A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Monday, June 8, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Nashua High School North Lecture Hall B166.

President Lori Wilshire presided; City Clerk Daniel Healey recorded.

Prayer was offered by City Clerk ; Alderman Michael B. O'Brien led in the Pledge to the Flag.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance.

The roll call was taken with 10 members of the Board of Aldermen present: Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Smith (arrived late), Alderman Thibeault, Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Gregg, Alderman Sennott, Alderman Johnson, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Morgan, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Wilshire.

Alderman Clemons, Alderman Ravan, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Sullivan were recorded absent.

Mayor James W. Donchess, Corporation Counsel Steve Bolton, and CFO Dawn Enwright were also in attendance.

Alderman Wilshire to turn the Budget Public Hearing over to Vice-Chairman Sennott.

Vice-Chairman of the Budget Committee.

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MOTION CARRIED

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Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderwoman Vengerflutta Smith
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman-at-Large Alicia Gregg
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

RELATIVE TO THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NASHUA GENERAL, ENTERPRISE, SPECIAL REVENUE AND GRANT FUNDS

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Dowd open the Public Hearing on the FY27 Budget at 7:06 p.m.

Introduction of Mayor Jim Donchess to present an overview of the Budget.

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The meeting was declared closed at 10:41 p.m.

Attest: Dan Healey, City Clerk

FY 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

JUNE 8, 2026

CITY OF NASHUA,
NEW HAMPSHIRE

JIM DONCHESS,
MAYOR

Proposed FY27 Budget:
General Fund & Enterprise Funds

$384,288,315

General Fund
(Operating & Capital)

$60,753,157

Enterprise Funds
(Wastewater & Solid Waste)

Budget Impacts & Considerations

Fixed Costs	Salaries *Contractual obligations, unaffiliated compensation, COLA* Fringe Benefits State & County Mandates Additional Fixed Costs *Utilities, software licenses, IT infrastructure, debt service, etc.*
Other Impacts	Inflation & Market Conditions Operational Needs Quality Service Delivery

Increase over FY26 Budget: 6.4%

School Funding Sources

FY26 Adopted Budget

State Adequacy Aid: $65.6M

City General Fund: $125.7M

New Hampshire is ranked **50th** in state government education funding.

Source: United States Census Bureau - 2024 Public Elementary-Secondary Education Finance Data - Fiscal Year 2024.

Summary Tables: Percentage Distribution of Public Elementary-Secondary School System Revenue by Source and State.

FY27 Escalating Fixed Costs

Medical Benefits (Employer Cost)	$3.4M increase	↑ 7.5%
Contract Services - Special Ed.	$1.8M increase	↑ 51.4%
School Transportation	$1.7M increase	↑ 15.8%
Out of District Tuition - Special Ed.	$1M increase	↑ 16.1%
County Tax	$1.7M increase	↑ 10%
Insurance Policies & Claims (Non-Medical)	$1.5M increase	↑ 19.5%

FY27 Notable Additional Costs

Landfill Phase IV Debt Service - $1.35M

PD Body Cameras - $900K

FY27 Department Proposed Budget Cuts

Major Contributors:

Schools: Reduction of 56 positions - $2.4M

Schools/Admin. Services: Consolidation of IT departments - 1 position - $100K

FY27 Mayor's Proposed Budget Cuts & Realized Savings: $4.7M

Major Contributors:

