

2020 YEAR IN REVIEW



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R TOWN BY THE NUMBERS

41,010

ROSENBERG
RESIDENTS

\$2,814,049,253

TAXABLE PROPERTY
VALUE IN CITY

121,607

CALLS
RECEIVED
BY DISPATCH

343

NEW
HOUSING
STARTS

\$20,837,571

SALES TAX
COLLECTED

671

PET
ADOPTIONS

3,376

PERMITS
PROCESSED

5,942

ACRES MOWED IN
RIGHT OF WAY &
OPEN SPACE

\$2,088,442

IN GRANTS
RECEIVED

245

STREET
SIGNS
REPLACED

1,452

MILES OF
STREETS SWEEP

3.14

MILES OF
STREET
REPAIRS

1,986

NEW WATER
ACCOUNTS

710

TREES
TRIMMED

\$2,093,355

CARES ACT
FUNDING RECEIVED

16,072

INQUIRIES TO
CITIZENS
RELATIONS

299 FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES 17 PART-TIME EMPLOYEES



OUR GOVERNMENT

The city of Rosenberg operates in a Council-Manager form of government in which the City Council sets the policy and overall direction for the City, and appoints a professional City Manager and other key officials to oversee the City's daily operations.

CITY COUNCIL

- Mayor: William Benton
- At-Large 1: Jacob Balderas
- At-Large 2: Kevin Raines (Mayor Pro Tem)
- District 1: Isaac Davila
- District 2: Susan Euton
- District 3: Timothy Anders
- District 4: Marc Morales

CITY MANAGER

John Maresh

MEETINGS

City Council meets regularly in public session the first, third and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The meeting agendas are available on the City's website. Council meetings may also be viewed live on Comcast Channel 16, rosenbergtx.gov/TV or on YouTube @RosenbergTXGov

MISSION STATEMENT

To anticipate community needs and deliver exceptional service, and to cultivate an enhanced quality of life through leadership, innovation and cooperative partnerships.

NUMBERS TO KNOW

- Animal Control
↪ 832-595-3490
- Citizen Relations
↪ 832-595-3301
- Customer Service (Utilities)
↪ 832-595-3400
- Police Dispatch (Non-Emergency)
↪ 832-595-3700
- Republic Services (Solid Waste)
↪ 713-726-7300



YOUR CITY - HARD AT WORK!

2020 brought a lot of uncertainty. But one thing that did not waiver is the City's dedication to its citizens. By implementing several safety precautions, we continued to work to anticipate community needs, deliver exceptional service, & cultivate an enhanced quality of life through leadership, innovation & cooperative partnerships.

2020 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

COMPLETED

- Avenue F Downtown Parking Lot Phase II
- Avenue G Connector to Frost Street
- Dollar Tree Distribution Center Water, Sewer & Lift Station Improvements
- Dry Creek Regional Detention Facility
- Klosterhoff Road Reconstruction at Spur 10
- Northside Water Improvements – Phase VI & VII
- Reclaimed Water Distribution System Phase II from Seabourne Creek to Bryan Road
- Sanitary Sewer Collection System Phase III at Waste Water Treatment Plant IA
- Sidewalk Improvements (RDC)
- Spacek Road Improvements from south of Herbie Drive to Biotics Research Drive
- Triple Fork Overpass Project at 90A/SH36/Spur529 (TxDOT)

IN DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION

- Airport Avenue Extension from FM 2218 to I-69
- Bamore Road Expansion from I-69 to Stella Road
- Benton Road Expansion from FM 762 to City Limits (County Mobility Project)
- Dry Creek Drainage Improvements
- Electrical Improvements to Lift Stations
- FM 2218 from I-69 to State Highway 36 (TxDOT)
- FM 2218 Utility Adjustments, south of I-69
- Installation of Generator at Waste Water Treatment Plant IA
- Railroad Quiet Zones
- Rohan Road Realignment at FM 2977 (County Mobility Project)
- Rosenberg Business Park Phase II Infrastructure (RDC)
- Rosenberg Development Corporation Building
- Spacek Road Sanitary Sewer Improvements from Biotics Research Drive to Reading Road
- US Highway 59/I-69 Expansion from Spur 10 to SH 99 (TxDOT)

COVID-19 CARES ACT FUNDING

The Coronavirus Relief Fund provided State, Local and Tribal Governments funding to help navigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The City received \$2,093,355 in CARES Act Funding and was able to provide many resources to continue daily operations with the safety of our citizens and employees in mind. Some of the expenditures included:

- Automatic Entry Doors
- Facility Sanitization & Cleaning
- New Software for Remote Customer Access
- Patrol Officer Computers
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for City Staff
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Public Distribution
- Police Body Camera and In-Car Video System
- Remote Access and Equipment for Employees
- Revamped Website for Remote Access
- Small Business Resiliency Grants
- Temperature Scanners
- Touchless Restroom Facilities
- Touchless Water Fountains
- Video Camera Systems
- Virtual Meetings
- Water Utility Bill Assistance

