



Metropolitan Council

H. Resolutions on Public Hearing

1. [RS2025-1294](#)

A resolution exempting Emiliano's Steakhouse, located at 5356 Hickory Hollow Parkway from the minimum distance requirements for obtaining a beer permit pursuant to Section 7.08.090.E of the Metropolitan Code.

Analysis

This resolution approves an exemption from the minimum distance requirements for obtaining a beer permit for Emiliano's Steakhouse, located at 5356 Hickory Hollow Parkway.

The Metro Code of Laws prevents a beer permit from being issued to any establishment located within 100 feet of a religious institution, school, park, daycare, or one- or two-family residence. However, several exceptions exist to the distance requirements. For example, facilities within the USD separated from these protected establishments by state or federal four-lane highways are exempt, as are retailer on-sale beer permit holders in MUL districts and events catered by holders of caterers' permits. (See, Code section 7.08.090(A)).

This exemption is requested because the business is located within 100 feet of a pre-school.

Additionally, the Code provides a mechanism to exempt (a) restaurants or (b) any retail food store from Metro's minimum distance requirements, allowing such facilities to obtain beer permits upon the adoption of a resolution by the Council. (See, Code section 7.08.090(E)). Restaurants are no longer required to have state on-premises liquor consumption licenses in order to obtain such exemption.

A public hearing must be held by the Council prior to voting on resolutions brought under Section 7.08.090(E).

Sponsors: Styles

2. [RS2025-1295](#)

A resolution exempting Old Hickory Pizza and Pub, located at 1051 Donelson Avenue from the minimum distance requirements for obtaining a beer permit pursuant to Section 7.08.090.E of the Metropolitan Code.

Analysis

This resolution approves an exemption from the minimum distance requirements for obtaining a beer permit for Old Hickory Pizza and Pub, located at 1051 Donelson Avenue.

The Metro Code of Laws prevents a beer permit from being issued to any establishment located within 100 feet of a religious institution, school, park, daycare, or one- or two-family residence. However, several exceptions exist to the distance requirements. For example, facilities within the USD separated from these protected establishments by state or federal four-lane highways are exempt, as are retailer on-sale beer permit holders in MUL districts and events catered by holders of caterers' permits. (See, Code section 7.08.090(A)).

This exemption is requested because the business is located within 100 feet of a residence.

Additionally, the Code provides a mechanism to exempt (a) restaurants or (b) any retail food store from Metro's minimum distance requirements, allowing such facilities to obtain beer permits upon the adoption of a resolution by the Council. (See, Code section 7.08.090(E)). Restaurants are no longer required to have state on-premises liquor consumption licenses in order to obtain such exemption.

A public hearing must be held by the Council prior to voting on resolutions brought under Section 7.08.090(E).

Sponsors: Eslick

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3. [RS2025-1218](#)

A resolution establishing the certified tax rate in the General Services District, and declaring the amount of the certified tax rate for the Urban Services District, pursuant to the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated § 67-5-1701, et seq.

Analysis

This resolution, as substituted, establishes the certified tax rate of the Metropolitan Government. State law requires that once the county reappraisal program is completed, a tax rate must be set that will provide the same amount of revenue for the county that was levied during the previous year based on the old assessment values and tax levy, because a government may not realize greater revenue by means of a reappraisal program.

The purpose of the reappraisal program is to ensure that property assessments are "equalized" by having all property appraised at the same time. The present tax rate for the GSD is \$2.922 per \$100 of assessed value and \$0.332 for the USD, for a total combined rate in the USD of \$3.254. The new certified tax rate to be approved by this resolution will be \$1.995 per \$100 of assessed value in the GSD and \$0.277 per \$100 of assessed value in the USD, for a combined rate of \$2.222. The substitute provides that the certified tax rate and its related calculations were submitted to and approved by the State Board of Equalization.

Note that there is a separate ordinance, BL2025-834, that would establish the tax levy for the annual operating budget.

Sponsors: Porterfield

4. **RS2025-1220**

A resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed one hundred fifty-eight million dollars (\$158,000,000) in aggregate principal amount of interfund tax anticipation notes of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County.

Analysis

This resolution authorizes the issuance of up to \$158,000,000 in interfund tax anticipation notes ("TANs") by the Metropolitan Government. These TANs would be issued pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 9-21-101, *et seq.* for the purpose of meeting appropriations made for Fiscal Year 2026 in anticipation of the collection of taxes and revenues.

Money within Metro's various distinct funds is commingled, and Metro has historically addressed temporary cash flow deficits by borrowing funds from the pooled cash account. This has the technical effect of one fund using money from another fund to pay for expenditures (until property tax receipts that fund each account are sufficient for the intended purpose).

In 2018, the Comptroller of the State of Tennessee advised that these transfers should be formalized by issuing interfund tax anticipation notes, as permitted under state law with the prior approval of the Comptroller's office. The Council authorized TANs for FY20, FY21, FY22, FY23, FY24, and FY25 in compliance with the Comptroller's request. The proposed resolution would continue this practice in order to formalize Metro's regular practice of interfund borrowing.

The resolution identifies the Water & Sewerage Services Fund as the "lending fund" for purposes of the TANs.

Sponsors: Porterfield

5. **RS2025-1258**

A resolution adopting a new pay plan for the general employees of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, excluding employees of the Board of Health, Board of Education, and the Police and Fire Departments, effective July 1, 2025.

Analysis

This resolution is the pay plan for the general Metropolitan Government employees to take effect July 1, 2025. The primary effect of this resolution would be to continue the pay plan, continue increment pay, and provide for the possibility of merit pay increases for open range employees. The pay plan also implements changes to the classification and pay system for Metro employees based on the results of a study conducted by Mercer Human Resources Consulting. The pay plan reflects increases in pay ranges to all grades to improve market competitiveness, an increase of step grades from 10 to 15 steps, and several pay scale

revisions and individual classification changes. The pay plan includes an across-the-board increase of 1% for all employees. Step increases known as “increments” are pay increases for certain employment classifications on a six-month, one-year, eighteen-month, or two-year interval, depending upon the position. Merit pay increases of 2% would be available for step and open range employees, as eligible. The amount of individual raises for open range employees are determined by department heads. The pay plan contemplates that open range employees are to be paid based upon merit, not length of service.

Per section 12.10 of the Charter, pay plans may not be amended by the Council except by making uniform modifications of all employment grades (because the relationship between pay grades must remain the same under the Charter). The pay plan amendments submitted by this resolution have been approved by the Civil Service Commission, Finance Director, and the Mayor.

Sponsors: Porterfield and Hill

6. [RS2025-1259](#)

A resolution adopting a new pay plan for employees of the Metropolitan Departments of Police and Fire, effective July 1, 2025.

Analysis

This resolution is the pay plan for the Police and Fire departments to take effect July 1, 2025. The primary effect of this resolution would be to continue the pay plan, continue increment pay, provide a 1% across-the-board increase, and provide for the possibility of merit pay increases for open range employees. Step increases known as “increments” are pay increases for certain employment classifications on a six-month, one-year, eighteen-month, or two-year interval, depending upon the position. Merit pay increases of 2% would be available for step and open range employees, as eligible. The amount of individual raises for open range employees are determined by department heads. The pay plan contemplates that open range employees are to be paid based upon merit, not length of service.

