



CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN
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AGENDA – BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, July 15, 2025

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Highland Haven Community Center

1. Open Meeting and Establish Quorum/Roll Call– Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Terry Nuss	☐ Present	☐ Absent
Aldersperson Don Hagans	☐ Present	☐ Absent
Aldersperson Bruce Robertson	☐ Present	☐ Absent
Aldersperson Lynn Smith	☐ Present	☐ Absent
Aldersperson Terry Smith	☐ Present	☐ Absent

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Recognize Visitors

4. Announcements, Proclamations, or Presentations

5. Public Comment

(At this time, any person with business before the BOA not scheduled on the agenda may speak to the Board. No formal action can be taken on these items at this meeting. No discussion or deliberation can occur. Comments regarding specific agenda items should occur when the item is called.)

ACTION ITEMS

6. Consider Consent items:

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a. Meeting Minutes for Budget Workshop – July 1, 2025

b. Meeting Minutes for Regular BOA – July 1, 2025

c. Sales Tax Report June 2025

d. Water Usage Report June 2025

7. Discussion and/or Possible Action – Resolution #375 to approve Burnet Central Appraisal District's Renovation of Real Estate at 215 S. Pierce, Burnet, Texas.

DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS

8. Discussion – FY 2026 Budget

a. Budget Discussion

b. Budget Calendar

9. Review Planning and Zoning Commission Recommendations to BOA

10. Review assignments for the Planning and Zoning Commission
 - a. Review of current Planning and Zoning assignments
 - b. The next regular P&Z meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2025, at 6:00 pm.
 - c. Legislative impacts
11. Flood Events
 - a. Impact to Highland Haven
 - i. Dry creek debris removal
 - b. Impact to Burnet county
 - c. Flood relief donations
 - d. After action disaster planning
12. Legislative Updates
 - a. City Administrator's Update
 - b. Special Session - Legislative Update
 - i. Legislative "Speak Up" initiative
13. Drainage Issues
14. Review Water System
 - a. Maintenance and Operations Issues
 - i. Generator Repairs
 - ii. Shady Acres Septic Line
 - b. Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District
 - i. Pumping Permit
 - ii. Drought Status – Stage 4
 - iii. 15% Mandatory Water Restrictions
15. I.T. Update
 - a. I.T. contractor update
 - b. Firewall issues
 - c. Equipment replacement
16. Review Solid Waste Services
17. Mayor's Report
18. Aldermen Comments

Next Regular meeting – Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., Highland Haven Community Center

Adjournment.

Posted: July 10, 2025

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Sarah Collard
Sarah Collard, City Secretary



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MINUTES – BOARD OF ALDERMAN BUDGET WORKSHOP

DATE: Tuesday, July 1, 2025

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: Highland Haven Community Center

1. Open Meeting and Establish Quorum/Roll Call– **Mayor Kelley called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.**

Mayor Pro Tem Terry Nuss	☐ Present	☒ Absent
Alderman Don Hagans	☒ Present	☐ Absent
Alderman Bruce Robertson	☒ Present	☐ Absent
Alderman Lynn Smith	☒ Present	☐ Absent
Alderman Terry Smith	☒ Present	☐ Absent

2. Pledge of Allegiance – **Mayor Kelley led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

3. Recognize Visitors – **Mary Chase and Tom Weaver**

4. Public Comment

(At this time, any person with business before the BOA not scheduled on the agenda may speak to the Board. No formal action can be taken on these items at this meeting. No discussion or deliberation can occur. Comments regarding specific agenda items should occur when the item is called.)

There were no public comments.

DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS

5. Discussion – FY 2026 Budget
6. Aldermen Comments

Next regular meeting – Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., Highland Haven Community Center

A motion to adjourn was made by Lynn Smith, seconded by Don Hagans.

Vote: 4-0

Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Olan Kelley, Mayor

Sarah Collard, City Secretary





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MINUTES – BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, July 1, 2025

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Highland Haven Community Center

1. Open Meeting and Establish Quorum/Roll Call– **Mayor Kelley called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.**

Mayor Pro Tem Terry Nuss	☐ Present	☒ Absent
Aldersperson Don Hagans	☒ Present	☐ Absent
Aldersperson Bruce Robertson	☒ Present	☐ Absent
Aldersperson Lynn Smith	☒ Present	☐ Absent
Aldersperson Terry Smith	☒ Present	☐ Absent

2. Pledge of Allegiance – **Mayor Kelley led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

3. Recognize Visitors – **Linda Enderlin, Debbie Dahlstrom, and Judy Kelley**

4. Announcements, Proclamations, or Presentations – Recognize service for outgoing Planning & Zoning Commission members Linda Enderlin, Marvin Filla, and Debbie Dahlstrom.

5. Public Comment

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Judy Kelley commented that the Board is doing a great job.

ACTION ITEMS

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a. Meeting Minutes for Budget Workshop - June 24, 2025

b. Meeting Minutes for Regular BOA – June 24, 2025

Don Hagans made a motion to accept the consent items, seconded by Terry Smith.

Vote: 4-0

7. **Discussion and/or Possible Action** – Financials May 2025

Bruce Roberston made a motion to postpone this item to the August 5, 2025 meeting agenda, seconded by Terry Smith.

Vote: 4-0

DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS

8. Discussion – FY 2026 Budget

a. Budget Discussion

i. Abbreviated presentation and report from Budget Workshop

- ii. Public comment
 - b. Draft Budget and Water Bond Discussion
- 9. Review assignments for the Planning and Zoning Commission
 - a. Review new state laws that may require changes to city ordinances
 - b. Review of current Planning and Zoning assignments
 - c. The next regular P&Z meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2025, at 6:00 pm.
- 10. Legislative Updates
 - a. Special Session Legislative Update
- 11. Drainage Issues
- 12. Review Water System
 - a. Maintenance and Operations Issues
 - i. Drought Plan issues
 - 1. Lawn irrigation complaints
 - 2. Saturday and Sunday only for lawn irrigation (LCRA)
 - b. Shady Acres Septic Line
 - c. Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District
 - i. Pumping Permit
 - ii. Drought Status – Stage 4
 - iii. 15% Mandatory Water Restrictions
- 13. Review Solid Waste Services
 - a. Waste Management Recycling Report
- 14. Mayor's Report
 - a. Budget submittal to City Secretary
 - b. Highland Haven Sign
 - c. Complaints about non-resident use of Dove Park
- 15. Aldermen Comments
- 16. City Staff Comments
 - a. City Administrator
 - b. City Secretary

Next Regular meeting – Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., Highland Haven Community Center

A motion to adjourn was made by Terry Smith, seconded by Bruce Roberston.

