Budget Overview

Budget Total $252,310,225
- Total includes all funds.

Tax rate
- No tax rate increase.
- Last property tax increase (3 mils) in 2006/2007 to fund Street Crimes Unit.

Utility Rates
Sewer rate increase; commercial sanitation rate increase
- Wastewater rate increase of $1.30 for the average residential customer to fund expansion of the wastewater treatment plant.
- Commercial sanitation rate increase to cover cost to serve; No increase for residential sanitation rate.
- Increase to average monthly residential bill totals less than half of one percent.

Fund Accounting
The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of balanced revenues and expenditures.

General Fund
- Principal sources of revenue come from property taxes, user fees, licenses and permits.
- Includes Police, Fire and all departments except Utilities.

Hospitality Tax Funds
- Revenue generated by accommodations tax must be used for tourism-related functions, encouraging visitors to Rock Hill and therefore adding to the fund.
- Accommodations Tax--generated from hotel rooms
- Local Hospitality Fee--2% prepared food and beverage tax

Enterprise Funds
- Electric Fund
- Wastewater Fund
- Water Fund
- Stormwater Fund
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General Budget Information
- The City’s total budget is made up of several separate, self-contained funds.
- The budget is based on initiatives identified in the three-year strategic plan focused on Serving, Engaging and Growing. The strategic plan is based on input from the citizen survey and Council review.
- Cost-to-Serve analyses and rate comparisons are done annually to ensure rates remain competitive with other cities in South Carolina and our region.
- A capital improvement program is in place to plan, budget and finance the purchase and/or construction of large capital infrastructure, facilities, equipment and other fixed assets.
- Each year, staff proposes a Year Two budget to demonstrate how financial decisions in one year affect the future.
- Due to solid financial planning and efficient provision of quality services, the City remains financially strong, securing favorable interest rates for the benefit of tax-payers.

General Fund Initiatives
- No millage rate increase. (Current rate is 93.5 mils.)
  - Last property tax increase of 3 mils was 2006/2007 to fund Street Crimes Unit.
- Commercial sanitation rate increase of 10% to cover cost-to-serve.
- Increase to sidewalk funding from $120,000 to $240,000, focused mainly in Resource & Education Development Initiative (REDI) neighborhoods.
- Addition of new 15-member ladder company for Rock Hill Fire Department funded in part by Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) grant of $1,349,818 over 3 years.
- General Obligation (GO) bond of approximately $1.6 million to fund renovations to Charlotte Ave bridge over Dave Lyle Blvd.

Proposed Rate Adjustments
- No tax increase.
- No residential sanitation rate increase.
- No electric rate increase.
- No water rate increase.
- No stormwater rate increase.
- Wastewater rate increase of $1.30 to average residential customer to fund expansion at wastewater treatment plant.
- Increase to average monthly residential bill totals $1.30 (0.49%).

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