



Metropolitan Council

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## I. Resolutions

### 1. [RS2026-1961](#)

A resolution reducing the local sales tax on the sale of groceries.

#### Analysis

This resolution reduces the local sales tax on the sale of groceries by one-half percent in Nashville and Davidson County.

Pursuant to state law, the Metropolitan Government levied a local option sales and use tax in Davidson County at the current rate of two and one-quarter percent (2.25%) on the same goods and services that are subject to the State of Tennessee sales and use tax, as enacted by the Metropolitan Council through Ordinance No. O65-464 and amended by Ordinance No. O68-525 and Resolution No. R80-360.

In April 2026, the Tennessee General Assembly enacted HB2186/SB2160, which authorized counties with metropolitan forms of government to reduce or exempt food and food ingredients from the local option sales and use tax by resolution. As of publication, this bill is awaiting signature by Governor Bill Lee to become law.

The proposed resolution would amend Ordinance No. O65-464 to reduce the levy of the local option sales and use tax in Davidson County from two and one-quarter percent (2.25%) to one and three-quarters percent (1.75%) on food and food ingredients.

According to the Department of Finance, the lower tax on food and food ingredients will lead to a reduction of \$9.2 million of revenues for Fiscal Year 2027.

If approved, upon receipt of a certified copy of the resolution by the Tennessee Department of Revenue, the grocery tax reduction would take effect either on October 1, 2026, or the first day of the month occurring at least sixty days after the department has received the certified resolution, whichever occurs later.

**Sponsors:** Toombs, Kupin, Bradford, Huffman, Allen, Porterfield and Ellis

### 2. [RS2026-2004](#)

A resolution adopting a new pay plan for the general employees of the Metropolitan

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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, 2026.

Analysis

This resolution adopts the pay plan for the general Metropolitan Government employees to take effect July 1, 2026.

The primary effect of this resolution would be to continue the pay plan, continue increment pay, provide 1.7 percent across-the-board pay increases, 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. In addition to step increases, the equivalent of an additional two percent merit pay increase would be available for open range employees that do not receive increments. The amount of individual raises for open range employees is 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:** Toombs and Hill

3. **RS2026-2005**

A resolution adopting a new pay plan for employees of the Metropolitan Board of Health, effective July 1, 2026.

Analysis

This resolution adopts the pay plan for the employees of the Board of Health to take effect July 1, 2026. 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 Health Department employees.

The primary effect of this resolution would be to continue the pay plan, continue increment pay, provide a 1.7 percent across-the-board pay 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. In addition to step increases, the equivalent of an additional 2 percent merit pay increase would be available for open range employees (who do not receive increments). The amount of individual raises for open range employees is 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:** Toombs, Huffman and Hill

4. [RS2026-2006](#)

A resolution adopting a new pay plan for employees of the Metropolitan Departments of Police and Fire, effective July 1, 2026.

Analysis

This resolution adopts the pay plan for the Police and Fire departments to take effect July 1, 2026.

The primary effect of this resolution would be to continue the pay plan, continue increment pay, provide a 1.7 percent 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 percent would be available for step and open range employees, as eligible. The amount of individual raises for open range employees is 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:** Toombs, Huffman and Hill

5. [RS2026-2008](#)

A resolution approving an application for a Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use, Site-Based Program grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Beer Board, to implement a pilot Sobering and Stabilization Center to provide a coordinated, community-based response for individuals experiencing substance-related crises and reduce reliance on emergency departments and incarceration by creating a safe, appropriate diversion option.

Analysis

This resolution approves an application for a Comprehensive Opioid Stimulant and Substance Use, Site-Based Program grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to the Metropolitan Beer Board. The grant would be used to implement a pilot Sobering and Stabilization Center to provide a coordinated, community-based response for individuals experiencing substance-related crises and create safe, appropriate diversion options.

If awarded, the grant amount is \$1,600,000. The grant term would begin June 1, 2026, and expire May 31, 2029.

**Sponsors:** Toombs, Hill, Huffman, Ewing, Suara, Allen, Kupin, Vo, Evans and Gadd

6. [RS2026-2030](#)

A resolution approving Amendment 1 to Contract #6548212 between the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County and National Safety Council to provide teaching materials and student materials for the General Sessions Court Traffic School.

Analysis

This resolution approves the first amendment to a contract between the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County (“Metro”) and the National Safety Council to provide teaching materials and student materials for the General Sessions Court Traffic School. The contract was originally approved through Resolution No. RS2024-391. The contract value is estimated to be \$1,098,840. The contract term began on May 13, 2024, and will expire on May 12, 2029.

The proposed amendment updates a pricing exhibit to add an additional course for online personal licenses and amends a proof of insurance clause to remove the requirement to include a contract number.

Sole source contracts may be awarded under the Metro procurement code when it is determined that there is only one source for the supply or services rendered. Section 4.12.060 of the Metro Code requires all sole source contracts having a total value in excess of \$350,000 to be approved by the Council by resolution with 21 affirmative votes.

*Fiscal Note: This amendment will not change the estimated contract value of \$1,098,840 and the terms of the agreement.*

**Sponsors:** Toombs

7. [RS2026-2031](#)

A resolution setting the compensation of the chair and members of the Metropolitan Board of Equalization.

Analysis

This resolution sets the compensation of the chair and members of the Metropolitan Board of Equalization (“MBOE”). Pursuant to Resolution No. RS2026-1929, the MBOE was called into session beginning June 1, 2026, and into special session beginning June 29, 2026 to hear appeals for Tax Year 2026.

The Metropolitan Charter and state law requires that members of the MBOE be compensated for their services. The Metropolitan Council must establish compensation for the board’s chair and members by resolution. The current compensation for the MBOE is \$100 per day for the chair and \$90 per day for the members.

The proposed resolution would increase the compensation amount to \$100 per session for the MBOE chair and \$90 per session for the MBOE members, retroactively effective on June 1,

2026. This proposal allows members to be compensated for multiple sessions per day, instead of the rate for a single session per day.

This compensation rate shall remain in effect until modified by the Metropolitan Council.

**Sponsors:** Evans, Ellis and Kupin

8. [RS2026-2032](#)

A resolution to approve the First Amendment to the Lease Agreement between The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County and the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority for use of certain real property located at Nashville International Airport in Davidson County, commonly known as the Luton Center (Proposal No. 2026M-023AG-001).

**Analysis**

This resolution approves the first amendment to a lease agreement between the Metropolitan Government (“Metro”) and the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority (“MNA”) for use of Luton Center to provide space for the operation of an Emergency 911 center.

The lease was originally approved by Ordinance BL2019-9 and became effective November 6, 2019. The lease provided Metro with the option to extend the lease for two successive years. Metro utilized both options, the lease is set to expire October 31, 2026. The amendment adds three more successive renewal options to extend the lease for one year each. The rent , starting November 1, 2026, would be \$180,000. The rent will increase 3 percent each subsequent year.

The Metropolitan Council may amend the lease agreement by adopting a resolution receiving 21 affirmative votes, pursuant to BL2019-9.

