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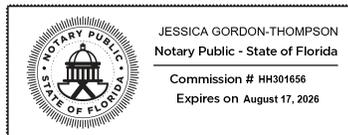
**Notice Name:** 2026 Budget Public Hearing Notice

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Kansas that the foregoing is true and correct.

*Ankit Sachdeva*

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Agent



**VERIFICATION**

State of Florida  
County of Orange

Signed or attested before me on this: 09/04/2025

*J. Thompson*

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Notary Public  
Notarized remotely online using communication technology via Proof.

**NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING**

The governing body of  
**City of Manhattan**

will meet on September 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM at City Hall - City Commission Room for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds, the amount of ad valorem tax and the Revenue Neutral Rate. Detailed budget information is available at City Hall - Department of Finance and will be available at this hearing.

**SUPPORTING COUNTIES**

Riley (home county) Pottawatomie

**BUDGET SUMMARY**

Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual for 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget for 2026		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	36,518,805	6.080	36,333,964	11.884	49,525,595	9,060,100	12.100
Debt Service	19,182,976	3.662	21,395,860	0.663	40,409,765	496,500	0.663
Library	3,102,000	4.183	3,279,900	4.268	3,430,750	3,215,321	4.294
106 Employee Benefit	6,600,685	2.902	6,004,991	2.912	6,073,579	2,180,000	2.912
107 Fire Equipment Reserve	677,247	1.098	925,531	1.101	1,488,308	824,000	1.101
108 KP&F	1,586,323	1.456	1,533,067	1.461	1,574,100	1,094,000	1.461
109 General Improvement	60,914		73,939		350,000		
110 Industrial Promotion	151,968		275,768				
112 Library Employee Benefit	720,800	0.987	749,147	0.984	850,000	751,460	1.004
113 Park Development			968				
124 Riley County Police Dept	21,344,367	28.560	23,054,328	29.836	24,624,922	23,153,844	30.924
Special Highway	3,779,793		1,038,373		4,430,000		
102 City University	500,000		625,000		745,000		
103 Aggieville BID	73,891		78,000		76,000		
104 Downtown BID	101,091		106,500		109,800		
105 Economic Development	5,200,497		3,098,199		7,878,617		
114 Recreation & Trails	4,338,895		5,587,102		6,250,000		
115 Sales Tax	8,205,317		7,417,900		7,800,000		
116 Special Alcohol	515,500		644,847		800,000		
117 Special Park & Recreation	711,661		440,606		1,506,000		
119 Special Sunset Zoo	882,763		708,239		939,500		
121 Tourism & Convention	3,825,090		2,998,005		2,885,000		
127 Downtown Redevelopment	2,474,068		2,774,000		2,887,000		
129 Special Street Maintenance	1,083,730		3,937,776		6,700,000		
130 Risk Management Reserve			146,000		148,000		
134 Equipment Reserve	65,000		65,000		65,000		
135 Parking Management	764,768		946,130		704,058		
501 Water	14,263,450		17,459,188		29,091,900		
521 Wastewater	11,451,867		14,425,720		28,161,000		
531 Stormwater	5,513,500		6,711,823		8,852,100		
607 Fleet Management	1,232,495		1,289,100		1,671,450		
608 IT Management Fund	2,499,966		3,334,852		3,794,577		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>157,429,427</b>	<b>48.928</b>	<b>167,459,823</b>	<b>53.109</b>	<b>243,822,021</b>	<b>40,775,225</b>	<b>54.459</b>
<i>Revenue Neutral Rate**</i>							<i>51.156</i>

Less: Transfers	0	0	0
Net Expenditure	157,429,427	167,459,823	243,822,021
Total Tax Levied	34,020,196	38,302,742	xxxxxxxxxxx
Assessed Valuation	695,316,409	721,201,197	748,742,096
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,			

	2023	2024	2025
G.O. Bonds	100,470,000	126,520,000	126,005,000
Revenue Bonds	29,815,000	21,635,000	13,955,000
Other	213,074,432	173,826,091	163,666,993
Lease Purchase Principal	4,775,963	4,011,678	2,714,327
Total	348,135,395	325,992,769	306,341,320

\*Tax rates are expressed in mills

\*\* Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988

**Danielle Dulin**

City Official Title: City Manager