



FY27 | Value Budget Input Process

City Council
February 11, 2026



Why “I Value”?



- **Rooted in Hampton’s Values (Since 2010)**
Created to align the budget with what matters most to our community.
- **Community Input Comes First**
Residents help shape priorities before the budget is developed.
- **Unique to Hampton**
The only city that invites public input both before *and* after the budget is released.
- **Proactive Budgeting**
Focuses on planning ahead rather than reacting to external budget pressures.
- **Big-Picture Decision Making**
Emphasizes long-term outcomes and citywide priorities.



Operating Expenses (ongoing): What This Means for Residents



- **Supports Everyday Services**
Police, fire, trash, libraries, parks, and programs.
- **Keeps the City Running**
Staffing, utilities, maintenance, and day-to-day operations.
- **Maintains Service Levels**
Ensures continuity and reliability of core services residents expect.
- **Manages Annual Costs**
Accounts for inflation, contracts, and operational expenses.



Capital Projects (one-time funds): What This Means for Residents



- **Economic Growth:** *Jobs, redevelopment, investment*
- **Educated Citizenry:** *School improvements, learning spaces*
- **Family Resilience & Economic Empowerment:** *Support for families*
- **Excellence in Government:** *Reliable city services*
- **Living with Water:** *Flood protection, resilience*
- **Placemaking:** *Vibrant neighborhoods, destinations*
- **Safe & Clean Community:** *Safer, cleaner streets*



What are your priorities for FY27?

Examples of project & services you may be asked to
rate



Operating Expenses (ongoing)



Adjust pay rates to be competitive in the market to attract and retain staff



Inflation increases of goods and services the city uses



New programming for residents

Service and program rate changes



FY27-FY31 Capital Projects (one-time funds)



Implementation of
Strategic Plan

Upgrades to parks,
streets, roads



Replacement schedule
for playground
equipment citywide



Flooding and resiliency
projects



Potential Tax and Fee Changes



Wastewater



Solid Waste



Stormwater



Permitting Fees



School Age Program Fees



Real Estate

We want to hear from YOU!

There are 3 public engagement opportunities to provide input and ask questions about the budget, schools, your neighborhood, and what it means for you.



Two In-Person Opportunities



- **Tuesday, March 3**
 - 6:30 p.m.
 - Mary T. Christian Theatre - VPCC
- **Saturday, March 7**
 - 9:00 a.m.
 - Kecoughtan High School



Virtual Opportunity



Ask your questions from the comfort of your home during the city manager's Facebook Live Q&A session:

- **Facebook Live**

- Thursday, March 5
- 7:00 p.m.



Next Steps:

- **City Manager's Recommended Budget released:**
 - April 15
- **City Council Public Hearings**
 - April 22 - First public hearing
 - May 6 - Second public hearing
- **Final vote: May 13**



All budget input opportunity dates will be mailed to residents via postcard this week; following the final in-person session, the survey will be available March 9-16.

