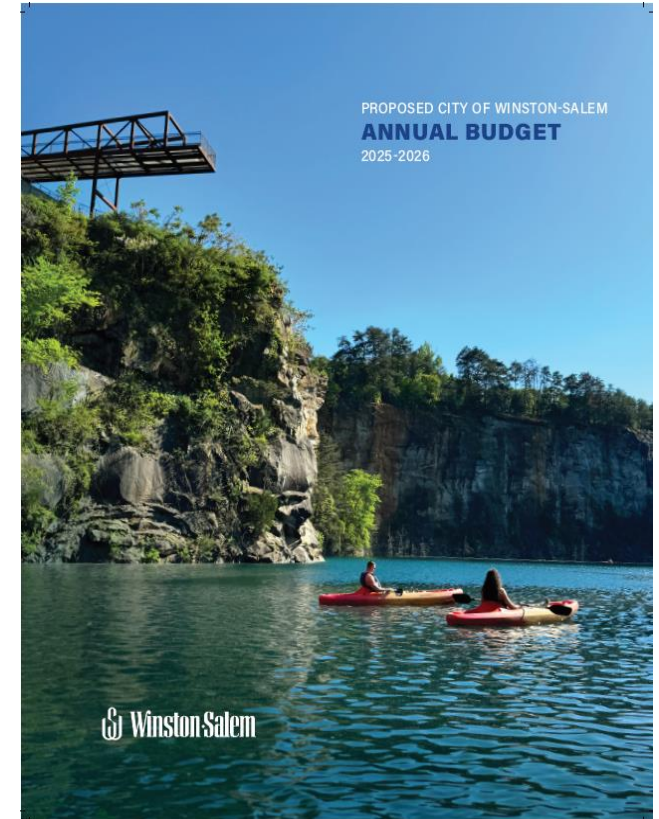




FY 2025-26 PROPOSED BUDGET: CITY MANAGER PRESENTATION

W. PATRICK PATE, CITY MANAGER
MAY 19, 2025

CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE



FY 2025-26 BUDGET PRIORITIES



Continuing to Become an Employer of Choice



Maintaining Current Service Levels (Particularly Transit Services)



