

City of West Buechel

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To: The City Council, City Employees, Business Owners, and the Residents of the City of West Buechel, Kentucky

From: Mayor Brenda Moore

Date: June 11, 2026

Subject: City of West Buechel Budget Address

I am honored to serve our community as the Mayor of the City of West Buechel. I would like to take a moment and reflect on some of the recent improvements to our City, the newest of which is happening right out back of City Hall with the installation of new playground equipment. As Mayor, it has been a privilege to listen to your concerns about our city and its future as well as to work alongside you in making the City of West Buechel a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

With the goal of making the City of West Buechel the best community it can be, I am excited to present a fiscally prudent budget for this upcoming fiscal year. The budget is the product of the extensive effort of our employees and department heads to improve our shared priorities of public safety, quality of life, and ongoing infrastructure improvements in the most fiscally responsible manner. In conjunction with the City Council and community board members, whose leadership and contributions to the City sometimes go unrecognized, I am pleased to present the budget for the upcoming fiscal year as well as some of the highlights of the current fiscal year.

Fiscal Year Highlights:

Through our combined efforts this year we were able to:

- **City Hall:** As mentioned previously improvements to the playground here at City Hall are well underway. Work was done to improve drainage in the parking lot of City Hall as well as sealing and striping the parking lot.
- **Community Center:** At the community center this fiscal year the fence was replaced as well as some paving work.
- **Public Safety:** This fiscal year, with the addition of new officers, the City was able to add a late watch for the community.
- **Road Maintenance:** This year work was done on Ethel Ave as well as St. Francis Ave. Ongoing efforts to provide both timely and economical snow removal were successful.

- **Public Works Projects:** Continued the tradition of providing dumpsters to residents for a spring cleanup. Ongoing efforts to remove debris, trim trees, and clean out fence rows.
- **Fiscal Responsibility:** Every effort has been made to utilize tax dollars wisely. We have recently revised our pay scale ordinance in an effort to attract talented individuals to come to work in our great city. We have also made every effort to ensure that the funds of the City are earning the best interest rates possible.
- **Small Business Support:** We are in the process of clarifying the language of certain ordinances as they relate to the rental of both commercial and residential real property within our community.

Looking Ahead:

Just like the members of our community, the City is impacted by the rising costs of fuel, health care, and utilities.

- The City is looking at an increase in healthcare costs of 7% for this upcoming fiscal year.
- As mentioned before the City recently updated the pay scale in an effort to offer a competitive wage for prospective employees as well as removing certain limits in pay that would impact the ability of some employees to be given a raise.

Budget Highlights:

- The administration budget is up 2.8% over the prior year. The largest budgetary item is liability insurance and bonding for key personnel.
- The overall police budget is down 1.7% in this upcoming year. This decrease is the result of an anticipated decrease in capital outlay as only 1 new vehicle is being requested in the upcoming budget as compared to 3 in the prior budget. Excluding capital outlay, the police budget is increasing by 3.78%.
- The budget for the community center has increased 34.7%. This increase is driven by an increase in capital outlay.
- Proposed sidewalk repairs are the major factor in the increased budget for public works.

Closing:

I feel the proposed budget will assist our employees and everyone in our community in achieving our ongoing goals of building a safer, stronger, and more vibrant City of West Buechel. Along with the assistance of the Kentucky League of Cities, Louisville Metro Government, and our neighboring small cities we will strengthen our financial health, expand our health insurance options, and improve the services we provide.

Sincerely,



Mayor Brenda Moore
City of West Buechel