City of Thibodaux 2027 Proposed Budget

Organized expenditures and capital projects | Working review prepared November 13, 2026

Purpose. This report organizes the city's 2027 proposed spending, identifies named projects, and compares the draft budget with recommendations raised at the council pre-budget conference. Proposed amounts are **not** verified final appropriations.

1 Overall financial picture

Measure	2027 proposed
Expenditures excluding interfund transfers	$64,290,433
Capital expenditures included above	$15,368,975
Revenue including transfers in	$56,753,065
Expenditures including transfers out	$67,962,426
Projected ending aggregate fund balances	$51,743,057

Budgeted revenues and expenditures use different transfer presentations. Do not add interfund transfers twice. Aggregate fund balances are projected to decline by approximately $10.55 million during 2027. *Source: proposed budget, printed pages 6–8 and 13.*

2 Major departmental spending

Department	Operating / other	Capital	Total
Streets and drainage	$5,606,875	$11,419,939	$17,026,814
Police	$11,800,874	$503,000	$12,303,874
General administration	$2,065,218	$1,600,000	$3,763,267*
Parks and recreation	$2,941,492	$795,000	$3,736,492
Water distribution	$1,883,432	$330,000	$2,213,432
Sewer lift stations	$1,575,739	$290,000	$1,865,739

*General administration also includes $98,049 in debt service. Departmental totals include expenses that are not discrete new projects. *Source: Exhibit A, printed page 6.*

3 Named roads, bridge and drainage projects

Project / expenditure	2027 amount	Budget page
Canal Boulevard Bridge — improvements	$9,329,939	196
Canal Boulevard Bridge — professional services	$400,000	196
LA 648 / Acadia Road — professional services	$400,000	196
Drainage — professional fees	$500,000	196
Tiger Drive overlay — professional services	$150,000	197
Canal Boulevard overlay — professional services	$150,000	197

The Canal Bridge lines total **$9,729,939** in proposed expenditures. A separate $6,079,963 DOTD revenue item is a financing source, not an additional project expense. The entire capital-project fund totals $10,932,939 including miscellaneous expenses. *Source: printed pages*

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4 Parks and recreation capital projects

Project	2027 amount
Peltier Park — other improvements (LPG)	$300,000
Municipal Pool — improvements	$200,000
Peltier Park — building improvements	$90,000
Eagle Park — building improvements	$50,000
Harang recreation facilities — building improvements	$50,000
MLK Park — building improvements	$50,000
Chiasson Park — equipment	$20,000
Daigle Park — equipment	$10,000
Other parks capital items	$25,000
Parks capital total	**$795,000**

A further **$150,000** is proposed for capital improvements at the municipal auditorium, accounted for separately. *Source: Parks and Recreation and Auditorium departmental details.*

5 Other capital spending

Department / purpose	2027 amount
General administration	$1,600,000
Police	$503,000
Public Works vehicles and equipment	$440,000
Water distribution	$330,000
Sewer lift stations	$290,000
Community Development Block Grant projects	$240,000
Sewer maintenance	$21,036
Gas distribution equipment	$15,000

These are allocations **within** the $15.37 million capital total, not additional expenses. Public Works includes $420,000 for vehicles and $20,000 for other equipment. *Source: Exhibit A and departmental line items.*

6 Council meeting requests compared with the budget

Council recommendation	Meeting amount	Finding in draft
Ben Harang — comprehensive drainage study	$100,000 approx.	No separate study amount identified; $500,000 drainage professional-fees line exists.
Chad Mire — fix deficiencies from earlier drainage study	$300,000	No distinct $300,000 project line identified.
Chad Mire — additional drainage projects	$500,000	Drainage professional fees: $500,000; relationship unconfirmed.
Chad Mire — fire hydrant program	$250,000	Check detailed water-distribution accounts and project scope.
Chad Mire — master sewer plan	$250,000	No separately named master-plan line identified.
Chad Mire — gas distribution project	$750,000	No matching named project identified; gas distribution capital equipment: $15,000.
Mike Naquin — deferred-maintenance fund	Up to $500,000 per year	No separate dedicated fund identified in reviewed summaries.

A missing separately named line does not prove a request was rejected. It may be included in a general account, changed, deferred, or later amended. The mayor’s proposal and the council’s eventual adopted budget must be compared separately.

7 Project accountability questions

• **Specific scope:** What exactly is to be built or repaired, and where?

• **Cost:** What is the original approved amount, current estimate, and spending to date?

• **Schedule:** When will the project start, and when is completion expected?

• **Responsibility:** Which department and individual report progress?

• **Citizen reporting:** What changes, delays, and results will be publicly reported?

Bottom line. The proposal provides substantial allocations, especially for the Canal Bridge and drainage-related professional services. But general-purpose appropriations do not consistently identify the deliverable projects, schedules, or public reporting commitments needed for effective oversight.

Sources: attached City of Thibodaux 2027 Proposed Annual Budget and the previously supplied meeting transcript. This is an analytical working report, not certified minutes or an adopted budget.