

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

OCTOBER 2, 2024

YOUR TAXES AT WORK A BREAKDOWN OF THE NUMBERS

2024/2025
BUDGET

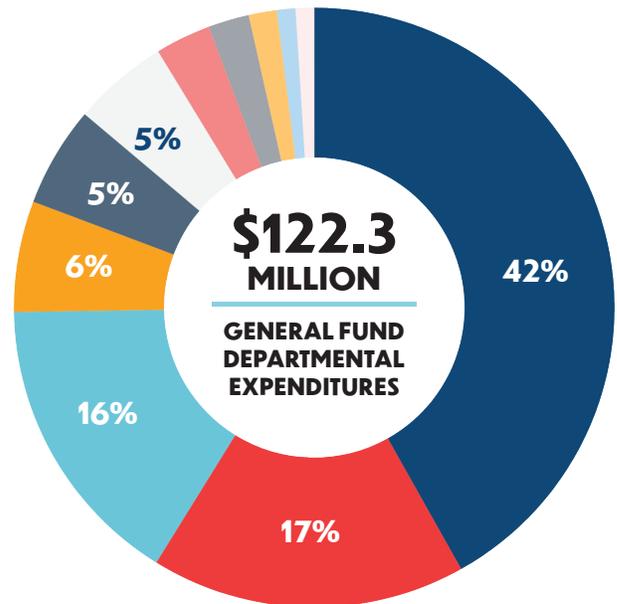
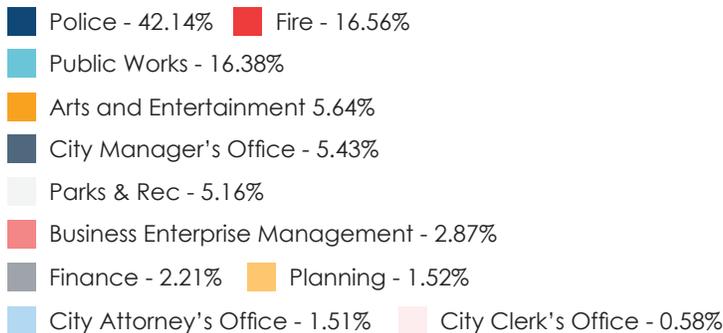


The city's new fiscal year began Oct. 1, and the adopted **\$392.3 MILLION BUDGET** provides a comprehensive and balanced approach to funding the city's operations. It is a responsible spending plan, a testament to our commitment to providing citizens with exceptional service.

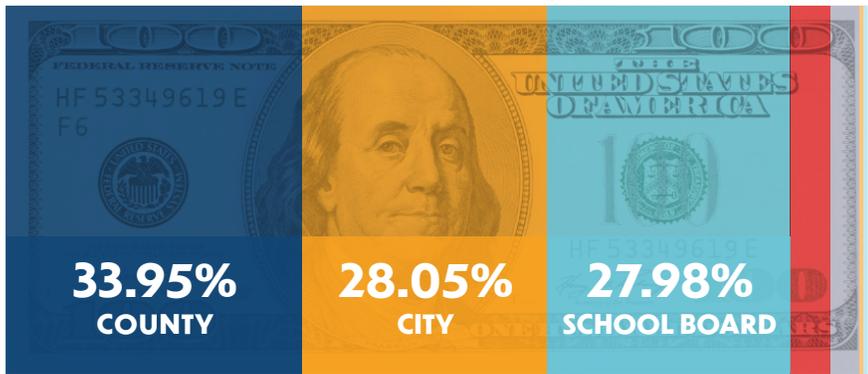
The adopted budget is balanced at a millage rate of 5.9300 mills. Increased valuations and record new growth, mainly from single-family residential construction, have provided for sustained budget conditions.

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

The General Fund is a government's primary operating fund. It accounts for city services such as public safety, street maintenance, community services, parks & recreation, cultural activities and general government activities.