Strengthening Financial Position



Finishing Currently-Funded Capital Projects

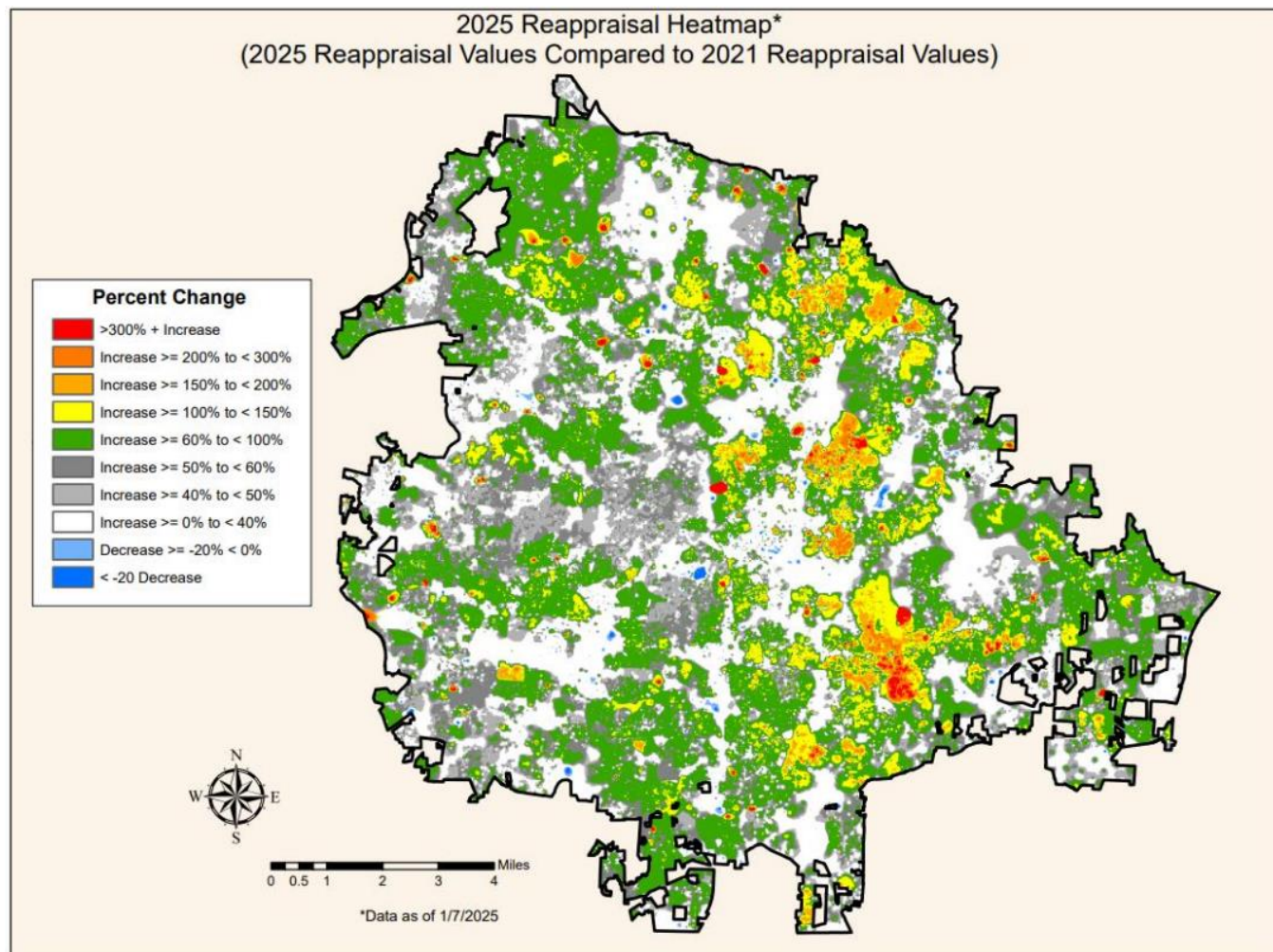


WINSTON-SALEM AS AN EMPLOYER OF CHOICE

EMPLOYEE SURVEY FINDINGS

- Exceeded the national average in 83% of benchmark questions
- 91% would like to finish their career with the City
- 82% would recommend the City as an employer



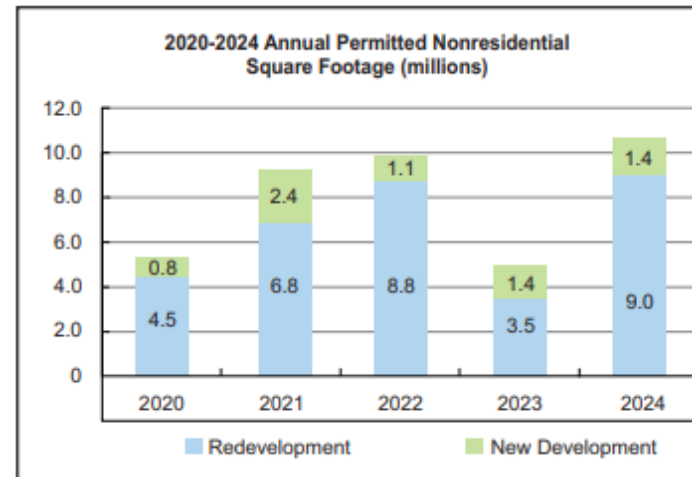
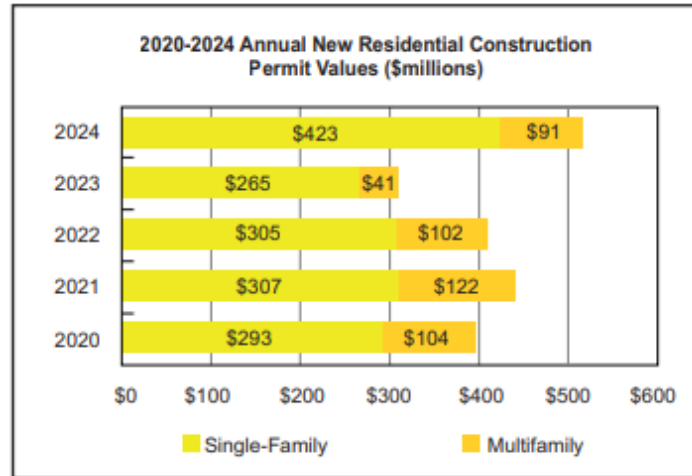


