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INSIDE THE CITY'S NEW BUDGET



A conservative approach while investing to keep up with tremendous growth.





Wynette Reed
Goodyear City Manager

Delivering Exceptional Service

This edition of the InFocus magazine is dedicated to the city’s budget, which is carefully developed each year through months of planning, many discussions and multiple reviews of every line item. Finalizing the annual budget can be

challenging, as we work meticulously to determine how to best allocate limited resources to best serve you – our residents.

This year’s budget, which went into effect on July 1, aligns with our commitment to deliver unparalleled service to our Goodyear community, especially as

we continue to grow. Despite facing challenges such as inflation and evolving legislative landscapes, our financial foundation remains solid.

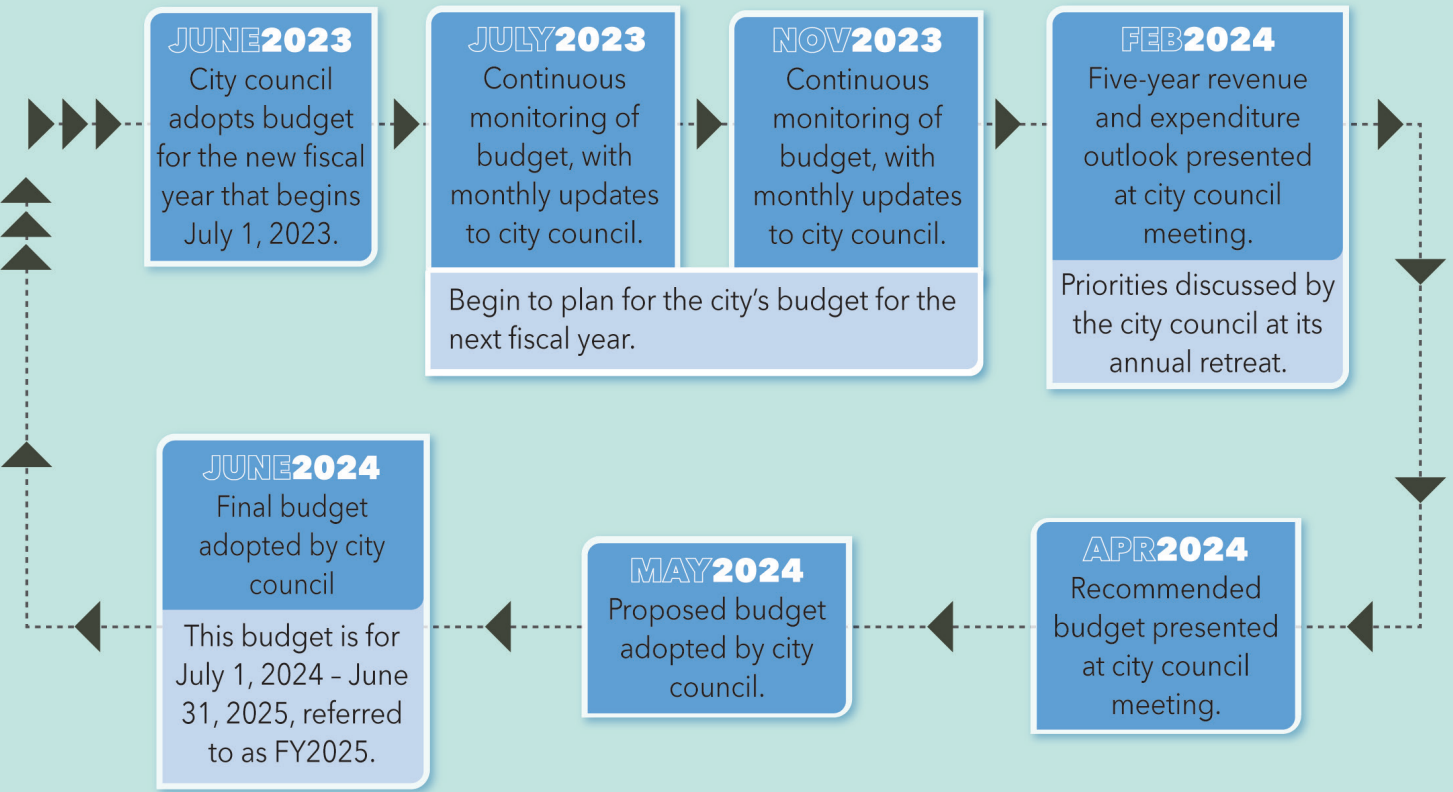
The budget not only upholds our long-standing conservative fiscal principles but also strategically allocates resources to sustain our momentum. It emphasizes adding positions where necessary and channeling investments into crucial Capital Improvement Program (CIP) initiatives, like investing in our streets and transportation-related projects to improve traffic flow and ensure people can move about in the city.

