



# COMMUNITY CONNECTION



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# YOUR CITY COUNCIL







## MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

It's hard to believe how quickly this year has flown by--October marks the beginning of the new fiscal year for the City. The FY2025 budget process reflected the City's focus on efficiency and conservative finance.

We achieved a 6% reduction in the tax rate with the new rate of .591368 cents per \$100 valuation, the lowest in Taylor since 1997. It is also the smallest tax rate increase in the County.

This year's budget kicks off several exciting new projects in parks, drainage, streets, and sewer. The Wellness and Recreation Center Feasibility Study includes a community survey where we need your input! You can participate in the survey at [TaylorSurvey.org](https://TaylorSurvey.org) and attend the next public meeting at the Library on November 20 at 6:30pm.

I would like to thank staff and our Finance Department for their diligent work over the last few months in putting together this year's budget, and our City Council for planning ahead and funding projects that will benefit generations to come.

*Brian Laborde*



# BUDGET BRIEF

## FY 24-25 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

### The FY24-25 Budget Includes....

- \$1 Million in cash-funded Parks Projects
- Market Compensation Study Implementation
- \$1.4 Million in use-tax funded equipment replacement
- 1% decrease in property taxes for operations
- 6% decrease in tax rate
- \$1 Million in cash-funded utility improvements



Adopted Tax Rate - .591368¢



# PROPERTY TAXES

The 2024 average residential taxable value is \$239,342, a 7.9% increase from 2023.

	Average Valuation	X	Tax Rate	=	Total Paid	Increase from last year:
Pflugerville	\$364,433		.5428		\$1,978	7.71%
Leander	\$446,122		.417282		\$1,862	9.15%
Cedar Park	\$492,838		.363		\$1,789	4.80%
Williamson Co	\$390,283		.399		\$1,557	13.70%
Round Rock	\$432,447		.36		\$1,557	13.76%
Hutto	\$325,828		.459607		\$1,498	14.72%
Taylor	\$239,342		.591368		\$1,415	1.51%
Georgetown	\$387,170		.3647		\$1,412	2.33%

1/4 of all sales tax collected by the City/EDC is used to reduce property taxes. The Property Tax rate is reduced by 27¢, reducing the burden for the average homeowner by \$647.

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

\$100 Million budgeted for capital improvements in 2025.

### UTILITY FUND \$17.7M

- Repair or replace failing water and sewer lines
- Valve inventory program
- Lead service line inventory and replacements
- Wastewater treatment plant repairs, replacements, and upgrades

### DRAINAGE \$7.3M

- Donna Channel improvements
- Mustang Creek improvements
- Travis & Franklin improvements
- Burkett Street improvements
- Velma Drive improvements
- Old Thorndale improvements
- Tammi Lane improvements

### PARKS \$10.1M

- Murphy Park pool replacement
- Bull Branch pavilion replacement
- Bull Branch asphalt trail replacement
- Bull Branch Rotary Ball Field and restroom improvements
- Synthetic turf (2 fields) at Taylor Regional Park
- Trails, Sidewalks, and ADA Plan

### STREETS & SIDEWALKS \$15.3M

- TH Johnson and Lake Drive overlays
- 5th & Murphy Improvements

#### OTHER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Facilities Construction **\$43.9M**
- Airport Improvements **\$3.4M**
- Cemetery Building **\$650K**



# WELLNESS AND RECREATION CENTER STUDY

## Public Meeting Recap

The first public meeting meeting about the Wellness and Recreation Center Feasibility Study was a huge success. We had over 65 people in attendance and received invaluable input that will be included in the final results of the study. At the event, participants learned about the scope of the study, who is involved, the timeline, and opportunities for public participation. They also made their voices heard during a collaborative exercise where they wrote answers to questions on sticky notes and prioritized programming and recreation spaces around the room. The next public meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on November 20th at the Library.

## Public Survey

The public survey is now live! We have two surveys running simultaneously. The first is a scientifically valid survey with a random sampling of the community asked to participate to get a general idea of the community's thoughts and opinions. We are also providing a publicly accessible survey for everyone to participate in who are interested. The goal of this survey is to get the thoughts and opinions of those who care the most about the subject. These results will be presented at the next public meeting on November 20.

## What is next for the project?

The next step in the project includes the public survey and recreation center tours. Our steering committee, selected by the City Council, along with staff and our consultants will be touring a variety of recreation centers in the DFW area to see what works, what doesn't work, and identify things that they would like to see in Taylor and things that they do not want to see. These tours will be held on October 23-24.