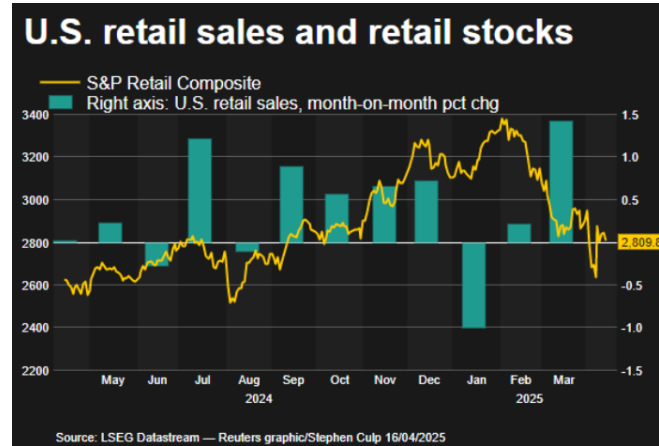
2025 REAL PROPERTY REVALUATION

Property Tax Base Type	Property Value % Increase
Residential	59%
Commercial	39%
Total Real Property	51%

*Heat map from Forsyth County Tax Office presentation (2/4/25)

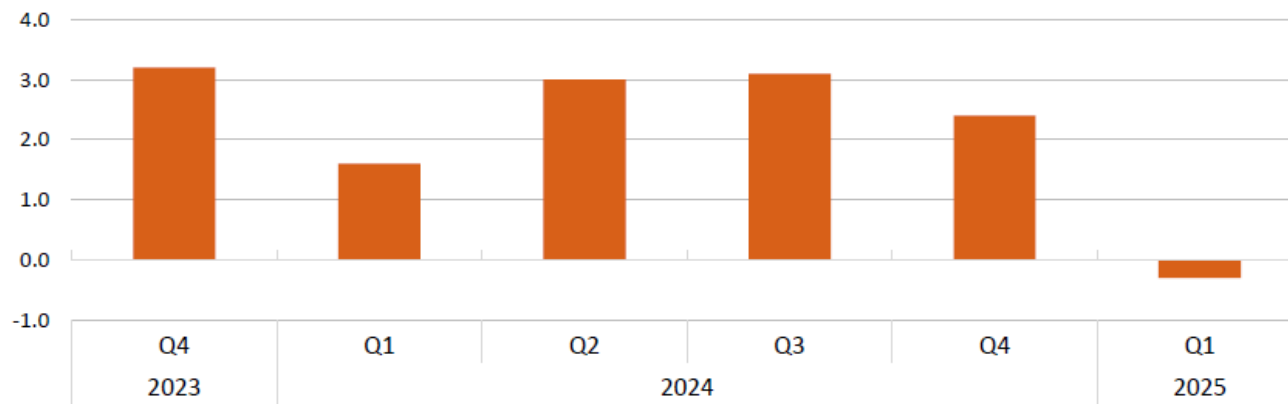
LOCAL ECONOMY





MACROECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY

Real GDP, Percent Change from Preceding Quarter



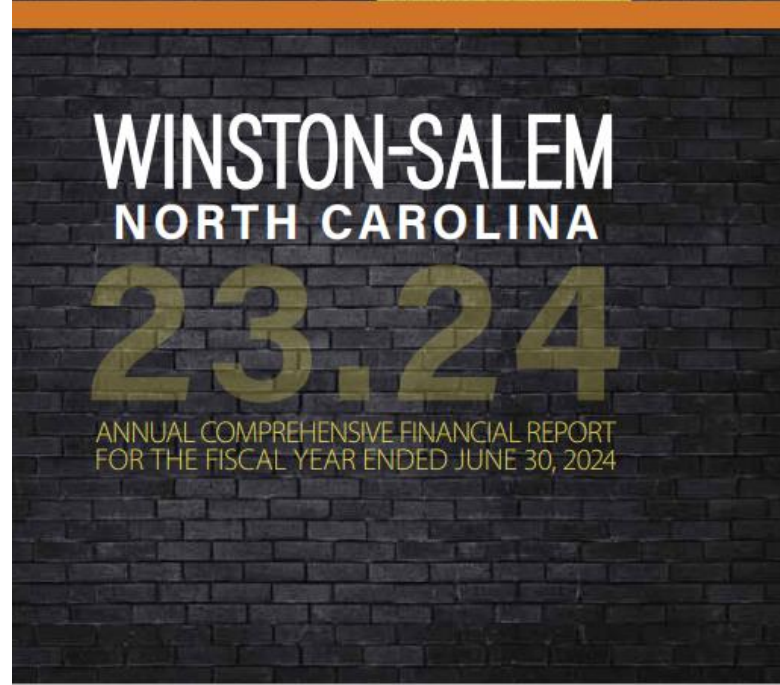
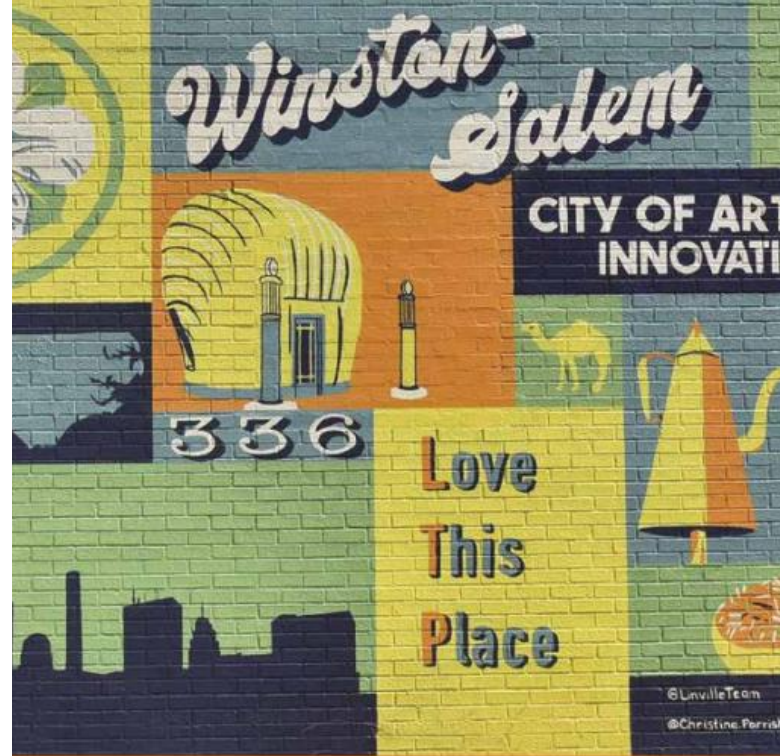
U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Seasonally adjusted annual rates



GOOD GOVERNMENT

We understand that our responsibilities to our citizens and employees are central to our mission. Winston-Salem will maintain a steadfast focus on delivering its core services and utilizing best practices for municipal government.



Piedmont Triad Regional Housing Summit

February 27, 2025



ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

We believe that our City should empower individuals and businesses alike for success. Winston-Salem will support economic growth in ways that benefit our entire community.





COMMUNITY ADVOCACY & ENGAGEMENT

We recognize that we cannot move our community forward without our valued relationships with key partners. Winston-Salem will champion collaboration to advocate for our City's future.

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LIVABLE COMMUNITY

We know that a sense of safety and excellent quality of life is foundational to our community's success. Winston-Salem will focus on enhancing a sense of civic pride in order to strengthen safety and be a community of choice.

