



FY 2024-2025 Public Hearing Presentation
Michael Scott, Town Manager
June 4, 2024

FY 2024-2025 Budget

Budget Highlights:

Balanced in all funds

- \$19,882,512 – General Fund
 - \$17,798,540 – Electric Fund
 - \$11,272,000 – Water/Sewer Fund
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- Property Tax Rate to Remain Stable (0.57)
 - Electric Fees and Charges increase by an average of 6%.
 - Sewer Fees have increased proportionate to Wholesale increase by Johnston County.
 - Sanitation Increases include 55 cent increase in yard waste fees due to Wholesale rate increase.

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Budget Highlights Cont:

- General Fund Balance remains above 25% Fiscal Policy Requirements
- Includes Necessary Capital Expenditures
 - \$ 1,374,500 – General Fund
 - \$ 1,035,000 – Electric Fund
 - \$ 2,230,000 – Water Sewer Fund
- Changed Medical Insurance from Cigna to Blue Cross/Blue Shield at a 5% savings.
- Police received \$10,000 increase. Other positions awaiting salary study results from Robertson Miller.

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Major Capital Expenditures:

- Police – Replace 2 Police Cars \$ 110,500
- Police – Replace Greenway Patrol UTV \$ 21,000
- Fire – Replacement Fire Engine in FY 2027 \$ 230,000
- Fire – Fire Station 3 Plans \$ 75,000
- Fire – Extrication Tools & Hose \$ 45,000
- Public Works – Annual Street Resurface \$ 398,195 – (Powell Bill)
- PW Storm Water–New Vac Trailer \$ 80,000
- PW Gen Serv – Repave Sunset Cemetery \$ 220,000
- Parks and Rec– Construction Plans for Soccer Complex \$ 210,000
- Parks and Rec– Baseball Diamond Repairs \$ 40,000
- Parks and Rec– Community Park Parking Lot Repairs \$ 25,000
- SRAC – Bleacher Replacement \$ 25,000

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- Major Capital Expenditures

- **Water Plant**

- East Smithfield Water Line Improvements \$ 400,000
- South Smithfield Water Improvements \$ 150,000

- **Water/Sewer**

- I & I Reduction \$ 100,000
- Lift Station Repair \$ 200,000
- AMI–Nexgrid \$ 300,000
- Water Line Upgrades \$ 200,000
- 1 /3rd VAC Truck for FY 2027 \$ 350,000

- **Electric**

- Voltage Conversion Continuation \$ 500,000
- Delivery Point One Improvements \$ 300,000
- ½ Bucket Truck for FY 2025 \$ 200,000

Personnel & Debt Increases

- Personnel Increases include:
 - 2 Public Works General Maintenance employees
 - 1 full-time Code Enforcement Officer to replace two PT positions
 - 1 Assistant Town Manager
 - Part-time summer assistance for Town Grounds Maintenance
- No additional debt is used in this budget
- New Fire Engine budgeted for FY 2027 purchase/delivery. \$230,000 to GF Capital Projects in FY 2025.
- New Electric Bucket Truck budgeted for FY 2025 purchase/delivery. \$200,000 to Electric Capital Project Fund.

Major Budget Remarks

- No Change in Tax Rate
- Electric Rates increased an average of 6%.
- Sewer Rates Increased 6% due to Wholesale Increase (County Dependent)– September 1, 2024.
- Yard Waste Increase of 55 cents/month due to tipping fee increase.
- No Capital Asset Transfer from Electric to General Fund.