*Fiscal Note: The rent for renewal Option three (3) is the Fair Market Value appraisal for ground rent of \$180,000 annually, beginning on November 1, 2026, and will increase by 3% each year for renewal Option four and five.*

**Sponsors:** Bradford, Toombs and Horton

9. [RS2026-2033](#)

A resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2027 Central Business Improvement District Budget and accepting previous Central Business Improvement District Budgets.

**Analysis**

This resolution approves the Fiscal Year 2027 Central Business Improvement District (“CBID”) Budget and accepts CBID Budgets from previous fiscal years.

State law allows municipalities to create Central Business Improvement Districts and specifically assess properties within that district to fund enhanced services and improvements. Ordinance No. O98-1037 authorized the creation of a downtown CBID and appointed a District Management Corporation (“DMC”) with the necessary powers and authority to carry out the purposes and intent of the CBID.

State law and section 2.177.070 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws further requires a DMC to submit an annual budget and an annual report of activities for review and approval by the Metropolitan Council. According to the Metropolitan Code of Laws, the budget is not subject to line-item modification by the Metropolitan Council. However, the Council may review and approve or not approve the budget. If the budget is not approved, the CBID board of directors are tasked to revise and resubmit a budget until the Council eventually approves the budget.

Annual budgets submitted by the District Management Corporation may be approved by a resolution with twenty-one affirmative votes, pursuant to Ordinance No. O98-1270.

The Council rejected a previous version of the CBID budget at its June 2, 2026, meeting. The CBID board of directors approved a budget with minor revisions at a June 5, 2026, meeting and resubmitted it to the Council.

The proposed budget anticipates revenues and expenses of \$8,898,296, all of which would be assessed from downtown business owners and residents. The expenses are categorized as follows:

- Safety Services - \$2,812,684
- Cleaning Services- \$3,163,733
- Economic Development - \$704,660
- Parks/Placemaking Development - \$803,072
- Strategic Development and Communications - \$620,618
- General & Administration - \$793,529

The resolution also submits previous CBID budgets from Fiscal Year 2009 to Fiscal Year 2026 for the acceptance of the Council. These budgets were previously approved by the Metropolitan Council through previous annual operating budgets of the Metropolitan Government. These budgets were submitted to the Department of Finance for those fiscal years, though not directly to the Metropolitan Council. Acceptance of these CBID budgets would be a non-binding measure and would not affect previous budgets.

**Sponsors:** Kupin

**10. [RS2026-2034](#)**

A resolution accepting the terms of a cooperative purchasing master agreement with Blink Network, LLC for electric vehicle supply equipment for the General Services Department.

**Analysis**

This resolution accepts the terms of a cooperative purchasing master agreement with Blink Network, LLC for electric vehicle supply equipment for the General Services Department.

The original agreement is between Sourcewell, a governmental entity in the state of Minnesota, and Blink Network, LLC. The anticipated project value is \$1,000,000. The estimated savings to the Metropolitan Government by using this cooperative purchasing agreement is \$415,071. The agreement would expire on September 18, 2029.

According to the Cooperative Request Review form, the pricing in the cooperative purchase agreement was leveraged from a competitive RFP with 86 offers. The agreement would provide electric vehicle supply equipment and related services such as charging hardware and related infrastructure, maintenance and repair of charging hardware and other related services. It is unlikely that Metro would obtain a better value through competitive solicitation.

Tennessee Code Annotated § 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. Tennessee Code Annotated § 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 from Division of Purchases, the anticipated project value is \$1,000,000. The anticipated savings to Metropolitan Government through utilizing this cooperative purchasing agreement is \$415,071.*

**Sponsors:** Toombs, Hill, Allen and Ewing

11. [\*\*RS2026-2035\*\*](#)

A resolution amending Exhibit A of Ordinance No. BL2022-1170 to adjust the Mixed Income PILOT Program.

Analysis

This resolution approves an adjustment to the Mixed-Income PILOT program, previously authorized by the Metropolitan Council pursuant to Ordinance No. BL2022-1170.

BL2022-1170 authorized the Health and Educational Facilities Board (“HEFB”) of the Metropolitan Government to negotiate and accept payments in lieu of ad valorem taxes (“PILOT”) from its lessees operating mixed-income multifamily housing facilities, including housing for low and moderate-income persons. The ordinance allowed a PILOT program for non-Low Income Housing Tax Credit properties. Adjustments to the program may be approved by Council resolution, according to BL2022-1170.

This Mixed-Income PILOT program incentivizes mixed-income housing that is affordable to households with incomes between 50% and 80% of the area median income (“AMI”) for the Nashville-Davidson Metropolitan Statistical Area in multifamily properties that otherwise would not have any income-restricted units. Program applicants apply to receive a property tax abatement for a specified number of years where the abatement value is determined by a tiered programmatic structure based on specific AMI levels and percentage of reduced rent units proposed in the development. The total annual abatement amount for Mixed-Income PILOT program projects is capped at \$3,000,000.

The resolution under consideration would make adjustments to Exhibit A, the General Program Description, to replace the tiered approach with a calculation-based approach. The revised

Exhibit A would eliminate the program tiers and limit the total annual abatement amount to \$2,000,000

A new section entitled "PILOT Abatement Calculation" would be added to Exhibit A, which states that the abatement for the PILOT will be determined by estimating the difference between the projected market rents and the income-restricted rents, up to the maximum allowable abatement for Year 1 of the PILOT term.

The effective abatement percentage would be equal to the share of the difference between the estimated tax levy and the current tax levy that is abated in Year 1. The full PILOT schedule is created by applying an escalation factor to estimate the tax levy for each subsequent year of the 15-year term. The difference between the estimated tax levy for each year and the current tax levy is then multiplied by the effective abatement percentage to determine the annual PILOT amount.

All factors used to estimate the rent difference and to generate the PILOT schedule will be published in the supporting materials on the Housing Division's webpage following each annual review. Other housekeeping changes would be made to reflect the calculation-based approach.

**Sponsors:** Allen, Huffman, Ellis, Gamble, Toombs, Nash, Gadd, Kupin, Benedict and Evans-Segall

**12. [RS2026-2036](#)**

A resolution to approve the First Amendment to a grant contract for constructing affordable housing approved by RS2024-709 between The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Metropolitan Housing Trust Fund Commission, and Southeast Community Capital Corporation dba Pathway Lending.

**Analysis**

This resolution approves the first amendment to a grant contract between Southeast Community Capital Corporation d/b/a Pathway Lending and the Metropolitan Housing Trust Fund Commission to construct affordable housing.

Pursuant to the grant agreement, adopted by Resolution No. RS2024-709, Pathway Lending was appropriated \$2,000,000 to construct 62 units of affordable rental housing. The grant term was for 24 months.

The proposed amendment would extend the grant term by 12 months for a total term of 36 months. No other changes would be made to the agreement.

**Sponsors:** Toombs, Horton, Welsch, Allen, Ewing and Kupin

**13. [RS2026-2037](#)**

A resolution approving the First Amendment to a grant contract for constructing affordable housing approved by RS2025-1524 between the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Metropolitan Housing Trust Fund Commission, and Urban League of Middle Tennessee.

Analysis

This resolution approves the first amendment to a grant contract between the Metropolitan Housing Trust Fund Commission and Urban League of Middle Tennessee to construct affordable housing.

