

CITY OF ROSENBERG

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Early Voting: Oct. 23-Nov. 3, 2023 | Election Day: Nov. 7, 2023

The City of Rosenberg is proposing a 2023 Bond Election to address needs for new facilities. Due to the City's financial management policies, the bonds will be issued without increasing the debt tax rate for our residents. The City's Facilities Master Plan, accepted by City Council in 2015, outlined needs related to City facilities and the City's ability to continue to provide service to our residents given the current and projected growth trends. The needs identified in the study were reprioritized based on current conditions, and level of importance to City operations.

At the August 15, 2023 City Council Meeting, Ordinance No. 2023-23 was adopted, authorizing a November 2023 Bond Election for two new facilities:

- A. Emergency Services Complex - including Fire Station No. 4, Fire Administration, and an Emergency Operations Center, and
- B. Public Services Complex - including offices, shop space and warehouse space for Public Works, Utilities, Fleet Maintenance, Building Maintenance, City Engineer, Capital Projects and Parks Departments. The Public Service Complex will also include a fueling system and a wash bay for all city vehicles and equipment.

Emergency Services Complex

Proposed Location: Highway 36 at
Fairgrounds Road



CITY OF ROSENBERG, TEXAS - PROPOSITION A

Fire Station No. 4, an Emergency Services Complex, and Fire Department Administration Offices in the amount of \$18,500,000.

Public Services Complex

Proposed Location: Airport Road



CITY OF ROSENBERG, TEXAS - PROPOSITION B

Public Services Complex, to house the Public Works, Utilities, Fleet Maintenance, Building Maintenance, City Engineer, Capital Projects, and Parks Departments in the amount of \$33,000,000.

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: Kevin Raines
- At-Large 1: Marc Morales
- At-Large 2: Alicia Casias
- District 1: Keith Parker
- District 2: Susan Euton (Mayor ProTem)
- District 3: Hector Trevino
- District 4: George Zepeda

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
- GFL Environmental (Solid Waste)
↪ 832-271-5187
↪ cityofrosenberg@gflenv.com



ROSENBERG POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS



POLICE - COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

TUESDAY | OCT. 3, 2023

6-9 P.M. BRAZOS TOWN CENTER

FIRE DEPARTMENT | EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
PHI AIR MEDICAL HELICOPTER | ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS | FOOD



For more information: rosenbergtx.gov/nno

BUDGET PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY

The City's budget team is working diligently on the **Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget**. Rosenberg has a long history of being recognized as a leader in financial stewardship; in fact, the City was recently awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for the 30th consecutive year!

What's Included in the FY23-24 Proposed Budget?

- A proposed tax rate of \$0.35 (a 1/2 cent decrease of \$0.005 from the current rate of \$0.355)
- Allows \$844,000 in additional funding for the Koeblen Road County Mobility Project
- Funds 4 new full-time positions; 1 new part-time position
- Funds 8 Supplemental Budget Requests including: technology updates, license plate readers, patrol vehicles and civic center improvements
- Funds \$18.5 million in Capital Improvement Projects including: Fire Station No. 1 renovations, water/sewer improvement projects, park and downtown improvements, and street and sidewalk improvements
- Includes sales tax revenues projected at \$18.8 million
- Maintains maximum allowed homestead exemption of 20% and maintains exemptions for disabled and over 65 persons at \$75,000 each
- Provides a compensation plan increase for employees on Jan. 1
- Reduces debt by \$6.4 million (including \$1.7 million payoff of callable debt which saves approximately \$300,000 in interest costs)

For more information on the City's budget visit: rosenbergtx.gov/budget and see the next edition of the Insider.

REMINDER: WATER RATE INCREASES EFFECTIVE OCT. 1

At the June 20, 2023, City Council Meeting, City Council approved utility rate increases which will be effective October 1, 2023. Residents can expect to see the rate changes on bills issued after that date. This is the City's first increase in water and wastewater rates since 2016, and the first increase in subsidence rate since 2020.

Based on the rates approved by City Council, residential customers with an average household usage of 8,000 gallons of water will now pay \$83.80 per month for water and wastewater services compared to \$79.68 per month for an increase of \$4.12. Of that \$4.12, \$2.32 is for water, \$.60 is for wastewater and \$1.20 is for subsidence fees – which is the Fort Bend County Subsidence District mandate that by the year 2027, 60% of water must be from a source other than groundwater. The City is currently meeting the 30% groundwater reduction mandate.

The city is committed to continuing to provide a high level of service while planning and preparing to meet future needs and expectations. The City maintains a Superior Water System and strives to maintain the City's aging infrastructure without issuing debt. The rate increase will be used to help fund upcoming capital improvement projects that are vital to maintain the water and sewer system reliability. Additional revenue is also needed to cover increased operating expenses that have occurred as a result of historic inflation. The cost of chemicals, water meters, technology, transaction fees, and personnel have also all increased. City management and staff have done an excellent job of keeping the water rates the same for many years while still maintaining a dependable and reliable system for the citizens of Rosenberg.