Vote: 4-0

Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Olan Kelley, Mayor

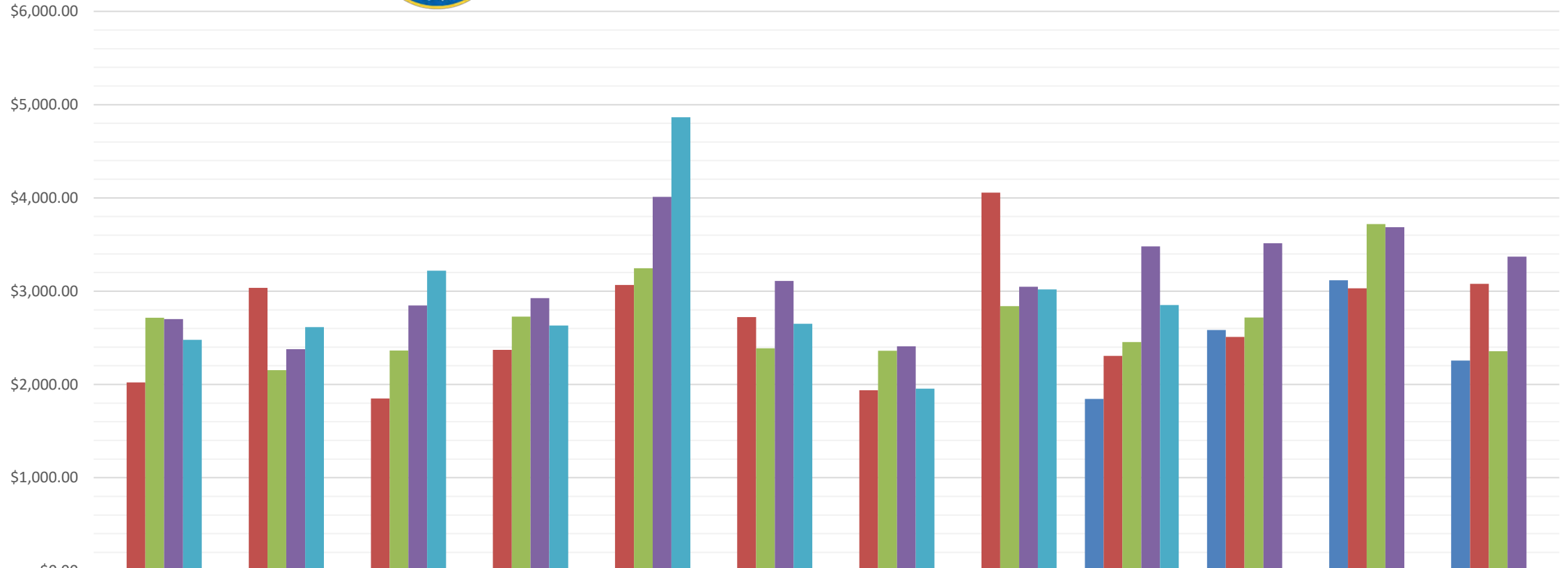
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City of Highland Haven Sales Tax