Town Billing Increases-Residential Intown Customers

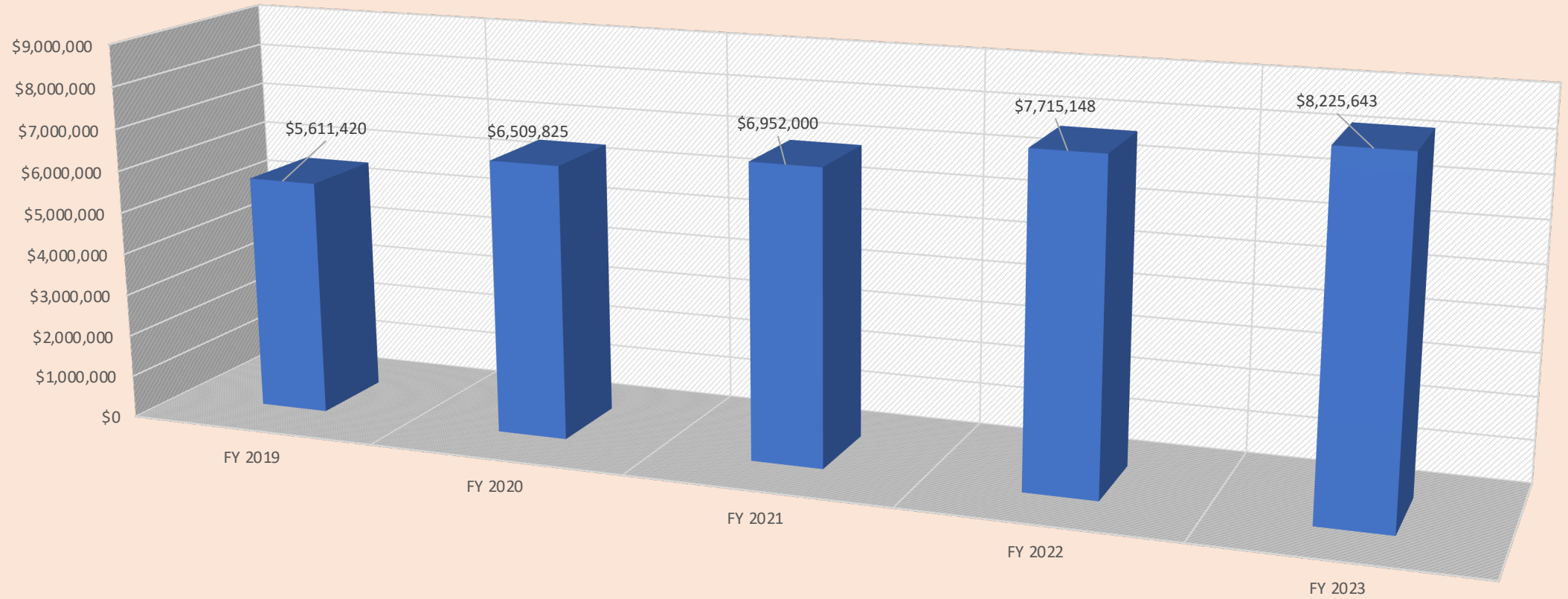
District	4,000 gpm/Water	4,000 gpm/Sewer Sept. 1, 2024	1000 KwH/Electric	Trash Collection	Monthly Cost Change
District 1 (East)	N/A	\$1.00	\$6.41	\$.55	\$7.96
3.5% Overall					
District 2 (South)	N/A	\$1.00	\$6.41	\$.55	\$7.96
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District 3 (North)	N/A	\$1.00	\$6.41	\$.55	\$7.96
3.5% Overall					
District 4 (West)	N/A	\$1.00	N/A	\$.55	\$1.55
1.4% Overall					