Pursuant to Resolution No. RS2025-1524, Urban League of Middle Tennessee was granted \$2,007,417.42 to construct 50 units of affordable housing for individuals making 31 to 60 percent of area median income located at 720 Madison Square.

The proposed amendment clarifies the funding is not from American Rescue Plan Act funds.

**Sponsors:** Toombs, Horton, Welsch, Allen, Ellis and Kupin

**14. [RS2026-2038](#)**

A resolution approving the Third Amendment to a grant contract for constructing affordable housing approved by RS2022-1857 between the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Metropolitan Housing Trust Fund Commission, and Be a Helping Hand Foundation.

Analysis

This amendment approves the third amendment to a grant contract between the Be a Helping Hand Foundation and the Metropolitan Housing Trust Fund Commission to construct affordable housing at 2124 14th Avenue North.

The grant agreement, between MHTFC and Be a Helping Hand Foundation, was approved on November 15, 2022, by Resolution No. RS2022-1857. According to the grant agreement, Be A Helping Hand was to construct two affordable housing units at 2124 14th Avenue North.

The first amendment to this contract, approved by RS2024-818, extended the grant term to the completion of the project, but not longer than 36 months from the execution of the grant agreement. The second amendment extended the grant term to the completion of the project, but not longer than 48 months from the execution of the grant agreement.

The proposed amendment alters the grant schedule to compensate the grant recipient for actual costs and track with construction costs. As amended, the recipient would draw five times. Draw 1 would be 45.7 percent of the grant amount to cover land loan costs, Draw 2 would be 10 percent of the grant amount to cover documented predevelopment and construction expense, Draw 3 would be 16 percent to cover documented construction expenses upon completion of footing, foundation, and framing and Metro inspection, Draw 4 would be 16 percent to cover construction expenses upon completion of roofing and mechanical and electrical rough-ins and metro inspection, and Draw 5 would be 12.63 percent to cover remaining construction costs upon receipt of Final Use and Occupancy permit from Metro Codes.

**Sponsors:** Toombs, Horton, Welsch and Allen

**15. [RS2026-2039](#)**

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A resolution approving the Third Amendment to a grant contract for constructing affordable housing approved by RS2023-2251 between the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Metropolitan Housing Trust Fund Commission, and Urban League of Middle Tennessee.

Analysis

This resolution approves the third amendment to a grant contract between the Metropolitan Housing Trust Fund Commission (“MHTFC”) and Urban League of Middle Tennessee to construct affordable housing.

The original grant contract, approved via RS2023-2251, provided \$2,000,000 in funding to add 116 affordable housing units eligible for individuals making 31 to 60 percent of area median income (“AMI”) located at 590 Joseph Avenue, the former site of Riverchase Apartments. The first amendment, approved by RS2023-71, amended the scope of the program and allowed the Urban League to add 35 units of rental housing for individuals making at or below 30% AMI and 53 units of rental housing for individuals making 31 to 60% AMI, for a total of 88 units. The second amendment, approved by RS2025-1226, extended the term of the grant contract to 36 months.

The proposed amendment would extend the term of the grant contract by another 12 months to conclude 48 months after the agreement was first signed.

**Sponsors:** Toombs, Horton, Welsch, Allen, Ellis and Kupin

**16. [RS2026-2040](#)**

A resolution appropriating a total of \$573,833 from the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Health, to Park Center, Inc. for the provision of comprehensive, wraparound recovery support services to individuals with opioid use disorder.

Analysis

This resolution appropriates a total of \$573,833 from the Metropolitan Board of Health to Park Center, Inc. for the provision of comprehensive, wraparound recovery support services to individuals with opioid use disorder.

The Powers Opioid Recovery Team would work collectively to support residents in maintaining recovery, building life skills, and progressing toward independence. The team will provide care coordination services to individuals living in Park Center’s 21 sober living units in Davidson County.

The related grant contract would be effective on July 1, 2026, and end on June 30, 2028.

Tenn. Code Ann. section 7-3-314 authorizes the Metropolitan Government to provide financial assistance to nonprofit organizations. Section 5.04.070 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws provides that the Metropolitan Council may by Resolution appropriate funds for the financial aid of nonprofit organizations. Metropolitan Carter Section 10.014 provides that the Board of Health has the duty to contract for services that will further the program and policies of the

Board, subject to confirmation by Metropolitan Council resolution.

**Sponsors:** Toombs, Huffman, Welsch, Allen and Kupin

17. [\*\*RS2026-2041\*\*](#)

A resolution accepting a grant from the Tennessee Department of Health to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Health, to provide the Community Health Access and Navigation in Tennessee (CHANT) Program to deliver comprehensive care coordination services to eligible families and children.

**Analysis**

This resolution accepts a grant from the Tennessee Department of Health to the Metropolitan Board of Health to provide Community Health Access and Navigation in Tennessee Program to deliver comprehensive care coordination services to eligible families and children. The grant would fund comprehensive care coordination services to pregnant and postpartum adolescents and women; all children less than five years of age; TennCare kids eligible up to 21 years old; and children and youth with special health care needs up to 21 years old.

The grant award would be \$2,041,200 with no local cash match required. The grant term would begin on July 1, 2026, and end on June 30, 2027.

**Sponsors:** Toombs, Huffman, Welsch and Kupin

18. [\*\*RS2026-2042\*\*](#)

A resolution accepting a grant from the Tennessee Department of Health to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Health, for public safety partnerships in high impact areas to use available data to identify populations at high risk for adverse consequences from substance misuse and employ evidence-based interventions that are responsive to population needs.

**Analysis**

This resolution accepts a grant from the Tennessee Department of Health to the Metropolitan Board of Health. The grant would build local capacity to improve public health response to the substance misuse epidemic in Middle Tennessee.

The funds would provide for the use of available data to identify populations at high-risk for adverse consequences from substance misuse and employ responsive, evidence-based interventions.

The grant award is an amount not to exceed \$144,800 with no local cash match. The grant term begins on September 1, 2026, and ends on August 31, 2027. The grant contract may be renewed for one 12-month term at the Tennessee Department of Health's discretion.

**Sponsors:** Toombs, Huffman, Welsch and Kupin

19. [\*\*RS2026-2043\*\*](#)

A resolution approving amendment two to a Particulate Matter (PM 2.5) Ambient Monitoring Network grant from the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency to the Metropolitan

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Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Health, to assist with the necessary development, establishment, and maintenance of adequate monitoring programs for the prevention and control of air pollution in Nashville, Tennessee.

#### Analysis

This resolution approves the second amendment to a Particulate Matter (PM 2.5) Ambient Monitoring Network grant from the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Health, to assist with the necessary development, establishment, and maintenance of adequate monitoring programs for the prevention and control of air pollution in Nashville.

The grant contract, first approved by Resolution No. RS2025-1432, provides partial funding to support Nashville's ongoing program for the prevention and control of air pollution based on Section 103 of the Clean Air Act. This grant covers all aspects of PM2.5 monitoring, including salaries, travel, training, and laboratory support. The grant period began on April 1, 2025, and ends on March 31, 2027.

The first amendment increased the grant amount by \$71,614 from \$65,000 to \$136,614, with no required cash match.