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FY 2025-26 NET BUDGET GROWTH			
	Adopted	Proposed	Percent
	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	Change
Operating Expenditures			
General Fund	\$268,972,030	\$282,036,820	4.9%
Internal Service Funds	17,112,640	17,971,480	5.0%
Special Revenue Funds	17,006,830	15,855,340	-6.8%
Enterprise Funds	174,965,930	203,601,530	16.4%
Subtotal	\$478,057,430	\$519,465,170	8.7%
Debt and Lease			
Debt Service Fund	\$35,621,700	\$41,423,520	16.3%
Equipment Leasing Fund	28,099,750	54,127,720	92.6%
Subtotal	\$63,721,450	\$95,551,240	50.0%
Capital Expenditures			
Capital Projects Fund	\$8,406,130	\$11,981,740	42.5%
Enterprise Capital Projects	80,600,000	87,215,000	8.2%
Internal Service Capital Projects	0	4,325,000	
Capital Equipment Fund	20,394,630	0	-100.0%
Subtotal	\$109,400,760	\$103,521,740	-5.4%
Fiduciary Funds			
OPEB Fund	\$7,743,380	\$9,407,090	21.5%
Total Expenditures	\$658,923,020	\$727,945,240	10.5%

CITY BUDGET & TAX DRIVERS

- PERSONNEL
- INFLATION
- DEBT PAY-OFF
- TRANSIT COSTS

- ACCOUNTING CHANGES
- PUBLIC ASSEMBLY FACILITIES
- VEHICLE ACQUISITION

<u>Tax Rate by Fund</u>	<u>FY 24-25</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>FY 25-26</u> <u>Rate*</u>	<u>Rate</u> <u>Change</u>
General Fund	55.73	43.16	-12.57
Debt Service Fund	9.41	6.83	-2.58
Transit Fund	7.36	7.51	0.15
Total	72.50	57.50	-15.00

*FY 25-26 General Fund rate includes 1.3 cents for previously debt-funded projects.

Revenue Neutral Tax Rate = 52.67 cents per \$100 of value.

FY 2025-26 PROPOSED TAX RATE CHANGE

USER FEE PROPOSED CHANGES



Water/Sewer – 5% average increase (\$2.81 per month for average residential user)



Solid Waste Disposal - \$1 per ton at all facilities except OSR C&D Landfill (\$2 per ton)



Stormwater – 4% rate increase effective 1/1/2026



Recreation & Parks – various rate increases for programming and facility rental

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND NEEDS

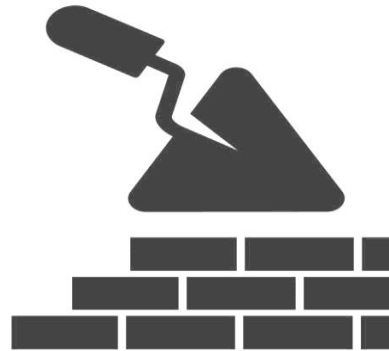
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IN FUTURE
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REFERENDUMS



Affordable Housing



Street Resurfacing



Facility Renovation
& Replacement



Deferred
Maintenance

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INFORMATION AND ENGAGEMENT



BUDGET WORKSHOPS



PUBLIC INFORMATION
SESSIONS



PUBLIC HEARING

FY 2025-26 BUDGET REVIEW CALENDAR



Date/Location	Event/Topic
Tuesday, May 20 (5:30 p.m.) Carl Russell Recreation Center	Budget Public Information Session Drop-In Session for Residents
Wednesday, May 21 (4:00 p.m.) City Council Chamber	Committee of the Whole Budget Workshop Operating Budget Overview
Thursday, May 22 (4:00 p.m.) City Council Chamber	Committee of the Whole Budget Workshop Capital Budget Overview
Tuesday, May 27 (5:30 p.m.) Little Creek Recreation Center	Budget Public Information Session Drop-In Session for Residents
Wednesday, May 28 (4:00 p.m.) City Council Chamber	Committee of the Whole Budget Workshop Consideration of a Recommended Budget and Property Tax Rate
Monday, June 2 (6:00 p.m.) City Council Chamber	Regular Meeting of the City Council Budget Public Hearing
Monday, June 16 (6:00 p.m.) City Council Chamber	Regular Meeting of the City Council FY 2025-26 Budget Adoption

**All City Council meetings and workshops are televised, and recordings are available.*