Reduced Salaries & Wages by $1.73M

Reduced CERF Appropriation by $2M

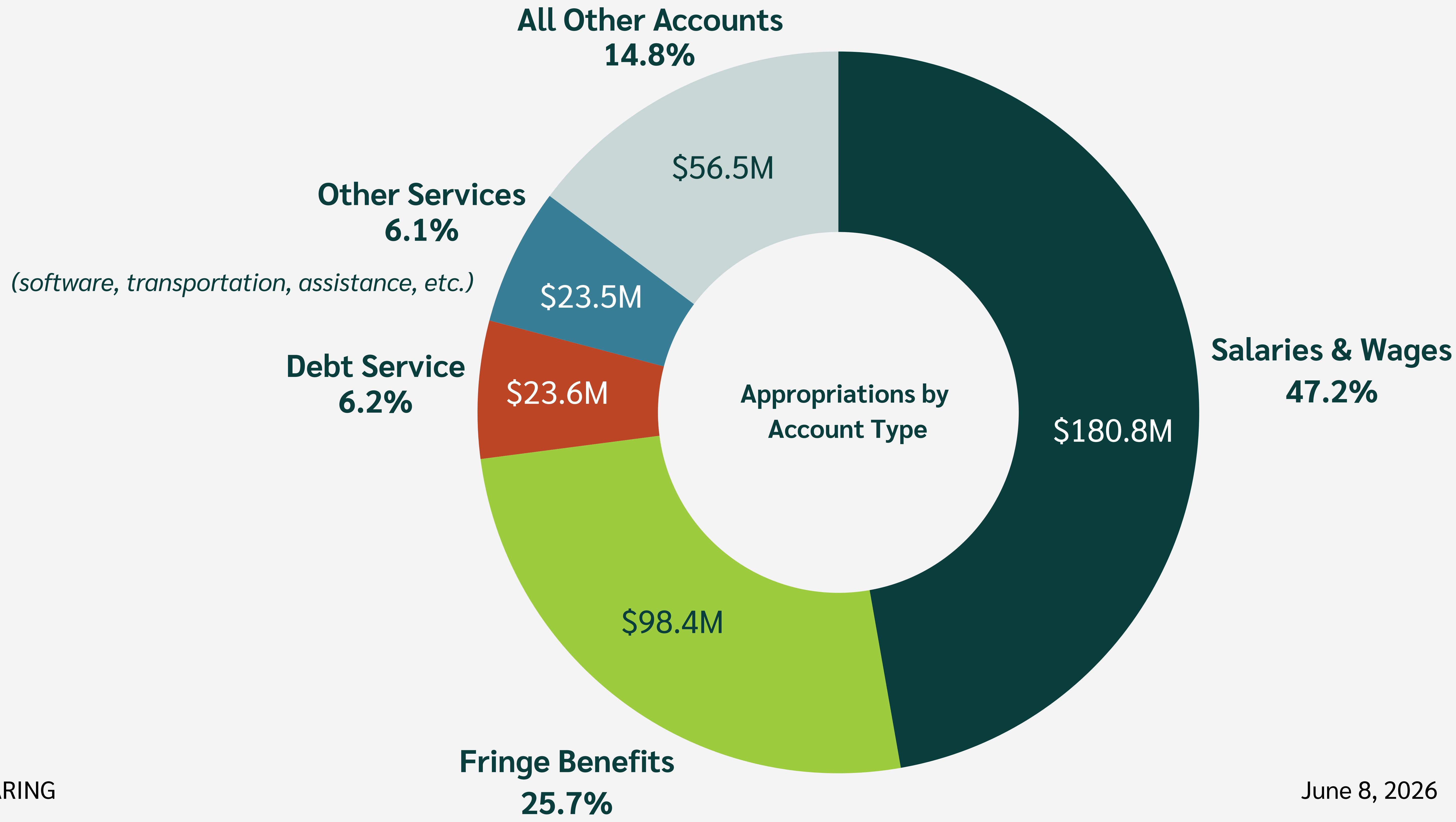
Reduced School Budget Recommendation by $668K

