



**Lewiston City Council  
SPECIAL MEETING  
BUDGET SESSION #1 AGENDA  
May 11, 2026 - 3:00 PM  
Bell Building – Second Floor Conference Room – 215 D Street  
Lewiston, Idaho 83501**

Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. All others who wish to observe this meeting may watch and listen to the livestream on their own device(s) by visiting the City of Lewiston’s website at [cityoflewiston.org](http://cityoflewiston.org).

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

This is an opportunity for individuals wishing to comment on agenda items or other matters they wish to bring to the Council's attention, excluding those scheduled for a public hearing. As there may not be another opportunity to comment once an agenda item is addressed, individuals are encouraged to speak at this time. Individuals are encouraged to discuss operational issues in advance with the Mayor. In consideration of others wishing to speak, commentary is limited to three (3) minutes.

**IV. BUDGET ITEMS**

**A. ENTERPRISE FUNDS (WATER, WASTEWATER, SANITATION AND STORMWATER)**

**B. CAPITAL TRANSPORTATION**

**C. UTILITY RATES**

**V. BUDGET DISCUSSION**

This is an opportunity for Councilors to ask questions, have discussions and provide direction to staff related to the fiscal year 2027 budget – Action Item

**VI. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

**A. CITY COUNCILOR COMMENTS:** Comments shall not be related to an item currently before the City Council or an item that may come before the City Council in the foreseeable future, and shall be limited to comments, not discussion.

**B. MAYOR COMMENTS**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT - Action Item**

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accommodation or have questions about the physical access provided at this meeting, please contact Nikki Province, ADA Coordinator, at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting at 208-746-3671 x 6211.



# Memo

**To:** Mayor Johnson  
Lewiston City Council

**From:** Dustin Johnson, PE, Public Works Director

**Date:** May 1, 2026

**Subject:** FY 2027 Capital Public Works Capital Budget Presentation

At the May 11th budget work session, City staff will present the proposed capital projects for Public Works for the FY 2027 budget. The specific divisions include:

- Water (Enterprise Fund)
- Wastewater (Enterprise Fund)
- Stormwater (Enterprise Fund)
- Transportation

Enterprise Funds operate independently from other funds within the City. The enterprise funds must be self-sufficient and rely on user fees and grants. No property taxes are utilized within these funds. Since these funds are independent from any other sources, they carry reserves dedicated to operations, capital, and any debt service they carry.

RESERVES FYE 25 09/30/25 AUDITED				
	SANITATION	STORMWATER	WATER	WASTEWATER
OPERATING	\$ 6,378,073	\$ 1,393,124	\$ 3,812,664	\$ 8,607,762
CAPITAL	\$ 911,268	\$ 1,419,446	\$ 7,996,281	\$ 15,304,391
EBIs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 332,600	\$ 2,121,886
DEBT FUND	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 995,719	\$ 356,885
DEBT RESERVES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 843,968	\$ 2,141,310
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,289,341</b>	<b>\$ 2,812,570</b>	<b>\$ 13,981,232</b>	<b>\$ 28,532,234</b>

Each enterprise fund is unique. The sanitation fund depends heavily on contracted services, such as Sunshine Disposal and Asotin County Landfill. This means sanitation can carry a smaller balance in the capital reserves than the other enterprise funds. The two largest enterprise funds are water and wastewater. Wastewater has a large balance in capital reserves but has a large capital improvement list of pending projects. Water has smaller reserves but also has a significant backlog of capital projects. This all plays a role in determining how to set user rates.

REVENUE/EXPENSE PROJECTIONS FYE26 09/30/26				
	SANITATION	STORMWATER	WATER	WASTEWATER
<b>OPERATIONS</b>				
REVENUE	\$7,866,030	\$2,230,000	\$9,297,040	\$11,886,620
EXPENSES	\$8,352,230	\$1,388,590	\$7,261,930	\$7,261,530
			\$2,035,110	\$4,625,090
DEBT PAYMENT	-	-	(\$2,000,000)	(\$2,200,000)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$486,200)</b>	<b>\$841,410</b>	<b>\$35,110</b>	<b>\$2,425,090</b>
<b>CAPITAL</b>				
REVENUE	\$35,000	\$228,000	\$4,515,640	\$2,475,120
EXPENSES	\$426,750	\$650,000	\$6,411,400	\$9,318,730
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$391,750)</b>	<b>(\$422,000)</b>	<b>(\$1,895,760)</b>	<b>(\$6,843,610)</b>

Water, wastewater, and stormwater have identified significant areas of necessary capital improvements through their master planning process. This necessitates major investments into the capital program. The challenge of major capital investments requires juggling the needs of continued operations, scheduling the capital expenditures in a timely manner, and the burden on the rate payers funding the utilities.

PROJECTED FUTURE CAPITAL EXPENSES						
	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	TOTAL
SANITATION	\$350,000	\$1,007,500	\$267,500	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$2,125,000
STORMWATER	\$720,000	\$1,135,000	\$1,500,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$4,755,000
WATER	\$6,306,000	\$7,175,000	\$4,925,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$30,406,000
WASTEWATER	\$14,820,311	\$9,158,880	\$6,728,426	\$3,709,647	\$12,803,200	\$47,220,464

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Included with this memo is a prioritized breakdown of each enterprise fund's capital project requests for the upcoming FY 2027 budget. Each project has been designated by its urgency (Critical, High, Moderate, Low, and Minimal). At the May 11th work session City Staff will provide an explanation on these priorities and how they fit into each utility's larger goals.