The second amendment increased the grant amount by \$136,614 for a new total of \$273,228.

General terms and conditions of the grant would also be updated through this amendment.

**Sponsors:** Toombs, Huffman, Welsch, Ewing and Kupin

#### 20. [RS2026-2044](#)

A resolution appropriating a total of \$1,718,603 from the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Office of Homeless Services, to Depaul USA, Inc., and approving Amendment Number One to a grant contract by and between the Metropolitan Government and Depaul USA, Inc., for the provision of property management, on-site support, and case management services at Strobel House Permanent Supportive Housing.

#### Analysis

This resolution amends a grant contract to Depaul USA, Inc. from the Office of Homeless Services ("OHS") to provide property management, on-site support, and case management services at Strobel House.

Pursuant to Resolution No. RS2025-1436, OHS appropriated \$3,500,000 for a grant to Depaul USA, Inc. to operate Strobel House, a 90-bed permanent supportive housing residence. Depaul USA will also provide support services including case management services, mental health services, alcohol and substance abuse services, independent living skills, vocational services, health and medical services, peer support services, and social activities to tenants of the Strobel Center. The term of this grant as approved in Resolution No. RS2025-1436 is set to expire June 30, 2026.

The proposed amendment appropriates an additional \$1,718,603, for a total value of \$5,218,603. The amendment also extends the end of term to June 30, 2027, and adds reporting requirements regarding vacancy and retention on a quarterly basis.

**Sponsors:** Toombs, Huffman, Allen and Ellis

**21. [RS2026-2045](#)**

A resolution appropriating a total of \$1,926,099.00 from the Nashville Public Library to various nonprofit organizations for the provision of free and high-quality after school and summer programming through the Library's Nashville After Zone Alliance after school and out-of-school time coordinating system.

**Analysis**

This resolution appropriates \$1,926,099 from the Nashville Public Library to nine nonprofit organizations for the provision of free and high-quality afterschool programs through the Library's Nashville After Zone Alliance Program. The nonprofits are as follows:

- Metro Parks Department - \$411,481.00
- Moves & Grooves, Inc. - \$112,544.00
- Nashville International Center for Empowerment - \$103,965.00
- Nations Ministry Center - \$244,355.00
- Rocklife Youth, LLC - \$349,287.00
- Salama Urban Ministries, Inc. - \$46,144.00
- Why We Can't Wait, Inc. - \$380,350.00
- Young Mens Christian Association of Middle Tennessee - \$201,150.00
- Youth Encouragement Services - \$76,823.00

The resolution also authorizes the Metropolitan Government to enter into grant agreements with each of these organizations detailing the terms and conditions under which the grant funds are to be spent. The grant agreements are attached to the resolution.

**Sponsors:** Toombs, Vo, Welsch, Allen, Ellis, Ewing and Kupin

**22. [RS2026-2046](#)**

A resolution appropriating a total of \$2,452,026.00 from the Nashville Public Library to various nonprofit organizations for the provision of free and high-quality after school and summer programming through the Library's Nashville After Zone Alliance after school and out-of-school time coordinating system.

**Analysis**

This resolution appropriates \$2,452,026 from the Nashville Public Library to 12 nonprofit organizations for the provision of free and high-quality afterschool programs through the Library's Nashville After Zone Alliance Program. The nonprofits are as follows:

- An Array of Charms Camps for Youth Development - \$205,530.00

- Aspiring Youth Enrichment Services - \$497,300.00
- Backfield in Motion - \$508,890.00
- Beech Creek Ministries, Inc. - \$84,455.00
- Bethlehem Centers of Nashville - \$107,127.00
- Black Lemonade - \$295,875.00
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Middle Tennessee - \$115,740.00
- Carnegie Writers - \$116,525.00
- Counter Punch Youth Academy - \$24,390.00
- DYMON In The Rough - \$114,644.00
- Girls Write Nashville - \$61,975.00
- Martha O'Bryan Center - \$319,575.00

The resolution also authorizes the Metropolitan Government to enter into grant agreements with each of these organizations detailing the terms and conditions under which the grant funds are to be spent. The grant agreements are attached to the resolution.

**Sponsors:** Toombs, Vo, Welsch, Allen, Ellis, Ewing and Kupin

**23. [RS2026-2047](#)**

A resolution approving amendment one to a grant contract with Water Walkers 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 a grant contract between the Metropolitan Government and Water Walkers, previously approved by Resolution No. RS2025-1324.

RS2025-1324 approved grants from the Nashville Public Library to 12 nonprofit organizations for the provision of free and high-quality afterschool programs through the Nashville After Zone Alliance Program. Water Walkers received \$27,100.

The resolution under consideration approves an amendment to increase the value of the contract by \$22,400 to \$49,500. This would provide funding for 20 spots for summer programming. The grant budget exhibit would be updated accordingly.

**Sponsors:** Toombs, Vo, Welsch, Allen, Ellis, Ewing and Kupin

**24. [RS2026-2048](#)**

A resolution approving a license agreement between The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, by and through the Department of Parks and Recreation, and the State of Tennessee, acting by and through its Commissioner of Transportation, to construct and maintain a multi-use pedestrian greenway in Davidson County, Tennessee. (Proposal No. 2026M-016AG-001)

**Analysis**

This resolution approves an intergovernmental agreement between the Metropolitan

Department of Parks and Recreation (“Metro Parks”) and the Tennessee Department of Transportation (“TDOT”) to construct and maintain a multi-use pedestrian greenway at Cayce Landing riverfront park.

Pursuant to this agreement, TDOT would grant a license to Metro Parks for installation, operation, and maintenance of the Cayce Landing riverfront park. Metro Parks may only use the space for a public use purpose. The license would be granted at no cost to Metro and would be for a term of 10-years on a renewable basis.

State law authorizes the Metropolitan Government to enter into intergovernmental agreements with the State of Tennessee by resolution.

*Fiscal Note: There is no cost to Metro for the performance of this agreement.*

**Sponsors:** Capp, Toombs, Horton, Evans-Segall, Vo, Welsch, Allen, Ewing, Hill and Kupin

25. [RS2026-2049](#)

A resolution approving a grant contract between the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County and the Conservancy for the Parthenon and Centennial Park, as fiscal agent for Celebrate Nashville, a 501(c)(3) organization, to provide cultural event management services.

Analysis

This resolution approves a grant contract between the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County and the Conservancy for the Parthenon and Centennial Park, as fiscal agent for Celebrate Nashville, to provide cultural event management services.

Pursuant to this grant agreement, Celebrate Nashville will host the Celebrate Nashville Cultural Festival at Centennial Park. The value of the grant is not to exceed \$140,000. The term of the grant begins on July 16, 2026, and ends on July 15, 2028.

Tennessee Code Annotated section 7-3-314 authorizes the Metropolitan Government to provide financial assistance to nonprofit organizations. Section 5.04.070 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws provides that the Metropolitan Council may appropriate funds for the financial aid of nonprofit organizations by resolution.

**Sponsors:** Taylor, Toombs, Vo and Welsch

26. [RS2026-2050](#)

A resolution accepting a grant from the Centennial Park Conservancy to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation, to provide funding for one part-time position in the Parthenon Museum Store.