"Putting our City's basic needs such as water and sewer first has always been a priority of the City," said City Manager John Maresh. "In fact, the City placed over \$9 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding back into critical water and sewer infrastructure projects, without issuing debt or raising rates, versus using the funding on other projects or social programs."

For more information about Water Utilities visit the website or call Citizens Relations at 832-595-3301.



HOT (HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX) FUND GRANTS AVAILABLE

Organizations that help bring tourism and visitors to Rosenberg can now apply for a Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Fund reimbursement grant for 2023-2024.

Applications are available online or at the Rosenberg Development Corporation building. Completed applications must be postmarked, emailed or delivered by hand to the Communications Department at the Rosenberg Development Corporation Building located at 3829 Highway 36 S, Rosenberg, TX 77471, by Monday, October 2, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

The HOT Funds Evaluation committee will review applications and submit funding recommendations to City Council in October. City Council will then consider approval of the HOT grant reimbursement agreements for the projects that the HOT Evaluation Committee recommended.

For a listing of events, projects and/or activities that qualify for the HOT Grant Program, please see the application packet. For more information, visit the website or call Tanya Kveton, Director of Communications at 832-595-3301.

CODE REMINDERS

The top 3 code violations for last month were:

- **Property Maintenance:** Homes must not be in disrepair; broken windows or down fences must be repaired within 10 days; sewer issues must be addressed within 3 days.
- **Vegetation:** No high grass and weeds. Vegetation must be less than 12 inches tall. Don't forget - if you have an alley - it's the responsibility of the property owner to maintain the alley.
- **Signs:** Any sign advertising a business, person, activity, goods, products or services not located on the premises where the sign is installed and maintained, or which directs persons to any location not on the premises is prohibited!

Report a concern to Citizen Relations by phone at 832-595-3301 or via email info@rosenbergtx.gov!

DONATIONS NEEDED!



OUR MOST REQUESTED DONATIONS

- PUPPY PADS
- FABULOSO
- ALUMINUM PANS
- DRY DOG FOOD
- WET CAT FOOD



Call 832-595-3490 or drop off at 1207 Blume Rd!



ROSENBERG DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

HIGHWAY 90A REVITALIZATION PROJECT UPDATE

Efforts continue on the city’s long held goal of revitalization of the Avenue H/Highway 90A corridor. City staff began with a review of the current conditions and enforcement of the city code. The planning efforts continue by building upon the Liveable Center’s study to improve many components of the corridor, including access management, beautification, safety, and ease of transportation from the Rosenberg/Richmond City Limits past First Street. The Revitalization Project team, including Economic Development Staff and the Avenue H/US-90A Revitalization Blue Ribbon Committee, is working to identify ways to attract new development and activate commercial areas in this portion of Rosenberg.

The Avenue H/Highway 90A Revitalization Blue Ribbon Committee has met to discuss Rosenberg’s prior efforts of the revitalization project and begin drafting the roadmap to reach the desired outcomes of improving the corridor. In addition to the efforts of the committee, City Staff has engaged in conversations with CenterPoint Energy and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) that have led to additional possible resources.

In early 2023, staff submitted a grant application to the TxDOT Transportation Alternatives Program. Rosenberg’s application focused planning efforts to create a master plan to enhance the safety, access, mobility and appearance of alternative transportation methods along the US-90A corridor. The city was fortunate enough to not only be considered for funding, but to also have the project taken “in-house” by TxDOT. This means TxDOT will be engaging in the revitalization efforts along side the city and devote resources to making improvements. The official planning phase with TxDOT will begin in February of 2024.



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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Visit rosenbergtx.gov to confirm meetings and agendas, view public notices, see more information on events and more!

- 9/4/2023 Labor Day Holiday - City Offices Closed
- 9/5/2023 City Council Meeting (City Hall) 6:30 p.m.
- 9/19/2023 City Council Meeting (City Hall) 6:30 p.m.
- 9/26/2023 City Council Workshop Meeting (City Hall) 6:30 p.m.
- 9/29/2023 Fort Bend County Fair Day - City Offices Closed
- 10/3/2023 City Council Meeting (City Hall) 6:30 p.m.*
*meeting subject to cancellation. See Sept. 5 meeting for details.
- 10/3/2023 National Night Out (Brazos Town Center) 6-9 p.m.
- 10/17/2023 City Council Meeting (City Hall) 6:30 p.m.
- 10/24/2023 City Council Workshop Meeting (City Hall) 6:30 p.m.
- 10/28/2023 BOO-BERG | 3-6 p.m. Trick or Treat in Downtown
5-7 p.m. Trunk or Treat at Sunset Park 