One area that hasn't been discussed yet is Capital Transportation. Capital Transportation does not have a dedicated funding source and does not operate as an enterprise fund. This complicates the conversation about how capital projects are undertaken. On May 4th City staff provided an update on the Bryden Avenue project. A lot of what was presented and discussed provides a good background about how the City of Lewiston has approached large capital transportation projects and strategies to produce larger projects in a more timely and efficient manner. The conversation at the May 11th work session will build on what was discussed at the May 4th work session as it relates to Lewiston's capital transportation needs community wide.

Finally, at the May 11th work session City Staff will provide proposed utility rates that reflect the financial conditions of each utility as well as the long term needs. Staff will be seeking feedback from the City Council as the budgets for each of these utilities will be drafted based on the direction of the council from this work session.

ACCOUNT	PROJECT DESC	EST. AMNT	RANK
<b>WATER</b>			
212	RESERVOIR REPLACEMENT	\$ 4,000,000.00	CRITICAL
212	WTP EMERGING CONTAMINANT UPGRADE	\$ 2,175,000.00	HIGH
213	SHORT LIVED ASSETS	\$ 250,000.00	HIGH
213	PIPELINE REPLACEMNTS	\$ 500,000.00	HIGH
212	SHORT LIVED ASSETS	\$ 250,000.00	MODERATE
211	WATER MASTER PLAN UPDATE CON'T	\$ 45,000.00	LOW
		<b>TOTAL \$</b>	<b>7,220,000.00</b>
<b>WASTEWATER</b>			
222	FY27 PIPELINE REPLACEMENT	\$ 4,000,000.00	CRITICAL
222	FY27 COLLECTIONS PRIORITY 2 IMPROV	\$ 1,500,000.00	CRITICAL
221	SHORT LIVED ASSETS	\$ 772,600.00	CRITICAL
224	DIGESTER 3 ROOF BUILD	\$ 400,000.00	MODERATE
224	SEPTAGE RECEIVING DESIGN-BUILD	\$ 400,000.00	HIGH
222	ELECTRCIAL UPGRADE	\$ 200,000.00	CRITICAL
224	GROUND WATER WELS	\$ 100,000.00	HIGH
224	EFFLUENT HATCH BUILD	\$ 150,000.00	HIGH
224	PLANT ELECTRICAL INSPECTION	\$ 100,000.00	CRITICAL
224	SSPS WETWELL ROOF	\$ 50,000.00	LOW
222	EASEMENT ROAD IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 100,000.00	MODERATE
222	AIRPORT LIFT STATION PUMP RAIL REPLACEMENT	\$ 50,000.00	MODERATE
222	LIFT STATION SECURITY UPRADES	\$ 25,000.00	HIGH
222	TRUCK #211 REPLACEMENT	\$ 70,000.00	MODERATE
222	TRUCK #224 REPLACEMENT	\$ 60,000.00	MODERATE
224	TRCUK #238 REPLACMENT	\$ 60,000.00	MODERATE
224	TRUCK#263 REPLACEMENT	\$ 70,000.00	MODERATE
222	EAST ORCHARDS PHASE IV SEWER PROJECT	\$ 1,001,280.00	LOW
221	RATE STUDY	\$ 50,000.00	MINIMAL
		<b>TOTAL \$</b>	<b>9,158,880.00</b>
<b>STORMWATER</b>			
252	1423POWERS AVE POND DESING & CONSTRCUTION	\$ 100,000.00	HIGH
252	ANNUAL PIPELINE REPLACEMENT	\$ 200,000.00	HIGH
252	17TH ST POND EASEMENT & CONSTRUCTION	\$ 40,000.00	HIGH
252	23RD ST & 12TH AVE POND DESIGN	\$ 90,000.00	HIGH
252	ORCHARDS DESIGN STUDY	\$ 150,000.00	HIGH
252	DEACNT FACILITY PROPERTY ACQUISITION	\$ 125,000.00	MODERATE
252	SOUTH NEZ PERCE GRADE POND DESIGN	\$ 150,000.00	MODERATE
252	SA MASTER PLAN	\$ 50,000.00	MODERATE
252	COUNTRY CLUB DRAINAGE DESIGN	\$ 200,000.00	MODERATE
252	SHORT LIVED ASSETS	\$ 30,000.00	HIGH
		<b>TOTAL \$</b>	<b>1,135,000.00</b>

TRANSPORTATION		
104 ADA IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 10,000.00	MODERATE
104 TR072 8TH ST BIKE & PED PATH	\$ 469,200.00	MODERATE
104 TR076 BRYDEN OVERLAY	\$ 3,000,000.00	HIGH
104 TR071 8TH STREET SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 1,769,000.00	MODERATE
104 TR0XX BRYDEN THAIN	\$ 350,000.00	HIGH
104 TR0XX THAIN & PRESTON	\$ 500,000.00	MODERATE
104 SERVICE CHARGES	\$ 10,780.00	LOW
<b>TOTAL \$</b>		<b>6,108,980.00</b>

SANITATION		
233 TRANSFER STATION FLOOR CONSTRUCTION	\$ 750,000.00	HIGH
233 SHORT LIVED ASSETS	\$ 10,000.00	MINIMAL
233 EQUIPMENT	\$ 5,000.00	MINIMAL
231 PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 2,500.00	MINIMAL
233 SLURRY PARKING LOT	\$ 100,000.00	MODERATE
233 BACKHOE W/ARM ACCESSORY	\$ 140,000.00	HIGH
<b>TOTAL \$</b>		<b>1,007,500.00</b>

**FY27 PUBLIC WORKS CAPITAL TOTAL \$ 24,630,360.00**

<b>CRITICAL</b>	Immediate failure or safety risk; action required now
<b>HIGH</b>	Likely to fail soon or cause major disruption
<b>MODERATE</b>	Noticeable degradation; manageable short-term
<b>LOW</b>	Minor issues; low operational impact
<b>MINIMAL</b>	No current concern