Reduced Contingency by $250K

Reduced Hydro Capital Reserve by $250K

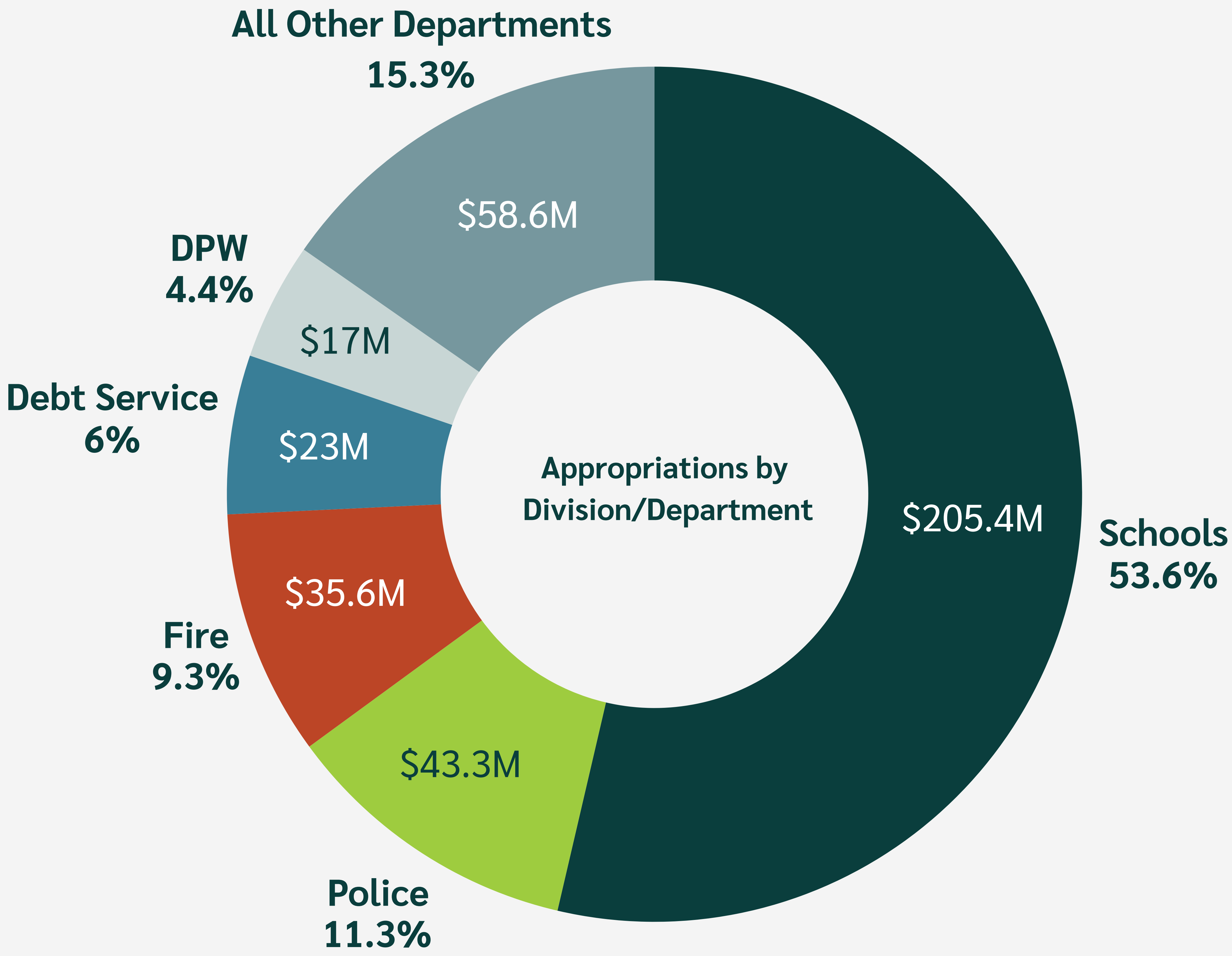
FY27 General Fund

APPROPRIATIONS BY ACCOUNT TYPE



FY27 General Fund

APPROPRIATIONS BY DIVISION/DEPARTMENT



Cost of Medical Benefits Year Over Year

FY24: 9% increase

FY25: 13% increase

