#### **FY2017 Proposed Budget - Highlights**



# What is the total Proposed Budget?

The total Proposed Budget for FY2017 is \$323.5 million. The General Fund Proposed Budget is \$97.5 million.

### What is the proposed tax rate?

The proposed maximum property tax rate for FY2017 is \$0.425 per \$100 of valuation.

- >> The proposed tax rate is an increase of 3.07 cents over the effective rate of \$0.39428.
- >> Total estimated taxable value for FY2017 is \$11.3B (up 7.6% from FY2016 taxable valuation of \$10.5B).
- >> The average home, valued at \$240,179 will pay \$1,021 per year in city property taxes which is an increase of \$74 per year or \$6.15 per month.
- >> At this tax rate, the City still has one of the lowest rates in Central Texas, and is among the lowest rates in the state for medium-sized cities.



The increase is needed to cover the operating costs of the new fire stations and Multi-Purpose Field Complex (0.5 cents), Public Safety additions and salary increases (1.5 cents) and much needed repairs for neighborhood streets (1 cent).

### Are there any changes in rates for other the City services?

There are **NO** proposed increases in the City's retail garbage, drainage, water or wastewater rates.

### What are the funding priorities in this proposed budget?

The proposed budget meets the demands of growth while maintaining our high level of services within the direction provided by the City Council. The proposal highlights are summarized below.

- An additional Fire Code Inspector and an additional Assistant Fire Chief to ensure the Fire Department has the resources to provide fire and life safety support for the growing City population. The operations for two new fire stations on Red Bud Lane & Lisa Rae Drive, scheduled to open November 2016, is included.
- >> Seven (7) new Police Officers & a Community Affairs Specialist civilian position in Police to continue to keep the City safe.
- The new tournament-class Multi-Purpose Field Complex is scheduled to be completed and open in May 2017. The proposal includes funds for operations and the five (5) positions needed to run the new facility in Old Settlers Park.
- >>> Three (3) positions are proposed to keep up with the pace of development in Round Rock. Planning & Development includes a new Building Plans Examiner and a new Development Coordinator, and a Construction Inspector is added to Transportation.
- Streets and transportation needs are addressed by a pilot program to expand the City's transit service by connecting it with the greater Austin area system and significantly increasing annual street maintenance funding.

# What major Capital Projects are planned or underway for FY2017?

The City has \$140 million in capital projects planned for FY2017, including:

- Parks trail expansions including Lake Creek Trail, Heritage Trail East, & Heritage Trail West.
- Improvements to Play for All Abilities Park, Kinningham Park, Joanne Land Playgroud, and the Rabb Pavilion and Playground in Old Settlers Park.
- Completing Creekbend Blvd and the Southwest Downtown Phase 5 roadway projects.
- >> Continuing design and right of way work on the University Blvd widening and the East Bagdad Extension.
- Expansions and rehabilitation projects to maintain the City's Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Drainage system.