Analysis

This resolution accepts a grant from the Centennial Park Conservancy to the Metropolitan

Board of Parks and Recreation in an amount not to exceed \$24,215.05 with no cash match required. The grant provides for one part-time position in the Parthenon Museum store. The grant term would begin on July 1, 2026, and end on June 30, 2027.

The Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation accepted this grant at its May 5, 2026, meeting.

**Sponsors:** Taylor, Toombs, Vo, Welsch and Hill

**27. [RS2026-2051](#)**

A resolution accepting a grant from the Friends of Warner Parks to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation, to provide seasonal staffing for the Special Work Education and Trails (S.W.E.A.T.) program at Warner Parks.

**Analysis**

This resolution accepts a grant from the Friends of Warner Parks to the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation in an amount not to exceed \$46,660.89 with no cash match required. The grant provides for seasonal staffing for the Special Work Education and Trails (“SWEAT”) program at Warner Parks. The grant would fund one winter SWEAT Crew Worker and five summer SWEAT Crew Workers including a crew leader. The grant term would begin on July 1, 2026, and end on June 30, 2027.

The Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation accepted this grant at its May 5, 2026, meeting.

**Sponsors:** Ewing, Toombs, Vo, Welsch and Hill

**28. [RS2026-2052](#)**

A resolution accepting a grant from the Friends of Warner Parks to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation, to continue funding staff positions and copier costs.

**Analysis**

This resolution accepts a grant from the Friends of Warner Parks to the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation in an amount not to exceed \$65,560.73 with no cash match required. The grant funds two part-time Naturalists, two seasonal workers in the Nature Center and a copier. The grant term would begin on July 1, 2026, and end on June 30, 2027.

The Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation accepted this grant at its May 5, 2026, meeting.

**Sponsors:** Ewing, Toombs, Vo, Welsch and Hill

**29. [RS2026-2053](#)**

A resolution accepting an in-kind grant from the Battle of Franklin Trust to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metro Parks and Recreation Department, to transfer

a portrait of Frank McGavock and an inscribed silver spoon to the historical collection at Two Rivers Mansion.

Analysis

This resolution accepts an in-kind grant from the Battle of Franklin Trust to the Metropolitan Parks and Recreation Department to transfer a portrait of Frank McGavock and an inscribed silver spoon to the historical collection at Two Rivers Mansion. This in-kind grant has an estimated value of \$2,125 with no cash match required.

The Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation accepted this grant at its May 5, 2026, meeting.

**Sponsors:** Gregg, Toombs, Vo and Welsch

**30. [RS2026-2054](#)**

A resolution accepting a Statewide Fatality Review Technical Assistance grant from the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Criminal Justice Programs, to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Office of Family Safety, to fund and promote a coordinated, multi-disciplinary approach to improving the criminal justice system's response to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking crimes.

Analysis

This resolution accepts a Statewide Fatality Review Technical Assistance grant from the Tennessee Office of Criminal Justice Programs to the Office of Family Safety in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. The grant will provide for continued provision of the fatality review team by funding the Fatality Review Coordinator that supports operations in Metro and across the state.

The grant term would begin on July 1, 2026, and end on June 30, 2027.

**Sponsors:** Toombs, Huffman, Allen, Welsch and Kupin

**31. [RS2026-2055](#)**

A resolution accepting a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant from the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Criminal Justice Programs, to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department, to fund counselor and victim advocate positions, purchase supplies, and subsidize travel.

Analysis

This resolution accepts a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant from the Tennessee Office of Criminal Justice Programs to the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$474,455 with no cash match required. The grant will provide for one Police Counselor II, four Bilingual Outreach Advocate specialists, supplies, and travel. The term of the grant begins on July 1, 2026, and ends on June 30, 2027.

**Sponsors:** Toombs, Huffman and Allen

**32. [RS2026-2056](#)**

A resolution accepting a Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN) grant from the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Criminal Justice Programs, to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department, to reduce gun related violence in Nashville by providing funding for overtime for the investigation of violent crimes involving guns.

Analysis

This resolution accepts a Project Safe Neighborhood grant from the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration to the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department. The grant will be used to fund additional overtime to investigate and reduce gun-related violence in Nashville.

This grant is an amount not to exceed \$156,401 with no cash match required. The term of this grant begins on July 1, 2026, and ends June 30, 2027.

**Sponsors:** Toombs, Huffman, Welsch and Kupin

**33. [RS2026-2057](#)**

A resolution approving an Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) grant application from the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (MNP), to continue funding for the Internet Crimes Against Children Unit.

Analysis

This resolution approves a grant application from the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration to the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department to continue funding for the Internet Crimes Against Children ("ICAC") Unit. If awarded, funds would be used for salary, benefits, technologies, training, and equipment for internet crime lab. Any additional funds shall be used to establish additional ICAC units in other jurisdictions.

If awarded, the grant amount would be an amount not to exceed \$720,000.

**Sponsors:** Toombs, Huffman, Ellis and Kupin

**34. [RS2026-2058](#)**

A resolution approving amendment two to a Safe Streets for All grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure (NDOT), to address safety issues along Nolensville Pike related to substandard and/or missing walking, bicycling, and transit facilities, the need for pedestrian-scale lighting, and lack of crossing locations present throughout the project area.

Analysis

This resolution approves the first amendment to a Safe Streets for All grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation ("USDOT") to the Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure ("NDOT"), as previously approved by Resolution No. RS2025-1610 and amended by Resolution No. RS2026-1740. The grant addresses safety issues along Nolensville Pike related to substandard or missing walking, bicycling, and transit facilities, the

need for pedestrian-scale lighting, and lack of crossing locations.

The first amendment updated certain federal grant terms that were declared unlawful by a federal court in *California v. Duffy* and also updated a date referenced in the general terms and conditions.

The proposed amendment extends the schedule of milestones by an average of three months per deadline. The estimated date for substantial completion would be moved from January 1, 2030, to June 30, 2030. The new deadlines accommodate for new timing points in the agreement and six months of public use. This amendment allows for recovery of \$1,020,928.00 of indirect costs based on an amended indirect cost recovery rate. The project scope remains the same.

**Sponsors:** Toombs, Evans-Segall, Welsch, Vo, Johnston, Nash, Sepulveda and Kupin

**35. [RS2026-2059](#)**

A resolution authorizing Nashville Phase III Property Holder LLC to construct and install an aerial encroachment at 1209 Brown Street. (Proposal No. 2026M-017EN-001).

**Analysis**

This resolution authorizes Nashville Phase III Property Holder LLC to construct, install and maintain an aerial encroachment at 1209 Brown Street. The encroachment is for a blade sign.

The applicant must indemnify the Metropolitan Government from all claims in connection with the construction and maintenance of the encroachments. Prior to receiving a permit, the applicant must file a certificate of public liability insurance in the amount of \$2,000,000 with the Metropolitan Clerk and the Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure naming the Metropolitan Government as an insured party.

This resolution must be approved by 21 affirmative votes.

**Sponsors:** Vo, Horton and Evans-Segall

**36. [RS2026-2060](#)**

A resolution accepting the terms of a cooperative purchasing master agreement with Rynse, Inc. for car washes and preventative maintenance for heavy duty fleet for the Department of Waste Services.