Take the  
Survey





# HIGHWAY 79 SEWER MAIN

## Project Overview

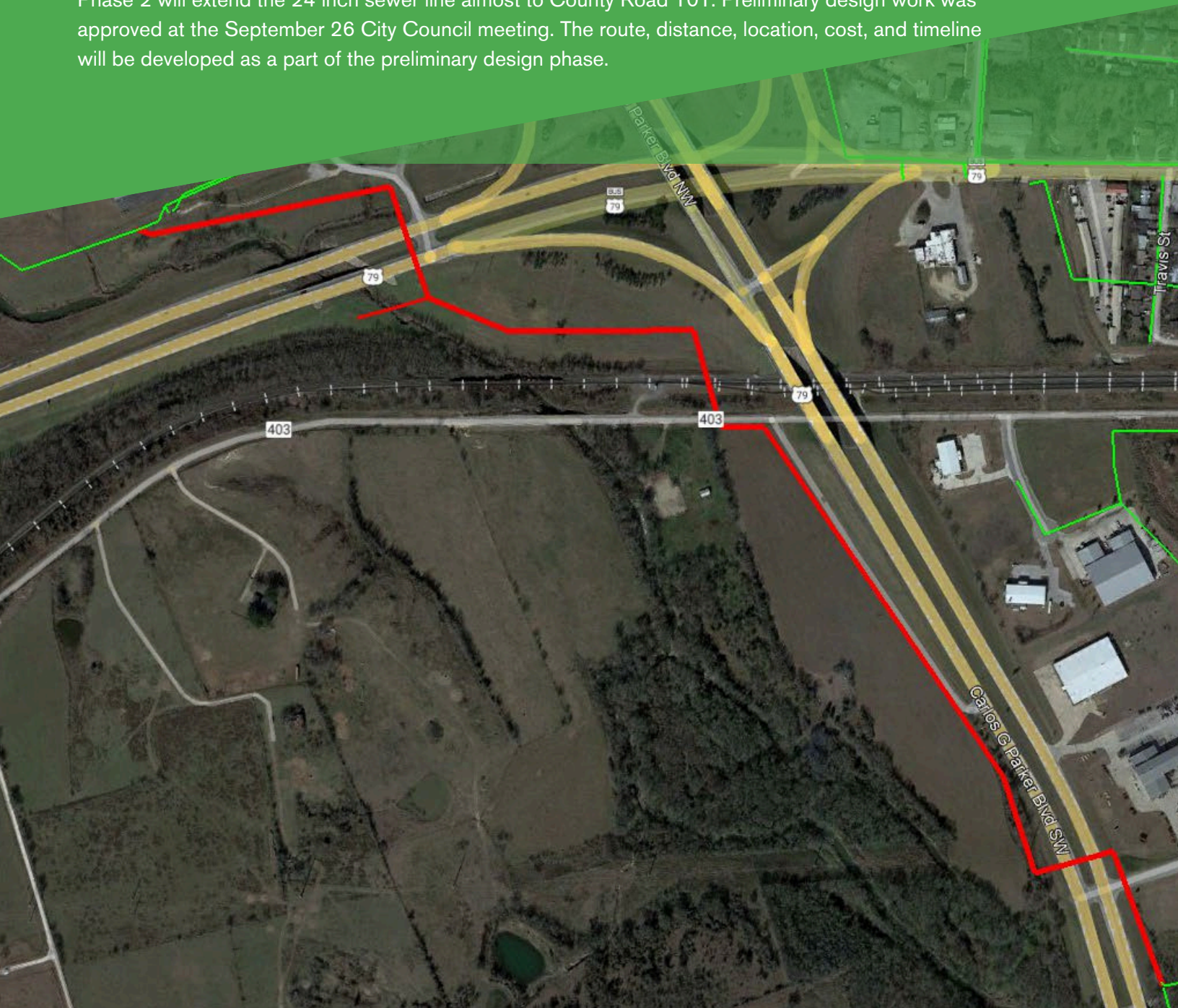
The Highway 79 Sewer Main is a two-phase project underway in collaboration with Taylor EDC who is funding design and construction.

### Phase 1

Phase 1 includes approximately 5,100 feet of 24 inch sewer line pictured below in red that will serve development around the airport with a capacity of five million gallons per day. The total cost for Phase 1 is estimated at \$7.5 Million. Construction is expected to begin in mid-2025 and take almost two years.

### Phase 2

Phase 2 will extend the 24 inch sewer line almost to County Road 101. Preliminary design work was approved at the September 26 City Council meeting. The route, distance, location, cost, and timeline will be developed as a part of the preliminary design phase.