FY26: 10% increase

FY27: 8% increase

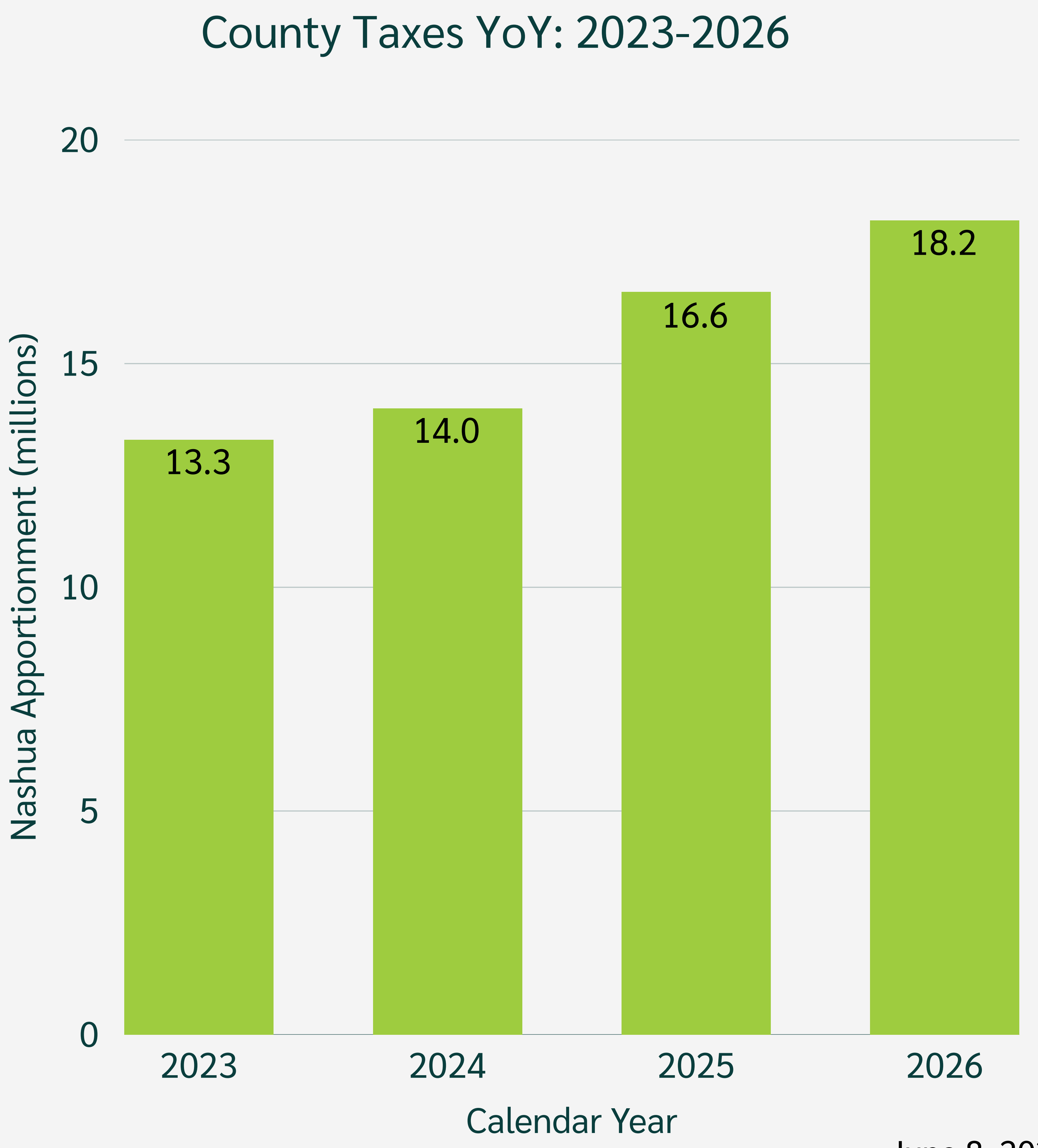
County Taxes Year Over Year

2024: 5% increase

2025: 19% increase

2026: 10% increase*

**Projection using Commissioners’ Proposed Budget*



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Thank You