



**CITY COUNCIL
SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK**

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-17

Councilmember Mr. Mootooveren

offered the following:

**An ORDINANCE Pursuant to Section 36 of the Second Class
Cities Law and Article VI of the Charter of the City of
Schenectady, Approving and Adopting the Proposed
Operating Budget and Capital Budget for 2026, and
Authorizing the Appropriations therein Enumerated.**

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on October 14, 2025. regarding the tentative Operating Budget for the fiscal year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the tentative Operating Budget includes the General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund and Golf Fund; and

WHEREAS, the tentative Operating Budget proposed by the Mayor includes separate Capital Budgets for the General Fund, Golf Fund, Sewer Fund and Water Fund. The Capital Budget will be appropriated in 2026 to not exceed a total borrowing of \$7,752,275; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the tentative Operating Budget that has been submitted by the Mayor, and takes the following action:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

ENACTED by the Council of the City of Schenectady, in a special meeting convened, as follows:

Section 1: The Operating Budget, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, is adopted. The referenced attachments which collectively comprise said Operating Budget consists of the following:

- a. The “City of Schenectady Proposed 2026 Budget” as submitted by Mayor Gary R. McCarthy;
- b. A document entitled, “City of Schenectady 2026 Capital Budget Projects;” and

c. Documents listing “Council Revisions to the 2026 Proposed Budget;”

Section 2: The sum of \$119,966,727 is appropriated in the General Fund for the expenses of the City government for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026, in accordance with the estimates and apportionments shown in the Operating Budget. The sum of \$33,909,068 is approved as the amount necessary to be raised by the imposition of a real property tax for fiscal year 2026.

Section 3: The Commissioner of Finance & Administration is directed to cause to be apportioned and extended opposite the several valuations of real property on the Assessment Roll in the amount of \$2,497,591,334 or such other amount as may be calculated resulting from tax certiorari actions or other legal actions, and is directed to cause the amount to be levied, assessed and collected by a tax on the taxable property within the boundaries of the City of Schenectady, in the manner provided by law, for the purpose of paying the expenses of conducting the business of the City of Schenectady, paying the principal and interest falling due on indebtedness of the City, and meeting such other expenses as may be authorized or required by law. The City Clerk is directed to send a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Commissioner of Finance & Administration, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the City of Schenectady.

Section 4: Any office or position in the government of the City of Schenectady that does not appear or for which no compensation is provided in the Operating Budget is abolished as of January 1, 2026.

Section 5: The number of officers and members of the Police and Fire Departments of the City of Schenectady and the classes and grades into which they are divided for the fiscal year 2026 are as set forth in the Operating Budget.

Section 6: The number of personnel of all other departments, bureaus, boards and commissions of the City of Schenectady and their salaries or compensations are fixed and determined in the Operating Budget and in accordance with the Compensation Plan of the City of Schenectady.

Section 7: The sum of \$10,625,956 is appropriated in the Water Fund for the expenses associated with supplying water to the City of Schenectady for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2026, in accordance with the estimate and apportionments enumerated in the attached Operating Budget. The water rates reflected in the Operating Budget are approved as the rates necessary to be charged to the user of the water supplied by the City.

Section 8: The sum of \$17,571,315 is appropriated in the Sewer Fund for the expenses associated with supplying sanitary and storm sewer systems and operations to the City of Schenectady for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2026, in accordance with the estimate and apportionments enumerated in the attached Operating Budget. The sewer rates reflected in the Operating Budget are approved as the rates necessary to be charged to the user of the water supplied by the City.

Section 9: The sum of \$1,716,503 is appropriated in the Golf Fund for the expenses

associated with the operation of the municipal golf course in the City of Schenectady for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2026, in accordance with the estimate and apportionments enumerated in the attached Operating Budget.

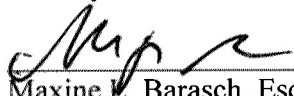
Section 10: The solid waste collection rates provided in the Operating Budget are approved and shall be applied for the period commencing January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026. Schenectady City Code Section 161-25(1), Exemptions, is amended to change the reduced fee rate from \$228.00 to \$285.

Section 11: Notwithstanding §C6-12 of the Charter of the City of Schenectady, there shall be a delay in the accrual of interest and penalty for property taxes, including state and county taxes, and assessed fees for the first quarter of 2026 installment, until February 2, 2026.

Section 12: Designate as “ministerial changes” all subsequent amendments to the operating budget that amount to less than 10% of the operating project’s cost, and to specify that no public hearing shall be required for such ministerial changes and that such changes be authorized by Resolution only.

Section 13: This Ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2026.

Approved as to form this
18th day of December, 2025.



Maxine E. Barasch, Esq.
Corporation Counsel

~~ADOPTED~~ ~~LOST~~ by the following vote (a majority of all members voting in the affirmative negative)

Council Member	AYE	NAY
Doreen D'oro		✓
Damoni Farley	✓	
Joseph Mancini		
John Mootooveren	✓	
Carmel Patrick <i>absent</i>		
Marion Porterfield	✓	
Carl Williams	✓	
TOTAL	4	1

ORDINANCE ~~RESOLUTION~~ ~~LOCAL LAW~~
 ADOPTED unanimously ~~LOST~~ *December 18, 2025*
 Approved by Mayor _____
 Vetoed by Mayor _____

NO ACTION TAKEN BY MAYOR
 Takes Effect 10 Days After Passage
 by City Council on DEC 30 2025

