



Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 5/29/2025

Effective Date: 7/1/2025

Reference No.: CR-061-2025

Chapter Number:

Draft No.: 1

Public Hearing Date:

Proposer(s): Burroughs

Sponsor(s): Burroughs, Watson and Hawkins

Item Title: A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS OF THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION AND THE RECOMMENDATION OF WATER AND SEWER RATES AND AD VALOREM TAX LEVIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 for the purpose of adopting the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating and Capital Budgets of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and the recommended Water and Sewer Rates and Ad Valorem Tax Levies for Fiscal Year 2026.

Drafter: Kathleen H. Canning, Legislative Attorney
J. Kenneth Battle, TIEE Committee Director

Resource Personnel: Kathleen H. Canning, Legislative Attorney
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Alex Hirtle, Budget & Policy Analyst, A&I

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
05/29/2025	County Council	introduced	
	Action Text: This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Burroughs, Watson and Hawkins.		
05/29/2025	County Council	adopted	
	Action Text: A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Hawkins, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 8 Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Hawkins, Olson, Watson, Ivey and Burroughs Absent: 1 Oriadha Abstain: 1 Harrison		

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

Section 17-202 of the Public Utilities Article, of the Annotated Code of Maryland, requires the joint WSSC operating and capital budgets. This resolution recommends that WSSC adopt an 9.5% combined rate increase in fixed fees and water and sewer rates. The joint approval of both Councils is required to increase operating expenditures above the amount approved for Fiscal Year 2026. Any changes to the Operating or Capital Budget categories that exceed the approved categories by 5% or greater require prior Council approval. For changes below the 5% limit, the Commission may authorize the transfer of funds between categories.

FY2026 Water and Sewer Operating Budget - \$1,130,501,300

FY2026 General Bond Debt Service - \$2,595,900

TOTAL FY2026 Operating Budget - \$ 1,133,097,200

FY2026 Capital Budget - \$ 696,815,600

TOTAL FY2026 Operating and Capital Budget - \$1,829,912,800

Combined Volumetric/ Fixed Fee Rate Increase - 9.5%

Water and Sewer Rate Schedule (eff.: July 1, 2025. See Appendix C)

Account Maintenance Fee - (Fee varies by meter size. See Appendix D)

Infrastructure Investment Fee - (Fee varies by meter size. See Appendix E)

SDC Fee - \$208 per fixture

Water Production - 162.0 million gallons per day

Authorized Work-Years - 2,040

Document(s): R2025061, CR-061-2025 Appendix C, CR-061-2025 Appendix D-F