

Election Update: Two Bond Propositions & 51 Charter Amendments Officially Pass!

At the Tuesday, Nov. 14 City Council Meeting, Rosenberg City Council canvassed the votes from the Nov. 7, 2023 Election which officially confirmed that voters of Rosenberg said “yes” to 51 charter amendments and two bond propositions totaling \$51.5 million.

The bonds included funding for two new much-needed facilities. The Emergency Services Complex (Proposition A) included \$18,500,000 for emergency services-related infrastructure, including Fire Station No. 4, an emergency operations center and Fire Department administration offices. The Emergency Services Complex’s proposed location is Highway 36 at Fairgrounds Road.

The Public Works Complex (Proposition B) included \$33,000,000 for a Public Services Complex to consolidate Public Services departments, provide proper office space, adequately shelter large equipment, and centralize city services. This consolidated public services complex will include offices for Public Works, Utilities, Parks, Fleet Maintenance, Building Maintenance, Engineering, Capital Projects and a Fleet Fueling Station. The Public Works Complex’s proposed location is on Airport Avenue next to the current Parks and Recreation facility.

The special election for charter amendments included 51 propositions on the ballot to amend the charter. The amendments allow the city to modernize the charter, replace sections superseded by state law and remove portions that have become redundant or obsolete.

“We knew the climate going into this bond and charter election and are so thankful that Rosenberg voters saw the need for the facilities and amendments,” City Manager John Maresh said. ***“As we move into a new era of progress and positive change, led by strategic planning, these charter amendments and bond projects will help bring Rosenberg to a place where we can continue to provide the level of service and quality of life our residents and visitors to the City have come to expect.”***

For more information regarding the bonds and charter amendments, please contact Citizens Relations at 832-595-3301 or email info@rosenbergtx.gov.



Public Services Complex



Emergency Services Complex

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



Christmas Tree Recycling

After the holiday season, live Christmas trees may be put out for pick-up on the first day of your weekly collection. Tinsel, ornaments and lights must be removed. Reminder: DO NOT dump your Christmas trees in the city's parks. This is against City ordinance and you could be fined.



Holiday Shopping Safety Tips

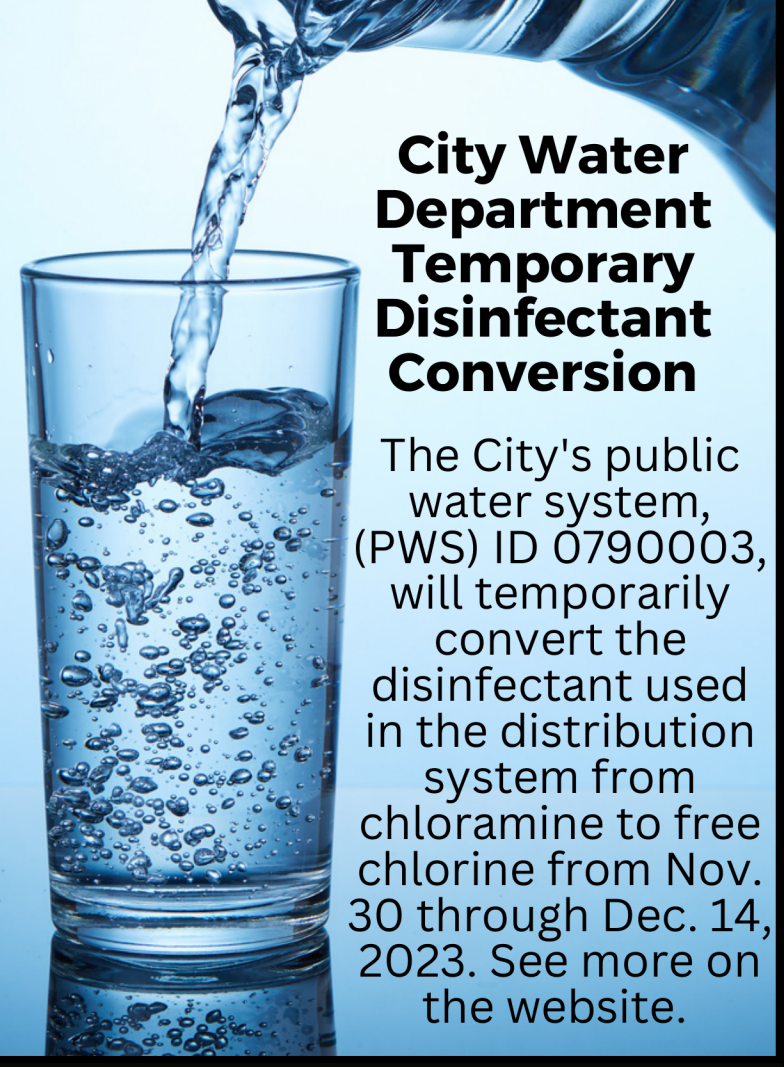
During the busy holiday shopping season, criminals are also "shopping." Be sure to stay alert when rushing from store to store to keep yourself and your loved ones safe. The Rosenberg Police Department urges shoppers to use the following safety tips, regardless of where you shop, to keep your holiday shopping trip a safe one.