Per section 12.10 of the Charter, pay plans may not be amended by the Council except by making uniform modifications of all employment grades (because the relationship between pay grades must remain the same under the Charter). The pay plan amendments submitted by this resolution have been approved by the Civil Service Commission, Finance Director, and the Mayor.

Sponsors: Porterfield, Evans and Hill

7. [RS2025-1260](#)

A resolution adopting a new pay plan for employees of the Metropolitan Board of Health, effective July 1, 2025.

Analysis

This resolution is the pay plan for the employees of the Board of Health to take effect July 1, 2025. The Health Department has its own pay plan because Section 10.107 of the Metro

Charter provides that the Board of Health shall constitute a civil service board with respect to the Health employees. The primary effect of this resolution would be to continue the pay plan, continue increment pay, provide a 1% across-the-board increase, and provide for the possibility of merit pay increases for open range employees. Step increases known as “increments” are pay increases for certain employment classifications on a six-month, one-year, eighteen-month, or two-year interval, depending upon the position. Merit pay increases of 2% would be available for step and open range employees, as eligible. The amount of individual raises for open range employees are determined by department heads. The pay plan contemplates that open range employees are to be paid based upon merit, not length of service.

Per section 12.10 of the Metropolitan Charter, pay plans may not be amended by the Council except by making uniform modifications of all employment grades (because the relationship between pay grades must remain the same under the Charter). The pay plan submitted by this resolution has been approved by the Finance Director, the Board of Health, and the Mayor.

Sponsors: Porterfield, Evans and Hill

8. [**RS2025-1296**](#)

A resolution accepting the Financial Empowerment Cities Grant from the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund and a donation from the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Office of Mayor, in connection with the establishment of an Office of Financial Empowerment.

Analysis

This resolution accepts a Financial Empowerment Cities Grant from the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund (“CFE Fund”) and a donation from the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee to the Office of the Mayor.

The grant would be used to establish an Office of Financial Empowerment within the Office of the Mayor that will use the CFE Fund’s model to create, implement, and manage financial empowerment programs and services that improve the financial stability of low and moderate income households in Nashville and Davidson County.

The grant amount is \$160,000 with no local cash match required. The grant term is effective February 1, 2025, and would end on April 30, 2027.

The Metropolitan Government is required to raise \$120,000 for the program as a condition for the grant. To achieve this, this resolution separately accepts a donation from the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee to the Metropolitan Government in the amount of \$127,949.60 with no required cash match.

Sponsors: Porterfield, Welsch, Suara and Allen

9. [**RS2025-1297**](#)

A resolution accepting a Financial Empowerment Center Legacy Planning Implementation Grant from the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund to the Metropolitan Government,

acting by and through the Office of the Mayor, for the continued support of the Nashville Financial Empowerment Center.

Analysis

This resolution accepts a Financial Empowerment Center Legacy Planning Implementation Grant from the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund to the Office of the Mayor for the continued support of the Nashville Financial Empowerment Center ("FEC").

The grant funds would support the FEC by incorporating legacy planning services into the center's model and for general FEC operations. The grant amount is \$50,000 with no required cash match. The grant would be effective on March 1, 2025, and would end on February 28, 2027.

Sponsors: Porterfield, Welsch, Suara and Allen

10. [RS2025-1298](#)

A resolution accepting a grant from the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Davidson County Juvenile Court, to implement a Safe Baby Court program, an evidence-based specialized infant and toddler court that uses the science of early childhood development to meet the urgent needs of infants, toddlers, and their families.

Analysis

This resolution accepts a grant from the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to the Davidson County Juvenile Court to implement a Safe Baby Court program.

The Safe Baby Court program is an evidence-based, specialized infants and toddler court that uses the science of early childhood development to meet the urgent needs of infants, toddlers, and their families. It will work with families of children of up to three years of age to reduce incidences of child abuse, neglect, and endangerment, to minimize the effects of childhood trauma on small children and provide family stability to participants in the program.

The grant amount is \$585,000 with no cash match required. The term of the grant is from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2028.

Sponsors: Porterfield, Evans, Welsch, Suara and Allen

11. [RS2025-1299](#)

A resolution approving an application for a Community Correction Services grant from the Tennessee Department of Corrections to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the State Trial Courts, to provide alternative supervision and treatment options to divert felony offenders from the Tennessee prison system.

Analysis

This resolution approves an application for a Community Correction Services grant from the

Tennessee Department of Correction to the State Trial Courts.

If approved, the grant would fund the administration of the Davidson County Community Corrections Program, which provides alternative supervision and treatment options to divert felony offenders from the Tennessee prison system. The proposed grant amount would be \$8,923,000 with no local cash match.

Sponsors: Porterfield, Evans and Welsch

12. [RS2025-1300](#)

A resolution appropriating the amount of \$17,810,300.00 from the General Fund Reserve Fund for the purchase of equipment and building repairs for various departments of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County.

Analysis

This resolution appropriates \$17,810,300 from the General Fund Reserve Fund (4% Fund) to 17 departments for various purchases of equipment and building repairs. Section 6.14 of the Metropolitan Charter requires that 4% of all the general fund revenue of the General Services District be set aside each year solely for the purchase of equipment and building repairs.

Ordinance No. O86-1534 and Section 5.04.015.F of the Metro Code require that allocations from the 4% Fund each be supported by information sheets, which are attached to the resolution. The information sheets detail the cost of the equipment or building repairs, whether the cost is related to a replacement, the age of the equipment being replaced, and the estimated life of the equipment. The resolution further provides that “the Director of Finance may schedule acquisitions authorized herein to ensure an appropriate balance in the Fund.”

The following departments would receive funding:

- Davidson County Register of Deeds - \$257,000 for an office remodel and furniture, fixtures, and equipment
- Davidson County Sheriff's Office - \$2,000,000 for miscellaneous equipment and repair and maintenance items
- Department of General Services - \$5,140,000 for debt service on fleet replacements, major maintenance and repairs at the Brick Church Pike Shelter, and new and replacement vehicles
- Department of Metro Water - Waste Services - \$1,000,000 for recycle and trash carts
- Davidson County Juvenile Court Clerk - \$363,300 for hardware and software for a court reporting system
- Metropolitan Historical Commission - \$3,000 for landscaping small equipment
- Metropolitan Nashville Sports Authority - \$118,000 for dugout repairs, replacement suite seat spears, repair/replacement of two HVAC units and roof repairs and patching at First Horizon Park
- Metropolitan Parks and Recreation - \$500,000 for Centennial Sportsplex roof repair/replacement

- Metropolitan Public Health Department - \$500,000 for roof repairs, medical equipment and office equipment and furniture
- Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure - \$1,500,000 for a new salt bin
- Nashville Farmer's Market - \$250,000 for miscellaneous major maintenance, equipment, and repairs
- Nashville Fire Department - \$2,000,000 for medical safety supplies and repairs and maintenance of facilities
- Nashville Municipal Auditorium - \$2,000,000 for roof replacement, equipment, and repairs
- Nashville Public Library - \$400,000 to replacement end-of-life servers in all branches
- Office of Emergency Management - \$40,000 for emergency shelter units/pallets
- Office of Internal Audit - \$12,000 for furniture, fixtures, equipment, laptops, software, and docking stations
- State Trial Courts - \$1,727,000 for a replacement court recording system and grand jury room audio improvements

Sponsors: Porterfield and Hill

13. [RS2025-1301](#)

A resolution accepting and appropriating a donation from the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee in the amount of \$13,104.10 to the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission, and authorizing the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission to expend the donated funds to further its duties, responsibilities, and mission.

