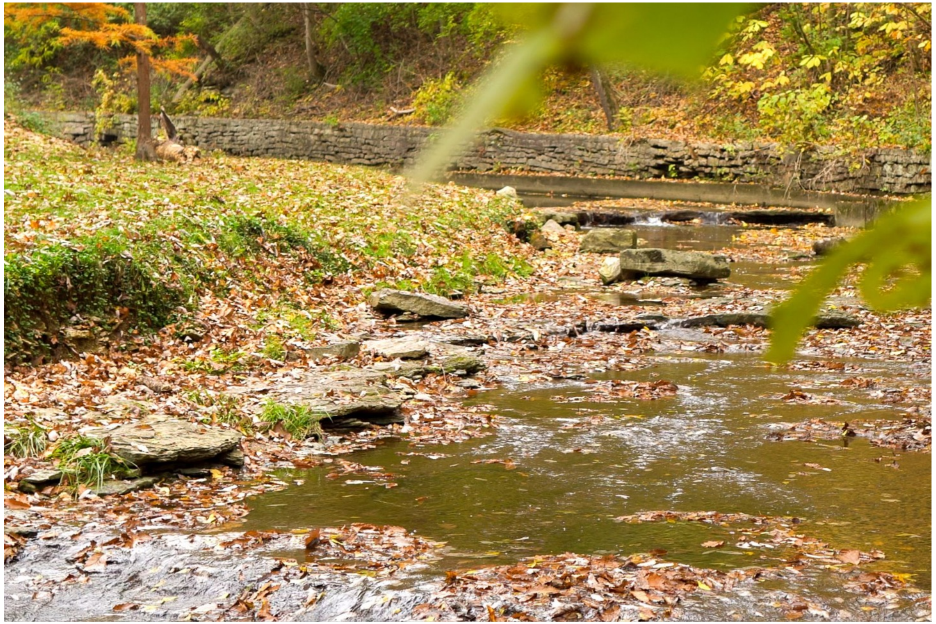
Dillman Wastewater Plant Phase II Electrical Upgrades

- Replacement of switchgears and electrical substation
- Addition of plant-wide emergency generator
- Estimated total cost: $500k for design

Dillman Wastewater Treatment Plant

Lower Cascades Stormwater Culvert

- Connect the North Walnut box culvert and the Old SR37.
- Eliminate erosion, improve flow and capacity, and protect our sanitary sewer in the area.
- Estimated total cost: $750K



Lower Cascades

Clear Creek Renewal

- Convert 100-year old limestone black open channel to naturalized urban stream channel with water quality treatment amenities,
- Reduce the regulatory floodplain
- Three technically feasible alternatives
- Estimated total cost: $500k for Study Phase

Clear Creek Stormwater Channel

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Winslow Sports Complex Detention

- Partnership with Parks & Recreation
- Improve detention and water quality of runoff from the parking lot.
- Innovative detention and water quality treatment techniques
- Estimated total cost: $75k for Design

Winslow Sports Complex

Utilities Service Center at Winston Thomas

- New facility at site of former Winston Thomas WWTP
- Finish design and bid in 2027.
- Improved logistics, space, and protection of capital assets
- Estimated total cost: $2.5M for design $2.3M construction management

Design render of Winston Thomas Service Center.

CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

- Secured $5 million SRF loan to replace lead service lines and aging water main infrastructure
- Congressional funds for both collection and distribution system improvements
- Pursuing FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant for Clear Creek Renewal Project

2027 REVENUE BUDGET SUMMARY

REVENUE	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Budget	2027 Budget
Water	$22,938,000	$23,174,300	$23,119,000	$28,869,000
Wastewater	$28,828,000	$31,530,500	$29,845,000	$31,571,000
Stormwater	$4,520,000	$4,531,900	$4,745,000	$4,829,000
TOTAL	$56,286,000	$59,236,700	$57,709,000	$65,269,000

CONCLUSION

The 2027 budget request from the City of Bloomington Utilities allows us to provide safe, sustainable, and high-quality drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater services in a cost-effective manner, promoting public health, economic vitality, and environmental stewardship.

Thank you for your consideration!