Goodyear is a fantastic place to live, work and play. I’m proud to serve this community alongside our dedicated Goodyear City Council and hardworking staff. I hope you’re as proud to call Goodyear home as I am.

BUDGET CYCLE

Budget Cycle

Important dates in the budget process





Mayor
Joe Pizzillo

From the Mayor

As a new fiscal year begins, this issue is centered on our annual budget plan to keep you apprised of where your tax dollars are going in the coming year. The FY2025 budget totals \$818.1 million, and the key points to know are that there is no tax rate increase in this budget, it maintains existing

service levels, includes all costs associated with day-to-day operations and is balanced and sustainable within our financial forecasts.

We are very conservative and strategic in our approach to the budget. This has been our philosophy for years, and it has positioned us well to manage our growth. We undertake a very deliberate process, guided by our strategic plan, to identify priorities and match them with available funding.

People often have questions about property taxes, wondering where that money is used. The average single-family home will pay \$394 in property taxes to the city of Goodyear. It is important to note that approximately 87% of residents' property taxes go to entities outside the city such as the county and various special districts, with the majority going to fund education. Primary property taxes received

by the city help to fund basic services such as public safety, street maintenance and parks and recreation amenities. Secondary property taxes fund voter-approved bonds for construction of infrastructure and public facilities.

We know that next year, due to mandates from the state legislature, we will need to make up an initial impact of over \$5 million from the loss of residential rental taxes. But in the meantime, we are focusing on making the most of our available resources.

There is \$273.7 million slated in our Capital Improvement Program (CIP) in this budget for the 2025 fiscal year with \$779.4 million programmed over the next five years, which includes the following funding:

- **Transportation Related Projects: \$319.9 million**
- **Parks Related Projects: \$104.7 million**
- **Public Safety Projects: \$90.1 million**
- **Utility Projects: \$235.2 million**
- **Other Projects: \$29.5 million**

We are working hard to maintain a safe and sustainable community that people are proud to call home. We remain committed to ensuring Goodyear is a great place to live, work, play and raise a family, and this budget supports that goal. Read on to see how we've allocated resources strategically to maximize their usefulness.

Important Dates to Know for the city of Goodyear **ELECTION**



July 19

Last day to request
a ballot by mail



July 23

Last day to mail in
your early ballot



July 30

Election Day

For additional information on the election, visit
goodyearaz.gov/election.



COUNCIL CORNER

INSIDE THE FY2025 BUDGET

Vice Mayor Laura Kaino



One of our key investments in the FY2025 budget is the funding of an ambulance service to be provided by the Goodyear Fire Department. This includes hiring 15 firefighters and one captain and purchasing four ambulances. This was a well-thought-out decision made by the council to move from a contractor to an in-house service to provide exceptional service to our residents. The reasons for this are multifold. The comprehensive level of training by sworn firefighters covers the full range of

emergency responses, exceeding that given to emergency medical service employees and ensuring that top-tier care is provided during emergencies. Using sworn firefighters reduces turnover, provides greater scheduling and operational flexibility and leads to a more engaged and committed workforce. Ensuring our residents have the best care on their worst day supports our strategic plan focus area to have a safe and vibrant community.

Councilmember Sheri Lauritano



The FY2025 budget includes two items that are both important and significant to our community. First, the Goodyear Fire Department will be adding staff and vehicles to expand its ambulance service to ensure residents have the access they need in a time of crisis. Second, Parks and Recreation will be implementing

public art tours, a program that I'm especially excited about. I'm thrilled that more people will have the opportunity to experience this special aspect of Goodyear. We are also continuing to work hard to complete projects that have been approved in prior budget cycles.



Councilmember Wally Campbell

Goodyear has sound conservative fiscal policies, and once again, we have a balanced budget – a budget that has allowed for expansion of emergency medical services, along with significant capital improvement projects. This budget has no tax increases, maintains

existing service levels and provides funding for our own ambulance service. This is one of the recommendations from the Public Safety Committee I served on before becoming a councilmember, and I am grateful it is finally coming to fruition.



Councilmember Bill Stipp

As this is my last year to vote on the budget, I reflect on the extensive work we've invested, particularly this past year, which demanded the most time and effort. I have often been the voice of caution, advocating for careful consideration and long-term planning. I have emphasized the importance of setting aside funds annually to prepare for future expenditures, ensuring we avoid surprises and are better prepared

for upcoming commitments. While we can't foresee every unexpected event, being prepared reflects our dedication to financial conservatism and prudent planning. We are successfully moving the city forward without exceeding our financial limits. As I've said in the past, it's easy to spend other people's money, but we have historically excelled at ensuring those funds are spent wisely and effectively.