General

REVENUE						
Code	Revenue Description			2026 PROPOSED BUDGET	Council Changes	Council Total
A1001	Real Property Taxes			39,343,274	(5,434,206)	33,909,068
A1002	Allowance for Uncollected Taxes			(2,850,000)	800,000	(2,050,000)
A1116	Cannabis Excise Tax			700,000	150,000	850,000
NEW	CDBG - Admin			-	262,019	262,019
NEW	CDBG - Demolition			-	234,514	234,514
A2610B	Fines - Parking			910,000	200,000	1,110,000
A2610M	Delinquent Parking Fines			170,000	130,000	300,000
A2610N	Bus Patrol Safety Fines			400,000	200,000	600,000
A2660A	Sale of houses-HOMES Program			3,000,000	500,000	3,500,000
A3005	Mortgage Tax (Pd June/Dec)			950,000	450,000	1,400,000
A3089H	Casino License Fee			4,100,000	60,000	4,160,000
A1110	Sales & Use Tax			19,500,000	975,000	20,475,000
A2130A	Refuse & Trash Charges			9,590,642	(586,484)	9,004,158
A5999	Appropriate Fund Balance			2,000,000	1,435,688	3,435,688
A1081	PILOTS			2,816,903	135,671	2,952,774
TOTAL	Proposed Budget (Revenue)			120,454,325	(487,598)	119,966,727
EXPENSES						
Code	Object	Description	Position	2026 PROPOSED BUDGET	Council Changes	Council Total
A1430	402C	Anti-Racism Training		-	15,000	15,000
A1622	460	Repairs		170,000	(20,000)	150,000
A1989	485	Contingency		400,000	(200,000)	200,000
A1989	499	Senior Center Program		-	40,000	40,000
A8664	100		CODE OFFICER (-2)	652,040	(130,408)	521,632
A8686	112	Overtime		500	500	1,000
A5132	100	NEW HIRES	FLEET MANAGER (-1)	80,889	(80,889)	-
A8161	121	NEW HIRES	LABORER (LOADER) (-2)	307,751	87,929	395,680
A8161	121		SEASONAL LABOR LOADER	214,396	(107,198)	107,198
A8161	125	Waste Working Hours		221,312	(70,312)	151,000
A3120	100	MANAGEMENT RAISES	COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY	24,825	-	24,825
A3410	100	MANAGEMENT RAISES	COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY	24,946	(121)	24,825
A8686	100	MANAGEMENT RAISES	DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT	95,049	1,901	96,950
A1210	136	Stipend		3,000	(3,000)	-
A1310	136	Stipend		6,000	(6,000)	-
A1410	136	Stipend		3,000	(3,000)	-
A1620	136	Stipend		3,000	(3,000)	-
A1622	136	Stipend		3,000	(3,000)	-
A1680	136	Stipend		3,000	-	3,000
A5010	136	Stipend		3,000	-	3,000
A8664	136	Stipend		6,000	(6,000)	-
TOTAL	Proposed Budget (Expenses)			120,454,325	(487,598)	119,966,727

Water

REVENUE						
Code	Revenue Description		Position	2026 PROPOSED BUDGET	Council Changes	Council Total
FX5999	Appropriate Fund Balance			485,751	(5,000)	480,751
TOTAL	Proposed Budget (Revenue)			10,630,956	(5,000)	10,625,956
EXPENSES						
Code	Object	Description	Position	2026 PROPOSED BUDGET	Council Changes	Council Total
FX8310	136	Stipend		5,000	(5,000)	-
TOTAL	Proposed Budget (Expenses)			10,630,956	(5,000)	10,625,956

SEWER

REVENUE						
Code	Revenue Description		2026 PROPOSED BUDGET	Council Changes	Council Total	
TOTAL			Proposed Budget (Revenue)	17,571,315	-	17,571,315
EXPENSES						
Code	Object	Description	Position	2026 PROPOSED BUDGET	Council Changes	Council Total
TOTAL			Proposed Budget (Expenses)	17,571,315	-	17,571,315

GOLF FUND

REVENUE						
Code	Revenue Description		2026 PROPOSED BUDGET	Council Changes	Council Total	
CR511N	Appropriate Debt Reserve		6,503	(5,000)	1,503	
TOTAL			Proposed Budget (Revenue)	(5,000)	1,716,503	
EXPENSES						
Code	Object	Description	Position	2026 PROPOSED BUDGET	Council Changes	Council Total
CR7180	136	Stipend		5,000	(5,000)	-
TOTAL			Proposed Budget (Expenses)	(5,000)	1,716,503	

CAPITAL 2026 COUNCIL BUDGET CHANGES

		2026 PROPOSED BUDGET	Council Changes	Council Total
General				
Parks/Property	F350 regular cab pickup w/plows(2)	140,000	(70,000)	70,000
Waste Collection	Rear Loader Packers (2)	600,000	(300,000)	300,000
Police	Suv (3)78 Unmarked (4)53 Parking (1)37 Evidence (1)63	546,000	(131,000)	415,000
Streets	Reg cab pickups w/plows(2)	140,000	(70,000)	70,000
Engineering	Electric vehicle charging stations	100,000	(100,000)	-
Engineering	Signage	300,000	(300,000)	-
Engineering	Paving	1,250,000	(250,000)	1,000,000
	Green Houses/Central Park	360,000	(360,000)	-
TOTAL GENERAL FUND CAPITAL		6,238,275	(1,581,000)	4,657,275
GENERAL, WATER, SEWER, & GOLF FUND CAPITAL		9,333,275	(1,581,000)	7,752,275