

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2025 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK

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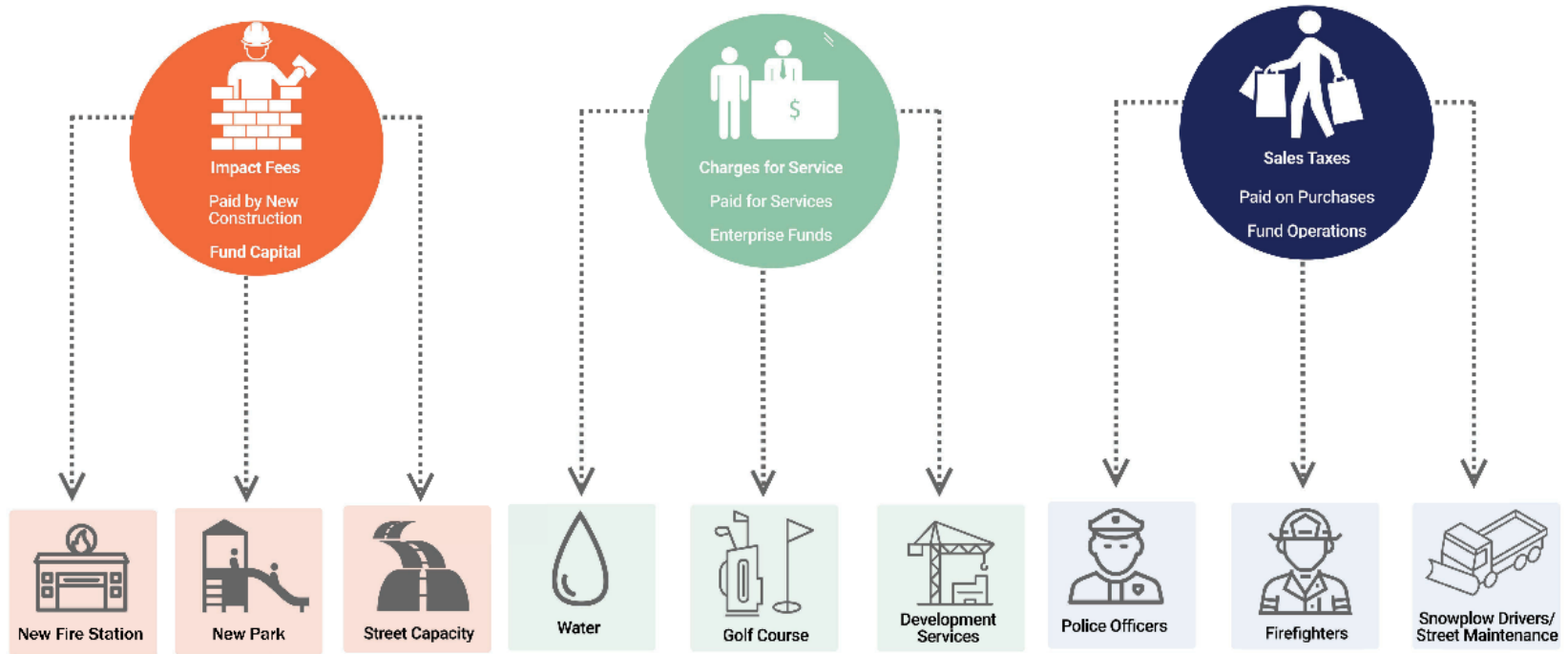


BUDGETS REFLECT PRIORITIES



TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK

Review of the Town's finance structure:



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* The Community Center Fund, which supports the Rec Center and MAC, receives both charges for service and sales tax revenue

ENSURE OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SAFETY



Requesting a 0.2% sales tax increase to generate an estimated \$3.75 million annually to fund 40 public safety positions over the next five years, including these in 2025:

- 10 Fire and Rescue positions – nine firefighter/paramedics to place a fourth ambulance into service and one apparatus mechanic
- 11 Police positions – two school resource officers, one patrol sergeant and four patrol officers, a detective, an Animal Control supervisor, a traffic officer and a dispatcher

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ENSURE OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SAFETY



CRFD staffing

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020/1	2022	2023	2024	2025*	2026*	2027*	2028*	2029*
80.50	81	93	94	94	98	102	105	115	118	120	122	123

- 30% increase 2016 to 2024; 17% planned increase 2025 to 2029

CRPD staffing

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020/1	2022	2023	2024	2025*	2026*	2027*	2028*	2029*
95.38	97.88	104.75	109.75	111.75	118.75	126.5	130.5	141.5	144.5	147.5	150.5	151.5

