

PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET

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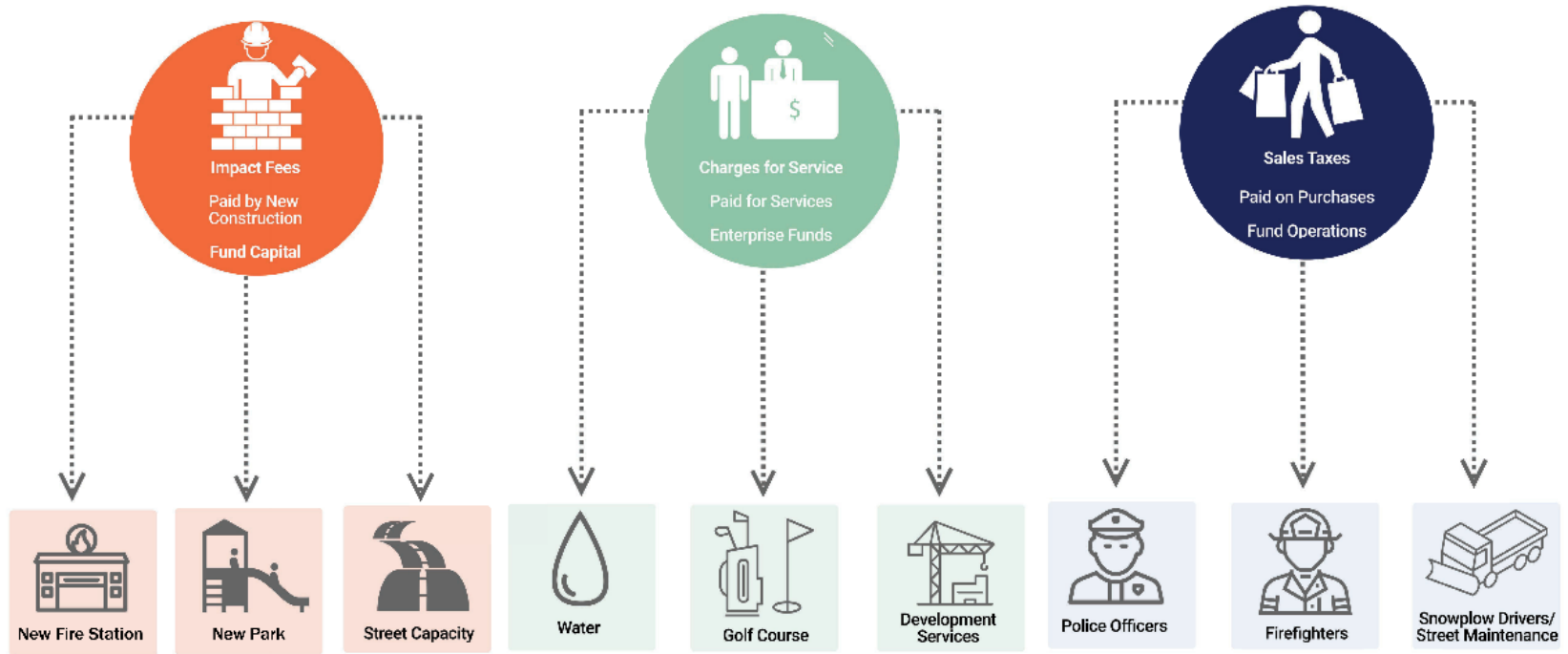


BUDGETS REFLECT PRIORITIES



TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK

Review of the Town's finance structure:



[Watch a video that explains this slide](#)

* 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

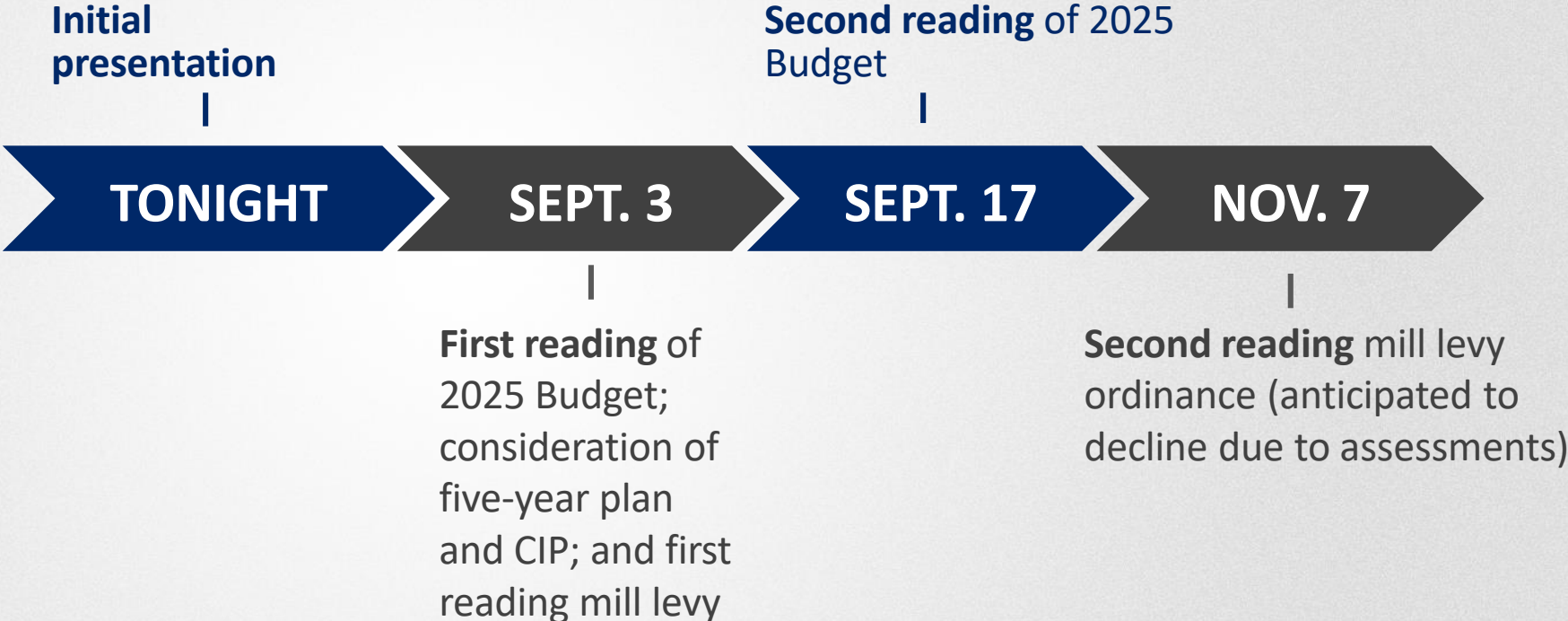


- Overall rate increase of 4%, system development charges increase as well
- Long-term water projects planned in 2025 include expansion of the Plum Creek Water Purification Facility; continued progress on the WISE, Box Elder, Cherry Creek Authority and Chatfield Reallocation projects; and completion 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?

Thank you for your time – staff looks forward to your discussion and direction

Potential motions will be presented when this item comes back on first reading on Sept. 3