

# CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA IMPROVING SERVICES WHILE KEEPING COSTS LOW

*2024 fiscal year keeps existing millage rate*



## THIS YEAR'S BUDGET INCLUDES AN EMPHASIS ON:



Enhancing online services capabilities to maximize economic development goals and make it easier, more convenient, and efficient to conduct business in and with the City of West Columbia.



Enhancing the sanitation department's efficiency by incorporating additional equipment, reducing downtime, and optimizing the utilization of personnel.



Enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of police emergency response utilizing smart policing techniques.



Attracting new industries, tourism, exciting events, beautification, improved access for pedestrians and vehicles, and maintaining ongoing support for the hospitality industry.



Providing financial resources for improvements to the water and sewer infrastructure throughout West Columbia.



Providing expanded operation and maintenance to the water and sewer systems in line with the 2018 plan.

While maintaining efficiency, this budget includes enhancements to all essential services. As a result of fiscal responsibility and City Council providing necessary equipment and personnel in previous years, departmental requests have been funded without requiring a city tax increase for residents.

## OTHER PRIORITIES INCLUDE:



- Maximizing grant opportunities to capitalize on all funding sources
- Achieving mid and long-range plans by supporting resources in development services to leverage current assets
- Allocated funding for blight removal, beautification for commercial areas and corridors, and enhancing the attractiveness of public spaces
- Implementation of the 2023-2024 Council Goals & Priorities
  - » Beautification and Enhancements to key city corridors
  - » Updates to City Wide Redevelopment & Revitalization Plans
  - » Greenway Connectivity Plan, Community Guide Project, and Review of Growth and Infrastructure

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# FISCAL YEAR 2023 - 2024 GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY