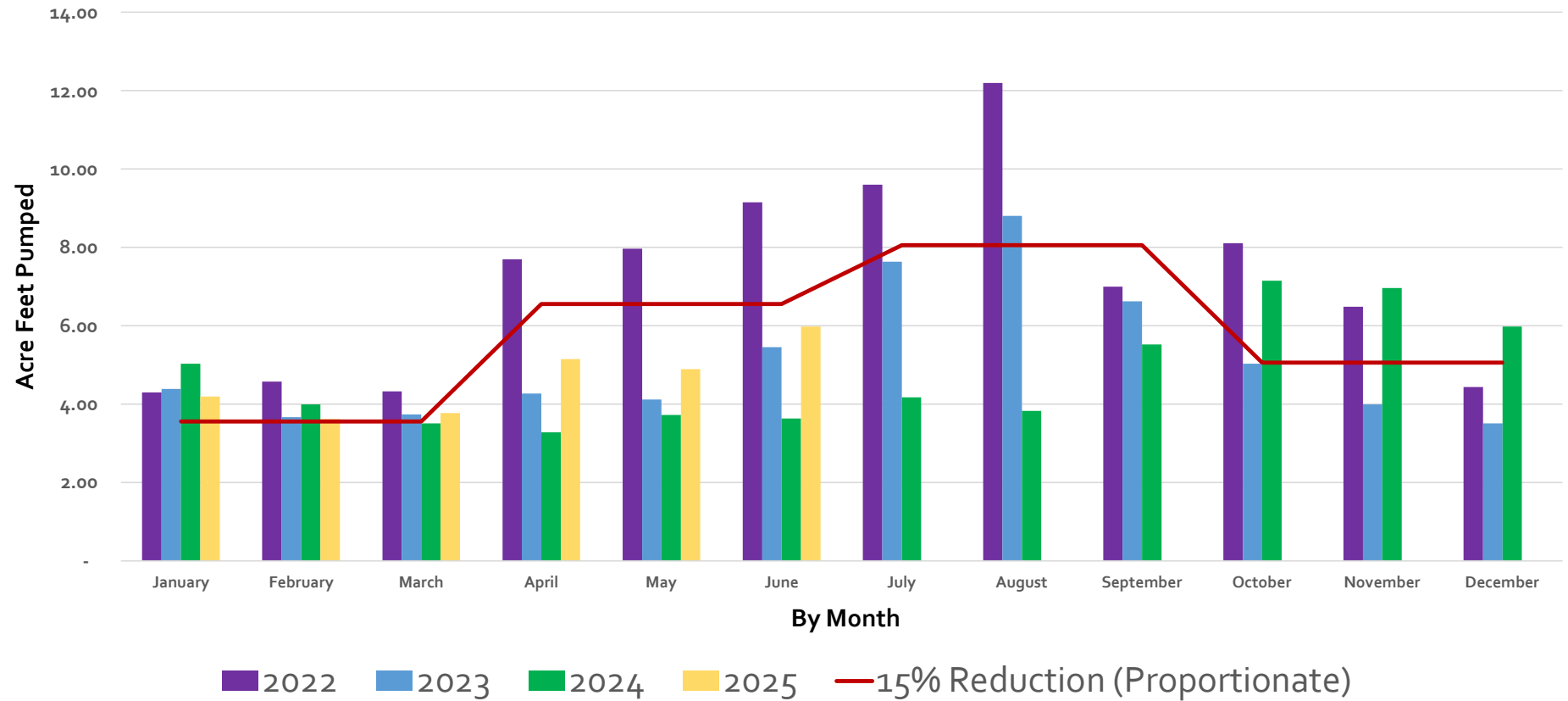
■ 2021 ■ 2022 ■ 2023 ■ 2024 ■ 2025



	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
■ 2021									\$1,844.82	\$2,584.64	\$3,115.81	\$2,256.74
■ 2022	\$2,020.88	\$3,036.41	\$1,848.93	\$2,369.89	\$3,067.90	\$2,721.37	\$1,939.03	\$4,057.71	\$2,305.26	\$2,508.50	\$3,031.97	\$3,078.37
■ 2023	\$2,715.96	\$2,153.70	\$2,364.18	\$2,728.03	\$3,246.73	\$2,388.05	\$2,361.84	\$2,838.98	\$2,453.38	\$2,716.50	\$3,720.53	\$2,357.56
■ 2024	\$2,701.28	\$2,377.70	\$2,847.22	\$2,924.52	\$4,011.63	\$3,108.80	\$2,409.33	\$3,047.22	\$3,481.26	\$3,514.60	\$3,685.36	\$3,369.76
■ 2025	\$2,478.94	\$2,614.17	\$3,219.00	\$2,631.93	\$4,864.60	\$2,651.26	\$1,954.35	\$3,019.03	\$2,850.69			



PUMPING – CITY WATER USAGE



RESOLUTION NO. 6-19-2025

WHEREAS the Burnet Central Appraisal District is a political subdivision of the State of Texas, created by the Texas Legislature pursuant to Section 6.01 of the Texas Property Tax Code and;

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Burnet Central Appraisal District hereby determines that there is a need to renovate the workspace to provide safer access for the taxpayers, safer environment for the employees of the district and provide more effective use of the space to meet the growing demand for services provided by the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Burnet Central Appraisal District finds it in the public's best interest to renovate the real estate located at 215 S. Pierce, Burnet, Texas at a cost of \$876,865; and

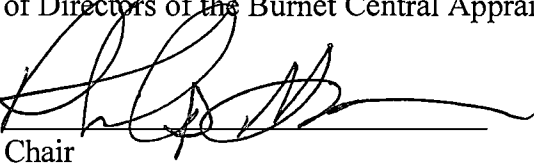
WHEREAS, there Board of Directors finds that renovating of the proposed real estate offers the most effective solution to provide the Burnet Central Appraisal District with the additional office space needed to house additional staff and service the taxing entities and the taxpayers of Burnet County; and

WHEREAS, Texas Property Tax Code Section 6.051 requires acquisition or conveyance of real property or renovation of a building by an appraisal district be approved by the governing bodies of three-fourths of the taxing units entitled to vote on the appointment of board members;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Burnet Central Appraisal District that it hereby proposes and authorizes the renovation of the real estate located at 215 S. Pierce, Burnet, Texas at a cost \$876,865; and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Appraiser of the Burnet Central Appraisal District shall contact the taxing units entitled to vote on the appointment of board members to the Burnet Central Appraisal District's Board of Directors in an effort to obtain the approval required by Texas Property Tax Code, section 6.051.

ADOPTED this 19th day of JUNE, 2025 by the Board of Directors of the Burnet Central Appraisal District.



Chair



Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 375

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN, TEXAS, APPROVING THE BURNET CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT'S RENOVATION OF REAL ESTATE AT 215 S. PIERCE, BURNET, TEXAS.

WHEREAS, the Burnet Central Appraisal District has demonstrated a need to provide safer access for the taxpayers, a safer environment for the employees of the district, bring the office into ADA compliance, and provide more effective use of the space to meet the growing demand for services provided by the District, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Burnet Central Appraisal District proposed and authorized the renovations of real estate at 215 S. Pierce, Burnet, TX; and

WHEREAS, Texas Property Code Section 6.051 requires acquisition or conveyance or renovations of real property by the appraisal district be approved by the governing body of three-fourths of the taxing units entitled to vote on the appointment of board members; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds exist in the budget and reserves of the Burnet Central Appraisal District to renovate the building and the District will not request from the taxing units any additional funds for this renovation project; and

WHEREAS, renovation of the proposed real estate offers the most effective solution to provide the Burnet Central Appraisal District with the additional office space needed to house additional staff and service the taxing entities and the taxpayers of Burnet County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN, TEXAS: that the Burnet Central Appraisal District's renovation of the real estate located at 215 S. Pierce, Burnet, TX in the amount of \$876,865 for the use of renovating the existing office facilities be approved.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Highland Haven, Texas on the _____ day of _____, 2025.