**Analysis**

This resolution accepts the terms of a cooperative purchasing master agreement with Rynse, Inc. for car washes and preventive maintenance for heavy duty fleet for the Department of Waste Services.

The original agreement is between Sourcewell, a governmental entity in the state of Minnesota, and Rynse, Inc. The anticipated project value is \$250,000. The estimated savings to the

Metropolitan Government by using this cooperative purchasing agreement is \$102,571. The agreement would expire on March 13, 2028.

According to the Cooperative Request Review form, the pricing in the cooperative purchasing agreement was leveraged from a competitive RFP with 18 offers. It is unlikely that Metro would obtain a better value through competitive solicitation.

Tennessee Code Annotated § 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. Tennessee Code Annotated § 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 from Division of Purchases, the anticipated project value is \$250,000. The anticipated savings to Metropolitan Government through utilizing this cooperative purchasing agreement is \$102,571.*

**Sponsors:** Toombs and Evans-Segall

**37. [RS2026-2061](#)**

A resolution approving a contract between the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County and Ingersoll Rand Industrial US, Inc. to provide factory authorized products, parts, and services for the Department of Water and Sewerage Services.

**Analysis**

This resolution approves a sole source contract between the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County and Ingersoll Rand Industrial US, Inc. to provide factory authorized products, parts, and services for the Metropolitan Department of Water and Sewerage Services (“MWS”).

Sole source contracts may be awarded when it is determined that there is only one source for the supply or services rendered. Section 4.12.060 of the Metropolitan Code requires all sole source contracts having a total value in excess of \$350,000 to be approved by the Council by a resolution receiving 21 affirmative votes.

The estimated value of this contract is \$5,000,000 and therefore requires Council approval. The contract term begins once the contract is approved by all required parties and filed in the Metropolitan Clerk’s Office. The contract term extends for 60 months.

According to the sole source review form, Ingersoll Rand Industrial is the sole provider of products, parts, and services approved to maintain the system already in use by MWS.

*Fiscal Note: The estimated contract value of this sole source contract number C6000039 with Ingersoll Rand Industrial US, Inc. for factory authorized products, parts and services is \$5,000,000 to be paid from Fund 67331, Cost Center 1065558020. However, actual expenses*

*may be paid from various departments' funds and cost centers when purchase orders are issued.*

**Sponsors:** Toombs and Evans-Segall

**38. [RS2026-2062](#)**

A resolution authorizing The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County to accept new public water main and fire hydrant assembly, for property located at 2704 Murfreesboro Pike (MWS Project No. 25-WL-56 and Proposal No. 2025M-193ES-001).

Analysis

This resolution accepts approximately 74 linear feet of new eight-inch water main (DIP) and one fire hydrant assembly, for property located at 2704 Murfreesboro Pike.

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

This proposal has been approved by the Planning Commission.

**Sponsors:** Ellis, Horton and Evans-Segall

**39. [RS2026-2063](#)**

A resolution to amend Resolution No. RS2025-1346 to authorize The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County to modify the acceptance of sanitary sewer manholes, for property located at Rural Hill Road (unnumbered), also known as Bella Terra, (MWS Project Nos. 24-WL-70 and 24-SL-231 and Proposal No. 2025M-072ES-002).

Analysis

This resolution amends Resolution No. RS2025-1346, which was approved by the Metropolitan Council on July 2, 2025. The resolution accepted 2,205 linear feet of new eight-inch water main (DIP), approximately 1,791 linear feet of new eight-inch sanitary sewer main (DIP), five fire hydrant assemblies and nine sanitary sewer manholes for property located at Rural Hill Road (unnumbered), also known as Bella Terra.

The proposed resolution would amend RS2025-1346 to accept one additional sanitary sewer manhole.

This amendment has been approved by the Planning Commission.

**Sponsors:** Benton, Horton and Evans-Segall

**K. Bills on Second Reading**

**64. [BL2026-1393](#)**

An ordinance authorizing ECG East Bank, LP to construct and install aerial, aboveground, and underground encroachments at 501 South 2nd Street. (Proposal No. 2026M-010EN-001).

Analysis

This ordinance authorizes applicant ECG East Bank, LP to construct, install, and maintain aerial, aboveground, and underground encroachments at 501 South 2nd Street. These encroachments are for an awning overhang, irrigation lines, private planters, bike racks and seating, all encroaching into the public right-of-way at 501 South 2nd Street.

The applicant must indemnify the Metropolitan Government from all claims in connection with the construction and maintenance of the encroachments. 616 Ewing Partners must furnish to the Metropolitan Government a certificate of public liability insurance in the amount of \$4,000,000 in aggregate, naming the Metropolitan Government as an insured party for the payment of any judgement had on any claim made for actions or causes of action arising out of or connected with the construction or installation of the encroachment. The authority granted by this ordinance will not be effective until the certificate of insurance is filed with the metropolitan Clerk and the Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal infrastructure.

Metropolitan Code of Laws § 13.08.030 allows the Metropolitan Council to grant encroachments, permits, or privileges to construct, install, operate and/or maintain an encroachment in, on, over, or under any street, road, alley, sidewalk, or other public way by ordinance.

This ordinance has been approved by the Planning Commission.

**Sponsors:** Kupin, Horton and Evans-Segall

**65. [BL2026-1394](#)**

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 14656 Old Hickory Boulevard, also known as Cothorn Properties Phase 1 (MWS Project Nos. 25-WL-4 and 25-SL-7 and Proposal No. 2026M-028ES-001).

Analysis

This ordinance accepts accept approximately 191 linear feet of new six-inch water main (DIP), approximately 3,075 linear feet of new eight-inch water main (DIP), approximately 2,224 linear feet of new eight-inch sanitary sewer main (PVC), approximately 1,801 linear feet of new eight-inch sanitary sewer main (DIP), approximately 306 linear feet of new 14-inch sanitary sewer main (DIP), six fire hydrant assemblies, 23 sanitary sewer manholes and easements, for property located at 14656 Old Hickory Boulevard, also known as Cothorn Properties Phase 1.

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

**Sponsors:** Rutherford, Horton and Evans-Segall

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**L. Bills on Third Reading****66. [BL2026-1328](#)**

An ordinance to amend Chapter 10.64.018 of the Metropolitan Code, to establish an updated fee schedule for the Fire Marshal's Office.

Analysis

This ordinance amends Chapter 10.64 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws to establish an updated fee schedule for the Fire Marshal's Office. The Metropolitan Government has adopted the 2024 International Fire Code, which authorizes an agency to issue operation permits and charge fees to offset the cost of providing inspections and other services.

The proposed fee schedule would expand from five permits to 49 permits. The fee schedule is listed in the proposed ordinance. Re-inspection fees would be set at \$65.

Eight separate fee structures for developmental permits would be set based on plan reviews and inspections. These structures consist of:

- fire/life safety review inspections for residential projects,
- fire/life safety review inspections for commercial projects,
- fire sprinkler system plan review and inspections,
- fire alarm system plan review and inspections,
- fire extinguishment system plan review and inspections,
- underground fire line installation plan review and inspections,
- emergency power supply systems plan review and inspections, and
- firefighter air replenishment system plan review and inspections.

