



City Council Agenda Memo

Public Hearing / Items Pertaining to the City of Lafayette 2027 Budget

1. Adopting the 2027 Budget and Establishing the Mill Levy
 - a. Resolution No. 2026-24A / Adopting the 2027 Budget and Establishing the Mill Levy [Public Hearing Noticed in the Daily Camera September 25, 2026]
 - b. Resolution No. 2026-24B / Adopting the 2027 Budget and Establishing the Mill Levy, with No Funding for the Flock Safety Contract [Public Hearing Noticed in the Daily Camera September 25, 2026]
2. Appropriating Funds for Fiscal Year 2027
 - a. First Reading / Ordinance No. 18A, Series 2026 / Appropriating Funds for the Operation of the City of Lafayette for the Fiscal Year of 2027
 - b. First Reading / Ordinance No. 18B, Series 2026 / Appropriating Funds for the Operation of the City of Lafayette for the Fiscal Year of 2027, with No Appropriation for the Flock Safety Contract
3. First Reading / Ordinance No. 19, Series 2026 / Amending Chapter 4, "Fees" of the Code of Ordinances

October 6, 2026

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Executive Summary

The 2027 Recommended Budget was formally submitted to City Council on Sept. 18, 2026, per Charter requirements. It totals approximately \$130 million in spending across all funds. The 2027 Recommended Budget is supported by \$129 million in revenues across all funds based upon projections of the various elements of the City's revenue base as well as strategic use of \$1 million of fund balance largely within the Capital Projects, Internal Services, and Utility Funds.

Per the City Charter, the City Manager is charged with the responsibility of working with department heads and producing this spending plan to fund municipal services for Lafayette residents and presenting it to City Council. The 2027 Recommended Budget is the result of a collaborative, citywide planning effort that began in the second quarter of 2026. The investments recommended for the coming fiscal year are oriented toward maintaining high-quality service levels and advancing City Council's priorities.

To comply with Charter requirements, City Council is required to adopt the budget by resolution and appropriate the funds by ordinance before the fourth Thursday in October. Based on public sentiment regarding the City's contract with Flock Safety shared during the 2027 Budget material development process, two alternate resolutions and appropriation ordinances are presented herein for City Council consideration:

- Resolution No. 2026-24A and Ordinance No. 18A, Series 2026, would approve the 2027 Recommended Budget as presented and provided to City Council on Sept. 18.
- Resolution No. 2026-24B and Ordinance No. 18B, Series 2026, would approve the 2027 Recommended Budget as presented and provided to City Council on Sept. 18, with no appropriation for the Flock Safety contract. These materials were updated to

AND

Council motion to approve on first reading Ordinance No. 19, Series 2026, amending Chapter 4, “Fees” of the Code of Ordinances.

To Approve the 2027 Budget without Appropriations for the Flock Safety Contract

Council motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-24B, adopting the 2027 budget and establishing the mill levy, with no funding for the Flock Safety contract.

AND

Council motion to approve on first reading Ordinance No. 18B, Series 2026, appropriating funds for the operation of the City of the Fiscal Year of 2027, with No Appropriation for the Flock Safety Contract.

AND

Council motion to approve on first reading Ordinance No. 19, Series 2026, amending Chapter 4, “Fees” of the Code of Ordinances.

Supplemental Materials

[2027 Recommended Budget](#)

Attachment(s)

- A. Resolution No. 2026-24A
- B. Resolution No. 2026-24B
- C. Ordinance No. 18A, Series 2026
- D. Ordinance No. 18B, Series 2026
- E. Ordinance No, 19 Series 2026
- F. City Manager Fee Schedule for 2027
- G. Budget Workshop Follow-Up

**CITY OF LAFAYETTE
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-24B**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE,
COLORADO, ADOPTING THE 2027 BUDGET AND ESTABLISHING THE
MILL LEVY, WITH NO FUNDING FOR THE FLOCK SAFETY CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lafayette, Colorado, pursuant to Section 8.3 of the Charter of the City of Lafayette, Colorado, held a public hearing on the proposed 2027 Budget on October 6, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the notice of the proposed public hearing, a summary of the proposed budget, and notice that the proposed budget was on file in the office of the City Clerk was published at least one week in advance of the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the mill levy proposed by this resolution is 21.721 mills and is intended to generate revenue for debt payments on capital bond construction not to exceed \$6,000,000 as well as revenues to support Ambulance and Fire services, and for other municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, the revenue goals were established to ensure compliance with the various bond issue ballot questions previously approved by Lafayette voters and provisions of the Colorado State Constitution; and

WHEREAS, between November 15 and December 15, 2026, the City will receive a final assessed valuation which may be different from the preliminary valuation received from the County Assessor in August; and

WHEREAS, the City must certify the appropriate mill levy to the Boulder County Assessor's Office no later than December 15, 2026; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to this resolution may be required to modify the mill levy used for the payment of various debt issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lafayette, Colorado, as follows:

1. Subject to Section 2 of this resolution, the City Council of the City of Lafayette adopts the 2027 Budget, a copy of which is on file in the City Clerk's Office, and which is incorporated herein and made a part of this resolution by this reference. A "2027 Budget Summary by Fund as of October 6, 2026," is attached hereto as Exhibit A, for informational purposes, and is incorporated herein by this reference.

2. The 2027 Budget shall not include funding for the City's obligations pursuant to the Master Services Agreement with Flock Group, Inc., dated January 25, 2024 ("Agreement"), or to finance any other obligation with Flock Group, Inc. The Agreement shall terminate at such time as existing appropriations are depleted.