By: _____

Olan Kelley, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____

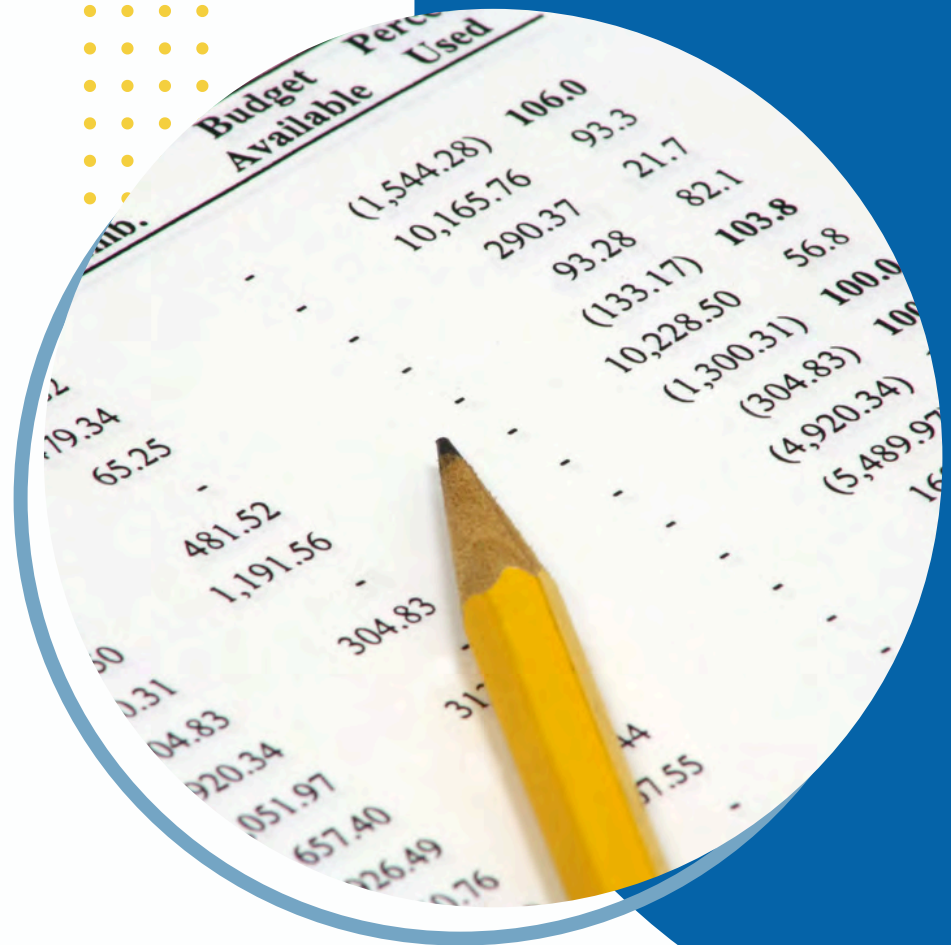
Sarah Collard, City Secretary





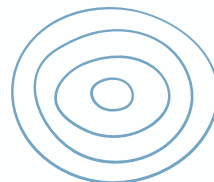
BUDGET PROPOSAL

FY 2025-2026



Date: June 24, 2025

Presenter: Andy Adams, City Administrator



BUDGET OVERVIEW

Goal:

Keep Highland Haven safe, beautiful, sustainable and affordable



1

Total Budget:

- General Fund = \$656,414
- Water Fund = \$379,534
- Solid Waste Fund = \$135,410
- **Total All Funds = \$1,171,358**

2

Key Features:

- Property tax increase: \$0.126 to \$0.155 per \$100 valuation
- No water rate changes for 2026 (rates stay the same)
- \$1,000,000 bond for water system investment (no debt service tax and no water rate increase)
- Balanced budget that applies stable revenues to offset fixed costs to better sustain the City for the future

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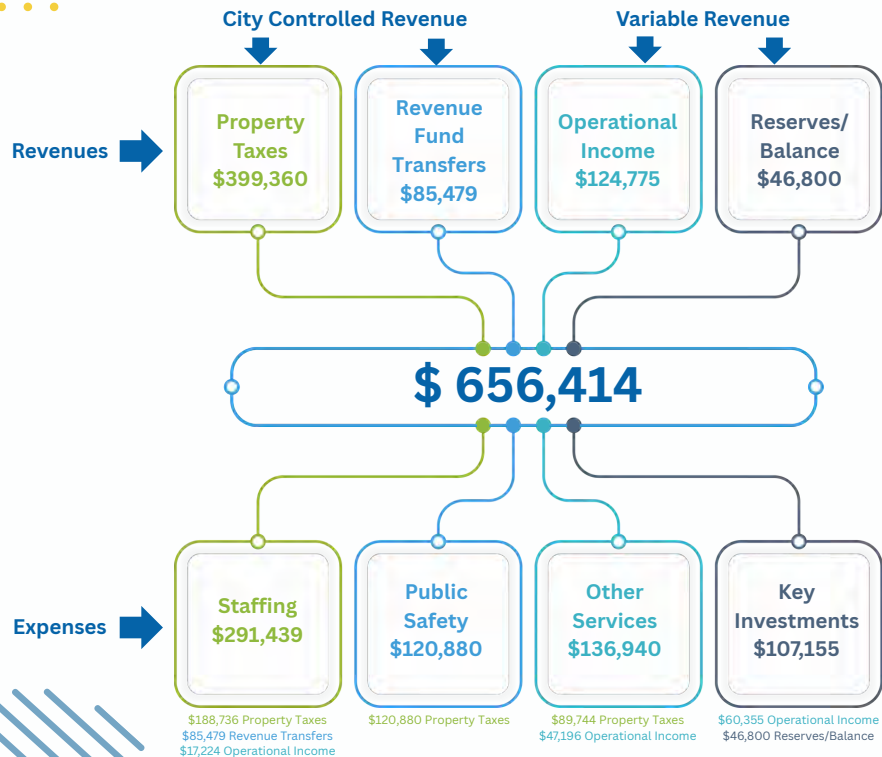
Community Input:

- Share feedback at Board of Aldermen meetings



GENERAL FUND

\$ 656,414



✓ City-Controlled Revenue: \$ 484,839

These are revenue sources that the city has direct control over: Property Taxes, Water Fund Transfers, and Solid Waste Fund Transfers. They should be used to pay for the essential costs of the city.