# CITY MEETINGS



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## **Historic Preservation Commission**

6:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST

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## **Tree Advisory Board Meeting**

5:45 PM | DICKY GIVENS COMMUNITY CENTER | 1015 MLK JR. BLVD.

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## **Planning and Zoning Commission**

6:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST

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## **Main Street Advisory Board**

5:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST

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## **Tax Increment Financing (TIF) #1 Board**

5:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST

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## **Parks and Recreation Board**

6:00 PM | DICKY GIVENS COMMUNITY CENTER | 1015 E MLK JR. BLVD.

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## **Special Called City Council Meeting**

6:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST

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## **City Council Meeting**

6:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

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## National Night Out

6:00 PM | VARIOUS NEIGHBORHOODS

5

## Fire Department Open House

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM | FIRE STATION 1 | 200 WASHBURN ST

17

## Music On Main

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM | HERITAGE SQUARE

26

## Main Street Car Show

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM | DOWNTOWN

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## Spooktacular

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | HERITAGE SQUARE

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# PARKS EVENTS



## Zumba

MONDAYS | 6:00 PM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE | MURPHY PARK



## Senior Fit

TUESDAYS | 10:30 AM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE | MURPHY PARK



## Pilates

TUESDAYS | 6:00 PM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE | MURPHY PARK



## Pickleball Classes

TUESDAYS | 6:30 PM | MURPHY PARK | REGISTER AT TAYLORTX.GOV



## Yoga

WEDNESDAYS | 6:30 PM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE | MURPHY PARK



## Drum Fit

THURSDAYS | 6:00 PM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE | MURPHY PARK



## Senior Fit

FRIDAYS | 11:00 AM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE | MURPHY PARK



## Boot Camp

SATURDAYS | 9:00 AM | TAYLOR MIDDLE SCHOOL | REGISTER AT TAYLORTX.GOV



## Adult Volleyball

AGES 16+  
SUNDAYS | 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM | TAYLOR MIDDLE SCHOOL | REGISTER AT TAYLORTX.GOV

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## Kids Race

AGES 4-11  
ONE MILE RUN  
BULL BRANCH PARK

9:45 AM | KIDS RACE  
10:30 AM | CONFETTI AGG BATTLE

REGISTER AT GOODLIFETAYLOR.COM

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## Pumpkin Decorating

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

PUMPKINS AND  
SUPPLIES PROVIDED

FANNIE ROBINSON PARK



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# LIBRARY EVENTS

TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## Puzzle Swap

2:30 PM

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## Puzzle Competition

3:00 PM

9

## Senior Social

2:00 PM

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## Book Swap

2:30

14

## Grief Support

6:30 PM

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## Monster Ball

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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## Teen Nailed it or Failed it

5:00 PM

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## Homeschool Social

1:00 PM

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## Grief Support

6:30 PM

## WEEKLY

T

## Hooks and Needles

TUESDAYS | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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## Story Time

WEDNESDAYS | 10:30 AM

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## Chair Yoga

THURSDAYS | 9:30 AM

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## Chair Massage

THURSDAYS | 10:30 AM

## CLOSURE

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The Library will close  
at 3:00 PM on  
Thursday, October 31.



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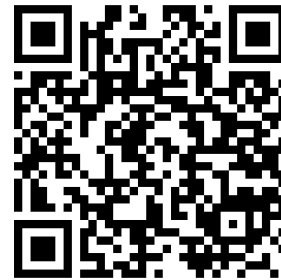
## COUNCIL MEETING RECAP VIDEOS

The Council Connection video series provides a recap of what happened at each Council meeting. They are released within a week following each meeting.



### August 22 Meeting

UPCOMING BUDGET, SET THE TAX RATE, CONSIDER SOME ZONE CHANGE REQUESTS AND SPECIAL USE PERMITS, EDC BUDGET UPDATE....



### September 12 Meeting

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET, FIXING THE TAX RATE, A FEE ORDINANCE UPDATE, A PARKS MASTER PLAN UPDATE...



**View all past meetings at [TaylorTX.gov/Videos](https://TaylorTX.gov/Videos)**



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## Meeting/Event Reminders

RECEIVE REMINDERS OF UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

# SOCIAL MEDIA



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# CITY OF TAYLOR COUNCIL



Left to Right: Gerald Anderson (District 1), Shelli Cobb (District 2),  
Mayor Dwayne Ariola (At-Large), Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Cmerek  
(District 3), Robert Garcia (District 4)