Analysis

This resolution accepts and appropriates a donation of \$13,104.10 from the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee ("CFMT") to the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission ("MHRC") and authorizes MHRC to expend the donated funds to further its duties, responsibilities, and mission.

The proposed donation is from the CFMT's Metro Human Relations Commission Support Fund. The funds were given by the late Iris Buhl, which established the fund before her death based on her previous service as a commissioner with MHRC. The MHRC Support Fund was established to further the mission and vision of MHRC and enable MHRC to provide the best and most innovative programs to promote tolerance and understanding among all groups living in Nashville and Davidson County.

Metropolitan Code of Laws § 5.04.120 provides that the Metropolitan Council can approve donations by resolution.

Sponsors: Porterfield, Evans and Welsch

14. [RS2025-1302](#)

A resolution approving amendments one and two to a grant from the Tennessee Housing

Development Agency to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Action Commission, to be used for the Emergency Rental Assistance Eviction Prevention Program in accordance with the purposes set forth in Section 3201 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, to provide financial assistance and housing stability services to eligible tenants.

Analysis

This resolution approves the first and second amendments to a grant from the Tennessee Housing Development Agency to the Metropolitan Action Commission to be used for the Emergency Rental Assistance Eviction Prevention Program, as set forth in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The original grant, approved by Resolution No. RS2025-1224, is used to provide assistance and housing stability services to eligible tenants.

The first proposed amendment deletes and replaces the entire contract on an updated template and makes several minor revisions.

The second proposed amendment increases the grant amount by \$217,042.25 from \$347,630.13 to \$564,672.38.

Sponsors: Porterfield, Evans, Welsch, Suara and Allen

15. [RS2025-1303](#)

A resolution to extend the deadline for the Contract and Compliance Board to provide recommendations for the scope of safety plans for construction project procurement and contractor payment application requirements to the Purchasing Agent and the Metropolitan Council.

Analysis

This resolution extends the deadline for the Contract and Compliance Board to provide recommendations for the scope of safety plans for construction project procurement and contractor payment application requirements to the Purchasing Agent and the Metropolitan Council.

Section 4.20.130 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws provides that these recommendations be provided by July 1, 2025, as approved by the Metropolitan Council through Ordinance No. BL2025-375. The code allows this deadline to be extended by a Council resolution.

The proposed resolution extends the date to provide these recommendations from July 1, 2025, to September 1, 2025.

Sponsors: Porterfield

16. [RS2025-1304](#)

A resolution to approve the Third Amendment to the Lease Agreement between The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County and Nashville Metropolitan LLC for office space at 1281 Murfreesboro Pike, Nashville Tennessee (Parcel No. 12000015500) (Proposal No. 2025M-019AG-001).

Analysis

This resolution approves the third amendment to the lease agreement between the Metropolitan Government ("Metro") and Nashville Metropolitan LLC for office space at 1281 Murfreesboro Pike. Amendments to this lease agreement are allowed through resolutions with twenty-one affirmative votes as provided by Ordinance No. BL2023-80.

The original lease agreement approved through BL2023-80 was for the first, second, and fourth floors in the building, comprising approximately 43,820 in rentable square feet, for use by the Metropolitan Action Commission ("MAC"). The first amendment, approved by Resolution No. RS2024-687, added an additional floor of space for MAC, adding approximately 14,869 square feet for a total of 58,689 square feet. The second amendment, approved by Ordinance No. BL2024-516, changed language in the lease to specifically state that the space would be used for public meetings of MAC and its committees.

The proposed amendment would add an additional floor of space for the Metropolitan Government. This would increase the rentable area by 14,642 of rentable square feet from 58,689 square feet to 73,331 square feet.

The rent for the additional space would continue at its original rate and increase by three percent annually over the course of the 10-year lease that began on April 1, 2024. The new rental rate would either begin within 180 days of receiving approval from the Metropolitan Council or upon receipt of a certificate of occupancy. The rent payments for the premises are as follows:

- Apr. 1, 2025 - Mar. 31, 2026: \$121,790.57 per month; \$19.93 per rentable square foot
- Apr. 1, 2026 - Mar. 31, 2027: \$125,457.12 per month; \$20.53 per rentable square foot
- Apr. 1, 2027 - Mar. 31, 2028: \$129,245.89 per month; \$21.15 per rentable square foot
- Apr. 1, 2028 - Mar. 31, 2029: \$133,156.87 per month; \$21.79 per rentable square foot
- Apr. 1, 2029 - Mar. 31, 2030: \$137,128.97 per month; \$22.44 per rentable square foot
- Apr. 1, 2030 - Mar. 31, 2031: \$141,223.29 per month; \$23.11 per rentable square foot
- Apr. 1, 2031 - Mar. 31, 2032: \$145,439.82 per month; \$23.80 per rentable square foot
- Apr. 1, 2032 - Mar. 31, 2033: \$149,778.57 per month; \$24.51 per rentable square foot
- Apr. 1, 2033 - Mar. 31, 2034: \$154,239.54 per month; \$25.24 per rentable square foot

The lease will remain 10 years in length with two successive options to extend the lease for five years each.

The proposed amendment also allows for public meetings of the Metropolitan Government to be held at the leased building. It also allows the Metropolitan Government to station armed guards at the building.

Fiscal Note: The rental rate for the 3rd floor, for an additional 14,642 square feet, is \$19.93 per rentable square feet for annualized rent of \$296,339.16 for the remaining term of the current

year through March 31, 2026. Metro will receive one month's rent credit for the 3rd floor addition in the amount of \$24,694.93. The Nashville Metropolitan, LLC, also agreed to provide \$15.00 per square foot tenant improvement to the office area of 13,124 square feet for a total of \$196,860. HVAC services will be provided to the premises during office hours. However, Metro would be responsible for the after-hours HVAC usage at a rate of \$40.00 per hour per zone plus 10% administrative fee for overhead costs.

Sponsors: Porterfield, Gamble and Evans

17. [RS2025-1305](#)

A resolution accepting the terms of a cooperative purchasing master agreement for maintenance, repair, operating supplies, industrial supplies and related products and services for the Department of General Services.

Analysis

This resolution accepts the terms of a cooperative purchasing agreement for maintenance, repair, operating supplies, industrial supplies, and related products and services for the Department of General Services. The original agreement is between Maricopa County, which is a governmental entity from the state of Arizona, and HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, Ltd. The anticipated project value is \$3,000,000. The estimated savings to the Metropolitan Government by using this cooperative purchasing agreement is \$345,071.

According to the Cooperative Request Review form, the pricing in the cooperative purchase agreement was leveraged through its Omnia membership and from a competitive RFP with five offers. It is unlikely that Metro would obtain a better value through a competitive solicitation. The agreement would expire on December 31, 2026.

