

CITY OF FORT MITCHELL



ANNUAL BUDGET 2026-2027



THE CITY OF FORT MITCHELL



INCORPORATED
FEBRUARY 14,
1910

★
A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK.

AT-A-GLANCE



8,766
POPULATION



FORT MITCHELL GATEWAY
AN ESTIMATED
\$250 MILLION
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT



37.3
MEDIAN AGE



2023
CITY GOVERNMENT
OF THE YEAR



3,577
NUMBER OF
HOUSEHOLDS



\$80,814
MEDIAN INCOME (2023)



FORT MITCHELL HAS THE
4TH LOWEST
COMBINED PROPERTY TAX RATE
IN KENTON COUNTY



\$396,850
MEDIAN HOME VALUE (2025)



53%
OWNER OCCUPIED



PROPERTY TAX RATE
HAS REMAINED THE
SAME OR HAS
DECREASED
THE PAST TEN (10) YEARS



47%
RENTAL PROPERTY





CITY OF **FORT MITCHELL**



MISSION STATEMENT

To deliver responsible, professional and community services, be a responsible steward of public resources and foster a community environment where citizens and businesses can thrive for generations.



VISION STATEMENT

The City of Fort Mitchell exists to be a model Kentucky community where residents are proud to live, businesses thrive and our family-friendly culture continues over generations.

STRATEGIC GOALS

Goals

Goal Objective:

Responsible and Sustainable Government

A responsible and sustainable city government is one that plans for unforeseen circumstances, operates within its means, and establishes goals for the future. The City of Fort Mitchell will maintain adequate revenues, control spending, and maintain a level of infrastructure and services that residents expect of their city government.

Proficient and Professional Public Safety

Public safety is the most pivotal service provided for residents. The City of Fort Mitchell is committed to reducing crime in our city, keeping citizens safe, and encouraging community help in that effort. The City will strive to provide world-class fire and emergency response services for residents and community stakeholders.

