

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-XX**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the City Manager has prepared and submitted to the City Council a proposed Operating and Capital Improvement Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 in compliance with Section 2-119 of the Costa Mesa Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-209 of the Costa Mesa Municipal Code requires the City to allocate a minimum of five percent (5%) of the annual General Fund revenues to the capital expenditures Fund and a minimum of one and a half percent (1.5%) of the annual General Fund revenues to the Information Technology Replacement Fund, for a combined minimum allocation of six and a half percent (6.5%); and

WHEREAS, the City Council conducted a Strategic Planning workshop identifying key priorities, as well as the Mission Statement for the City of Costa Mesa: “The City of Costa Mesa serves our residents, businesses, and visitors by promoting a safe, inclusive, and vibrant community.” and

WHEREAS, in addition to the Mission Statement, five Strategic Plan Goals were developed: (1) Strengthen the Public’s Safety and Improve the Quality of Life; (2) Achieve Long-Term Fiscal Sustainability; (3) Recruit and Retain High Quality Staff; (4) Diversify, Stabilize, and Increase Housing to Reflect Community Needs; and (5) Advance Environmental Sustainability and Climate Resiliency; and

WHEREAS, the City Council conducted a duly noticed public hearing at its regular meeting on June 2, 2026 regarding the proposed Operating and Capital Improvement Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the proposed Operating & Capital Improvement Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and input from the public, and desires to adopt the Proposed Operating & Capital Improvement Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, as the Operating and Capital Improvement Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa as follows:

Section 1. The Operating and Capital Improvement Program Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The Operating and Capital Improvement Program Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, as prepared and submitted by the City Manager, is hereby approved and adopted in the amount of \$245,863,602 .

Section 3. The Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 shall be considered amended upon the close of Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to include and reappropriate any outstanding encumbrances carried forward.

Section 4. The Capital Improvement Program Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 shall be considered amended upon the close of Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to include and reappropriate funds for all previously approved projects that have not been initiated or completed. The City Council authorizes the City Manager or Finance Director to carryover any balances on Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) from the prior years into the next fiscal year to ensure the continuation of projects that were approved.

Section 5. The City Council authorizes the City Manager or Finance Director to make changes in internal service fund allocations to departments to reflect any modifications made after the Adopted Budget was presented.

Section 6. The City Manager or Finance Director, for the purpose of administrative necessity in implementing the budget, shall have the authority to transfer monies to the appropriate item, account, program, department, or fund to cover expenditures which have been approved by the City Council, except where such transfer is expressly prohibited in a resolution or ordinance approved by the City Council. The City Manager or Finance Director shall also have the authority to transfer monies between and within funds to meet the operational needs of the City within established spending limits.

Section 7: That the Tables of Organization, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment 6 and incorporated by this reference as though fully set forth herein, is hereby approved and adopted. The City Manager may revise the Tables of Organization provided that the authorized number of personnel within the City is not exceeded.

Section 8: That the City Manager or Finance Director may, as necessary, appropriate donations and grants received during the fiscal year up to \$100,000 per source or grantor. Donations and grant awards requiring matching funds (in-cash), or exceeding \$100,000 from a single source or grantor, shall require City Council approval. Any resolutions authorizing budget amendments related to donations and grants in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 9: That the City Manager or Finance Director may, as necessary, appropriate revenue and expenditure allocations, for emergency public safety mutual aid requests, as expenses are incurred and reimbursements are received, for a net neutral fiscal impact.

Section 10: That the City Manager or Finance Director may, as necessary, appropriate and transfer Federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds, to comply with U.S. Treasury Guidelines and to facilitate audit review and compliance. The City Manager or Finance Director shall also have the authority to transfer remaining funds to the appropriate item, account, program, department, or fund to meet operational needs which have been approved by the City Council.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2026.**

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John Stephens, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Brenda Green, City Clerk

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Kimberly Hall Barlow, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF ORANGE ) ss  
CITY OF COSTA MESA )

I, BRENDA GREEN, City Clerk of the City of Costa Mesa, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is the original of Resolution No. 2026-XX and was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa at a regular meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2026, by the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereby set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Costa Mesa this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2026.

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Brenda Green, City Clerk