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ANSONIA BOARD OF ALDERMEN PUBLIC HEARING

May 19, 2025
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On May 19, 2025, the Ansonia Board of Aldermen shall conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed City Budget for the fiscal year 2025-2026. A copy of recommended expense reductions for both the City-side (recommended by the Finance Department) and School-side (recommended by the Board of Education) is available online at the City website (Cityofansoniacom) and on file with the Ansonia Town & City Clerk, 253 Main St, Ansonia, CT 06401.

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ANSONIA BOARD OF ALDERMEN SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

DISCUSSION & POTENTIAL ACTION: Proposed City Budget FY25-26

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Potential Purchase of Property: Pulaski Highway

POTENTIAL ACTION: May 23, 2025 Referendum

ADJOURNMENT

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Proposed \$471,173.16 reduction in proposed City-side Budget:

The following expense reductions recommended by the Ansonia Finance/Budget Department will result an overall reduction (sub-zero percent increase) in City-side spending from last fiscal year.

- **\$320,877.61** - Reduction in Staff; combination of Supervisory and Clerical Full-time/Part-time (non-emergency service) position layoffs.
- **\$55,464.56** - Elimination of all overtime (weekend) hours relative to the operation of the Ansonia Transfer Station.
- **\$27,940** - Reduction in Legal Fee/Claims budget.
- **\$12,591.00** - Discontinuation of City membership to Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM).
- **\$34,300.00** - Reduction of City aid to local nonprofit and charitable organizations.
- **\$10,000.00** - Reduction of expenditures on new equipment for Ansonia Fire Department
- **\$10,000.00** - Cancellation of 2025 Memorial Day Parade



Round #1

Proposed \$403,305 Budget Cut to Ansonia Schools

- \$81,680 - No New AP Math & Science Textbooks: High school students preparing for college and STEM careers will be without updated materials, putting them at a disadvantage compared to peers in neighboring districts.
- \$13,800 - Loss of Middle School ELA Consumables: Our new literacy program will be undercut before it begins, limiting access to the books and materials that make reading come alive.
- \$28,000 - Reduction in Basic Student Supplies: Crayons, paper, musical instruments, and art materials—tools essential to early learning and creativity—will be drastically reduced.
- \$19,752 - Cuts to Afterschool Programs (Elementary & Middle School): Working families will lose safe, structured environments for their children beyond the school day.
- \$48,752- No Full-Time Lead Security/Safety Officer: Our ability to ensure a safe, responsive environment for students and staff will be compromised.
- \$11,120 – Cancel subscriptions for on-line Math programs: Kami and Tang Math. These programs are digital platforms that support differentiated instruction for classrooms with diverse needs. These programs are purchased to aid in student learning and to assist parents at home.
- \$45,000 - Elimination of all middle school sports: Cutting these programs limits opportunities—especially for students who rely on school as their primary outlet for extracurriculars.
- \$25,000 - Elimination of high school junior varsity (JV) sports, JV sports equipment, JV uniforms, JV refs, trainers at JV events, and transportation to events: Eliminating JV sports narrows the pipeline

to varsity and may lead to reduced participation overall, discouraging students from staying involved in school activities.

- \$23,303.70 – Reflex Math subscription: this math program aids in student fluency of and automaticity with basic math facts. Math fluency helps greatly in accessing high level math classes.
- \$55,000 - Cuts to building maintenance and repairs: Deferred maintenance leads to deteriorating learning environments. Leaky roofs, broken HVAC systems, and aging facilities can directly affect health, safety, and the ability to focus in class—compromising the overall educational experience for students and staff.
- \$52,000 - Elimination of all technology upgrade purchases: Without regular upgrades, students and teachers will be working with outdated or nonfunctional technology. The newest update to Windows 11 will not be possible on some of our outdated equipment increasing the potential for system shutdown and cybersecurity risks. Additionally, this limits access to digital learning tools, slows instruction, and widens the digital divide, particularly when preparing students for 21st-century careers and postsecondary education.