Councilmember Brannon Hampton

Every year, we face the important task of approving a budget that keeps Goodyear thriving as a place to live and work. While our individual priorities may differ, the council comes together to ensure every decision prioritizes the well-being of our residents. This year's budget is no different. Key projects include construction of the Estrella Parkway

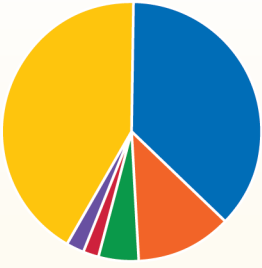
bridge over the Gila River and continued development of the Bullard Wash. Health and safety will always take priority. With the completion of fire station 188, we will also be expanding fire and ambulance services. Another important addition will be the completion of the first phase of the Real Time Crime Center.



Councilwoman Vicki Gillis

I understand how crucial it is to have a well-planned city budget to make sure we're using our resources effectively, being transparent and meeting the needs of everyone in our community. A fair budget is vital for maintaining public services, supporting local businesses and enhancing the quality of life for all

residents. I am committed to thorough and inclusive budgetary processes, ensuring that every dollar is spent wisely and equitably. I actively engage with constituents, consider their input and work diligently to ensure our city's budget aligns with our strategic plan.



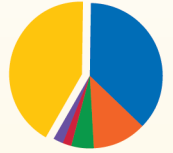
Resources: Where the Money Comes From \$1,021.5M

Resources are made up of current year revenue and fund balance.*

GENERAL AND TAX REVENUE

\$425.3M/42%

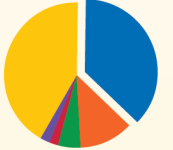
Sales and franchise tax, primary property tax, development-related fees and state-shared revenues.



CAPITAL FUNDS

\$382.8M/37%

Voter approved bonds and developer contributions for infrastructure.



ENTERPRISE FUNDS

\$124.7M/12%

Water, sewer and trash/recycling fees.



COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICTS & TRUST FUNDS

\$47.2M/5%

Special taxing districts and self-insurance trust fund.



SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

\$23.7M/2%

Revenues with federal, state or local government restrictions.



DEBT SERVICE FUNDS

\$17.8M/2%

Secondary property taxes and requirements for debt service repayment.



*Fund balance is defined as the carried over amount from previous budget years

PROPERTY TAXES

Where your money goes



Education **60%**



Special Districts..... **16%**



City of Goodyear **14%**
part of the general and tax revenue funds



Maricopa County **10%**

Expenditures: Where the Money Will Go \$818.1M

The remaining revenue, not allocated below, will be added to the fund balance and carried into the next budget.



OPERATIONS

\$277.0M/34%

Maintenance and enhancement of city services and programs, such as parks, recreational programs, public safety and well-maintained streets.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

\$273.7M/33%

Large projects such as design and construction of the Goodyear Water Reclamation Facility, expansion of the Rainbow Valley Water Reclamation Facility Plant and streets and transportation improvements.



CONTINGENCY

\$145.5M/18%

Reserve for expediting capital projects and unexpected expenditures.



ONE-TIME ITEMS

\$68.5M/8%

Single purchases, such as vehicles, grant match funds and technology upgrades.



DEBT SERVICE

\$53.4M/7%

Repays the principal and interest on bonds used to finance major projects, such as buildings, water and wastewater plants.



EDUCATION
60%

SPECIAL
DISTRICTS
16%

CITY OF
GOODYEAR
14%

MARICOPA
COUNTY
10%



Operations \$277.0M

Operations makes up 34% of what the city spends money on and helps to maintain critical services that keep the city safe, clean and running every day.

PUBLIC SAFETY

\$77.7M/28%

Fire and police.



GENERAL GOVERNMENT

\$76.1M/27%

Includes departments such as city management, technology, finance, legal and human resources.



PUBLIC WORKS & WATER SERVICES

\$72.0M/26%

Water, wastewater, facilities maintenance and sanitation services.



PARKS, RECREATION & BALLPARK

\$29.8M/11%

Sports programs, community pool and library operations.



DEVELOPMENT/ENGINEERING/STREETS

\$21.4M/8%

Planning and zoning, building permits oversight and street maintenance.

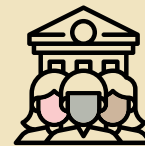


Growing to Better Serve You

To continue to provide the best service and keep up with city growth, the new budget adds 36 employees.



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Services



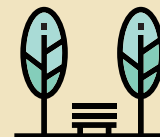
4 | General
Government



4 | Public
Works



4 | Water
Services



3 | Parks &
Recreation



19 | Public Safety
& Court Services

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Capital Improvement Program

\$273.7M

The city's major projects account for 33% of the budget. These projects often stretch out over a couple of years and are necessary to ensure exceptional services and quality of life for residents.



TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

\$108.6M / 40%

Includes: Traffic signals and street improvements, e.g. Camelback Road extension from Loop 303 to 152nd Ave.



RAINBOW VALLEY WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY

\$54.1M / 20%

Water facility expansion to meet future needs.



OTHER PROJECTS

\$47.0M / 16%

Includes: Bullard Wash Extension to the ballpark and Goodyear Wastewater Reclamation Facility design and construction.



BRINE DISPOSAL

\$29.7M / 11%

New system to separate and treat wastewater.



PUBLIC SAFETY PROJECTS

\$18.4M / 7%

Includes: Multiple fire station renovations, as well as additions for new ambulance operations.



ESTRELLA BRIDGE EXPANSION DESIGN

\$15.9M / 6%

Widening the bridge to add more lanes.



BIG UPCOMING PROJECTS



STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Estrella Parkway & I-10: widening of Estrella Parkway to three lanes in each direction and adding a second left turning lane northbound and southbound to get onto I-10 westbound. Construction is underway.

Camelback Road: widening the road to two lanes in each direction from Loop 303 to 152nd Street. Construction will begin in the spring of 2025.

Estrella Parkway: widening the road to three lanes in each direction from MC85, across the river, to Vineyard Avenue. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2026.

Cotton Lane - Estrella Parkway to Cotton Lane Bridge: Widening Cotton Lane to two lanes in each direction from the Estrella Parkway roundabout to the Cotton Lane bridge.

Traffic signals added to the following intersections: Estrella Parkway/Lower Buckeye Road, Estrella Parkway/Calistoga Drive, Cotton Lane/Camelback Road, San Gabriel/Elliott Road, Lower Buckeye Road/Sarival Avenue.

Sarival Avenue: widening from Yuma Road to Elwood Street to two lanes each direction.

Bullard Avenue: adding a southbound lane from Celebrate Life Way to Roosevelt Street.

McDowell Road: adding a lane in each direction between Litchfield Road and Dysart Road.

McDowell Road: sidewalk improvements from Bullard Wash to 146th Avenue.

Indian School Road: widening from Perryville Road to Citrus Road to three lanes in each direction.

Litchfield Road: lighting and sidewalk improvements from MC85 to Van Buren.

Yuma Road: adding two eastbound lanes from Cotton Lane to Canyon Trails Boulevard.

WATER IMPROVEMENTS

The budget includes several big investments in the city's water supply and infrastructure to continue to grow and preserve our water supply. The Rainbow Valley Water Reclamation Facility is being expanded to support the continued growth in the southern area of our city. The expansion project is expected to be completed in 2027.

The Goodyear Water Reclamation Facility, located on 157th Avenue, is also being expanded and will use new technology to produce higher quality of non-drinking water. It's expected to be completed in late 2027.

A first of its kind brine disposal system will be built. This will build pipelines to move brine, a byproduct of water treatment, to the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station for use in its cooling system. The project is scheduled to be completed next year.



Water being treated at the Goodyear Water Reclamation Facility

For more information on the city's big projects, visit goodyearaz.gov/engineering and click on the CIP Management icon.



Newly Released Water Quality Check

WHAT'S IN YOUR TAP WATER?

The city tests its water throughout the year to answer just that. The testing ensures that everything in it is at a safe level that meets all state and federal standards. The data from the tests is then published in an annual water quality report. The city is proud to continue to deliver water that exceeds standards!



To view the latest Water Quality Report, visit goodyearaz.gov/waterreport.

GROWING GOODYEAR PODCAST

LOOKING FOR TIPS TO HELP SURVIVE THE SUMMER SCHOOL BREAK?

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During the hot summer months, construction workers are allowed to begin work as early as 5 a.m. The city has a code to limit how early in the day construction can begin near homes, and in the summer, hours are adjusted to allow work to take place during the coolest hours of the day. If you have questions or want to report a code violation, visit goodyearaz.gov/codecompliance or call 623-932-3004.



GOODYEAR CITY COUNCIL

(front row, l to r): Vice Mayor Laura Kaino, Mayor Joe Pizzillo, Wally Campbell
(back row, l to r): Bill Stipp, Vicki Gillis, Sheri Lauritano, Brannon Hampton.

GOODYEAR CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR

July 8	5 p.m.	Council Meeting
August 26	5 p.m.	Council Meeting

For the latest meeting information, visit goodyearaz.gov. Council meetings and work sessions are held at Goodyear City Hall at GSQ, Council Chambers, 1900 N. Civic Square.

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