

CITY OF WARRENVILLE
CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET PRESENTATIONS MEETING
Monday, January 26, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers
28W701 Stafford Place, Warrenville, IL 60555

MINUTES

I. OPENING CEREMONIES

A. Call to Order

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Physically Present: Mayor Johnson and Aldermen: J.P. Augustynowicz, Stu Aschauer, Clare Barry, Kathy Davolos, John Lockett, Judy Wilkie and Bill Weidner

Absent: Alderman Craig Kruckenberg

Also Present: Assistant City Administrator Morgan, Public Works Director Phil Kuchler, Community and Economic Development Director Amy Emery, Finance Director Kevin Dahlstrand, Police Chief Sam Bonilla, Utility Maintenance Superintendent Zach Jardine, Capital Maintenance Superintendent Jamie Clark, Utility Division Crew Leader Kevin McGovern, Street Division Crew Leader Jeff Simmons, City Treasurer Maury Goodman, City Clerk Julie Clark

Absent: City Administrator Cristina White

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Assistant City Administrator Alma Morgan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Presentations

A. Public Works

Public Works Director (PWD) Kuchler gave an overview of the Department's FY 2026 completed as well as ongoing projects and a preview of the FY 2027 planned projects. FY 2026 projects included: construction of a new water tower, technical equipment upgrades, road improvements, Phase 1 of Cerny Park improvements, and completion of a Citywide Traffic Study with Traffic Calming Toolkit. FY 2027 projects include: completion of the new water treatment plant, Shaw Drive area street rehabilitation, Phase 2 of Cerny Park improvements, a Space Needs Assessment, Water and Sewer Rate Study, and succession planning.

PWD Kuchler also presented the Department's proposed FY 2027 Decision Package projects, which include plans for GIS Management Services and updates to well site entry and surveillance equipment.

There was discussion regarding who will perform the GIS data management services. PWD Kuchler stated all data collection and analytical services will be conducted by consultants as there is currently no staff position dedicated to perform these duties. He anticipates a future annual maintenance contract with the consultant will be significantly less than the cost of the proposed decision package.

There was discussion regarding when recommendations from the Traffic Study could be implemented. PWD Kuchler implied that minor recommendations approved by Council could be addressed in FY 2027, but larger improvements may require further assessment.

Public Works Department staff was complimented on their work performed throughout the year and for snow removal services performed in the winter. PWD Kuchler noted the City was able to reduce the amount of salt purchased this year.

B. Police Department

Police Chief (PC) Bonilla began the Department budget overview by stressing the priority of engagement within the community. PC Bonilla shared the Department's operational impacts of FY 2026, which included staffing changes, collective bargaining negotiations, the Police Operations Assessment, and improved building security. Other notable accomplishments included: reintroduction of the D.A.R.E program at Bower Elementary School, traffic safety initiatives, staff trainings, and other community engagement programs. He also noted the Department was recognized by Lexipol for excellence in public safety policy maintenance and training.

The Department's FY 2027 priorities include mental health services support, increased building security, continued contract negotiations, Emergency Management Agency (EMA) trainings, IL Law Enforcement Accreditations Program (ILEAP) Tier 2 certification, increased officer engagement in local schools and staff succession planning.

Council members complimented Department staff on the community engagement priorities, especially within the school system. There was discussion regarding coordinated emergency management trainings held with other districtwide agencies, participation in City services provided by the Department, and results from traffic safety initiatives and the Operations Assessment.

III. OFFICIALS AND STAFF COMMENTS

- A. Mayor
None
- B. Aldermen
None
- C. Clerk
None
- D. Treasurer
None
- E. Administrator
None
- F. Attorney
Not Present

VII. ADJOURN

ALDERMAN WEIDNER MADE A MOTION, seconded by Alderman Lockett, to adjourn.

MOTION ADOPTED VIA VOICE VOTE

The regular Council meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Approved: _____

Julie Clark, City Clerk