2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Added 20 new residential subdivision plats in the City Limits
- Amended several Codes including, but not limited to, Nuisance Abatements, Outdoor Tire Storage, Parkland Dedication Requirements, Signage, Townhome Standards, Wrecker Ordinance, and Vehicle Storage Facilities.
- Animal Shelter live release rate averaged 96%
- Demolition of 23 dangerous or substandard structures within the City
- Discover Downtown Rosenberg & the Downtown Rosenberg Merchants hosted a successful Holiday Nights: A Small Town Christmas Experience
- Facilitated new MUD developments in the City and ETJ with a total of 690 acres and 2,300 future lots, with another 281 acres and 725 lots currently in the planning stages
- For the 27th consecutive year, the City received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the FY2020 budget book
- Inflow/Infiltration Smoke Testing program identified more than 140 sources of damaged/cracked private sanitary sewer service lines which after repaired will prevent rain or stormwater from entering the sanitary sewer system
- Initiated the FOG (Fats, Oils, Grease) grease trap inspection process & completed 179 inspections
- ISO Consultant review for Fire Insurance ratings and future Fire Station locations
- Issued the City's first-ever Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) to the Government Finance Officer's Association for entry to the Awards Program for a higher level of financial transparency
- Participated in the SUDS prescription return program at Fire Stations
- Public safety dispatch employee Christina Salinas was awarded the Texas NENA trainer of the year award
- Rated as a Superior Public Water System in the State of Texas by TCEQ for 2020
- Received 5,450 calls for EMS and Fire Services
- Received 5,583 Emergency 911 calls
- Received an Assistance to Firefighters Regional Grant for the Fire Department's Self Contained Breathing Apparatus
- Received the Certificate of Achievement (COA) for Excellence in Finance Reporting for the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the 33rd consecutive year
- Reopened the drive-thru window at City Hall to allow an additional safe option for customers to pay their water utility bill
- Technological advancements to the Police Department including upgrades to the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) machine, patrol vehicle and body camera systems, and drone program
- The 2020 (Fiscal Year 2021) total adopted tax rate was \$0.40 which was \$0.015 lower than last year's rate of \$0.415
- The City's debt was reduced by \$8.9 million
- The Disabled Persons tax exemption was increased from \$45,000 to \$60,000
- The over 65 tax exemption was increased from \$60,000 to \$75,000
- The Residential Homestead tax exemption was increased to the greater of 10% of the valuation or \$5,000 (whichever is higher)
- The Parks Department hosted several events: Fishtastic Fishing Tournament, Drive-Thru Easter Basket Event, Family 4th Fireworks Only Show and Pumpkin Carving Kit Drive-Thru
- Three City employees retired with over 20 years of service to Rosenberg
- Three new Police enforcement positions were approved in the FY21 budget for 2 patrol officers and 1 detective
- Updated Facility Agreements with Fort Bend County for Fire and EMS housing



DOLLAR TREE

The RDC is providing Dollar Tree with a five-year job creation incentive grant of \$1,075,000 made in annual payments of \$250,000 for years one through four and \$75,000 in year five. The RDC also invested \$1,650,000 into targeted infrastructure related to the project. Dollar Tree must create and maintain at least 300 full-time employees with an average wage of \$15 per hour by year three of the agreement. The company must also invest a minimum of \$130 million into real and personal property improvements. In return, the City will abate 75 percent of the company's City property taxes for 10 years.

WET SOUNDS

Wet Sounds is constructing a 118,000 square foot headquarters, office and operations space that will be completed on or before December 31, 2021. The RDC will reimburse Wet Sounds up to \$75,000 for public infrastructure improvements, related permitting costs or fees in recognition of Wet Sounds' creation of 40 full-time jobs with an average wage of \$28 per hour. In return, the City will abate 50 percent of the company's City property taxes for 10 years.

SI ENVIRONMENTAL

Si Environmental has outgrown its current location at 6420 Reading Road and plans to build a new facility for company headquarters and operations on 12 acres in the Rosenberg Business Park. The company has pledged to spend a minimum of \$6 million on the new facility and to create a minimum of 25 full-time jobs over the next five years. In return, the City will abate 50 percent of the company's City property taxes for five years.

LUXURY BOAT AND RV STORAGE

Luxury Boat and RV Storage located at 3737 Highway 90A will more than double its footprint from 205,000 square feet of leasable space to more than 480,000. The company will spend a minimum of \$6 million and in return will receive a tax abatement of 25 percent of the company's City property taxes for five years.



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Due to COVID-19, the meetings listed below are subject to change or be conducted via video conference. Please visit rosenbergtx.gov to confirm meetings and events, as well as public notices and meeting agendas.

1/5/2021	Special & Regular City Council Meeting - 6:25 p.m.
1/13/2021	First Day to File Application for May 2021 Council Ballot
1/18/2021	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day [City Offices Closed]
1/19/2021	City Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
1/26/2021	City Council Workshop Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
2/2/2021	City Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

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