T.C.A. § 12-3-1205(b) authorizes local governments to participate in cooperative purchasing agreements with governmental entities outside of the state as long as the goods or services were competitively procured by the other governmental entity. T.C.A. § 12-3-1205(b) further provides that local governments may participate in a master agreement by adopting a resolution accepting the terms of the master agreement.

Fiscal Note: According to the Cooperative Request Review form from the Division of Purchases, the anticipated project value is \$3,000,000.

Sponsors: Porterfield and Hill

18. [RS2025-1306](#)

A resolution accepting the terms of a cooperative purchasing master agreement for street sweepers and related equipment, for the Department of General Services.

Analysis

This resolution accepts the terms of a cooperative purchasing agreement for street sweepers and related equipment for the Department of General Services. The original agreement is between Sourcewell, a governmental entity from the state of Minnesota, and TYMCO, Inc. The

anticipated project value is \$1,500,000. The estimated savings to the Metropolitan Government by using this cooperative purchasing agreement is \$90,071.

According to the Cooperative Request Review form, the pricing in the cooperative purchase agreement was leveraged through its Sourcewell membership and from a competitive RFP with 21 offers. It is unlikely that Metro would obtain a better value through a competitive solicitation. The agreement would expire on February 3, 2027.

T.C.A. § 12-3-1205(b) authorizes local governments to participate in cooperative purchasing agreements with governmental entities outside of the state as long as the goods or services were competitively procured by the other governmental entity. T.C.A. § 12-3-1205(b) further provides that local governments may participate in a master agreement by adopting a resolution accepting the terms of the master agreement.

Fiscal Note: According to the Cooperative Request Review form from the Division of Purchases, the anticipated project value is \$3,000,000.

Sponsors: Porterfield and Hill

19. [**RS2025-1307**](#)

A resolution accepting the terms of a cooperative purchasing master agreement for tree maintenance equipment, attachments and accessories for the Department of General Services.

Analysis

This resolution accepts the terms of a cooperative purchasing agreement for tree maintenance equipment for the Department of General Services. The original agreement is between Sourcewell, which is a governmental entity from the state of Minnesota, and Vermeer Manufacturing Company, dba Vermeer Corporation. The anticipated project value is \$1,500,000. The estimated savings to the Metropolitan Government by using this cooperative purchasing agreement is \$225,071.

According to the Cooperative Request Review form, the pricing in the cooperative purchase agreement was leveraged through its Sourcewell membership and from a competitive RFP with 21 offers. It is unlikely that Metro would obtain a better value through a competitive solicitation. The agreement would expire on February 24, 2029.

T.C.A. § 12-3-1205(b) authorizes local governments to participate in cooperative purchasing agreements with governmental entities outside of the state as long as the goods or services were competitively procured by the other governmental entity. T.C.A. § 12-3-1205(b) further provides that local governments may participate in a master agreement by adopting a resolution accepting the terms of the master agreement.

Sponsors: Porterfield, Hill and Allen

20. [RS2025-1308](#)

A resolution approving amendment one to a Viral Hepatitis Program Services grant from the Tennessee Department of Health to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Health, to implement and coordinate activities and services related to the prevention, testing, diagnosis, surveillance, and linkage to treatment and other support services for individuals infected with viral hepatitis.

Analysis

This resolution approves the first amendment to a Viral Hepatitis Program Services grant from the Tennessee Department of Health to the Metropolitan Board of Health. This grant was first approved through Resolution No. RS2024-651. This grant provides funding to implement and coordinate activities and services related to the prevention, testing, diagnosis, surveillance, and linkage to treatment and other support services for individuals infected with viral hepatitis.

The proposed amendment would increase the grant amount by \$116,930 from \$213,600 to \$330,530 and extend the grant term to June 30, 2026. The grant contract amendment would also update language regarding procurement and renewal options.

Sponsors: Porterfield, Evans, Welsch and Suara

21. [RS2025-1309](#)

A resolution approving amendment one to grant contracts with three nonprofit organizations for the provision of free and high-quality out-of-school programs through the Nashville After Zone Alliance.

Analysis

This resolution approves the first amendment to three grant contracts previously approved by Resolutions No. RS2024-572 and RS2024-658.

RS2024-572 approved grants from the Nashville Public Library to 13 nonprofit organizations for the provision of free and high-quality afterschool programs through the Nashville After Zone Alliance Program. Bethlehem Centers of Nashville received \$104,200. Black Lemonade received \$278,260.

RS2024-658 approved grants from the Nashville Public Library to two nonprofit organizations for the provision of free and high-quality after school programs through the Nashville After Zone Alliance Program. Aspiring Youth Enrichment Services received \$422,520.

The resolution under consideration approves amendments to increase the value of the contracts as follows:

- Bethlehem Centers of Nashville - Increase of \$25,600 to fund an additional 20 youth slots for summer
- Black Lemonade - Increase of \$64,000 to fund an additional 50 youth slots for summer
- Aspiring Youth Enrichment Services - Increase of \$64,000 to fund an additional 50 youth slots for summer

Sponsors: Porterfield, Welsch, Suara and Allen

22. [RS2025-1310](#)

A resolution accepting an in-kind grant from the Friends of Warner Parks to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation, to fund the next phase of improvements in the Warner Parks.

Analysis

This resolution accepts an in-kind grant from Friends of Warner Parks to the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation to fund the next phase of improvements in the Warner Parks.

The value of the in-kind grant is not to exceed \$1,152,000 with no cash match required. No funds would be directed to Metro Parks.

The funding would support Warner Parks' BIRD, SWEAT, and Urban Nature programs, the volunteer program, operations and support for the Nature Center, invasive plant removal, replacement and maintenance of memorial benches and gardens, meadows restoration, tree plantings, and miscellaneous park improvements.

The Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation approved this grant during its May 6, 2025, meeting.

Sponsors: Porterfield, Welsch and Allen

23. [RS2025-1311](#)

A resolution accepting an in-kind grant from the Friends of Shelby Park and Bottoms to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation, to fund bus rentals for the Summer Enrichment programs at the Kirkpatrick, East, and South Inglewood Community Centers to visit Shelby Park and Bottoms.

Analysis

This resolution accepts an in-kind grant from the Friends of Shelby Park and Bottoms to the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation to fund bus rentals for the Summer Enrichment programs at the Kirkpatrick, East, and South Inglewood Community Centers to visit Shelby Park and Bottoms.

The value of the in-kind grant is \$1,500 with no cash match required. No funds would be directed to Metro Parks.

The Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation approved this grant during its May 6, 2025, meeting.

Sponsors: Capp, Porterfield, Welsch and Allen

24. [RS2025-1312](#)

A resolution accepting an in-kind grant from the Friends of Shelby Park and Bottoms to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Parks and

Recreation, for directional signage, informational signage, map kiosks, invasive plant management, and native plant installation.

Analysis

This resolution accepts an in-kind grant from the Friends of Shelby Park and Bottoms to the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation for directorial signage, informational signage, map kiosks, invasive plant management, and native plant installation.

The value of the in-kind grant is \$30,000 with no cash match required. No funds would be directed to Metro Parks.

The Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation approved this grant during its May 6, 2025, meeting.

Sponsors: Capp, Porterfield, Welsch and Allen

25. [RS2025-1313](#)

A resolution accepting an in-kind grant from the Middle Tennessee Pony Club to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation, to fund the installation of a grass riding surface at Percy Warner Park.

Analysis

This resolution accepts an in-kind grant from the Middle Tennessee Pony Club to the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation to fund the installation of a grass riding surface at Percy Warner Park. The project includes re-grading the surface, installing in-ground sprinklers, seeding new grass, and planting native trees along the Old Hickory Boulevard right-of-way to provide a sound and visual buffer between the riding surface and traffic.

The value of the in-kind grant is \$95,000 with no cash match required. No funds would be directed to Metro Parks.

The Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation approved this grant during its May 6, 2025, meeting.

Sponsors: Porterfield and Welsch

26. [RS2025-1314](#)

A resolution accepting a grant from the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Office of Family Safety, to fund Fatality Review Team staffing positions to help manage the multi-disciplinary needs of its clients.

Analysis

This resolution accepts a grant from the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration to the Office of Family Safety to fund Fatality Review Team staffing positions to help manage the multi-disciplinary needs of its clients.

The grant amount is not to exceed \$155,114 with no cash match required. The grant term is effective on January 1, 2025, and would end on June 30, 2026.

Sponsors: Porterfield, Evans, Welsch and Allen

27. [RS2025-1315](#)

A resolution approving amendment two to a Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) grant from the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department, to fund additional staffing, enhance services, and serve more victims of crime.

Analysis

This resolution approves the second amendment to a Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) grant agreement from the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration to the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department. This grant provides for one Police Counselor II, one Advocate Specialist, four Outreach Advocates, supplies, and travel. The Metropolitan Council previously approved this grant through Resolution No. RS2023-2221.

The first amendment increased the grant amount from \$474,455 to \$948,910 with no cash match required. The end date of the contract was extended from June 30, 2024, to June 30, 2025. Terms related to the disbursement reconciliation and close out and conflicts of interest were updated.

The proposed amendment would increase the grant amount by \$474,455 from \$948,910 to \$1,423,365 with no cash match required. The contract term would also be extended to June 30, 2026. Terms related to procurement, sub-contractor monitoring, and suspension of payment would also be amended or included in the contract.

Sponsors: Porterfield and Evans

28. [RS2025-1316](#)

A resolution authorizing the Metropolitan Department of Law to compromise and settle the personal injury claim of Lisa Bonkowski against the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County in the amount of \$157,165.44, and that said amount be paid out of the Self-Insured Liability Fund.

Analysis

On July 26, 2021, Lisa Bonkowski was walking in a crosswalk at the intersection of Broadway and 19th Avenue South. As she crossed the street, she stepped into a pothole, fell, and suffered fractures in her ankle and lower leg.

Ms. Bonkowski was taken to urgent care for in her injuries. Her fractures were diagnosed, and she received surgery after returning to her home in Florida. Ms. Bonkowski also suffered a sprained ankle ligament and a bruised knee. Her doctor stated that the ankle injury would continue to affect her in the future. Additional surgery will likely be needed to remove hardware

in Ms. Bonkowski's right fibula and debride her right ankle joint. Her medical expenses are estimated to total \$50,000 to \$55,000. Ms. Bonkowski also has a lost wages claim of \$7,165.44 based on 288 hours of missed work as a recreational specialist at an elder care facility.

Ms. Bonkowski filed a lawsuit against the Metropolitan Government ("Metro") and claimed that a defective, unsafe, or dangerous condition existed at the crosswalk. This pothole was the subject of at least eight HubNashville requests between February 2019 and June 2020. While repairs were made, the Hub requests mentioned that previous patches had not worked and that "someone will break an ankle" at the crosswalk.

The parties have participated in settlement negotiations and have agreed upon the settlement amount of \$157,165.44, subject to approval from the Metropolitan Council. The Department of Law recommends settlement of Ms. Bonkowski's personal injury claim for \$157,165.44.

Fiscal Note: The total settlement amount is \$157,165.44. This settlement would be the 36th payment after approval by the Metropolitan Council, from the Self-Insured Liability Fund in FY25 for a cumulative total of \$1,935,342. The fund balance would be \$11,444,443 after this payment.

Sponsors: Porterfield

29. [RS2025-1317](#)

A resolution authorizing The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County to accept new public water and sanitary sewer force mains, fire hydrant assemblies and sanitary sewer manholes, for property located at Earhart Road (unnumbered), also known as Earhart Subdivision Phase 1, and offsite of the project location at the southwest corner of New John Hager Road and Earhart Drive (MWS Project Nos. 20-WL-5 and 20-SL-18 and Proposal No. 2025M-047ES-001).

Analysis

This resolution abandons approximately 714 linear feet of new eight-inch water main (DIP), approximately 748 linear feet of new three-inch sanitary sewer force main (PVC), approximately 99 linear feet of new four-inch sanitary sewer force main (PVC), two new fire hydrant assemblies and four new epoxy coated sanitary sewer manholes, for property located at Earhart Road (unnumbered), also known as Earhart Subdivision Phase 1.

Tennessee Code Annotated section 7-35-406(a)(2) and Ordinance No. BL2024-345 allow the Metropolitan Department of Water and Sewerage Services to approve extensions, additions, or works by resolution of the Metropolitan Council.

This proposal has been approved by the Planning Commission.

Sponsors: Evans, Gamble and Parker

L. Bills on Second Reading

43. [BL2025-846](#)

An ordinance amending Title 2 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws authorizing the creation of a Downtown Central Business Improvement District and appointing a corporation to act as an advisory board to the district with the necessary powers and authority to carry out the purposes and intent of the district.

Analysis

This ordinance would expand the boundaries of the Downtown Central Business Improvement District ("Downtown CBID") to include the existing Gulch Central Business Improvement District ("Gulch CBID").

Ordinance No. O98-1037 created the Downtown CBID, which has been renewed by Ordinance Nos. BL2007-1312 and BL2017-580. The Downtown CBID was expanded in 2017 to continue indefinitely. The Gulch CBID was created by Ordinance No. BL2006-1123 and renewed by Ordinance No. BL2015-67. The Gulch CBID is set to expire on December 31, 2026.

The ordinance under consideration would expand the Downtown CBID in two phases. In Phase 1, the Downtown CBID would expand beyond its initial boundaries to include new properties that have not previously been included in the Downtown CBID or the Gulch CBID. In Phase 2, the Downtown CBID would expand to incorporate the area of the existing Gulch CBID. Phase 1 would be effective upon the effective date of the ordinance. Phase 2 would be effective January 1, 2027.

Along with the expansion of the geographic boundary of the Downtown CBID, the legislation would also expand the size of the board of directors of the district management corporation for the Downtown CBID. There are currently at least 12 members authorized. The ordinance under consideration would increase the size of the board to at least 15 members but no more than 20 members. At least three members (up from two) would be large property owners (defined as owners of major hotel properties or commercial office buildings in the district), at least three members (up from two) would be small property owners (defined as owners of commercial properties other than major hotels or office buildings in the district). At least two members (up from one) would be commercial tenants who lease commercial property within the district. At least two members (up from one) would be residential condominium owners who reside in the district. After January 1, 2027, four members shall be property owners or have offices in the fully expanded CBID: one large property owner, one small property owner, one commercial tenant, and one member at large.

