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YOUR CITY COUNCIL





MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

It's amazing how quickly 2025 has gone by. October marks the start of the City's new fiscal year, and with the FY2026 budget process now complete, we can look ahead to the significant upgrades coming to Taylor.

We lowered our property tax rate to 58.5 cents per \$100 valuation—a little more than a 1% drop from last year and a total reduction of 22.4 cents over the past five years. Our General Fund operating budget is balanced, and our General Fund reserves remain healthy. The reserve funds are only being used for one-time expenditures, helping maintain the City's AA credit rating.

These expenditures include the purchase of a new Public Works building, new fire apparatus and police patrol vehicles, and additional vehicles for Public Works and Parks and Recreation.

I want to thank our staff and Finance Department for their hard work in preparing this year's budget, as well as our City Council for their foresight in funding projects that will have a lasting impact on Taylor's future.

Finally, I'd like to invite everyone to join us for the Taylor Police Department's National Night Out on Tuesday, October 7. Our City has been nationally recognized for participation in the past, thanks to residents working alongside our police and fire departments. You'll find more information later in this newsletter—we hope to see you at one of the block parties across the City!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Laborde". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent "B" at the beginning.

CITY NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Chief Fluck Retires, Cmdr. Branson Named Interim Chief

Police Chief Henry Fluck retired on Sept. 22 after serving the City of Taylor for over 12 years. He began his career more than 49 years ago with the City of El Paso Police Department. He served as the Police Chief for the City of Cedar Park for 13 years before his move to Taylor in 2013. Commander Joseph Branson will serve as Interim Chief until a new Chief is selected.

[More About The Taylor Police Department](#)

Taylor on Foot

The City's community engagement program, Taylor on Foot, will be walking in District 1 on Saturday, Oct. 11. Five teams will visit 100 homes, answering residents' questions and listening to their concerns. The teams will include city council members, city management, department directors, police officers, code enforcement, Taylor ISD, and the Greater Taylor Foundation.

[More About Taylor on Foot](#)



Red Santa Program

Sponsored by the Taylor Fire Department and Taylor Professional Firefighters Association



Red Santa Applications

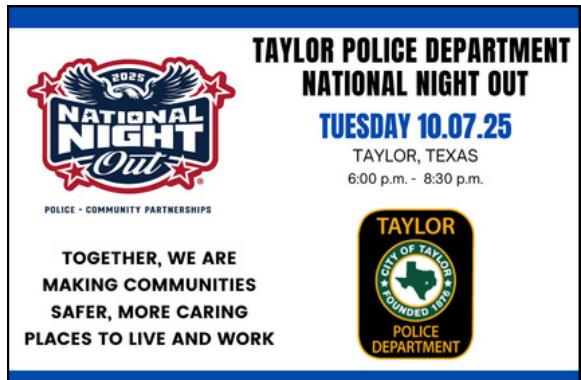
Operation Red Santa is a joint effort between the Taylor Fire Department and Taylor Professional Firefighters Association to ensure Taylor area children have toys for Christmas and their families have food for a holiday dinner. The application process will only be open online from Oct. 27-31, 2025. Parents must be able to pickup gifts on Monday, Dec. 22 from 9-11 AM.

[Apply For Red Santa Here](#)

National Night Out

The Taylor Police Department National Night Out is Tuesday, Oct. 7, from 6 to 8:30 PM. NNO is a community event that builds neighborhood spirit, strengthens police partnerships, and promotes crime prevention. The City of Taylor has been nationally recognized for its strong community participation in National Night Out with support from residents, police, and fire.