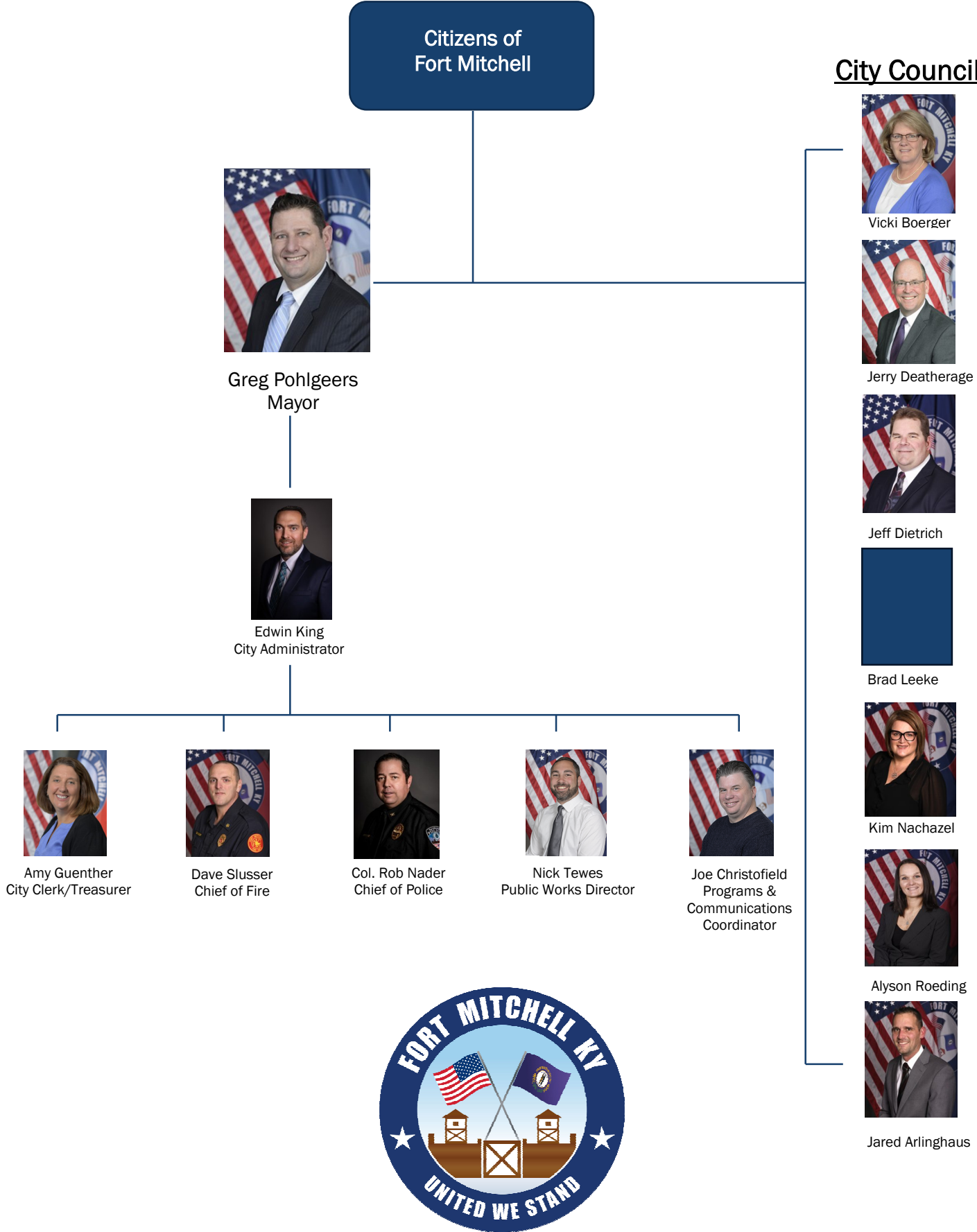
Prioritize Economic Development

The City of Fort Mitchell will continue to promote economic opportunities within the Fort Mitchell Gateway Development, while promoting business growth in other areas of the City including the Downtown Corridor. The City will strive to cut administrative red tape to encourage development while preserving the unique character of the City.

Strong Community

The City of Fort Mitchell will continue to promote strong neighborhoods and community through adequate, effective, and equitable code enforcement. The City will prioritize opportunities to increase walkability and provide enriched community activities for residents.

City of Fort Mitchell Leadership Chart



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Alyson Roeding, Representative



MEMORANDUM

To: Members of City Council and Department Heads
From: Mayor Greg Pohlgeers
Date: May 29, 2026
Subject: Mayor's Budget Message for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027

I am pleased to present the proposed FY 2026–2027 budget for the City of Fort Mitchell. This proposal reflects our commitment to providing dependable public services, managing taxpayer dollars with care, and supporting a community where families and businesses can continue to succeed well into the future. It also reflects the priorities we continue to hear from our residents: safe community, well-maintained infrastructure, responsive services, and sound financial management.

As a new Mayor, I am grateful for the strong foundation built over the past several years through the work of Council, City staff, and engaged residents. My commitment is to continue that progress and build on Fort Mitchell's recent successes by delivering reliable services and keeping our City government accountable, transparent, and responsive.

In developing this budget, we focused on maintaining the strong level of service our community expects, addressing near-term needs without losing sight of long-term sustainability, and protecting the City's financial stability. The proposed plan is balanced, conservative in its revenue assumptions, and mindful of inflationary pressures that continue to affect operations and capital costs. Highlights of this budget include:

General Fund

Revenues

The General Fund Revenue budget includes the following noteworthy items:

- **No tax rate increases;**
- No increase in waste fees this year;

Expenses

The General Fund Expense budget includes the following noteworthy items:

- Three to four percent increase in employee wages for cost of living and merit increases;
- New Property tax collection software and IT vendor will be procured;

- Police staffing 18 full-time police officers, including two SROs;
- Fire staffing 19 full-time firefighter/EMS employees;
- IP Alerting System required as part of Kenton County alert system upgrades;
- Trash receptacle replacement throughout the City.

Municipal Road Aid Fund and Road Tax Fund

The City has budgeted for:

- Newly constructed Royal Drive and Regal Way title will be transferred back to the City;
- Installation of speed humps at various locations throughout the City;
- Sidewalk repair to eliminate trip hazards throughout the City;
- Sunnymede/Requardt Realignment Construction;
- Summit Avenue Realignment;
- East Orchard Resurfacing;
- Leslie Avenue Resurfacing;
- St. Johns Resurfacing.

Park Tax Fund

The Park property tax rate will remain the same. The Park Tax Fund budget includes pickleball court routine repairs, volleyball court drainage project, concrete sealing, and Iris Park basketball court improvements.

Capital Fund

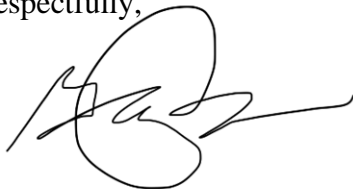
The Capital Replacement Fund budget includes construction of a dog park, Dixie Highway sidewalk design, generator for Administrative offices, relocation of siren pole, two police vehicle replacements, one fire/EMS SUV replacement, small dump truck purchase, and public works pickup truck replacement.

Conclusion

The budget builds on sound financial practices established in recent years by maintaining appropriate fund balance levels, planning for known future obligations, and aligning spending with sustainable revenues.

Thank you for your continued leadership and partnership. By working together, we can preserve what makes Fort Mitchell such a special place to call home while continuing to create opportunities for local businesses and maintaining the welcoming, family-oriented character that defines our community.

Respectfully,



Greg Pohlgeers
Mayor