The legislation does not amend the remaining required board members:

- Mayor appoints one member of the board of directors.
- The Speaker of the Senate of the State of Tennessee appoints the senator whose senate district includes the majority of the area contained in Downtown CBID and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the State of Tennessee appoints the representative whose house district includes the majority of the area contained in Downtown CBID to serve as ex officio members. These members are required pursuant to state law.
- Any member of the Metropolitan Council whose Council district includes any of the area contained within the Downtown CBID also serves as an ex officio member.

The expansion of the Downtown CBID was initiated by Resolution No. RS2025-1261, which was adopted by the Council on June 3, 2025. That resolution set a public hearing for this ordinance on July 15, 2025.

Sponsors: Kupin, Johnston, Webb, Hancock, Nash and Huffman

44. [BL2025-847](#)

An ordinance approving a revised organizational plan for the Metropolitan Public Health Department of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County.

Analysis

This ordinance approves a revised organizational plan for the Metropolitan Public Health Department of the Metropolitan Government. Section 10.104 of the Charter of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requires that the Metropolitan Board of Health establish within the department of health such divisions, branches or subdivisions, and plan of organization as may be consistent with efficient administration. This provision also requires that such organizational plan shall be submitted by the Metropolitan Board of Health to the Metropolitan Council for approval by ordinance, and which organizational plan may be amended from time to time in like manner.

This organizational plan was approved by the Board of Health at its April 10, 2025, meeting.

Sponsors: Evans, Welsch and Ewing

45. [BL2025-848](#)

An ordinance approving an agreement between the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Nashville Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services Division, and the Ascension Saint Thomas EMT Training Program to provide the Ascension Saint Thomas School of EMS students with practical experience in EMS-based patient care activities.

Analysis

This ordinance approves a clinical affiliation agreement between the Nashville Fire Department ("NFD") and Ascension Saint Thomas EMS. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, NFD will provide practical experience in EMS-based patient care activities to students in the Ascension Saint Thomas EMT Training Program. Ascension Saint Thomas EMS would be required to maintain professional liability coverage for participating students.

The agreement would extend until terminated by either party. The contract may be terminated by either party upon 30 days written notice to the other party.

Fiscal Note: There would be no cost to Metropolitan Government for participating in this program.

Sponsors: Porterfield, Evans, Welsch, Gadd, Ellis and Suara

46. [BL2025-849](#)

An ordinance granting amendment three to a contract between the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County and Digitech Computer, LLC for fire medical emergency billing and collection services.

Analysis

This ordinance approves amendment three to contract number 458569 between the Metropolitan Government and Digitech Computer, LLC. The contract was originally awarded through competitive bid for Fire Emergency Medical Services Billing and Collection.

The original contract began on August 29, 2019, with a sixty-month term. Section 4.12.060(A) of the Metropolitan Code limits the term of contracts for services to sixty (60) months, unless otherwise approved by the Metropolitan Council. Ordinance No. BL2025-849 extended the contract term to June 30, 2025, and increased the contract value to \$5,890,000.

The ordinance under consideration approves an amendment to extend the term of the contract by one year to June 30, 2026. The amendment would also increase the contract value by \$1,000,000 for a total contract value of \$6,890,000.

Fiscal Note: This amendment increases the estimated life value of contract 458569 to \$6,890,000 to be paid from Fund 10101, Business Unit 32114210.

Sponsors: Porterfield and Evans

47. [BL2025-850](#)

An ordinance authorizing The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County to acquire permanent and temporary easements through negotiation, condemnation and acceptance, for the Valley View Road Stormwater Improvement Project for property located at 5630 Valley View Road (Project No. 25-SWC-242 and Proposal No. 2025M-046ES-001).

Analysis

This ordinance authorizes the negotiation, condemnation, and acceptance of permanent and temporary easements for property located at 5630 Valley View Road.

This ordinance has been approved by the Planning Commission. Future amendments to this ordinance may be approved by resolution.

Sponsors: Gamble and Parker

48. [BL2025-851](#)

An ordinance authorizing The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County to acquire permanent easements through negotiation, condemnation and acceptance for the Connare Drive Stormwater Improvement Project for six properties located on Connare Drive and Macfie Drive (Project No. 25-SWC-249 and Proposal No. 2025M-058ES-001).

Analysis

This ordinance authorizes the negotiation, condemnation, and acceptance of permanent easements for six properties located on Connare Drive and Macfie Drive for the Connare Drive Stormwater Improvement Project.

This ordinance has been approved by the Planning Commission. Future amendments to this ordinance may be approved by resolution.

Sponsors: Gamble and Parker

49. [BL2025-852](#)

An ordinance authorizing The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County to accept new public sanitary sewer mains, sanitary sewer manholes and easements, for two properties located at 278 and 280 Haywood Lane (MWS Project No. 24-SL-227 and Proposal No. 2025M-045ES-001).

Analysis

This ordinance accepts approximately 48 linear feet of new eight-inch sanitary sewer main (PVC), approximately 125 linear feet of new eight-inch sanitary sewer main (DIP), three sanitary sewer manholes and easements, for two properties located at 278 and 280 Haywood Lane.

This ordinance has been approved by the Planning Commission. Future amendments to this ordinance may be approved by resolution.

Fiscal Note: This ordinance has no cost to Metro. Donated easements have no market value according to the Department of Water Services.

Sponsors: Gamble and Parker

50. [BL2025-853](#)

An ordinance authorizing The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County to accept new public water and sanitary sewer mains, fire hydrant assemblies, sanitary sewer manholes and easements, for property located at 11 Lucile Street, also known as City Vista Phase 2 (MWS Project Nos. 24-WL-82 and 24-SL-264 and Proposal No. 2025M-050ES-001).

Analysis

This ordinance accepts approximately 1,668 linear feet of new eight-inch water main (DIP), approximately 1,472 linear feet of new eight-inch sanitary sewer main (PVC), three fire hydrant assemblies, seven sanitary sewer manholes and easements, for property located at 11 Lucile Street, also known as City Vista Phase 2.

This ordinance has been approved by the Planning Commission. Future amendments to this ordinance may be approved by resolution.

Fiscal Note: This ordinance has no cost to Metro. Donated easements have no market value according to the Department of Water Services.

Sponsors: Toombs, Gamble and Parker

51. [BL2025-854](#)

An ordinance authorizing The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County to accept new public sanitary sewer force main and associated easements, for 11 properties located on Rio Vista Drive, also known as Rio Visto Drive Sewer Extension (MWS Project No. 24-SL-263 and Proposal No. 2025M-009ES-001).

Analysis

This ordinance accepts approximately 587 linear feet of new two-inch low pressure sanitary sewer force main (PVC) and associated easements for 11 properties located on Rio Vista Drive, also known as Rio Vista Drive Sewer Extension.

This ordinance has been approved by the Planning Commission. Future amendments to this ordinance may be approved by resolution.

Fiscal Note: This ordinance has no cost to Metro. Donated easements have no market value according to the Department of Water Services.