TAX BILL DISTRIBUTION



- County - 33.95%
- City - 28.05%
- School Board - 27.98%
- *Downtown Development Authority - 4.61%
- Hospital Authority - 3.37%
- Saint Johns River Water Management District - 0.83%
- *Mosquito Control District - 0.76%
- *Ponce Inlet & Port Authority - 0.32%
- Florida Inland Navigation District - 0.13%

CITY WORKFORCE

** Not all properties in the city are assessed this tax.*

+15 Personnel expenditures are generally one of the largest and most essential components of any annual budget. As such, they represent 46% of the city's total expenditures. **Fifteen new positions have been added to the city's workforce, bringing the number of budgeted employees to 1,011.**

NEWLY ADDED POSITIONS ARE:

- ⊕ Police Officers (6)
- ⊕ Firefighters (3)
- ⊕ Community Paramedicine Officer (1)
- ⊕ Equipment Operator III/Street Sweeper (1)
- ⊕ Chief Resiliency Officer (1)
- ⊕ Utilities Plan and Permit Review Technician (1)
- ⊕ Code Compliance Inspector (1)
- ⊕ City Auditor (1)

BUDGETED PROJECTS AND CAPITAL ITEMS



PUBLIC SAFETY PROJECTS

- ✓ Body Camera Lease \$1,057,459
- ✓ Fire Engine Pumper Replacement \$920,000
- ✓ Police Vehicle Replacement \$844,859
- ✓ Fire Station 3 Remodel \$600,000
- ✓ Replacement Rescue Truck \$300,000
- ✓ Replacement Staff Vehicles \$80,000
- ✓ Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus \$67,884
- ✓ Property and Evidence Storage Building \$54,914
- ✓ Replacement Cardiac Monitor \$40,000
- ✓ Patrol Rifles \$39,502
- ✓ Replacement MotorMedic Motorcycle \$25,000
- ✓ Patrol Mounted Radar \$24,650
- ✓ Replacement Patrol Bicycles \$11,500

OTHER BUDGETED PROJECTS AND CAPITAL ITEMS

- ✓ Road Resurfacing Program \$4.6 million
- ✓ Roof and Air Conditioner Replacements \$1 million
- ✓ City Island Pavilion Repairs \$350,000
- ✓ Tennis Center Deck Replacement \$250,000
- ✓ Playground Fall Protection \$204,738
- ✓ Madison Avenue Safety Project \$193,000
- ✓ Cybersecurity \$175,000
- ✓ Signage for School Zones \$100,000
- ✓ IT Backup Appliance \$83,000
- ✓ City Hall Security Upgrades \$80,000
- ✓ Schnebly Security Cameras \$27,262
- ✓ Gymnastic Center Improvements \$25,000

NEW EMERGENCY MANAGER JOINS CITY'S TEAM

The city is pleased to introduce Aaron Spencer as its new Emergency Manager. Aaron brings over 23 years of distinguished military experience, including five combat deployments and more than 12 years of guiding individuals in career advancement. Throughout his career as a U.S. Army firefighter, he gained experience in emergency mitigation, management and organization. His extensive background includes leadership roles as a Senior Career Counselor and Lead Firefighter.

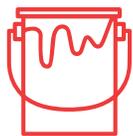
Aaron will coordinate the city's Emergency Management Unit following Police Captain Byron Williams' retirement earlier this summer.



Please join us in welcoming Aaron to his new role. His experience will be invaluable to ensuring the preparedness and safety of our community.



The city's Emergency Operations Center was partially activated last week while Hurricane Helene made landfall in Florida's Big Bend region. Although our area didn't see damaging winds, rain and storm surge as other parts of Florida, the city prepared by distributing 5,183 sandbags to residents and business owners, cleaning storm drains, readying emergency pumps and generators, lowering levels of city-owned retention ponds and establishing a Citizen Hotline.