The proposed ordinance would also remove language that permits the Metropolitan Council to adopt a fee schedule for fire marshal permits by resolution.

**Sponsors:** Toombs, Huffman and Benton

**67. [BL2026-1356](#)**

An ordinance amending Chapter 2.24.225 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws to modify appraisal requirements for certain right-of-way acquisitions made by the Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure and for Choose How You Move projects, and to make technical changes..

Analysis

This ordinance, as substituted, amends Section 2.24.225 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws relative to appraisal requirements for right-of-way acquisitions made by the Nashville Department of Multimodal Infrastructure ("NDOT") or for Choose How You Move ("CHYM") projects, and to make further technical changes.

The Metropolitan Code of Laws now requires an appraisal report to be submitted to the Metropolitan Council for transactions involving the sale, lease, sublease, or other disposition of real property that requires approval by the Metropolitan Council. That appraisal report must be

filed with the authorizing legislation and include: (a) a current value; and (b) a prospective value reflecting any anticipated changes in entitlements including, without limitation, changes in zoning classifications, use restrictions, and/or deed restrictions.

The proposed ordinance specifies that restricted appraisals, or other methods promulgated by the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (“USPAP”) that allow for limited reporting, shall not satisfy this requirement.

The following actions shall be exempt from this requirement: (1) the appraisal or valuation of real property acquired pursuant to a delinquent tax sale grant to be conveyed to a nonprofit organization under state law or real property conveyed through Resolution No. RS2019-1861 relative to certain Barnes Funds conveyances; (2) the appraisal of right-of-way acquisitions for NDOT or CHYM sidewalk projects using solely local funds; and (3) for the appraisal and valuations of real property or easements for right-of-way acquisitions for NDOT or CHYM programs using solely local funds, if the real property or easement has a fair market value of less than \$35,000.

All appraisal reports required by this section shall be prepared by an independent state certified real estate appraiser, state law, or as the same may be hereafter amended, selected by the Metropolitan Department of Finance in accordance with applicable procurement regulations.

**Sponsors:** Toombs, Evans-Segall and Benton

**68. [BL2026-1358](#)**

An ordinance amending certain sections and subsections of Chapter 2.62, Chapter 12.56, and Title 13 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws to modify fees charged by the Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure (“NDOT”) and make various other changes.

**Analysis**

This ordinance amends certain sections of Titles 2, 12, and 13 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws to allow the Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure (“NDOT”) to increase certain permit and application fees. An independent consultant was retained to conduct a comprehensive fee study for NDOT and determine whether changes to the various fees are necessary to cover the full costs of services provided by NDOT for permit reviews and issuances. The consultant performed an analysis of the scope of services provided by NDOT and determined that its current permitting and administrative fees for services are below actual costs for providing the services.

This ordinance sets fees and creates a structure for future increases through July 1, 2028, for the following: film permits, special event permits, banner placements, and parade permits, all of which would be listed in section 2.62.080 of the Metropolitan Code.

The ordinance also sets fees and creates a structure for future increases through July 1, 2028 for encroachment permits, excavation permits, multimodal access closure exceptions, parklet permits, right-of-way abandonments, obstruction permits, sidewalk café permits, sidewalk café

annual right-of-way use permits, streatery permits, street and alley map amendments, right-of-way temporary closure permits, and unified right-of-way permits, all of which would be listed in section 13.02.020 of the Metropolitan Code.

The annual change in fees shall be published on the Metropolitan Government's website at least 30 days before they take effect, with additional notice given to the Metropolitan Council. NDOT would publish a report about performance improvements tied to the fee increases to the Metropolitan Council on an annual basis through the end of Fiscal Year 2028. The report would include comparative data for each key performance indicator covering at least the two prior fiscal years to demonstrate performance trends associated with fee adjustments. The director of NDOT would present the report's findings in person to the Metropolitan Council upon invitation. Subject to the availability of funds, NDOT would also complete and publish a study of fees no less frequently than every five years, beginning in 2029.

The ordinance would create a new permit for unified right of way closures. The permit would apply for construction projects within a defined, contiguous area involving temporary closure of the rights-of-way at multiple locations under a single, unified scope of work. The NDOT Director would be authorized to issue a unified right-of-way closure instead of individual per-location permits. The unified right-of-way permit would govern all specified locations and temporary right-of-way closures within the defined construction project limits for no more than five days.

The ordinance also contains housekeeping amendments in the affected sections changing "the department of public works" to the "Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure (NDOT)".

The bill also repeals section eight of Ordinance No. BL2016-235, which previously allowed future amendments to these sections of the Metropolitan Code of Laws be amended by resolution.

**Sponsors:** Toombs, Evans-Segall, Kupin, Vo, Gadd, Ellis, Cash, Taylor, Welsch, Benedict, Horton and Benton

**69. [BL2026-1377](#)**

A bill to be entitled: The Budget Ordinance of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee for Fiscal Year 2027

**Analysis**

This ordinance is the proposed operating budget for the Metropolitan Government for Fiscal Year 2027. The budget filed by the Mayor provides for the following proposed funding:

- General Services District General Fund                   \$1,893,502,700
- General Services District Schools Fund                   \$1,448,228,500
- General Services District General Debt Service Fund   \$294,942,400
- General Services District Schools Debt Service Fund   \$130,127,400

TOTAL GENERAL SERVICES DISTRICT BUDGET \$3,766,801,000

- Urban Services District General Fund \$65,570,400
- Urban Services District General Debt Service Fund \$16,249,500

TOTAL URBAN SERVICES DISTRICT BUDGET \$81,819,900

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET \$3,848,620,900

The Fiscal Year 2026 budget is \$3,799,676,000. The Mayor's proposed budget represents an overall increase of \$48,944,900 (1.9%).

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, 2027:

- General Services District General Fund 17%
- General Services District Debt Service Fund 50%
- General Services District Schools Operations Fund 17%
- General Services District Schools Debt Service Fund 50%
- Urban Services District General Fund 17%
- Urban Services District Debt Service Fund 50%

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%
- General Services District Schools Debt Service Fund 2%
- Urban Services District General Fund 4%
- Urban Services District Debt Service Fund 4%

Pursuant to the Fund Balance Policies adopted by the Council in Resolution No. RS2025-1139, appropriations of surplus funds from the unreserved fund balances of the primary budgetary funds are permissible only after meeting levels recommended in the policies during the budget annual review. Any remaining balance may be utilized for one-time expenditures: capital expenditures; debt reduction; and establishment of other reserves to enhance Metro's financial position. The appropriations of \$48,794,400 of fund balance surplus funds will support the majority of funding for the following one-time expenses in the budget:

- Medical Benefit Adjustment - \$21,000,000
- Injury on Duty for Pensioners and Employees - \$13,700,000
- Insurance Fund Balance Adjustment -\$7,300,000
- Affordable Housing Revolving Loan - \$7,000,000
- Elections - \$1,597,700
- General Hospital COLA (FY2026) - \$1,100,000
- Other Departments - \$1,082,800
- NDOT Studies - \$1,000,000

The proposed budget includes \$36,832,700 for new pay plan improvements, a 37.5 percent decrease from the FY26 pay plan improvement amount. All employees would receive a 1.7 percent across the board increase in pay on July 1, 2026. In addition, funding is included for two percent increment increases for all eligible employees and funding for two percent 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 \$65,384,600 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 percent of gross revenue amount of original monies collected in the general services district.