[More About National Night Out](#)



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Honor Guard Academy | September 8 - 12



9/11 Memorial March - September 11

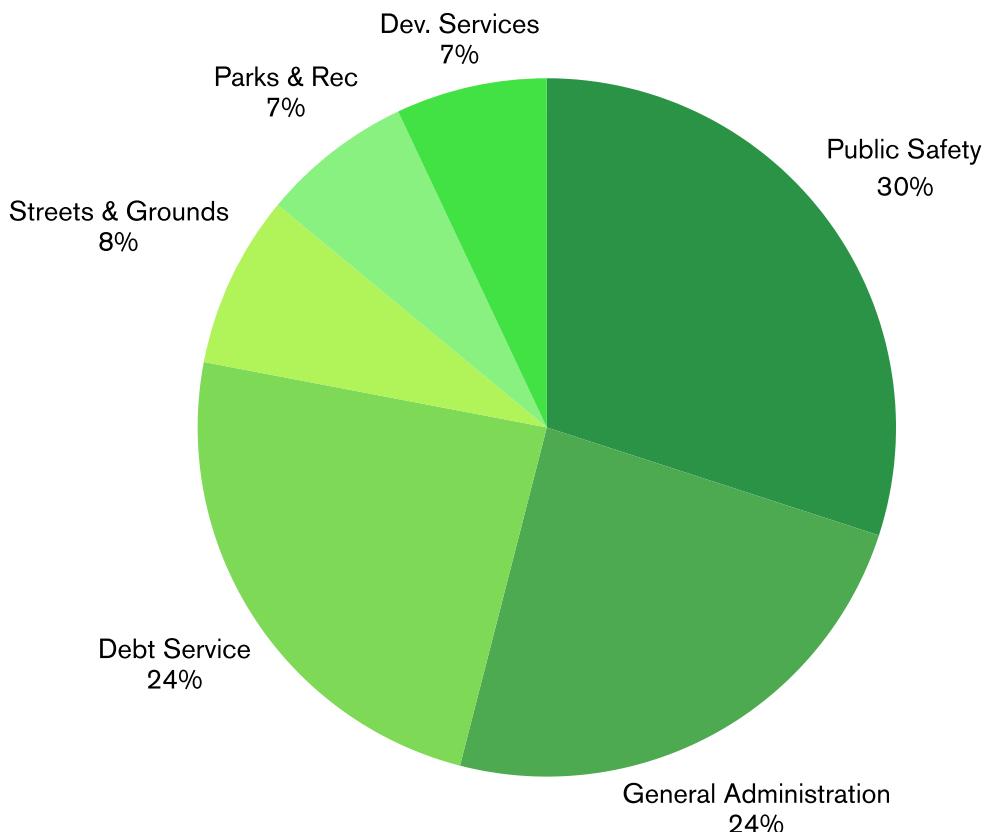


BUDGET BRIEF

FY 25-26 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The FY 25-26 Budget Includes...

- \$4 million for a new Public Works building
- \$850,000 for fire apparatus
- \$537,000 for Public Works and Parks & Recreation vehicles
- \$532,000 for police patrol vehicles



Adopted Tax Rate - \$0.585

PROPERTY TAXES

The 2026 average residential taxable value is
\$255,614, a 6.58% increase from 2025.

	Average Valuation	X	Tax Rate	=	Total Paid	Increase from last year:
Leander	\$476,891		0.417282		\$1,990	6.04%
Cedar Park	\$520,425		0.36		\$1,874	4.64%
Round Rock	\$460,888		0.372		\$1,715	9.65%
Williamson Co	\$410,249		0.4137		\$1,697	8.60%
Hutto	\$344,989		0.45375		\$1,565	4.37%
Pflugerville	\$283,111		0.535		\$1,514	1.39%
Taylor	\$255,614		0.585		\$1,495	5.49%
Georgetown	\$402,897		0.353		\$1,422	0.7%

1/4 of all sales tax collected by the City/EDC is used to reduce property taxes. The Property Tax rate is reduced by 10¢, reducing the burden for the average homeowner by \$256.

KEY BUDGET ITEMS

- The purchase of a new Public Works building and new public safety vehicles with cash
- An update to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code
- Three new Taylor Police Department staff
- One street maintenance worker

CITY MEETINGS



City Council Meeting

6:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST.



