

A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

It's budget time yet again and we are "Holding Steady" with the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021 Budget, taking a more conservative approach due to the uncertainties that the COVID-19 pandemic placed upon our community and our nation throughout this year.

Staff developed the FY 2020-2021 Budget to maintain the service levels in the FY 2020 budget. I appreciate Staff's hard work in creating the budget this year especially considering the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic has thrown at us.

Council approved adopting the FY 2020-2021 Budget for the City of Taylor on September 10.

The FY 2020-2021 Budget was developed as a carryover, or flat budget that mirrors closely the FY 2019-2020 expenditures. The Budget will continue funding to update the Comprehensive Plan, which helps City leaders in making future growth-related land use and zoning decisions.

It also provides funding to complete the Drainage Master Plan as well as funding to complete the Impact Fee Study on the Utility and Road Impact Fees. The study is due for an update and is a requirement for charging the fee.

Fortunately, the City continues to see growth. Property values increased more than 3% and there was almost \$29 million in new property value. We continue to see additional housing under construction and new development projects continue to move forward.

The FY 2020-2021 Budget can be viewed online at www.taylor.tx.gov/526/Budget.

BRIAN LABORDE
City Manager

FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 BUDGET APPROVED

The City of Taylor recently adopted the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021 budget at the September 10 City Council meeting.

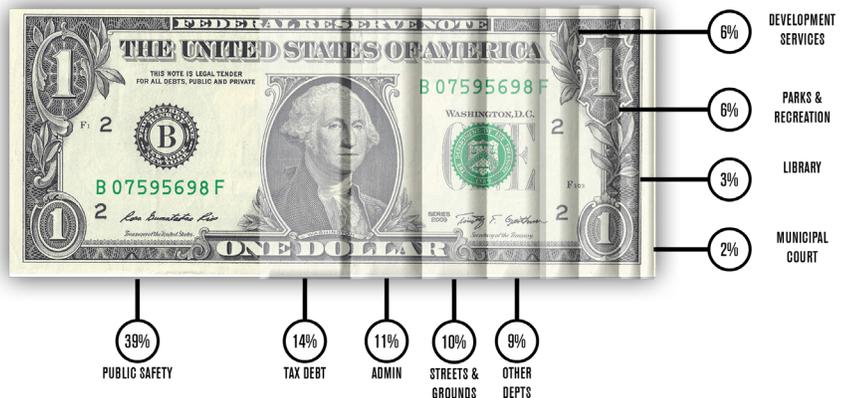
As with years past, this budget was a collaborative effort to advance the City's strategic vision of Taylor being "a vibrant, diverse, friendly, growing community that has retained our historic character and small-town feel."

The COVID-19 pandemic created a great deal of uncertainty about future revenues, so the City used a conservative approach in developing the FY 2020-2021 budget. This will help the city mitigate additional economic impacts as a result of the pandemic, and allow staff to maintain the level of service that residents expect.

A few highlights from the FY 2020-2021 budget include:

- Continued funding for long-term strategic plans, including a Comprehensive Plan and a Master Drainage Plan,
- Necessary updates to the City's technology infrastructure,
- Grant funding for the continuation of one full-time Victims Assistance position,
- Funding for Public Arts,
- Funding for three HOME Program houses,
- Streets, drainage, and utility projects funded by the FY 2019 debt issuance.

Although the demands on City resources continue to exceed the available funding, the adopted budget uses the available funds to optimize the services provided to our citizens and support the growth and development that is on-going in the City of Taylor.



REMINDER: EARLY VOTING BEGINS OCTOBER 13

Early voting for the November 3, 2020, election will be held October 13-30 at the Taylor City Hall Auditorium at 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday - Saturday and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on both Sundays.

Local items on the ballot will be the election of Council Member At-Large and the consideration of three charter amendments.

For more information, please visit the City's website at www.taylor.tx.gov/251/City-Elections.

TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY CALENDAR

Join us for Online Storytime on our Facebook Page Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

Oct 7 - Fire Prevention

Oct 14 - Fall

Oct 21 - Pumpkins

Oct 28 - Halloween

Virtual Halloween pom-pom garland craft:

Contact the Library for meeting details

Virtual No-Carve Pumpkin Contest:

Photo/In-person submissions begin Oct 11. Deadline is Oct 18.

Online judging begins Oct 19 - Oct 29. Winner announced Oct 30.

Contact the Library for details

Taylor Public Library Virtual Halloween Costume Contest:

Photo submissions begin Oct 18 - Oct 29. Winner announced

Contact the Library for details.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCT. 4-10

Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 4-10 and this year's theme is "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen."



Key messages around this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen" are:

- Keep a close eye on what you're cooking; never leave cooking unattended
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — at least three feet away from your stovetop.
- Be on alert. If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the stove or stovetop.

Visit www.nfpa.org/fpw for more safety tips, messages and games.

BE MOSQUITO AWARE

Fight the Bite with the 3 D's:

1. **Defend:** use an EPA approved insect repellent
2. **Dress:** dress in long sleeves and pants when outdoors (especially at dawn to dusk)
3. **Drain:** drain standing water around your home (bird baths, flower pots)

Find more information at www.wcchd.org



COVID-19 RESOURCES

CITY OF TAYLOR

Online:

bit.ly/TaylorCovid

COVID-19 Información en Español del CDC:

bit.ly/COVIDEspañol

On Facebook:

[@cityoftaylortexas](https://www.facebook.com/cityoftaylortexas)

On Twitter:

[@CityofTaylor](https://twitter.com/CityofTaylor)

On NextDoor:

City of Taylor

WILLIAMSON COUNTY & CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT (WCCHD)

Online:

www.wcchd.org

On Facebook:

[@WCCHD](https://www.facebook.com/WCCHD)

On Twitter:

[@WCCHD](https://twitter.com/WCCHD)

WCCHD COVID-19 Non Emergency Hotline:

512-943-3600

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

6 p.m. Thursdays: October 8, 22:
November 12

Council meetings are currently being held virtually until further notice. Watch meetings live online or taped recordings at www.taylortx.gov.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City offices will be closed on:
Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27
(Thanksgiving)