✓ Variable Revenue: \$ 171,575

These are revenue sources that are not guaranteed and can vary based on factors the city does not control. They should be used to pay for the operational costs of the city.

✓ Essential Costs: \$ 484,839

These include the majority of staffing, public safety, and required city services. These costs should be offset with stable city-controlled revenue sources.

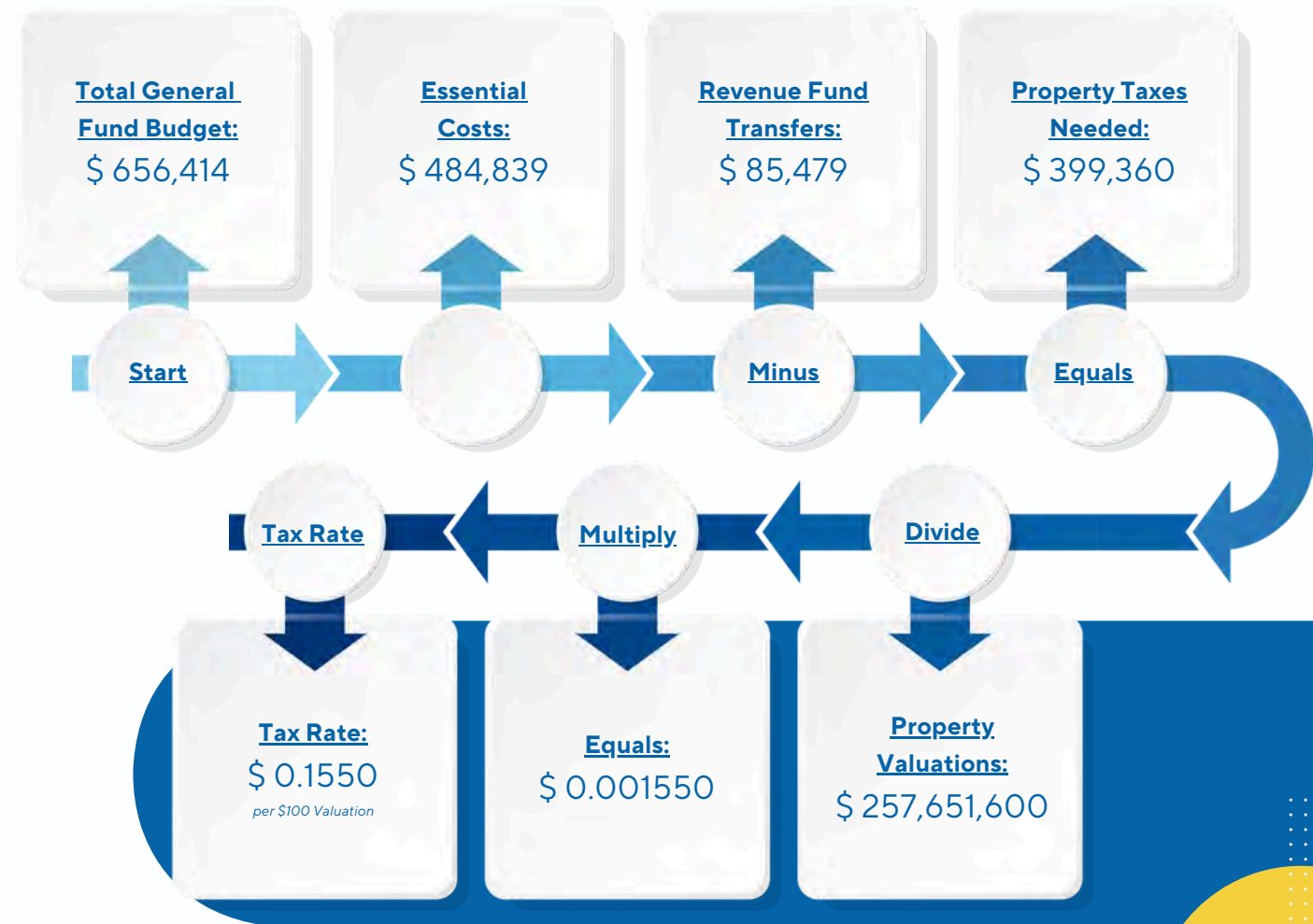
✓ Operational Costs: \$ 171,575

These are costs that can be variable, have their own direct revenue offset, or are projects. These costs should be offset with variable revenue.

PROPERTY TAXES

MODEST INCREASE, STILL LOWEST IN THE REGION

- **Proposed Rate:** \$0.155 per \$100 valuation (up from \$0.126)
- **Impact:** \$8-\$34/month increase for 80% of property owners
- **Why?:** Funds essential services (staff, public safety, required city services)
- **Comparison:** Still the lowest rate for a city resident in the region



PROPERTY TAX IMPACT

Assessments

- 375 assessed properties in Highland Haven
- 328 properties with homes
- Range of \$170,946 to \$2,796,849
- 80% of homes under \$1,200,000 (increase of ~\$8--\$34 per month)

Comparison

- 11 cities in region broken into small (under 2,000 people) and large (over 2,000 people)
- Average tax rate for small cities
 - \$0.2582
 - Highland Haven, Double Horn, Sunrise Beach, Meadowlakes, Cottonwood Shores
- Average tax rate for large cities
 - \$0.4661
 - Kingsland, Horseshoe Bay, Marble Falls, Granite Shoals, Bertram, Burnet

Tax Impacts on Ranges of Homes



- 82 homes assessed between \$170,946-\$427,338
- Average home \$345,267
- Current Tax for Avg. home (\$0.126): ~\$435
- Proposed Tax for Avg. home (\$0.155): ~\$535
- Impact: ~\$100 per year or ~\$8 per month