Planning & Zoning Commission

6:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST



Main Street Advisory Board

5:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST



Parks and Recreation Board

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



Public Arts Advisory Board

5:30 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST.



City Council Meeting

6:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST

OCTOBER



COMMUNITY EVENTS



National Night Out

6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM



Taylor Second Saturdays

ALL DAY | DOWNTOWN



Historic Downtown Walking Tour

10:00 AM | HACIENDO COFFEE ROASTERS | 116 W 6TH ST.



Taylor on Foot

10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM | DISTRICT 1



12th Annual Main Street Car Show

10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM | DOWNTOWN



Spooktacular! Scare on the Square

6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM | HERITAGE SQUARE PARK



PARKS EVENTS

M Zumba

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

T Senior Fit

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

T Pilates

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

W Yoga

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

TH Butts 'N' Guts

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

F Senior Fit

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

October Special Events

Free Zumba Classes

MONDAYS THRU OCT. 13 | 6:00 PM |

MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE

Free Kids Race

OCT. 11 | 9:45 AM | BULL BRANCH PARK

Free Cumbia Class

OCT. 12 | 6:00 PM | HERITAGE SQUARE PARK

Pumpkin Decorating

OCT. 16 | 5:30 PM | HERITAGE SQUARE PARK

Sport Clinics & Leagues

Lil Kickers Soccer Clinics

SATURDAYS IN OCT | 9:00 AM | TAYLOR
REGIONAL PARK

Taylor Youth Basketball League

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN | GAMES BEGIN
IN JANUARY

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LIBRARY EVENTS

- 4** **LEGO Play**
10:00 AM
- 4** **Puzzle Swap**
12:30 PM
- 6** **Resource Cafe**
5:00 PM
- 8** **The Real Spill**
5:00 PM
- 10** **Movie Day: "Monster House"**
10:00 AM
- 13** **Grief Support**
6:30 PM
- 16** **Paint Your Partner**
6:30 PM
- 18** **Make & Take Craft: Magic Wand**
10:00 AM
- 20** **Resource Cafe**
5:00 PM
- 22** **The Real Spill**
5:00 PM
- 24** **Monster Ball**
6:00 PM
- 25** **Sensory Hour**
10:00 AM
- 27** **Grief Support**
6:30 PM

WEEKLY

- M** **Chair Yoga**
MONDAYS | 9:30 AM
- M** **Bilingual Storytime**
MONDAYS | 11:00 AM | THRU OCT. 13
- T** **Hooks and Needles**
TUESDAYS | 9:00 AM
- T** **Hot Mess & High Heels**
TUESDAYS | 6:45 PM
- W** **Storytime**
WEDNESDAYS | 10:30 AM
- W** **Senior Social**
WEDNESDAYS | 2:00 PM
- TH** **Chair Yoga**
THURSDAYS | 9:30 AM
- TH** **Chair Massage**
THURSDAYS | 10:30 AM
- F** **Senior Social**
FRIDAYS | 2:00 PM

CLOSURES

- 31** The Library will close
at 3 PM on Friday,
October 31

COUNCIL CONNECTION

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.



September 10 Meeting

THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET, APPROVED THE TAX RATE OF 58.5 CENTS, AND RECEIVED AN UPDATE ON THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND ADA TRANSITION TOWN HALL HELD ON SEPTEMBER 4.



September 25 Meeting

COUNCIL HELD A PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S STRENGTH OF FORCE AND CONFIRMED COMMANDER JOSEPH BRANSON AS THE INTERIM POLICE CHIEF FOLLOWING THE RETIREMENT OF CHIEF HENRY FLUCK.



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CITY OF TAYLOR COUNCIL



Left to Right: Greg Redden (District 1), Shelli Cobb (District 2),
Mayor Dwayne Ariola (At-Large), Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Cmerek
(District 3), Heather Long (District 4)