Potential Future Issues

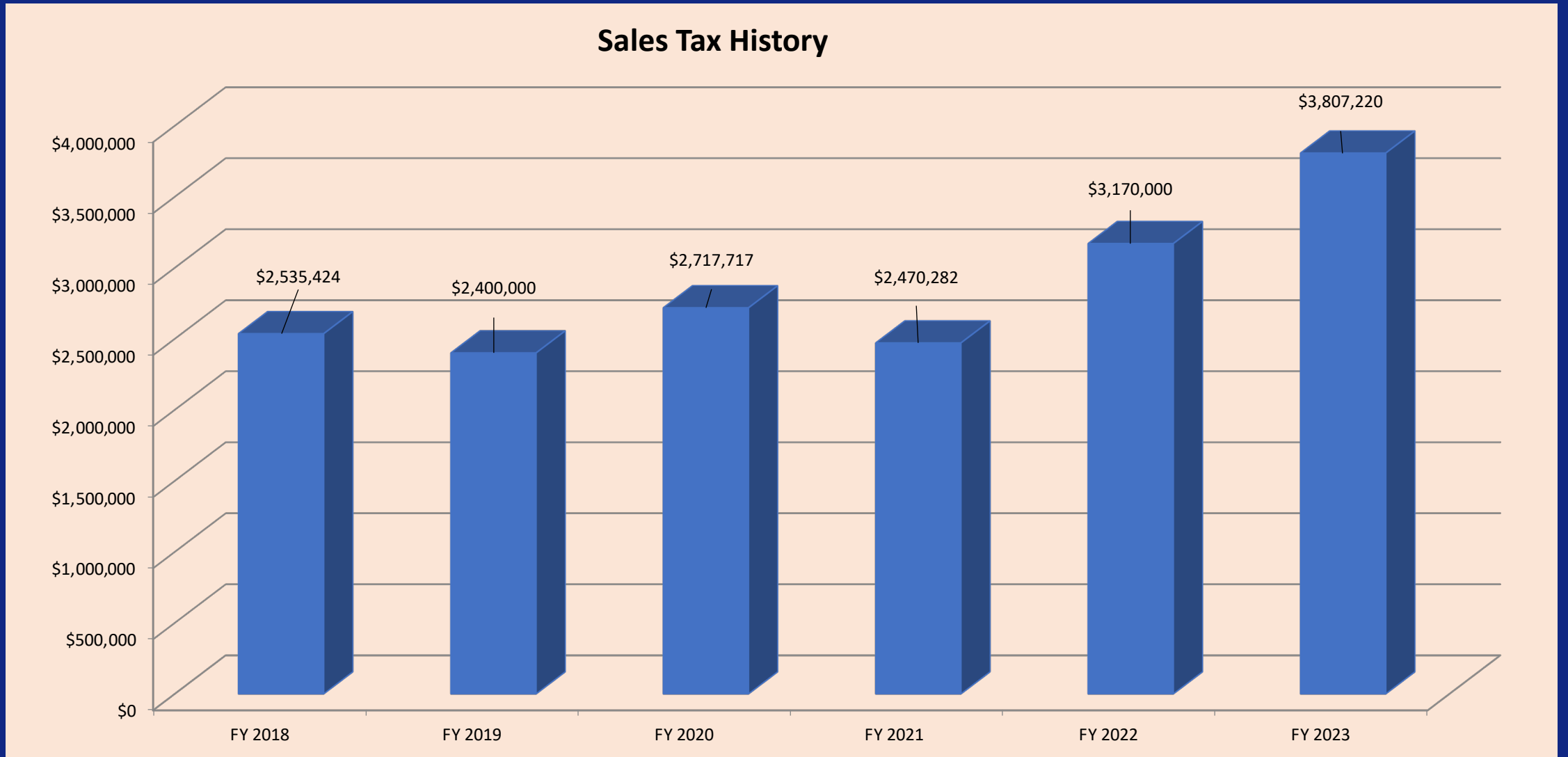
- Managing the Town Growth
- Storm Water Management
- Fire Station Needs
- Parks and Recreation Needs
- Managing Sanitary Sewer Allocation
- Identifying Additional Land for Growth
- Prioritizing Personnel Needs

