

City of College Station

Proposed FY 2021 Budget

Budget Time line

- The city council will discuss the budget in detail in three days of budget workshops, each beginning at 1 p.m. Monday-Wednesday.
- The proposed budget will be posted on the city website (cstx.gov/budget).
- Public hearings on the budget and tax rate will be August 13.
- The council is scheduled to adopt the budget and tax rate August 27.

Key Budget Considerations

1. **COVID-19** pandemic has overshadowed every aspect of City operations since March. Maintaining financial sustainability of the City and as many core services as possible is the dominant theme of the FY21 budget.
2. Proposed FY21 budget of \$312.8 million is **down over 8%** compared to the FY20 budget.
3. Next year, **sales tax revenues are projected to be down \$1.7 - \$4.6 million**. Budget prepared using the worse-case scenario.
4. Property values, as set by the Brazos County Appraisal District, are projected to increase by about 2%. Existing property values projected to be slightly higher than last year (less than 1%). New property values make up most of the increase. **Proposed property tax rate to remain the same, 53.4618 cents.**
5. **Hiring freeze of 55-60 positions** and **expenditure reductions totaling over \$5 million**. Existing employees are being asked to do more as the number of city workers per 1,000 citizens declines.
6. Should budget decreases continue beyond next year, significant services performed by the City will be reduced.
7. **Next year, Hotel Tax revenues projected to be down 73%**. Establish a tourism function in the City of College Station and invest available Hotel Tax resources in these efforts.
8. **Capital Budget reduced by 1/3**. Continue with key planned projects, while delaying others.
9. There are **no utility rate or fee increases** included in the proposed budget.