Sponsors: Gamble and Parker

52. [BL2025-855](#)

An ordinance authorizing The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County to accept new public sanitary sewer mains, sanitary sewer manholes and associated easements, for property located at 300 Vale Manor, also known as Brentwood Chase Two (MWS Project No. 24-SL-122 and Proposal No. 2025M-024ES-001).

Analysis

This ordinance accepts approximately 336 linear feet of new eight-inch sanitary sewer main (PVC), five new sanitary sewer manholes and associated easements, for property located at 300 Vale Manor, also known as Brentwood Chase Two.

This ordinance has been approved by the Planning Commission. Future amendments to this ordinance may be approved by resolution.

Fiscal Note: This ordinance has no cost to Metro. Donated easements have no market value according to the Department of Water Services.

Sponsors: Johnston, Gamble and Parker

53. [BL2025-856](#)

An ordinance authorizing The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County to accept new public water and sanitary sewer mains, fire hydrant assemblies, sanitary sewer manholes and easements, for property located at 3051 Stokers Lane, also known as Stokers Village Phase 2 (MWS Project Nos. 23-WL-90 and 23-SL-235 and Proposal No. 2025M-054ES-001).

Analysis

This ordinance accepts approximately 695 linear feet of new eight-inch water main (DIP), approximately 705 linear feet of new eight-inch sanitary sewer main (PVC), two fire hydrant assemblies, five sanitary sewer manholes and easements, for property located at 3051 Stokers Lane, also known as Stokers Village Phase 2.

This ordinance has been approved by the Planning Commission. Future amendments to this ordinance may be approved by resolution.

Fiscal Note: This ordinance has no cost to Metro. Donated easements have no market value according to the Department of Water Services.

Sponsors: Toombs, Gamble and Parker

54. [BL2025-857](#)

An ordinance authorizing The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County to abandon existing public sanitary sewer main and easement, for property located at 301 6th Avenue North, also known as Legislative Plaza Renovations (MWS Project No. 25-SL-71 and Proposal No. 2025M-062ES-001).

Analysis

This ordinance abandons approximately 79 linear feet of existing 12-inch sanitary sewer main and easements, for property located at 301 6th Avenue North, also known as Legislative Plaza Renovations.

This ordinance has been approved by the Planning Commission. Future amendments to this ordinance may be approved by resolution.

Fiscal Note: This ordinance has no cost to Metro. Donated easements have no market value according to the Department of Water Services.

Sponsors: Kupin, Gamble and Parker

55. [BL2025-858](#)

An ordinance authorizing The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County to accept new public water and sanitary sewer mains, sanitary sewer manholes and easements, for property located at 2126 Bellefield Avenue, also known as Bellefield Townhomes (MWS Project Nos. 24-WL-64 and 24-SL-215 and Proposal No. 2025M-055ES-001).

Analysis

This ordinance accepts approximately 164 linear feet of new four-inch water main (DIP), approximately 160 linear feet of new eight-inch sanitary sewer main (PVC), two sanitary sewer manholes and easements, for property located at 2126 Bellefield Avenue, also known as Bellefield Townhomes.

This ordinance has been approved by the Planning Commission. Future amendments to this

ordinance may be approved by resolution.

Fiscal Note: This ordinance has no cost to Metro. Donated easements have no market value according to the Department of Water Services.

Sponsors: Toombs, Gamble and Parker

56. [BL2025-859](#)

An ordinance authorizing The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County to accept new public water main, fire hydrant assemblies and easements, for two properties located at 1300 and 1310 Donelson Pike, also known as Donelson Pike Industrial West, (MWS Project No. 23-WL-144 and Proposal No. 2025M-049ES-001).

Analysis

This ordinance accepts approximately 1,757 linear feet of new eight-inch water main (DIP), two fire hydrant assemblies and easements, for two properties located at 1300 and 1310 Donelson Pike, also known as the Donelson Pike Industrial West.

This ordinance has been approved by the Planning Commission. Future amendments to this ordinance may be approved by resolution.

Fiscal Note: This ordinance has no cost to Metro. Donated easements have no market value according to the Department of Water Services.

Sponsors: Gamble and Parker

M. Bills on Third Reading

59. [BL2025-833](#)

A bill to be entitled: The Budget Ordinance of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee for Fiscal Year 2026.

Analysis

This ordinance is the proposed operating budget for the Metropolitan Government for Fiscal Year 2026. The budget filed by the Mayor provides for the following proposed funding:

		General Services
•	District General Fund	\$1,857,113,900
•	General Services District Schools Fund	\$1,413,018,500
•	General Services District General Debt Service Fund	\$ 304,561,400
•	General Services District Schools Debt Service Fund	\$ 137,792,400

TOTAL GENERAL SERVICES DISTRICT BUDGET **\$3,712,486,200**

•	Urban Services District General Fund	\$ 70,437,800
•	Urban Services District General Debt Service Fund	\$ 16,940,900

TOTAL URBAN SERVICES DISTRICT BUDGET **\$ 87,378,700**

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET **\$3,799,676,000**

The Fiscal Year 2025 budget is \$3,277,385,200. The Mayor's proposed budget represents an overall increase of \$522,290,800 (15.9%).

Consistent with the Minimum Targets required by the Fund Balance Policies adopted by the Council in Resolution RS2025-1139, the Mayor's proposed budget is projected to result in the following fund balance percentages by June 30, 2026:

•	General Services District General Fund	17%
•	General Services District Debt Service Fund	50%
•	General Services District Schools Operations Fund	17%
•	Schools Debt Service Fund	50%
•	Urban Services District General Fund	19.4%
•	Urban Services District Debt Service Fund	52.3%

Pursuant to the Fund Balance Policies, in addition to the operating and debt services fund balances above, in each annual operating budget ordinance, a Budget Sustainability Reserve must be established at a minimum of 1% of budgeted operating expenditures and budgeted debt service or a greater amount if determined necessary by the Finance Director, but no more than 6%. The proposed budget includes the Budget Sustainability Reserves:

•	General Services District General Fund	2%
•	General Services District Debt Service Fund	2%
•	General Services District Schools Operations Fund	2%
•	Schools Debt Service Fund	2%
•	Urban Services District General Fund	4%
•	Urban Services District Debt Service Fund	4%

The proposed budget includes fund balance restoration appropriations of \$47,836,900 in the GSD general fund, \$11,903,400 in the GSD debt services fund, \$2,901,100 in the schools fund, and \$1,425,600 in the schools debt service fund. These appropriations are necessary to meet the required minimum fund balance targets in each of those funds and bring the fund balances up to the Fund Balance Policies standards.

The proposed budget includes \$50,731,400 for new pay plan improvements, an increase of \$485,700 over the FY25 pay plan improvement amount. All employees would receive a 1% across the board increase in pay on July 1, 2025. In addition, funding is included for 2% increment increases for all eligible employees and funding for 2% open-range pay increases. The department heads have the discretion to determine the actual raises to be given to each open-range employee.

The Mayor's budget includes a \$65,088,100 for equipment and building repairs - the General Fund Reserve Fund, commonly known as the "4% Fund." For FY26, the appropriated amount

is equal to the minimum required by the Metro Charter - 4% of gross revenue amount of original moneys collected in the general services district.