- 36% increase 2016 to 2024; 17% planned increase 2025 to 2029

**Positions can only be funded if voters approve 0.2% sales tax increase – adjustments will be needed if this does not pass*

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ENSURE OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SAFETY



- Fund \$6.3 million toward the construction of Fire Station 156; this is not the full amount needed – COPs will likely need to be issued to fund the full cost
- Fund replacement AEDs at all Town facilities and Investigations office space at CRPD, for a total cost of \$435,000
- Police and Fire merit step program provides 7.5% increase for sworn personnel moving to top of range
 - Retirement costs for Police 11.25%; for Fire, retirement costs go from 13.5% in 2025 to 15.5% in 2029
- Range movement of 2%, with non-public safety employees eligible for up to 5% merit increase

ENHANCE OUR ROADS



- Continue construction of Crystal Valley interchange
- Crowfoot Valley Road improvements northeast of Knobcone Drive
- Pavement Maintenance Program concentrated in central Castle Rock – funding challenges to keep up with needs
 - Proposed 2025 Budget continues shift in sales tax allocation toward public safety with reduction in PMP
- Acquire right of way and begin construction to widen Fifth Street and begin constructing the first of two phases of improvements; and acquire right of way for Wolfensberger Road widening

FIVE-YEAR CIP OVERVIEW

5 Year Capital Improvement Program

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>	<u>2029</u>
5th Street Widening - Phase 1 Sidewalk, Climbing Ln, Valley Dr Signal	12,000,000	-	-	-	-
5th Street Widening – Phase 2 Widening, sidewalk addition, Woodlands Blvd roundabout	-	-	-	15,000,000	-
Wolfensberger Widening - Prairie Hawk to Coachline (4-lane) plus roundabout at Red Hawk Drive	-	-	-	-	1,624,000
Dawson Trails Park n Ride Lot (construct by opening of Crystal Valley Interchange required by Transportation Demand Management)	-	75,000	150,000	-	-
Roundabout – location to be determined by Council in the future	-	-	325,000	75,000	3,250,000

Crowfoot Valley Road improvements included in 2024 Budget

<u>Legend</u>	
	Design
	ROW
	Construction

MAINTAIN STRONG PARKS AND RECREATION



- Pending Town Council approval, begin construction of a new sports development center; funding would require an amendment to the 2025 Budget
- Complete the master plan for Lost Canyon Ranch Open Space
- Complete renovations at Centennial Park, offering new tennis and basketball courts, improved accessibility and parking and expanded seating options
- Complete construction drawings and obtain approvals for a trail to connect Philip S. Miller Park to Downtown Castle Rock along Industrial Tributary

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MAINTAIN STRONG PARKS AND RECREATION



- Update the free weight and circuit equipment, along with the sand filters for the lap pool, at the Recreation Center
- Add an Administrative Assistant position, using proceeds of the Town's voter-approved lodging tax
- Improve the irrigation system at Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course

SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



- Fulfill existing economic incentive agreements and allow capacity for new incentive agreements

PRESERVE OUR COMMUNITY CHARACTER

- Continue improvements at Cantril School



MANAGE TOWN FINANCES CONSERVATIVELY



- To ensure they are used only in the manner approved by voters, receive any “excess” TABOR revenues into a dedicated fund
 - The Town was under its TABOR revenue cap by about \$450,000 for 2023 and, therefore, did not have any “excess” revenues to expend. View information on the Town’s TABOR history at <https://CRgov.com/TABOR>
- Town property tax mill levy expected to remain 0.92 mills – \$37.50 for median home

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009-2015	2016-2017	2018-2019	2020-2021	2022-2023	2024-2025 preliminary
1.895	1.896	1.898	1.705	1.703	1.474	1.330	1.196	1.139	0.920

46% reduction over the past decade

MANAGE TOWN FINANCES CONSERVATIVELY



- Continue monitoring revenues within the Development Services Enterprise Fund – which operates as a self-supporting enterprise, relying upon development fees to pay for associated Town costs – to ensure solvency amid lower levels of development
- Comply with new gas-powered equipment regulation, prohibiting the use of leaf blowers, string trimmers, chainsaws and other equipment during June, July and August
 - Staff estimates the Town needs to replace nearly 90 pieces of equipment at an estimated cost of over \$300,000 and is seeking to minimize the budget impact by using a \$126,840 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, funded through the Federal Department of Energy, toward the replacements