3. The City Council of the City of Lafayette determines that it is necessary to levy a tax of 7.037 mills on the real property within the City Limits for the purpose of payment of principal and interest on the Capital Project Bonds, to levy a tax of 4.500 mills on the real property within the City Limits for Ambulance and Fire services, to levy a tax of 2.000 mills on the real property within the City Limits for Public Safety services, and to levy a tax of 8.184 mills on the real property within the City Limits for other municipal purposes, for a total levy of 21.721 mills on the real property within the City Limits for municipal purposes, and hereby orders the same to be certified. Said levy is based on Boulder County's 2026 assessed valuation for the year 2027.

4. The City Council recognizes that it may be necessary to further modify the total mill levy prior to December 15, 2026, to ensure compliance with various bond issue ballot questions previously approved by Lafayette voters and provisions of the Colorado State Constitution; and

a. The City Council of the City of Lafayette authorizes the City Manager to make appropriate adjustments; and

b. The City Council of the City of Lafayette authorizes the City Manager to certify the mill levy by December 15, 2026, to generate revenue for debt payments on the capital bond construction not to exceed \$6,000,000, as well as revenues to support Ambulance and Fire services, and for other municipal purposes; and

c. Should the City Manager find it necessary to modify the mill levy, a resolution ratifying that decision shall be presented to the City Council at the next scheduled meeting.

RESOLVED AND PASSED THIS 6th OF OCTOBER, 2026.

CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO

Saul Tapia Vega, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lynnette Beck, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mary Lynn Macsalka, City Attorney

Exhibit A
2027 Budget Summary by Fund
as of October 6, 2026

Fund No.	Fund Name	Projected 2026 Fund Balance	2027 Budget		Projected 2027 Fund Balance
			Revenues (+)	Expenditures (-)	
01	General Fund	\$30,211,161	\$53,067,826	\$53,199,796	\$30,079,191
	Special Revenue Funds				
11	Debt Service	\$24,512	\$6,061,007	\$6,013,380	\$72,139
12	Public Safety	\$808,771	\$2,197,064	\$2,050,529	\$955,306
	General Improvement Districts				
14	City Center GID	\$158,192	\$12,078	\$6,198	\$164,072
15	Exempla GID	\$1,320,716	\$46,057	\$7,665	\$1,359,108
16	Corporate Campus GID	\$765,166	\$258,028	\$229,163	\$794,032
17	Tech Center GID	\$244,521	\$168,234	\$156,021	\$256,733
18	Human Services	\$1,714,103	\$857,843	\$1,001,711	\$1,570,236
20	Grant Fund	\$2,254,202	\$5,000	\$1,365	\$2,257,837
28	Legacy Open Space	\$5,036,203	\$2,255,839	\$1,462,800	\$5,829,241
29	POST Fund	\$2,113,446	\$2,148,025	\$1,786,135	\$2,475,336
30	Conservation Trust	\$423,654	\$384,037	\$386,225	\$421,467
34	Capital Projects	\$6,289,436	\$6,394,965	\$9,799,607	\$2,884,794
	Enterprise Funds				
41	Water Fund	\$26,046,481	\$22,702,572	\$20,774,327	\$27,974,727
42	Water Rec Fund	\$17,414,043	\$10,804,780	\$10,923,211	\$17,295,612
43	Stormwater Fund	\$9,521,501	\$2,877,081	\$2,194,675	\$10,203,906
44	Waste Management	\$90,848	\$4,051,453	\$4,147,538	\$(5,237)
45	Golf Course	\$2,197,248	\$4,622,639	\$4,603,519	\$2,216,368
	Internal Service Funds				
50	Employee Benefit	\$2,656,591	\$5,710,875	\$5,925,837	\$2,441,629
51	Fleet Fund	\$1,267,947	\$2,326,064	\$3,211,173	\$382,838
53	Insurance Fund	\$808,173	\$1,645,029	\$1,753,615	\$699,586
	Permanent Fund				
61	Cemetery	\$45,791	\$1,663	\$5,200	\$42,254
	Total	\$111,412,706	\$128,598,158	\$129,639,690	\$110,371,175

CITY OF LAFAYETTE

ORDINANCE NO. 18B, Series 2026

INTRODUCED BY: Councilor [first and last name]

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE,
COLORADO, APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CITY OF
LAFAYETTE, COLORADO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2027, WITH NO
APPROPRIATION FOR THE FLOCK SAFETY CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lafayette, Colorado, is charged with the responsibility of adopting an appropriation ordinance for the purpose of allocating funds to the various departments for expenditure in the fiscal year of 2027; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager, as Budget Officer designated by the City Council, has prepared and submitted a recommended budget in full compliance with the provisions of Chapter VIII of the Charter of the City of Lafayette, Colorado (“Charter”), including subparagraphs (a) through (f) of Section 8.2 of the Charter; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted a budget for the next ensuing fiscal year, 2027, in full compliance with the provisions of Section 8.4 of the Charter; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the City Council to appropriate, by ordinance, the money needed for municipal purposes during the next ensuing fiscal year, 2027.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Pursuant to Resolution No. 2026-24B, adopting the 2027 fiscal year budget, the following revenues will be received, and expenditures will be made, in the 2027 fiscal year, as set forth in Exhibit A, which is attached to this ordinance and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. No funds are appropriated in the 2027 fiscal year budget to finance the City’s obligations pursuant to the Master Services Agreement with Flock Group, Inc., dated January 25, 2024 (“Agreement”), or to finance any other obligation with Flock Group, Inc. The Agreement shall terminate at such time as existing appropriations are depleted.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED ON FIRST READING AND PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDERED THIS 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026.

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING AND PUBLIC NOTICE ORDERED
THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO

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