The City of Camden Budget in Brief provides an overview of the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

All Funds

**General Fund** – ad valorem taxes levied on real and personal property. It provides the resources necessary to sustain the day-to-day activities and thus pays for administrative and operating expenses. (73.1 mils) $9,174,711

**Project Improvement Fund** – ad valorem taxes levied on real and personal property. These are restricted funds used to pay for special projects, grant fund matching and capital improvements. (13.8 mils) 488,700

**Paving Fund** – ad valorem taxes levied on real and personal property. These are restricted funds used to pay for paving and associated projects. (10.2 mils) 368,700

**Utility Fund** – an enterprise (or business) fund segregated for the express purpose of providing resources for the electric, water and wastewater activities. 30,772,846

**Local Source Revenue Fund** – a separate fund used for the express purpose of promoting, maintaining and advancing tourism. These funds come from 2% Hospitality Taxes (on prepared food and beverages), Accommodations Taxes levied on hotel stays and permit fees issued for Sunday alcohol sales. 820,000

**Total** $41,624,957

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**General Fund**

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<td><strong>Expenditures</strong></td>
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<td>6,062,067</td>
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<td>208,521</td>
<td>206,621</td>
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In the General Fund:

- Revenues are flat but considered stable.
- Proposed 4.2 mil tax increase (4.2 mils=$148,600).
- Operational expenditures are projected to be at or near current year levels.
- Personnel expense are proposed to increase to cover an average 3% salary increase. This expense is $182,275.
- Proposed 10% Fire Service fee increase.
- Proposed 10% Commercial Sanitation Fee increase.
## Project Improvement Fund

### Revenues

- Dedicated 13.8 mils $488,700
- Carryover FY 2014/15 200,000

**TOTAL** $688,700

### Expenditures

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<td>Railroad ROW—Greenway Consultant</td>
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<td>Concrete Rear Ramp (Fire Station 2)</td>
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<td>Repair/Paint Fire Station 2</td>
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<td>Three Police Vehicles&lt;sub&gt;3&lt;/sub&gt;</td>
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<td>Pumper Truck (Fire)&lt;sub&gt;4&lt;/sub&gt;</td>
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<td>Contingency</td>
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**TOTAL** $688,700

1. Amortized for 3 years (1 year remaining)
2. Amortized for 3 years (2 years remaining)
3. 3 year lease
4. 5 year lease
5. 5 year lease

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## Utility Fund

### Revenues

- Electric Division $22,429,792 $23,788,346 6.06 %
- Water Division 4,270,000 4,295,000 0.59
- Sewer Division 2,536,500 2,601,500 2.55
- Misc Income 82,000 88,000 7.32

**TOTAL** $29,318,292 $30,772,846 4.96 %

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<td>5,527,874</td>
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**TOTAL** $29,318,292 $30,772,846 4.96 %

Proposed 3% electric rate increase.
Utility Fund Infrastructure Repairs and Improvements

**Neighborhood Rehabilitation**

Kendall Mill Village, Lyttleton, Fair, and the Sarsfield, Chesnut, Lakeview, East Hampton area. This project would address electric, water and sewer needs of an aging system. This is a multi-year project.

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**PROJECT TOTAL** $548,000

**Electric Maintenance Projects**

Each year, City staff recommends a list of specific locations selected based on the number of outages reported and age of the wires.

- Carter Street
- Chesnut Ferry Road
- Kirkwood Circle
- Riverwind Apartments
- Sunnyhill Drive
- Knights Hill Road

**TOTAL** $236,050

**DOT Truck Route**

The City is required to relocate its utilities in some areas that would be directly impacted by the proposed DOT Truck Route. This project is divided into 3 segments which will be spread out and completed over an estimated 2-3 year period.

**Segment 2 (FY 2015-2016)**

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**PROJECT TOTAL** $548,000
Local Source Revenue Fund

Revenues

ATAX for Community Grants $35,000
ATAX for Tourism Designated Agency 15,000
Hospitality Tax 700,000
Beer & Wine Permits 9,000
County Funds/Tourism Director 31,000
Lease Income 30,000
Carryover 2014/15 100,000

TOTAL $920,000

Local Tourism and Tourism Promotions

Community Grants $100,000
SCPRT Tag Grant Match—Spring Garden Show 3,000
Fishing Tournament Sponsorships 32,500

Tourism Related Cultural, Recreational & Historic Facilities

Price House Enhancements 8,000
Camden Archives & Museum Programming 15,000
Rhame Arena Debt Service* 295,000
Ross Beard Gun Collection** 100,000
Park Improvements 50,000

Advertising and Promotions for Tourism Development

Digital Media Marketing Initiative 15,000
Brochure Printing 8,000
TODS Signage 2,000
SCPRT Tag Grant Match—Branding Continuation 45,000
SCPRT Tag Grant Match—Archives Exhibits, Research 20,000
Tourism Microsite Planning & Photography 26,800
Website Enhancements 9,400
Tourism Special Events 50,000
Event Sponsorships 8,000
Advertising Creative Planning 15,000
City/County Partnership—Tourism Director 100,000
Contingency 17,300

TOTAL $920,000

*Committed Year 1 of 15  
**Committed Year 2 of 7

Paving Fund

Revenues

Dedicated 10.2 mils $368,700
Carryover FY 2014/15 0

TOTAL $368,700

Expenditures

TOTAL $368,700

The Budget in Brief FY 2015-2016 was developed March 2015.  
For questions about the budget, please contact the Finance Department.