



CITY OF SHREVEPORT
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MAYOR ARCENEUX RELEASES PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET

Shreveport Mayor Tom Arceneaux submitted the city's proposed 2026 operating and capital improvements budgets to the City Council today.

The operating budget proposes 2026 spending of \$709.4 million, an increase of 3.7% from 2025. The capital improvements budget totals more than \$1.1 billion, of which \$34.3 million is for new projects.

In his budget message to the City Council, the mayor identified his highest priorities for 2026:

- Working with the Police Department and the public to continue the recent downward trend in major crimes.
- Moving the city's bond issue-funded projects to construction and completion. This includes projects approved by the voters in both 2021 and 2024.
- Developing comprehensive strategies to deal with blighted areas in our city and for redeveloping areas affected by blight. This process began in 2025 with the Block-By-Block program and will accelerate next
- Continuing to work to make it easier to do business with city government.
- Working to grow our local economy and bring economic development opportunities to all parts of the city.
- Being fiscally responsible by maintaining an 8% Operating Reserve in the city's General Fund.

The mayor's budget proposal includes a 2% blight surcharge on all water and sewer bills, with the funds to be used to demolish some of the worst examples of blight within the city. This fee, which requires City Council approval to be implemented, would raise

\$3 million over 18 months to address vacant apartment complexes and other significant blighted buildings.

“Shreveport is moving in the right direction”, Mayor Arceneaux stated today. “We can do great things if we work together. I pledge to work with the City Council and with all our citizens to do just that and to be good stewards of our tax dollars.”

The City Council will review the mayor’s proposals over the next two months. By law, all of the city’s 2026 budgets must be adopted on or before December 15, 2025.

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