- When shopping:
- Park in well-lit areas close to your destination.
 - Be mindful of your surroundings and the things you're carrying. Don't overload yourself with packages or become distracted by your cell phone.
 - If you are shopping with children, make a plan in case you are separated from each other. Select a central meeting place and teach them to ask store personnel or security for help if they need it.
 - Pick restrooms in well-lit and well-trafficked areas. Always accompany children to the restroom.
 - Always know where the closest exit is located in case of fire or another emergency.
 - Carry your purse close to your body or your wallet inside a coat or front pocket.
 - Carry only the cash or credit cards you will need on a particular day. Don't display large amounts of cash.
 - Wait until asked before taking out your credit card or checkbook. Thief's often shoulder surf to get your account information.
 - Have your keys in hand when approaching your vehicle. Check the back seat before getting in.
 - Do not leave packages visible in your car windows. Lock them in the trunk or take them directly home.

Gift Ideas for the Safety-Minded

If you know someone who enjoys gifts that are more on the practical side, give them the gift of safety this holiday season with one of these ideas:

- Doorbell cameras
- Car Safety Kit for emergencies
- Window breaker tool
- Carbon monoxide detector
- Bike lock
- Gun lock/gun safe
- Flashlights and Fire extinguishers
- Window scraper



City Water Department Temporary Disinfectant Conversion

The City's public water system, (PWS) ID 0790003, will temporarily convert the disinfectant used in the distribution system from chloramine to free chlorine from Nov. 30 through Dec. 14, 2023. See more on the website.



Holiday Solid Waste Collection Schedule CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS

GFL will be closed Monday, Dec. 25 and Monday, Jan. 1 for the Christmas and New Years Holiday. Residents who receive garbage service Mondays will be serviced on Thursday, their next scheduled day. Commercial accounts serviced on Mondays only will move to Tuesday. Commercial accounts with multiple pick-up days will move to their next service day.

Reminder: if you need assistance, please call GFL directly at 832-271-5187.

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HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City Offices will be closed:
December 25 & 26
January 1 & 15

The December 26th City Council Workshop Meeting and January 2nd City Council Meeting were canceled due to the holidays.

ROSENBERG 101 Save the Date!

The City of Rosenberg will begin accepting applications for the Rosenberg 101 Class of 2024 on Jan. 2, 2024! During Rosenberg 101, participants will immerse themselves with the structure, function, and purpose of city government in classes taught by the City's top leadership. If you want to serve on City Council or Boards and Commissions, this class is highly encouraged! Classes will consist of eight (8) consecutive sessions on Monday evenings beginning on Feb. 12, and concluding on April 1, from 6-8 p.m.

Visit the website Jan. 2 for the application to apply or call 832-595-3301 for details.



ROSENBERG DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

New Building Planned for TSTC Campus as College Expands Offerings

The need for highly skilled technicians in the workforce continues to grow. Additionally, Fort Bend County is one of the fastest-growing counties not only in Texas, but in the entire country, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Texas State Technical College looks to grow alongside the population and deliver technical education and training to more students in more fields than ever before at its Fort Bend County campus.



“Our expansion is a data-informed decision,” said Bryan Bowling, provost of the campus. “We have talked with the Texas Legislature, industry partners and local government to come to this conclusion.” The expansion will include a new building of more than 100,000 square feet that will host an expanded Diesel Equipment Technology program, as well as the addition of both an Automotive Technology program and an Auto Collision and Management Technology program. “We’re adding those programs based purely on market demand,” Bowling said. “There is a massive labor shortage in those areas. To fulfill our purpose as a college, we must include these programs.”

Kim Thompson, president of the local recruiting firm K Resources, finds that the industry partners who she works with are in constant need of new technicians and hires. “At any given time, I could hire 10 to 20-plus technicians for my extensive client base in the mechanical contracting arena,” Thompson said. “The advantage of collaborating with TSTC graduates and alumni is the quality of training that each student receives. My clients often request TSTC students.”

The groundbreaking for the new expansion was held on Wednesday, November 29.

The Rosenberg Development Corporation entered into a performance agreement in 2015, reimbursing TSTC a total of \$2,500,000 over a ten year period for the construction of the Industrial Technology Building. The facility is operational and houses multiple classrooms servicing a number of technologies.



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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!

12/2/2023	Hometown Holiday Festival (Downtown) 12-8 p.m.
12/5/2023	City Council Meeting (City Hall) 6:30 p.m.
12/19/2023	City Council Meeting (City Hall) 6:30 p.m.
12/25/2023 12/26/2023	City Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday
12/26/2023	City Council Workshop Meeting - CANCELED
1/1/2024	City Offices Closed for New Years Day Holiday
1/2/2024	City Council Meeting - CANCELED
1/15/2024	City Offices Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
1/16/2024	City Council Meeting (City Hall) 6:30 p.m.
1/23/2024	City Council Workshop Meeting (City Hall) 6:30 p.m.
2/2/2024	Sweetheart Daddy/Daughter Dance (RCC) 6-9 p.m.