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Statement from Mayor Lori M. Stone in Response to Warren City Council's Adopted Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

I want to thank the members of City Council for their work and collaboration through this year's budget process. Working together, City Council adopted the proposed Executive Budget with few substantive changes, demonstrating that our coequal branches of government are listening to residents and delivering on what they care about most.

Overwhelmingly, City Council was in agreement with the Executive Budget as originally proposed on April 13th. It was helpful for Council to be in attendance for the budget presentation as a jumping off point. I appreciate the opportunity to attend Council's budget meetings to better understand their questions and concerns. Together, we produced a fiscally responsible budget that ensures city services while continuing to invest in the future of Warren.

The Fiscal Year 2027 budget maintains our communities' priorities, including improvements in infrastructure, continued investments in public safety, the revitalization of parks and recreation, and fueling economic development throughout our community. I also appreciate that community outreach and promotional efforts were included in this budget, as residents have made clear that they expect local elected leaders to engage directly with the community and remain accessible.

Adopting a budget is only the beginning. The real measure of success will be how effectively we work together in implementing these priorities over the next fiscal year. My administration and department leaders remain committed to collaboration and focused on delivering reliable city services, improving accountability, and ensuring taxpayer dollars are used responsibly.

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