TOO TOXIC TO TRASH ATTENTION DAYTONA BEACH RESIDENTS:

Do you have old paint, batteries, pesticides or expired cleaning products around your home? These items are more than just clutter—they're known as Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), and they can be dangerous if not disposed of properly. Mark your calendars for Saturday, Nov. 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and bring your items to the city's Public Works Facility, 950 Bellevue Ave. This is your chance to safely get rid of unwanted HHW at no cost!

**This event is free for Daytona Beach residents.
Proof of residency is required.**

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR RELOCATING OCT. 16 PUBLIC MEETINGS

Due to an audio-visual upgrade project in City Hall's chambers, the regularly scheduled Oct. 16 meetings of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and City Commission will be moved to the Cherry Community Center's Gym, 925 George W. Engram Blvd. A commission workshop about the CRA's accomplishments and priorities will begin at 5 p.m., followed by the CRA and City Commission meetings at 6 p.m. The public is welcome to attend in person. **The workshop and meetings will also be broadcast live on www.DaytonaBeach.gov/DBTV and Spectrum Channel 490.**

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OCTOBER

JOINT COMMUNITY MEETING

OCT. 3 FREE

City Commissioners Quanita May (Zone 3) and Commissioner Paula R. Reed (Zone 6) will host a community meeting with Police Chief Jakari Young at 6 p.m. at the Master's Domain Church of God in Christ, 511 Freemont Ave. This is an opportunity for citizens to discuss crime issues and other topics.

CELEBRATE VOLUSIA

OCT. 6 FREE

Volusia County invites residents and visitors to Celebrate Volusia from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6 at the Ocean Center, located at 101 N. Atlantic Ave. This free event will feature a community expo, family activities, refreshments, an art exhibit and a concert by Pablo Cruise.

FLORIDA BLACK BEARS

PRESENTATION, OCT. 14 FREE

Join us at the Breakers Environmental Learning Center, 13 S. Atlantic Ave. Monday, Oct. 14 at 10 a.m. for a presentation about Florida Black Bears. Learn about their biology, behavior and life cycle and receive guidance on how to handle encounters.

Register at www.DaytonaBeach.gov/Activities.

A SILENT CRY 5K DOMESTIC ABUSE COUNCIL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY WITH COMMISSIONER

PAULA R. REED, OCT. 19 MUST REGISTER

Raise awareness and provide crucial resources and support services to those affected by domestic violence. The 5K will take place at the Riverfront Esplanade.

Register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/DaytonaBeach/ASilentCryK>

COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR, OCT. 19 FREE

There will be a free Community Resource Fair at Allen Chapel AME Church, 580 George W. Engram Blvd., Saturday, Oct. 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. FREE credit reports and mini-workshops about home financing, banking, budgeting and estate planning will be available. Attendees can have one-on-one counseling sessions with a HUD Certified Housing Counselor and get pre-approved for a mortgage loan. Learn about new mortgage loan products, down payment assistance programs new affordable housing initiatives, rehab programs and loan and refinance options for homeowners. Pre-registration is recommended but walk-ins are welcome. This event is hosted by Mid-Florida Housing Partnership, Inc., HUD, Bethune-Cookman University and the City of Daytona Beach.

DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

OCT. 26 FREE

Do you have unused or expired prescription drugs? Safely dispose of them at National Prescription Drug Take Back Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, at Police Headquarters, 129 Valor Blvd. No questions are asked, and no forms or IDs are required. Medications can be left in original containers or emptied into a sealed plastic bag. No sharps or inhalers will be taken at this event, just medications.

TRUNK OR TREAT

OCT. 31 FREE

The city is hosting its fourth annual Trunk or Treat Thursday, Oct. 31. Presented by City Commissioners Stacy Cantu, Dannette Henry and Ken Strickland, the family-friendly event will be at City Island Park, 113 Jackie Robinson Parkway, in downtown Daytona Beach. From 6 to 8 p.m., kids can trick or treat around decorated vehicles and enjoy free games, face painting and a costume parade at 7 p.m.