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No Tax Increase in Proposed FY2026 Town Budget

Beginning Saturday, March 15, the Vienna Town Council will begin deliberating the Town Manager's proposed budget for FY2026. The proposed \$55.5 million balanced budget holds the real estate tax rate unchanged at \$0.1950 per \$100 of assessed value. It also funds compensation increases for eligible employees, addresses inflationary increases in operating costs and supports three park and recreation needs identified as priorities in a January 2025 Town Council work session.

"This proposed balanced budget is lean compared to previous budgets, with a modest 3.2 percent increase over the current year's budget to manage inflationary pressures," said Town Manager Mercury Payton. "While proposed budgets in some of our neighboring jurisdictions call for an increase in property taxes to cover their operating expenses, our proposed budget demonstrates our commitment to provide services that we can with the revenue that we have."

The Town Council will hold two work sessions to review the Town Manager's proposed budget and make any revisions in its discretion. Work sessions are open to the public, although no public comment is permitted at those sessions. The public will have an opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed final plan during two public hearings. The proposed budget is available for review online: www.viennava.gov/budget.

The FY2026 budget process schedule is as follows:

Budget Work Session #1

Saturday, March 15

9 a.m.

Vienna Town Hall

Budget Work Session #2

Monday, March 17

7 p.m.

Vienna Town Hall

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Public Hearing – Proposed Budget and Water & Sewer Rates

Monday, April 7

7:30 p.m.

Vienna Town Hall

Public Hearing – Proposed Tax Rate

Monday, April 28

7:30 p.m.

Vienna Town Hall

Adoption of Budget, Tax Rate and Water & Sewer Rate

Monday, May 19

7:30 p.m.

Vienna Town Hall

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