Property Tax Comparison

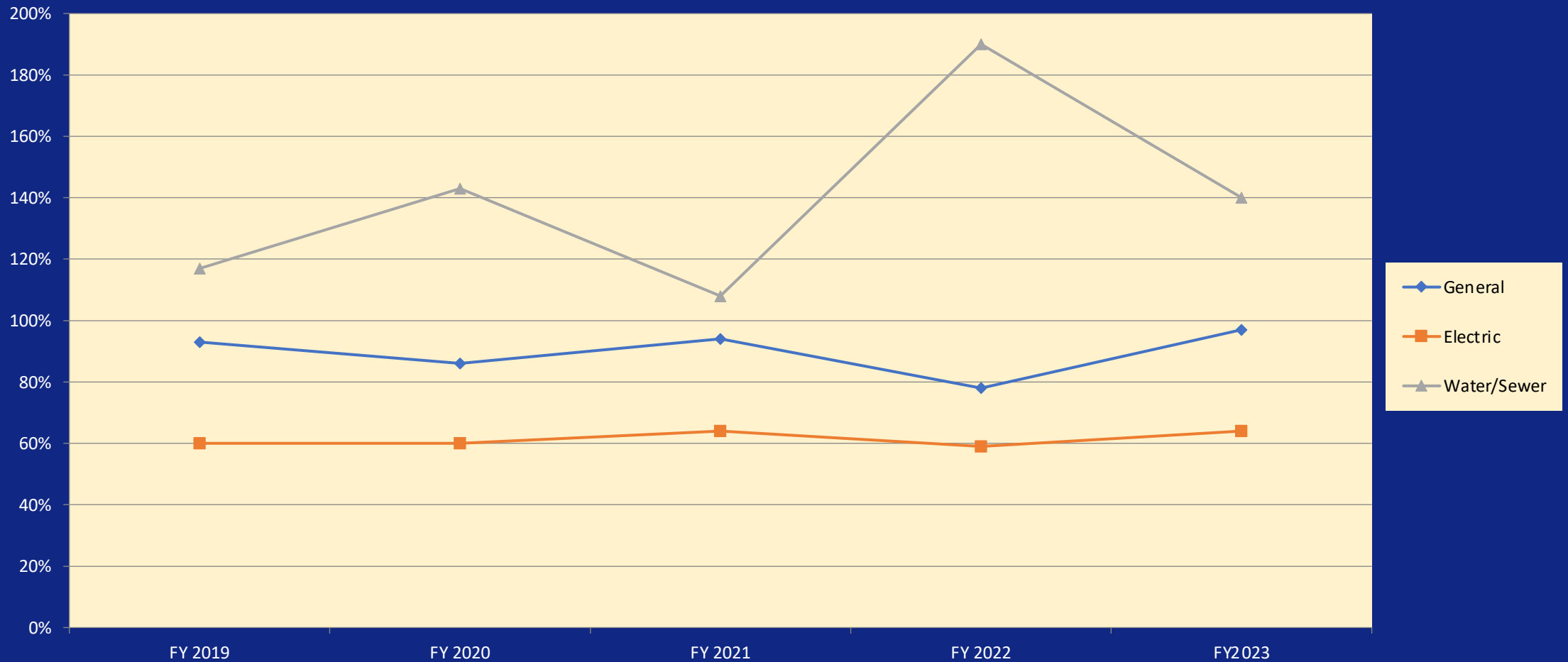
Property Tax History



Sales Tax Comparison

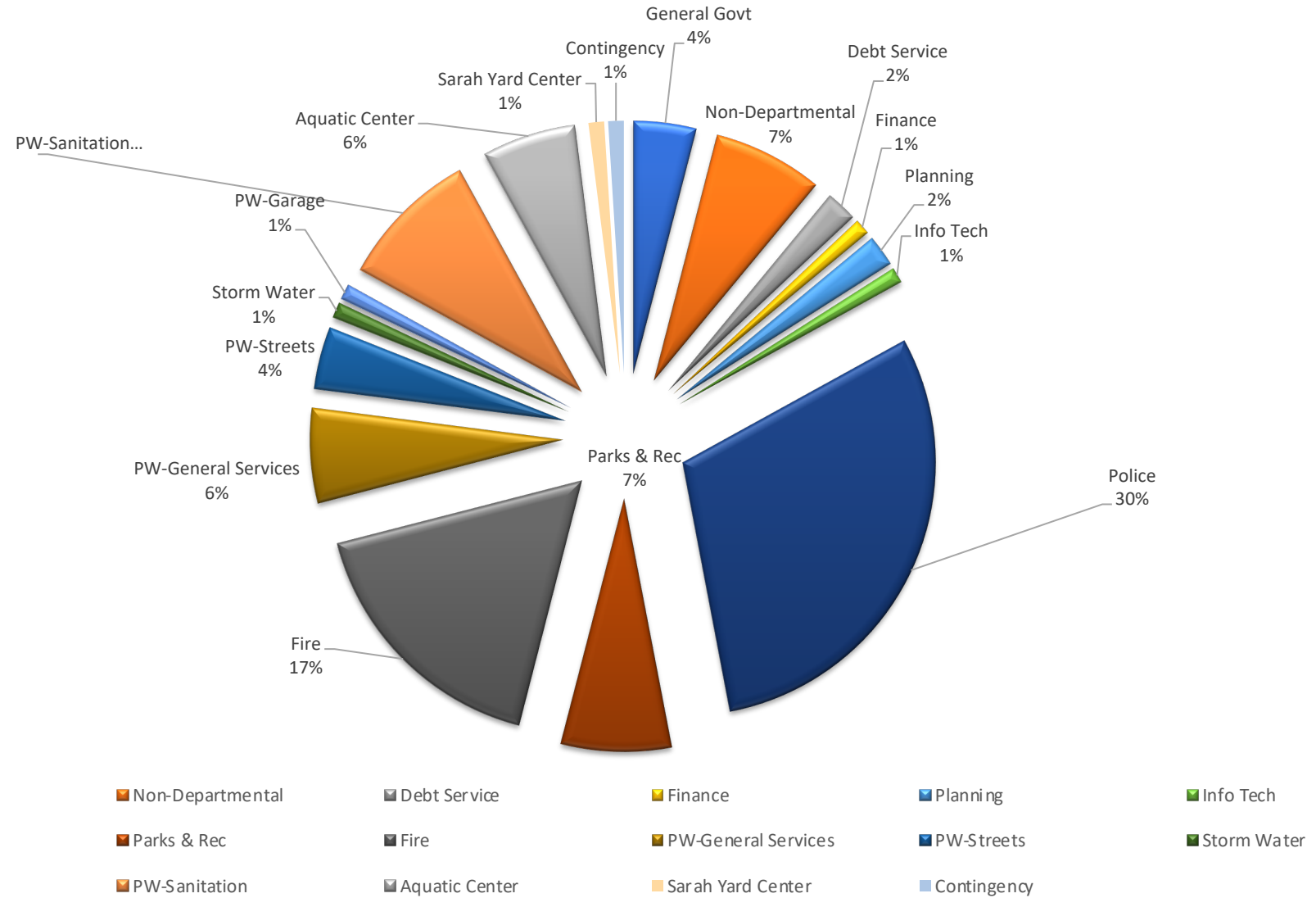


Fund Balance Comparisons



General Fund Allocations

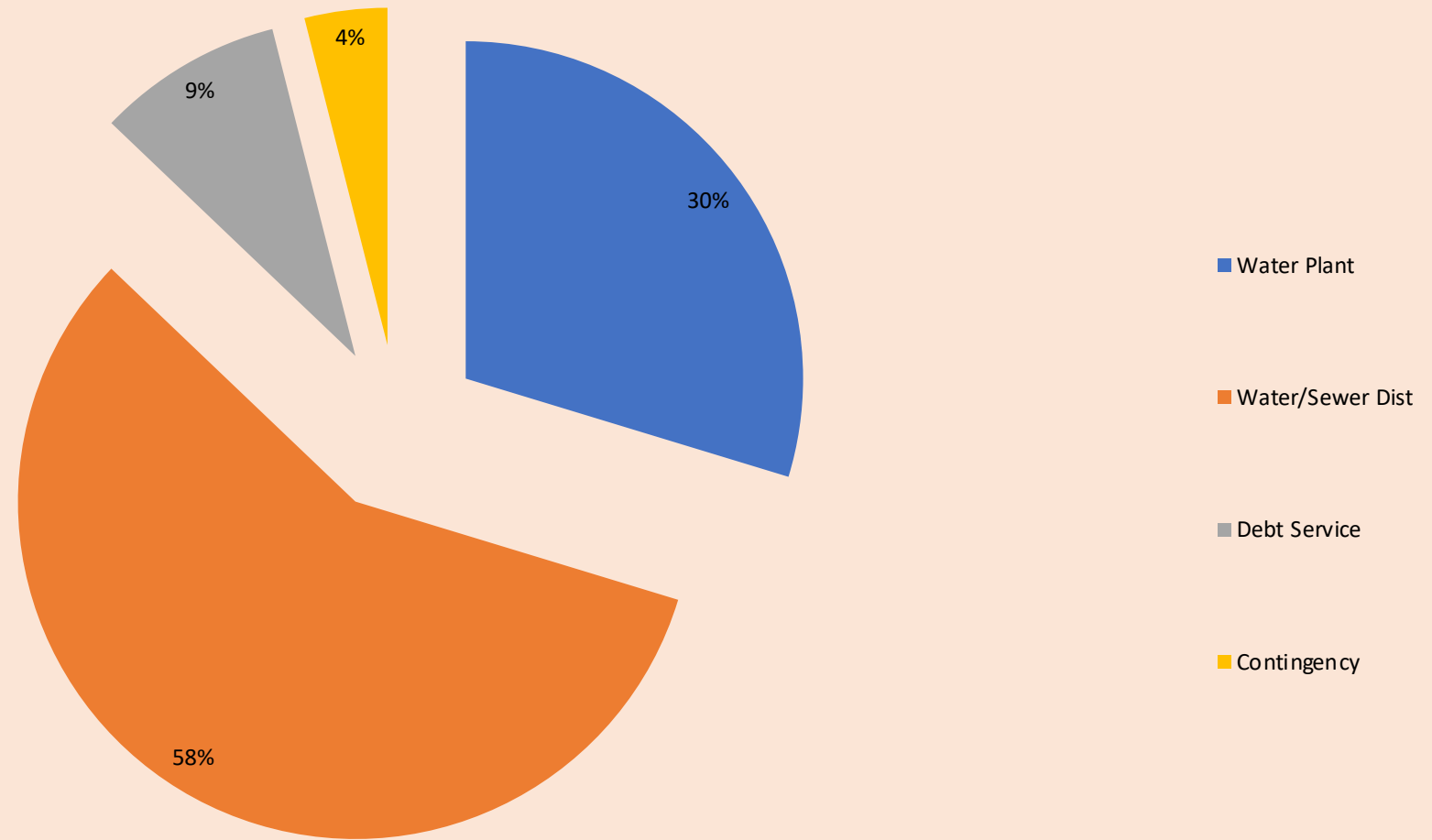
General Fund



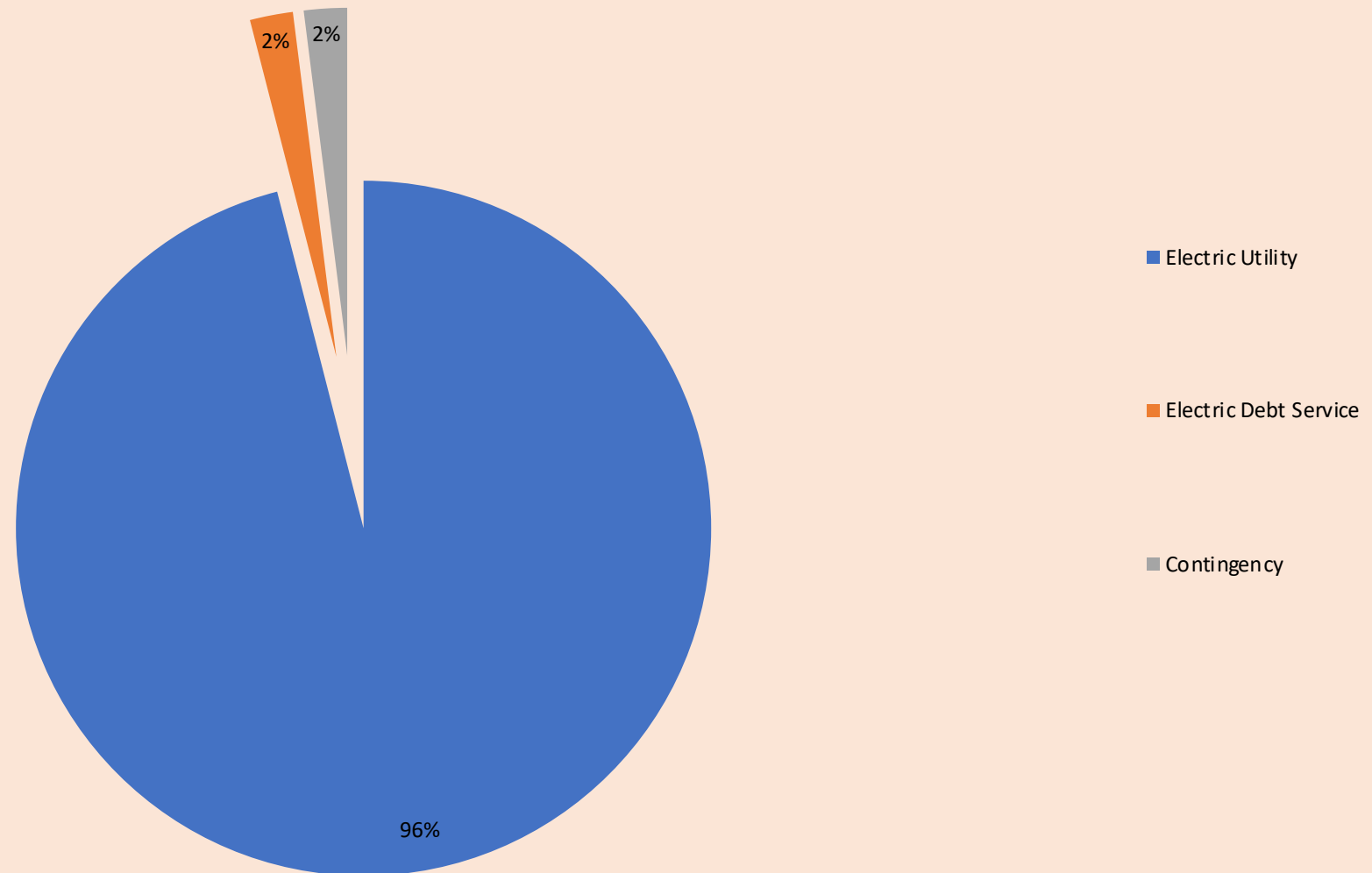
General Fund Allocations

- Public Safety 47%
- Public Works 21%
- Parks and Rec 14%
