



# CITY of CRESTVIEW

## CITY COUNCIL

### CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING July 15, 2026 9:00 AM COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Open Policy Making and Legislative Session**
3. **Approve Agenda**
4. **Presentations and Reports**
5. **Consent Agenda**
6. **Action Items**
  - 6.1. Preliminary Budget Presentation
  - 6.2. Proposed Millage Rate & Tentative Hearing Dates
7. **Comments from the Mayor and Council**
8. **Comments from the Audience**
9. **Adjournment**

The Presentations section is for items that were submitted by a citizen or group of Citizens no later than the Wednesday 2 weeks prior to the meeting to the Clerk's office for approval. These items will be scheduled under the section titles Presentations and Reports. Supporting documents must be submitted at this time to be on the regular agenda. All Action Items are for staff and elected officials only and must be submitted for approval no later than Wednesday 10 days prior to the meeting. Those not listed on the regular agenda who wish to address the council should fill out a white card. The card must be submitted to the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem. Speaking time should be three minutes or less, large groups may designate a spokesperson. All remarks should be addressed to the Council as a whole and not to individual members. All meeting procedures are outlined in the Meeting Rules and Procedures brochure available outside the Chambers. Florida Statute 286.0105. Notices of meetings and hearings must advise that a record is required to appeal. Each board, commission, or agency of this state or of any political subdivision thereof shall include in the notice of any meeting or hearing, if notice of the meeting or hearing is required, of such board, commission, or agency, conspicuously on such notice, the advice that, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. The requirements of this section do not apply to the notice provided in s. 200.065(3). In accordance with Section 286.26, F.S., persons with disabilities needing special accommodations, please contact Natasha Peacock, City Clerk at [cityclerk@cityofcrestview.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityofcrestview.org) or 850-628-1560 option 2 within 48 hours of the scheduled meeting. opening invocation that is offered. .



# Staff Report

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: July 15, 2026

TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM: Action Item

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TO: Mayor and City Council  
CC: City Manager, City Clerk, Staff and Attorney  
FROM: Gina Toussaint, Finance Director, Jessica Leavins, City Manager  
DATE: 07/14/2026  
SUBJECT: Preliminary Budget Presentation

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## **BACKGROUND:**

In January, the budget process began for fiscal year 2027. Departments have had the opportunity to make operational and capital requests. This meeting is to discuss policy as it relates to the formulation of the upcoming budget.

## **DISCUSSION:**

Staff will provide a presentation outlining the City's budget policies, priorities, and goals for the upcoming budget year.

## **GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

This item is consistent with the goals in A New View Strategic Plan 2020 as follows;

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## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Staff respectfully requests a motion

**Attachments**

None



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SUBJECT: Proposed Millage Rate & Tentative Hearing Dates

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**BACKGROUND:**

On July 1st, the property appraiser certifies the taxable value on Certification of Taxable Value (Form DR-420) and delivers it to each taxing authority in his or her jurisdiction. Within 35 days of certification of value, (no later than August 4th) each taxing authority certifies the completed DR-420 and DR-420MM-P (Maximum Millage Preliminary) and returns them to the property appraiser. The City of Crestview as the taxing authority informs the property appraiser of the prior year millage rate, the proposed millage rate for the taxing authority for the upcoming budget year and the date, time and location of the tentative hearing.

**DISCUSSION:**

- The prior year millage rate was 6.6466.
- The current year's proposed millage rate is 6.6466. This is less than the rollback rate by 0.36
- The current year's rollback rate is 6.6709
- The tentative hearing date is September 8, 2026, at 5:15 p.m. in Crestview City Hall Council Chambers at 198 N. Wilson St. Crestview, FL 32536.
- The final hearing date is September 21, 2026, at 5:15 p.m. in the Crestview City Hall Council Chambers at 198 N. Wilson St. Crestview, FL 32536.

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### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Any impact to revenues will be determined by the property values.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Staff respectfully requests a motion and approval to set the proposed millage rate at 6.6466, the same rate certified for the previous fiscal year, and approval of the following proposed public hearing dates:

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### **Attachments**

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