



# News Release

## CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

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### ***Council Approves First Read of the Annual Budget***

At the September 13 meeting, Council held a public hearing and approved the first read of the FY 22-23 Budget. The assessed valuation came in at a 7% increase in property tax revenue, which provides an additional \$1,023,465 with most of that available for maintenance and operations. The tax rate will be decreased from \$0.56302 to \$0.546825. Sales tax revenues are projected to increase by 2.8% over last year's budgeted amount. The 2023 base budget is \$20,952,086, which is a 1.7% increase over last year's budget. A \$390,653 supplemental budget is also included. Key initiatives and projects this year include continuation of the School Resource Officer program with LISD providing additional funding for the second officer, Doubletree Ranch Park splash pad resurfacing and installation of fencing, a drainage improvement plan, reconstruction of streets, completion of the Chapel Hill trail connection, and an increase in overtime to move police officers to a bi-weekly 84-hour schedule. A [video](#) was presented at the meeting providing a summary of the budget and the projects and initiatives planned for the year. The final read of the budget will be approved at a special meeting on Tuesday, September 20.

Council approved a resolution approving the annual rate adjustment with Community Waste Disposal for the solid waste, recycling, and household hazardous waste collection contract. As part of the City's contract with CWD, updated rates can be considered annually effective on Oct. 1. The annual rate adjustments are based on three criteria: the Dallas/Fort Worth Consumer Price Index, the change in US Price of Natural Gas Sold to Commercial Customers Index, and the percentage change in the gate rate charged to CWD by the disposal site they utilize. This is the fourth requested adjustment for the five-year agreement term which began on September 1, 2018 and ends on September 30, 2023. Residential bills will change from \$18.83 to \$20.75 per month and senior rates will change from \$16.95 to \$18.71 per month.

City Council approved a resolution authorizing a contract with Sunbelt Pools for the removal, disposal and replacement of the splash pad surface at Doubletree Ranch Park.

During Mayor and Council announcements, Mayor Dan Jaworski presented proclamations for Live United Month and National Suicide Prevention Month.

The City Council early work session and regular session is available on HVTV (Frontier 43) and via website live streaming at [www.highlandvillage.org/hvtv](http://www.highlandvillage.org/hvtv) and on the City's YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/highlandvillagetx](http://www.youtube.com/highlandvillagetx). The meetings are also available for on-demand viewing on the city [website](#).