- Debt 2%
- Contingency 1%
- Non-Department 7%
- All Other 8%

Water & Sewer Fund



Electric Fund



Current Debt

Debt Service; June 30, 2024						
General Fund Description	Lender	Orig. Loan Amount	Interest Rate	Terms-YRS	Loan Date	Maturity Date
Police Department Expansion	UCB	784,572	2.130%	15	01/20/21	01/20/36
Knuckleboom Truck	KS Bank	160,000	3.000%	5	08/01/22	08/01/27
Hook Leaf Truck	Truist	199,345	2.150%	5	06/30/20	06/30/25
Ladder Truck	USDA	1,126,105	3.875%	20	07/01/19	07/01/39
Smithfield Crossing	USDA	2,806,400	3.750%	30	07/28/14	07/28/44
Fire Truck	KS Bank	490,500	2.420%	12	08/16/17	08/16/29
Water/Sewer Fund						
Water Plant Expansion	NCDEQ	12,050,000	1.100%	20	05/01/22	05/01/42
I&I/Sand Removal	UCB	1,430,000	2.900%	10	02/24/16	02/24/26
Multiple Water and Sewer	Truist	1,181,500	2.060%	10	04/01/16	10/01/26
Electric Fund						
Substation Loan	Southern	3,432,596	2.890%	12	08/15/15	08/15/27

Requested Changes to Manager's Proposed Budget

Town's Work/Compensation Insurance increased \$21,924 more than budgeted.

Increase Each Fund's Insurance line by \$7,308.

Decrease Each Fund's Contingency line by \$7,308.

Questions?