- 82 homes assessed between \$427,485-\$644,811
- Average home \$518,862
- Current Tax for Avg. home (\$0.126): ~\$654
- Proposed Tax for Avg. home (\$0.155): ~\$804
- Impact: ~\$150 per year or ~\$12 per month



- 82 homes assessed between \$653,433-\$1,100,000
- Average home \$868,216
- Current Tax for Avg. home (\$0.126): ~\$1,094
- Proposed Tax for Avg. home (\$0.155): ~\$1,346
- Impact: ~\$252 per year or ~\$21 per month



- 82 homes assessed between \$1,100,451-\$2,796,849
- Average home \$1,538,495
- Current Tax for Avg. home (\$0.126): ~\$1,938
- Proposed Tax for Avg. home (\$0.155): ~\$2,385
- Impact: ~\$447 per year or ~\$37 per month

Comparison with Region

Assessed Property of \$345,267

- Highland Haven: \$535
- Avg. Small City: \$891
- Avg. Large City: \$1,609

Assessed Property of \$518,862

- Highland Haven: \$804
- Avg. Small City: \$1,340
- Avg. Large City: \$2,418

Assessed Property of \$868,216

- Highland Haven: \$1,346
- Avg. Small City: \$2,242
- Avg. Large City: \$4,047

Assessed Property of \$1,538,495

- Highland Haven: \$2,385
- Avg. Small City: \$3,972
- Avg. Large City: \$7,171

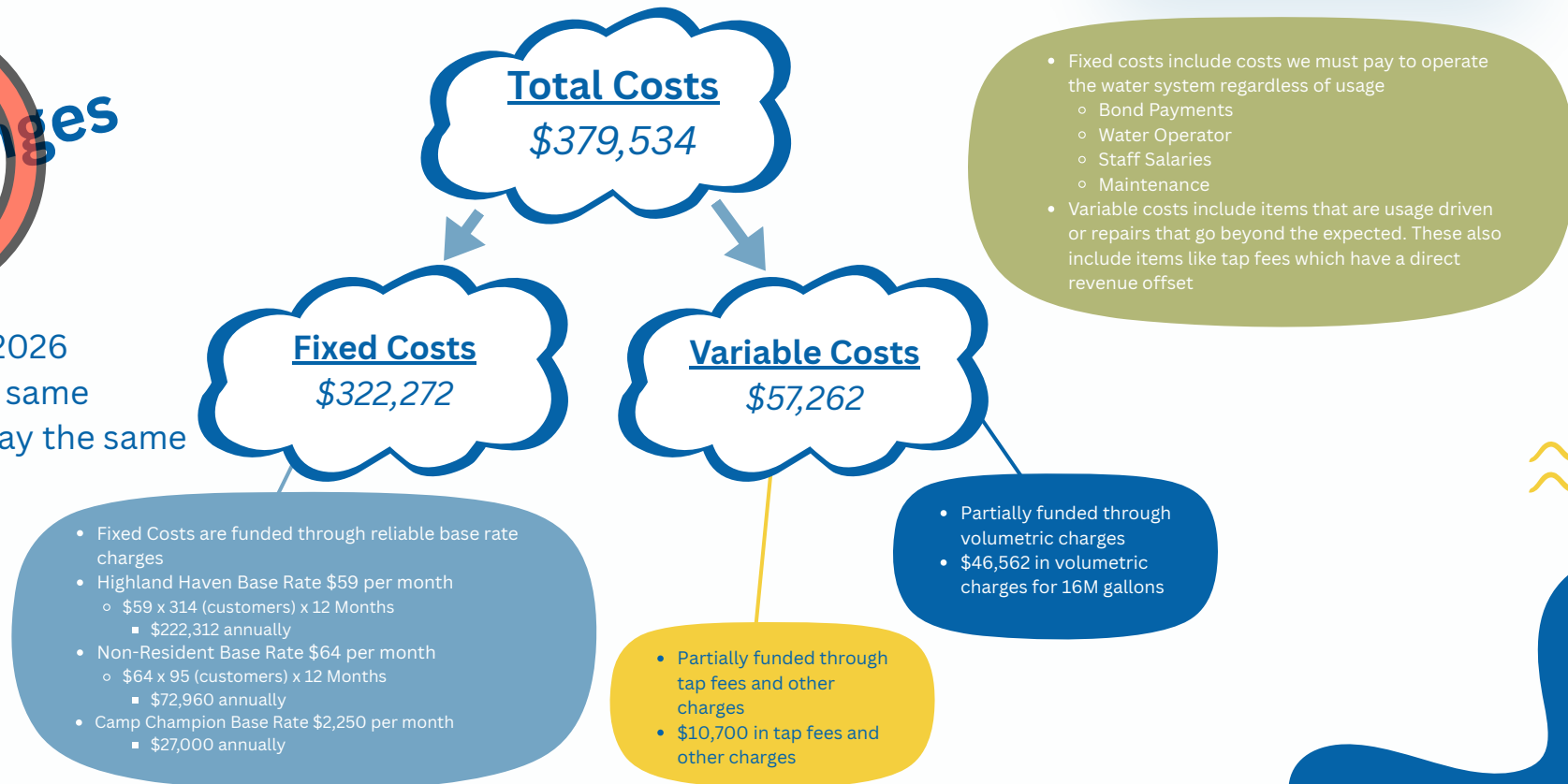
WATER FUND

\$ 379,534



No Rate Increases for 2026

- Base rates stay the same
- Volumetric rates stay the same





WATER INVESTMENT BOND \$1,000,000

Purpose:

- Purchase 8.35-acre parcel next to water plant
- Funds to be used to purchase land, and for water system upgrades like new water system generator, build out well #6, etc.

