

Budget Summary

- Net budget for the City of College Station totals \$341,203,557 for all funds.
 - \$270,032,470 is included for the operations and maintenance budget
 - \$71,171,087 is included for the capital budget.

Property Valuations

- Property values have continued to increase, although at a slower pace than in recent years and there has been an increase in development of property that is exempt from property taxes.
- Net **taxable** certified value of property is \$9,921,267,927
 - This is a 5.79% increase over 2018.
 - Existing property values increased by 1.88% over 2018 in total.
 - Taxable new value is \$308,201,513
 - Property value still under protest is of \$3,793,149 for the current year.
 - Property value with open lawsuits for all years is \$1.358 billion
- The continued growth of College Station, combined with legislative changes brought about by the 86th Texas Legislature, will impact the way the City provides for its citizens.

Budgeting Strategy

- This budget was prepared to **strategically plan** for the uncertain needs of the future while also delivering to our residents the quality of service they have come to expect.
 - Police Staffing results indicated the need for:
 - 20 patrol officers
 - 1 training officer
 - 2 investigators
 - 3 civilian police assistants.
 - Fire Department is undergoing a similar study with the objectives of
 - Determining appropriate existing staffing levels
 - Potential staffing needs for Fire Station No. 7, which is currently planned for FY22.

Tax Rate

- To provide for current and future needs of the growing City, the FY20 Proposed Budget includes a tax rate of 53.4618 cents per \$100 assessed valuation and which is a \$2.8778 cents per \$100 assessed valuation increase in the overall tax rate.

The following chart shows the two components of the tax rate and compares last year's tax rate to this year's proposed tax rate.

	FY19	Change	Proposed FY20
Debt Service Fund	22.0339	0.1105	22.1444
General Fund	28.5502	2.7672	31.3174
	50.5841	2.8777	53.4618

*Rates above are stated cents per \$100 assessed valuation

- Effective tax rate is 49.5757 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.
- Rollback tax rate is 53.4618 cents per \$100 assessed valuation
- Each cent on the tax rate generates approximately \$820,000 in revenue

Service Level Increases

Public Safety - Police Department

- Five (5) Patrol Officers and Two (2) Vehicles
- Five (5) Police Assistants

Public Safety - Fire Department

- Six (6) Firefighters using SAFER Grant Award
- Station 4 Building Maintenance

Core Services and Infrastructure - Public Works

- Attenuator Truck #2
- Facility Maintenance - Corrective Increase (Year 6/10)

Core Services and Infrastructure - Parks and Recreation

- Southeast Park Crew Leader, Grounds Worker and maintenance equipment

Core Services and Infrastructure – Municipal Court

- New Operating Software Implementation Costs

Diverse Growing Economy – Economic Development

- Economic Development Coordinator

Sustainable City – General Government and Information Technology

- Cybersecurity Service
- Firewall Refresh
- Retain Replacement Software for Open Records Requests

Core Services and Infrastructure/Growth - Electric Utility

- Comprehensive Cost-of-Service Study
- Asset Management System for Substations and Protection & Control Devices
- Relay Foreman and Vehicle
- Electric Project Coordinator / Designer
- No rate increase for FY20

Core Services and Infrastructure/Growth - Water Services

- Water rate restructuring review concurrent with Wastewater
- Rate increase of 15% to meet the capital project requirements of a growing city

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- Wastewater rate restructuring review concurrent with Water
- Collection flow monitoring equipment
- No rate increase for FY20

Core Services and Infrastructure/Growth – Solid Waste

- Street sweeper vehicle and operator

Core Services and Infrastructure/Growth – Northgate

- Surveillance Camera System Maintenance
- Funding for the temporary Boyett Street closure on peak nights

A full listing of the service level adjustments can be found in Appendix B of this document.

Compensation and Benefits

- Wage Adjustments proposed are;
 - 2% scale movement for all positions
 - 1.5% pool for merit performance pay for all non-step positions.
- Employee Benefits Contributions proposed are;
 - 8.5% for City contributions
 - 3.0% for Employee contribution

Significant Capital Projects with planned activity during FY20 include:

- Final construction of the new Police Station
- Construction activities of a new City Hall
- Royder Road Phase II
- Greens Prairie Road from City Limits west of Woodlake to Royder Road
- Jones Butler intersection improvements
- Continued Smart Meter installation for the Electric Utility

- Final construction activity for the Graham Road Substation
- Construction activities of the Rock Prairie Road Elevated Water Storage Tank
- Construction activities of Northeast Sewer Trunkline Phase III
- Improvements to the Carters Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant centrifuge
- Construction activities for the Lick Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion
- Completion of Southeast Park Phase I

A complete list of the projects that have been appropriated along with additional details is included in the budget as well as in the Capital Project Budget Supplement.

Next Steps

- **Aug 22** - Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate Hearing #1
- **Sept 12** – Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate Hearing #2
- **Sept 12** – Proposed Budget Public Hearing
- **Sept 26** – Tax Rate Adoption
- **Sept 26** – Budget Adoption