The Barnes Fund would receive an additional \$22,000,000 as part of a 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 an increase of \$6,000,000 from the FY26 budget.

The largest investment in the Mayor's proposed budget is for Metro Nashville Public Schools, which includes a 2.4 percent increase in the amount of local funding for schools. This increase along with the fund balance restoration would result in a total MNPS operating budget of \$1,448,258,500.

The proposed budget accounts for a 0.5 percent reduction in the local sales tax on the sale of groceries. The Department of Finance expects that a 10-month decrease in revenue as contemplated by this proposal would reduce the operating budget by approximately \$9,200,000. The Metropolitan Council will consider the reduction in the grocery sales tax through Resolution No. RS2026-1961.

The Mayor's proposed budget also accounts for a 1.5 percent budget efficiency reduction in all general government departments of the Metropolitan Government. These reductions are permanent. They were projected after departments' budget modifications were added to their budgets, so some departments received more funding than they received in previous years. Combined, these cuts reduce expenditures in the operating budget by approximately \$20,600,000.

Of the \$5,788,000 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 did not change from the FY26 budget.

The Hospital Authority would receive a subsidy from the general fund of \$67,879,500, an increase of approximately 11.7 percent from the FY2026 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. The proposed FY27 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 no later than June 30. Otherwise, the budget as originally submitted by the Mayor becomes effective on July 1 by operation of law.

**Sponsors:** Toombs

**70. [BL2026-1378](#)**

An ordinance establishing the tax levy in the General Services District for the fiscal year 2026-2027 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 Fiscal Year 2027. 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 identical to the Fiscal Year 2026 property tax rate. This ordinance would establish the tax levy to sufficiently fund the Fiscal Year 2027 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 FY27 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:** Toombs

71. [BL2026-1379](#)

An ordinance creating the positions of Automotive Mechanic 2; Behavioral Health Counselor 2; Equipment Inventory Leader; Equipment Mechanic 2; Fire Arson Investigator 1; Historic Zoning Administrator; HRIS Compliance Tech 2; Police Security Guard Supervisor; Pre-Trial Housing Cook; Pre-Trial Housing Facilities Asst Manager; Pre-Trial Housing Facilities Manager; Pre-Trial Housing Kitchen Supervisor; Pre-Trial Housing Officer; Pre-Trial Housing Officer Supervisor; Pumping Station Superintendent; Security Guard 2; and, Waste Services Administrator.

Analysis

This ordinance creates 17 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:

- Automotive Mechanic 2
- Behavioral Health Counselor 2
- Equipment Inventory Leader
- Equipment Mechanic 2
- Fire Arson Investigator 1
- Historic Zoning Administrator
- HRIS Compliance Tech 2
- Police Security Guard Supervisor
- Pre-Trial Housing Cook
- Pre-Trial Housing Facilities Asst Manager
- Pre-Trial Housing Facilities Manager
- Pre-Trial Housing Kitchen Supervisor
- Pre-Trial Housing Officer
- Pre-Trial Housing Officer Supervisor
- Pumping Station Superintendent
- Security Guard 2
- Waste Services Administrator

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

**Sponsors:** Toombs

72. [BL2026-1381](#)

An ordinance approving the Fiscal Year 2027 Gulch Central Business Improvement District

Budget.

Analysis

This ordinance approves the Fiscal Year 2027 Gulch Central Business Improvement District (“GBID”) Budget.

State law allows municipalities to create Central Business Improvement Districts and specifically assess properties within that district to fund enhanced services and improvements. Ordinance No. BL2006-1123 authorized the creation of the GBID and appointed a District Management Corporation (“DMC”) with the necessary powers and authority to carry out the purposes and intent of the CBID. The GBID will be combined with the Central Business Improvement District on January 1, 2027, per Ordinance No. BL2025-846.

State law and section 2.177.070 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws further requires a DMC to submit an annual budget and an annual report of activities for review and approval by the Metropolitan Council. According to the Metropolitan Code of Laws, the budget is not subject to line-item modification by the Metropolitan Council. However, the Council may review and approve or not approve the budget. If the budget is not approved, the GBID board of directors are tasked to revise and resubmit a budget until the Council eventually approves the budget.

The proposed budget anticipates revenues and expenses of \$792,138, all of which would be assessed from property owners in the Gulch through December 31, 2026. The expenses are categorized as follows:

- Cleaning - \$329,372
- Management & Supervision - Cleaning - \$22,922
- Safety - \$223,995
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- Cleaning Supplies - \$18,191
- Safety Supplies - \$12,110
- Truck Insurance and Supplies - \$18,436
- Landscaping/Beautification - \$34,450
- GBID Audit & Tax Return - \$24,550
- Liability Insurance - \$3,193
- NDP Management - \$71,470
- Social Media - \$13,650
- Banners - \$10,080

**Sponsors:** Kupin

**73. [BL2026-1382](#)**

An ordinance to amend Title 2 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws to create a new chapter establishing an eviction right to counsel program to be administered by the Housing Division of the Department of Planning.

Analysis

This ordinance would amend Title 2 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws to create a new chapter establishing an eviction right to counsel program (“ERTC program”) to be administered by the Housing Division of the Department of Planning.

The ordinance would authorize the Planning Department to implement and administer an ERTC program, which would provide eviction assistance, including full legal representation and tenant outreach and education, to eligible residents of Nashville and Davidson County through qualified nonprofit organizations or associations. Full legal representation is defined in the ordinance as “ongoing legal representation provided by a designated organization to a covered individual during a covered proceeding and all legal advice, advocacy, and assistance associated with such representation.”

The Metropolitan Council appropriated American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) funds to pilot an ERTC program through a partnership with Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland, the Hispanic Bar Association, and other nonprofit organizations. The Mayor’s proposed budget allocates \$2,400,000 for this program through the Planning Department.

The ordinance would require the Planning Department to develop ERTC program guidelines based upon best practices nationally after consulting with stakeholders. The program guidelines shall include but not be limited to the provision of full legal representation, outreach and education to tenants and landlords, and mediation services. Services and assistance shall be made available in languages commonly spoken by eligible individuals.

Subject to the availability of funding, the Planning Department would enter into agreements with certain organizations and community groups to effectuate the program, including full legal representation. Those agreements must adhere to applicable grant requirements of the Metropolitan Government and be approved by the Metropolitan Government.

The ordinance further requires that contracted organizations and community groups file an annual report in a format directed by the Planning Department and a report with each invoice that outlines impact and progress of the ERTC program. The Planning Department must publish these reports online and provide an annual report to the Metropolitan Council no later than August 31 of each year.

The ERTC program may be supported by appropriations by the Metropolitan Council or by private funding.

**Sponsors:** Suara, Horton, Gadd, Allen, Porterfield, Ellis, Kupin, Ewing, Evans, Toombs, Vo, Taylor, Styles, Welsch and Benedict