Benefits:

- Secures our two wells located on this property, eliminates royalty payments
- Ensures access to our main well
- Provides space for any needed future water system expansion
- Adhere to groundwater district rules (well spacing, CCA)

Financing:

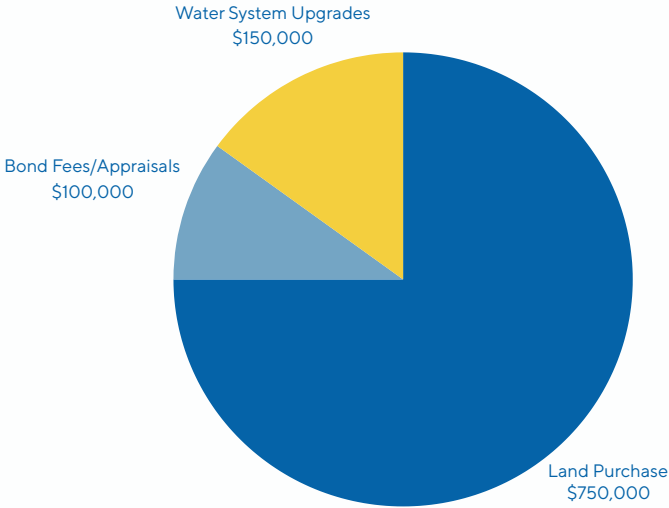
- No debt service tax or water rate increase
 - 2026-2027: Interest-only payments from reserves
 - 2028+: Water revenues cover payments

Recommended:

- 15-year bond (4.55%, 1.46M total cost)
- Average Payment 2028+: \$96,238 (less than current bond payments)



Bond Structure



SOLID WASTE FUND

\$135,410

Purpose:

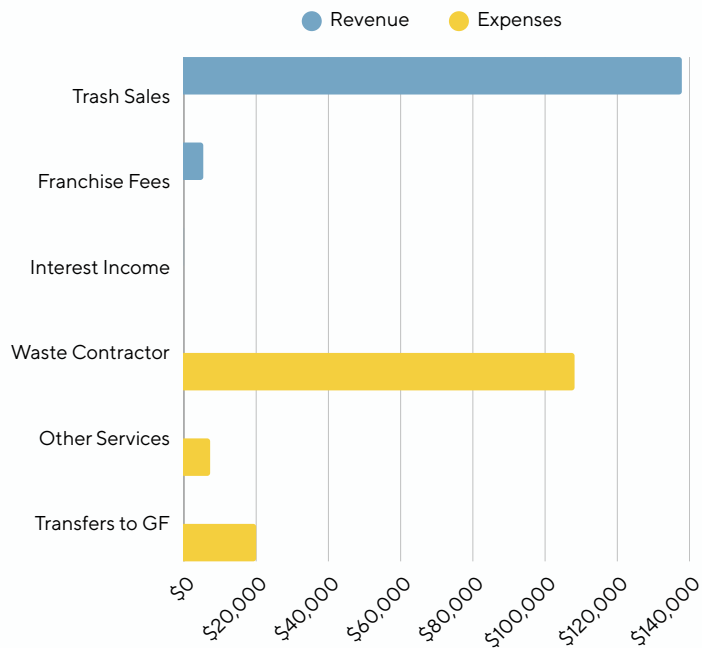
Funds Waste Management contract for consistent reliable trash service.

Benefits:

Fair pricing, consistent quality, supports other city services.

Customer Charges:

We have a contract with Waste Management which escalates each year. Prices for trash services match these escalations, and only change when the contract does.



WRAP UP

General Fund

\$656,414 for safety, staffing and essential services

Funds essential services and still the lowest tax rate in the region (\$0.155 per \$100 valuation)

Water Fund

\$379,534 for expenses and no rate increase

Water rates stay the same, and the water fund is balanced while still contributing revenues to the General Fund

Water Investment Bond

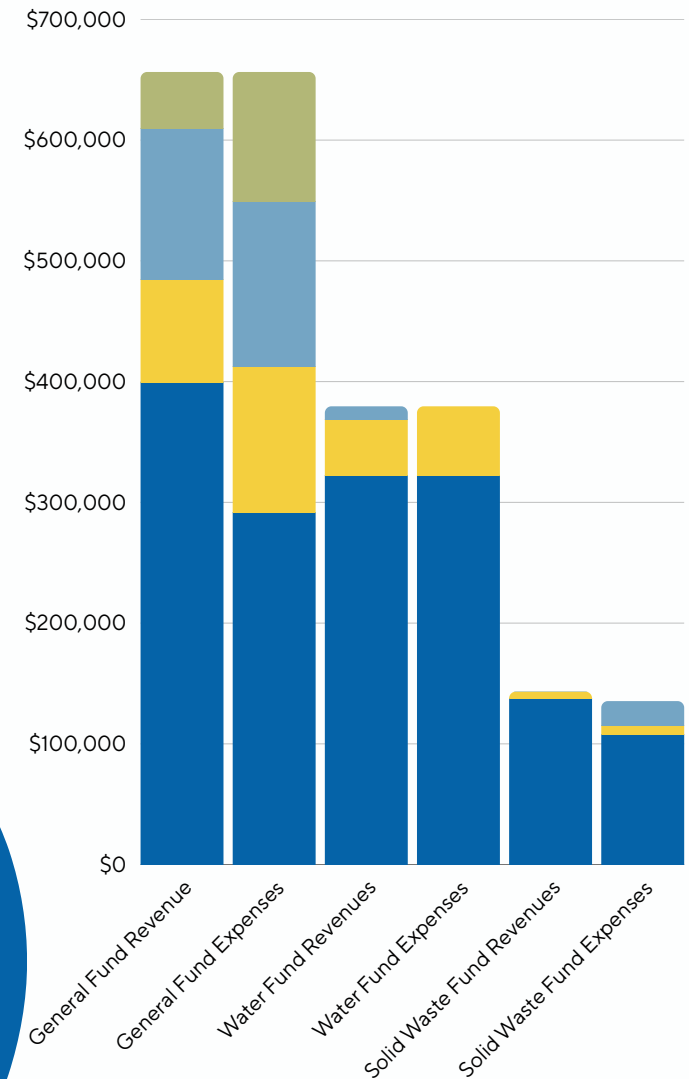
\$1,000,000 to secure our water system

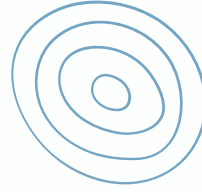
The bond helps secure the future of our water system and allows for us to provide some much needed upgrades to our water system. No debt service tax is created and water rates stay the same

Solid Waste Fund

\$135,410 for consistent reliable trash service

Covers the Waste Management contract in order to provide consistent, reliable trash service while contributing revenues to the General Fund





WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!!

