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Proposed General Fund, Capital Improvement Projects, 4A Fund, and 4B Fund Budgets

The City Council voted to approve the proposed budget and tax rate at a special meeting held Monday September 15th at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The Council held public hearings on the proposed budget and tax rate on August 21st and September 4th. The following provides a summary of the Adopted General Fund, Capital Improvement Project Fund, 4A Fund and 4B Fund Budgets for next fiscal.

Proposed **General Fund revenues** total **$2,767,270**, which comes from the following sources:

- Property Tax Collections of $1,324,607 (49% of total revenue)
- Sales Tax Revenues of $480,000 (17% of total revenue)
- Franchise Fee Revenues of $255,000 (9% of total revenue)
- Revenue from Permits and Fees of $225,000 (8% of total revenue)
- Revenue from fines of $200,000 (7% of total revenue)
- Grant awards of $134,000 (5% of total revenue)
- Payment from Fire District of $93,023 (3% of total revenue), and
- Revenue from other sources of $55,640 (2% of total revenue)

Proposed **General Fund expenditures** for next fiscal year total **$2,767,270**. This includes funds to maintain City services at the current level with expenditures distributed by City Department as follows:

- Police Department $883,984 (32% of total expenditures)
- Administration $414,810 (15% of total expenditures)
- Streets and Building Maintenance $297,250 (11% of total expenditures)
- Fire and Emergency Medical Services $269,893 (10% of total expenditures)
- Community Services $204,825 (7% of total expenditures)
- Non-Departmental $227,693 (8% of total expenditures)
- Building Inspections and Code Enforcement $193,133 (7% of total expenditures)
- Municipal Court $145,079 (5% of total expenditures)
- Animal Control $126,031 (5% of total expenditures)
- Mayor & Council $4,570 (less than 0% of total expenditures)

Proposed expenditures also include the following additional services or programs:

1. 1 Additional Police Officer to provide additional patrol coverage during peak call times
2. Provide incentive pay for Firefighters and EMS personnel on a per call basis to improve response time and increase the number of calls responded to by the Joshua Volunteer Fire Department
3. Potential to provide a full time Code Enforcement Officer at 6 months into the fiscal year to provide a proactive code enforcement program
4. Provide a Citizen Request Page to the City web site to allow more efficient and effective responses to citizen's concerns
5. Provide a City wide emergency notification system to notify citizens of severe weather and other emergencies
6. Provide an additional crew member for the Street Department which will allow for two street crews and increase productivity in street maintenance

7. Provide new budgeting and finance software to enhance financial reporting and tracking capabilities
8. Provide additional micro chips at the animal shelter to comply with state law which will be offset with revenue from adoption fees

The City Council is also proposing a Capital Improvement Projects budget that includes the following street projects, building improvements, and equipment:

- Country Club Road Bridge Reconstruction
- Forest Lane Repairs
- Caddo Road Repairs
- Eddy Street Repairs
- Cofield Drive drainage improvements
- Addition of Office Space to the Street Department Service Center
- Replacing the air conditioning system at the Animal Shelter
- An additional patrol car for the Police Department
- A command vehicle for the Fire Department
- Street Department equipment
- An emergency generator for the emergency operations center
- Bunker gear and extractor system for the Fire Department
- Drainage Study to provide recommendations to improve problem drainage areas in the City
- Completing a Master Plan to transition the Volunteer Fire Department to a full time paid department while addressing growth needs

These capital projects will be funded with reserves set aside for street and drainage projects, road use agreement fees collected with gas drilling permits, and issuance of a 7 year Tax Note in the amount of $200,000 which will not result in an increase in the property tax rate.

Projects to be funded with the ½ cent 4A Economic Development Fund are summarized below:

Proposed expenditures from the 4A Economic Development fund for next fiscal year total $709,540. The proposed expenditures are expected to be funded from the proposed fiscal year 2009 4A revenue of $240,000 and from an appropriation of the 4A fund balance in the amount of $469,540. The 4A fund balance is projected to be $1,146,687 as of 9/30/08.

Proposed 4A Fund Projects for next fiscal year include:

Joshua Station Development

- Debt Service for Land Acquisition (Park & Ride Facility, extension of Plum Street)
- Design & Construction of Joshua Station Blvd
- Design of Joshua Station Park & Ride Facility
- Design & Construction of Plum Street

Administrative

- State Required Training
- Reimbursement to City General Fund for staff time spent on 4A EDC (10% of Management Assistant and 5% of City Manager salary)
- Reimbursement to City General Fund for 4A Legal fees

Projects to be funded with the ½ cent 4B Economic Development and Parks Fund are summarized as follows:

Proposed 4B Fund project expenditures total $290,080. The proposed expenditures are expected to be funded from the proposed fiscal year 2009 4B sales tax revenues of $240,000, and an appropriation of the 4B fund balance in the amount of $50,080 The 4B fund balance is projected to be $1,171,020 as of 9/30/08.

Proposed 4B Fund Projects for next fiscal year include:

Park Planning

- Park Grant Assistance
- Park Design & Engineering Services

Expansion of Commuter Rail – Joshua Commuter Rail Station

- Consulting fees related to the location and funding of the commuter rail station and administrative assistance

Plan for New and Expanded Business Development

- Provide an Economic Development Consultant to provide a proactive program to target business development specifically for Joshua and to respond to inquiries and requests of developers interested in locating in Joshua
- Participation in the Johnson County Economic Development Commission (JCEDC) and technical assistance from JCEDC staff

Promote the City of Joshua for New and Expanded Business Development

- City Entryway Sign
- Banners for City Entryway signs

Administrative Expenses

- International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) Annual membership and travel to ICSC Texas Deal making conference in San Antonio
- Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition Annual Membership
- State Required Training
- Reimbursement to City General Fund for legal fees associated with EDC
- Reimbursement to City General Fund for staff time spent on EDC (10% of Management Assistant and 5% of City Manager salary)

Proposed Tax Rate

The City Council has proposed a property tax rate of $0.653476 per $100 of valuation which is a slight decrease from the current property tax rate of $0.656219 per $100 of valuation. However, total revenues from property tax collections will increase over the previous year because of new construction and

increases in existing property values. As a result, all required notices will state that the Council is proposing a tax increase even though the proposed tax rate is less than the current tax rate.

Garage Sale Permits now on City Website

You now can review a list of Garage Sales by checking the City website at www.cityofjoshuatx.us and click on Garage Sales.

Fall City Wide Clean Up.

The next scheduled city clean up is October 3-5, 2008. Hours of operation are 7:00am – 7:00 pm. Tires and batteries will have a $5.00 disposal fee. **Pesticides, chemicals and auto parts and any item with a compressor, will not be accepted.**

Public Hearing on Re-Plat of Hotel Property.

The City Council will convene a Public Hearing for Public Input on a request to re-plat Lot 1 Block 1, Sierra Plaza Addition to Lot 1, Lot 2, Lot 3, Lot 4, Block 1, Sierra Plaza Addition. The property is located at 501 S. Broadway.

Upcoming Events

Regular City Council Meeting September 18, 2008 at 6:30 PM

P & Z Board Meeting October 6, 2008 at 7:00 PM

4A Economic Development Board Meeting October 14, 2008 at 5:30 PM

4B Economic Development Board Meeting October 14, 2008 at 7:00 PM