SECURE OUR WATER FUTURE

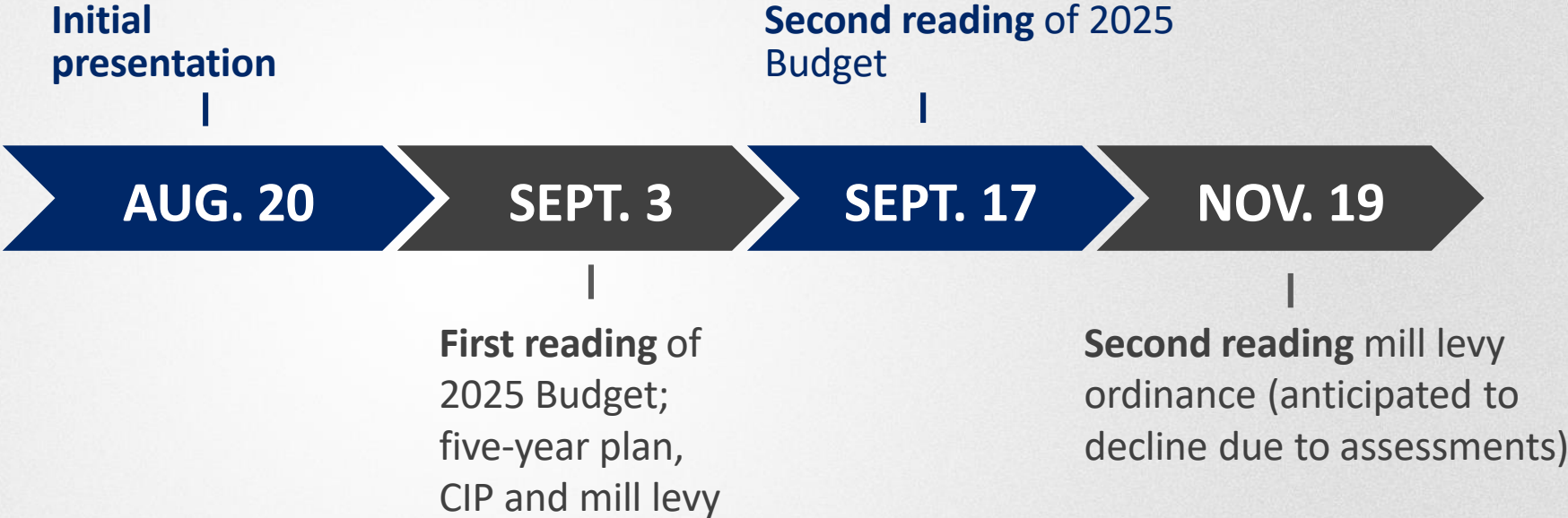


- Overall rate increase of 4.5%, system development charges increase as well
- Long-term water projects planned in 2025 include expansion of the Plum Creek Water Purification Facility; continued progress on the WISE, Box Elder, Cherry Creek Authority and Chatfield Reallocation projects; and completion of the new reservoirs near Sedalia
- Continue to implement advanced metering infrastructure and upgrade pumping and control system equipment
- Redesign and reconstruct the Plum Creek Diversion to maximize permitted capacity
- Rehabilitate and replace aging water and sewer infrastructure on Front Street going into Downtown and the Young/American neighborhood
- Implement the U.S. Highway 85 sewer project using Douglas County American Rescue Plan Act funds
- Stabilize stream segments in Sellers Gulch, improve detention ponds, rehabilitate aging storm sewer pipe and update the Watershed Master Plan

OTHER ITEMS & ISSUES OF NOTE

- Fund employee compensation at an average 5% performance-based increase for general employees, with an average of 7.5% budgeted for public safety personnel
- Implement health plan premium increases of 5% for both the Town and employees
- If the ballot measure is successful, place \$200,000 from any available Town revenues into the Public Art Fund annually, along with a one-time contribution of \$100,000 from Town lodging tax revenues, for the purpose of funding public art programs as approved by Town Council
- Per 2024 Town Council direction, establish a Youth Commission for the Town with a paid staff position

BUDGET CALENDAR





QUESTIONS?

PROPOSED MOTION:

"I move to approve the Ordinance as introduced by title, on first reading."

Alternate Motions:

"I move to approve the Ordinance with the following changes: _____"

"I move to continue this item to [date] to allow time for: _____"