Board of Aldermen Meetings

Attend all Board of Aldermen meetings and workshops to give your feedback

City Hall

Swing by City Hall (M-F 9a-5p) to chat with staff and give your feedback

Email

Email cityadministrator@highlandhaventx.com with any feedback on the budget

Website

Find information at www.highlandhaventx.com



July 2025

June '25							August '25						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
29	30						24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1 BOA Budget Workshop #3 - BOA (5:30 PM)	2	3	4 Closed - Independence Day	5
6	7	8	9	10 P&Z	11 *** File Budget with City Secretary for Aug. 12 Adoption (min. 30 days prior to tax rate adoption)	12
13	14	15 BOA	16	17	18 - Notice to Hold Bond Election runs in The Highlander Newspaper - Notice to adopt Commercial Zoning Ordinance runs in The Highlander Newspaper	19 *** <u>State Deadline to File Budget with City Secretary for Aug. 18 Adoption (30 days prior to tax rate adoption)</u>
20	21	22	23	24	25 Receive Certified Tax Values from County Appraiser	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	Notes *** There must be 30 days between filing budget with City Secretary and the actual adoption of the budget. Hard deadline from State of TX is July 19 for August 18 adoption, so must adjust dates accordingly.				

August 2025

July '25							September '25						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
27	28	29	30	31			28	29	30				

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 Budget Hearing Notice runs in The Highlander Newspaper	2
3	4	5 BOA Tax Rate Hearing Notice runs in The Highlander Newspaper	6	7 Deadline to Submit Tax Rates to BOA Publish Notice of Budget Hearing in Newspaper	8	9
10	11 Deadline for Proposed Tax Rate Approval Deadline to Post Internet and Newspaper for Tax Rate Hearing	12 BOA Special Mtg. - Public Hearing: Budget & Tax Rate - Adopt Budget - Pass Bond Election Ordinance	13 BOA Special Mtg. - Adopt Tax Rate - Pass Conditional Tax Rate Election Ordinance	14 P&Z	15	16
17 Deadline: Budget Hearing	18 Deadline: Adopt Budget Deadline: Adopt Tax Rate Deadline: Order Tax Rate Approval Election	19 BOA - Public Hearing for Commercial Zoning Ordinance. - Adopt Comm. Zoning Ord.	20	21	22	23
24	25 Deadline: Tax Rate Adoption (in certain circumstances)	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	Notes These meeting actions require a BOA Super Majority vote. *** There must be 30 days between filing budget with City Secretary and the actual adoption of the budget. Hard deadline from State of TX is July 19 for August 18 adoption, so must adjust dates accordingly.				



City Administrator's Update

HIGHLAND HAVEN

July 11, 2025



Together Through the Storm Supporting Our Neighbors and Strengthening Our Resilience

Dear Highland Haven Residents,

As we reflect on the recent devastating flooding across Central Texas, our hearts go out to those who have suffered, particularly our neighbors in Kerr County and other hard-hit areas. While Highland Haven was spared the worst of the impacts, parts of Burnet County, including areas around Lake LBJ, experienced significant damage, with road closures, property destruction, and ongoing recovery efforts. I want to reassure you that our city is taking proactive steps to support our community and prepare for future challenges, while also providing ways for you to help those in need.

Supporting Our Community

The recent flooding has left many in Burnet County facing significant property damage or total loss, often without insurance or adequate support. The Ark of Highland Lakes is leading local relief efforts, distributing warm meals daily to flood survivors, first responders, and volunteers at two locations: 800 Industrial Blvd., Marble Falls (8 a.m.–10 p.m., 11 a.m.–2 p.m., and 4 p.m.–6 p.m.), and 204 E. Graves St., Burnet (look for the A.N.D.Y. Trailer at First Christian Church). Residents can contribute by donating food or supplies at these sites or making financial contributions to support long-term recovery, which may extend for years, as seen after the 2018 floods. For more information about The Ark of Highland Lakes, please visit: [The Ark Flood Response](#). Local Highland Haven residents have already stepped up to help out, and if you'd like more information on who to contact to help, please reach out to cityadministrator@highlandhaventx.com

LCRA Water Safety Advisory

The Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) is urging residents to avoid boating on Lake LBJ, Lake Buchanan, and Lake Travis at night due to significant flood debris, including displaced boats and docks, which poses serious hazards. Daytime boating requires extra caution—boaters should slow down and watch for debris on and below the water's surface, as some marker buoys damaged by the floods may still be missing. Swimmers should stick to clear areas of the lakes, avoiding stagnant, smelly, or discolored water, as bacteria levels, including E. coli, remain elevated for weeks after flooding. For more information visit: [LCRA Press Release - July 10](#).

Strengthening Our Disaster Preparedness

While Highland Haven avoided the catastrophic impacts seen elsewhere, we are committed to ensuring our city is ready for any future disaster. We are reviewing our emergency response plans to incorporate lessons from this event, including enhancing communication plans and coordination with Burnet County and other state and local agencies.

A Call to Come Together

Highland Haven has always been a community that steps up in times of need. Whether through donating, volunteering, or simply checking on neighbors, your support makes a difference. Let's continue to show our strength and compassion as we help our community recover and rebuild. My door is open for any questions or concerns. Thank you for your resilience and commitment to Highland Haven.

As always, stay informed, stay involved, and thank you for being an engaged part of our community!

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