The Barnes Fund would receive an additional \$16 million as part of the continuing commitment for affordable housing, which is partly funded by the local portion of the hotel/motel taxes generated by short-term rental properties. This amount represents a decrease of \$6.4 million from the FY25 appropriation, which was primarily funded with fund balance surplus.

The largest investment in the Mayor's proposed budget is for Metro Nashville Public Schools, which includes a \$180,733,300 increase in the amount of local funding for schools. This increase along with the fund balance restoration and sustainability appropriations would result in a total MNPS operating budget of \$1,413,018,500.

The budget includes funding for a number of improvement requests submitted by various departments. This includes a \$21.6 million increase for Fire and EMS operations, \$31.9 million for the Police Department, \$4.8 million for NDOT, \$8.8 million for the Parks Department, and \$8.9 million for the Sheriff's Office.

Of the \$5,651,700 appropriated to the Arts Commission \$3,263,200 is conditioned upon the Arts Commission providing its annual report of grants funding, as required by Section 7-3-314(d) of the Tennessee Code Annotated, and Council approval of the grant award criteria, as required by Section 2.112.040(H) of the Metropolitan Code of Laws. This appropriation represents a decrease of \$25,000 from the FY25 budget.

The Hospital Authority would receive a subsidy from the general fund of \$60,746,400 million, an increase of approximately \$1.2 million over the FY25 budgeted subsidy. This subsidy is conditioned upon the Hospital Authority providing monthly financial statements to the Council and establishing at each subsidy draw a detailed expenditure plan outlining the expected use of the funds, including a breakdown that distinguishes between labor and non-labor costs. In addition to the subsidy, the budget ordinance includes approximately \$2.7 million for Bordeaux Long Term Care and Knowles Home management contracts.

Section 6.07 of the Charter requires the next order of business following adoption of the operating budget ordinance, to be the adoption of the tax levy ordinance. Ordinance No. BL2025-834 would adopt tax levy rates in excess of the certified tax rate approved by the state and provided in Resolution RS2025-1218. The proposed FY26 property tax levies would be: \$2.782 per \$100 of assessed value in the GSD and \$0.032 per \$100 of assessed value in the USD, giving a combined rate of \$2.814.

Per Rules 39 and 41.1 of the Metro Council Rules of Procedure, the budget ordinance is amendable on third reading. And pursuant to section 6.06 of the Metro Charter, the Council must adopt a substitute operating budget to later than June 30. Otherwise, the budget as originally submitted by the Mayor becomes effective on July 1 by operation of law.

Analysis of the Substitute Budget

The Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee is proposing a substitute budget that provides for some changes in appropriations and revenue projections. The substitute includes increased funding totaling \$9,123,000 for the following departments and programs:

- \$8,200,000 appropriated for a 1% increase to Across-the-Board (“ATB”), previously referred to as Cost of Living Adjustment, amount for Metro employees bringing the total ATB to 2%.
- \$175,000 appropriated to fund expanded food assistance programming for Social Services.
- \$25,000 appropriated to fund The Branch through Social Services for emergency food assistance programming.
- \$75,000 appropriated to fund Court Appointed Special Advocates (“CASA”) volunteer program through the Juvenile Court.
- \$60,000 appropriated to support a Museum Study.
- \$25,000 appropriated to support Sister Cities.
- \$150,000 appropriated to fund juvenile services for Nashville After Zone Alliance (“NAZA”) through the Public Library.
- \$88,000 appropriated to the Parks Department to provide support for Shelby Golf Course employees.
- \$250,000 appropriated to the Health Department to support the Strong Babies program and maternal health outcomes with the assistance of doula programming.
- \$75,000 appropriated to support the Oasis Center emergency youth shelters through the Office of Homeless Services.

The following appropriations are being reduced to fund the increased expenditures:

Property Loss (GSD) (\$3,098,000)
Benefit Adjustments (\$5,000,000)
Contingency Utility (\$525,000)
Dell ECD Incentive (\$500,000)

In compliance with the Fund Balance Policies, the total reserves available for use in the event of unforeseen emergencies or economic downturns has not been diminished.

The budget ordinance is amendable on third reading. Pursuant to Council Rules, no amendment to the budget may be offered unless it has been submitted to the Budget & Finance Committee for a recommendation. The Budget & Finance Committee will meet at 5 p.m. on Monday, June 16, to consider the substitute budget. The full Council will consider the Chair’s substitute budget ordinance at the regular Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17.

Sponsors: Porterfield

60. [BL2025-834](#)

An ordinance establishing the tax levy in the General Services District for the fiscal year 2025-2026, and declaring the amount required for the annual operating budget of the Urban

Services District, pursuant to section 6.07 of the Metropolitan Charter.

Analysis

This ordinance approves the property tax levy for FY26. Section 6.07 of the Metropolitan Charter provides that the Council's next order of business upon adopting the annual operating budget is to adopt a tax levy that fully funds that budget. The property tax rate proposed by the Mayor is different from the FY25 property tax rate. The certified tax rate resolution, RS2025-1218, would reduce the tax based on the recent county reappraisal. This ordinance would establish the tax levy to sufficiently fund the annual operating budget.

The property tax rate proposed by this ordinance is \$2.782 per \$100 of assessed value in the General Services District and \$0.032 per \$100 of assessed value in the Urban Services District. This tax levy rate is projected to be sufficient to fully fund the Mayor's proposed FY26 operating budget.

The tax levy is amendable on third reading. Following the adoption of the tax levy ordinance the Urban Council must meet to approve a separate resolution to approve the property tax rate as proposed for the Urban Services District.

Sponsors: Porterfield

61. [BL2025-838](#)

An ordinance creating the positions of Assistant Grants and Accountability Officer, Fire Deputy Director Chief, Grants and Accountability Officer, Investments Portfolio Manager, Short Term Rental Inspector 1, Traffic Management Center Manager, Traffic Management Center Operator 1, Traffic Management Center Operator 2, Traffic Management Center Supervisor, Urban Forestry Chief, Urban Forestry Inspector 1, Waste Services Superintendent, Water Field Technician Supervisor, Zoning Inspection Chief, Zoning Inspector 1, Zoning Inspector 2.

Analysis

This ordinance creates 16 new positions within the Metropolitan Government. Section 12.10 of the Metropolitan Charter provides that newly created positions within the Metropolitan Government must be approved by ordinance.

The Civil Service Commission, upon the recommendation of the Director of Human Resources and with the agreement of the Mayor, has approved the creation of the following new positions:

- Assistant Grants and Accountability Officer
- Fire Deputy Director Chief
- Grants and Accountability Officer
- Investments Portfolio Manager
- Short Term Rental Inspector 1
- Traffic Management Center Manager
- Traffic Management Center Operator 1

- Traffic Management Center Operator 2
- Traffic Management Center Supervisor
- Urban Forestry Center
- Urban Forestry Inspector 1
- Waste Services Superintendent
- Water Field Technician Supervisor
- Zoning Inspection Chief
- Zoning Inspector 1
- Zoning Inspector 2

All of the above-listed positions are in the classified service. A job description for each position is attached to the ordinance.

Sponsors: Porterfield, Hill and Vo