

City Council
City of Hillsboro, Texas
Minutes of Budget Workshop
August 11, 2026

The Hillsboro City Council and City Staff conducted a City Council Budget Workshop on Tuesday, August 11, 2026. The meeting was held at Historic City Hall, 127 E. Franklin St. in Hillsboro, TX at 6:00PM.

Present were:

Scott Johnson, Mayor
Dana Robinson, Councilmember
George Beckwith, Councilmember
Edgar Hernandez, Councilmember
Brianna Garner, Councilmember
Leann Richmond, Mayor Pro-Tem/ Councilmember

Megan Henderson, City Manager
Tony Cain, Asst. City Manager
Dale Snyder, Finance Director
Jasmine Guy, City Secretary

Councilmember Eric Fleming was absent

Others Present:

- Hillsboro PD

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:03p.m.

Public Comments from Members of the Audience

None

Hear a Presentation and Deliberate on a Report by the Finance Director Concerning Preliminary Budget Projections for FY2027.

Finance Director, Dale Snyder presented the budget information and provided council with a draft budget summary which included various aspects of the 2026-2027 budget for funds including: General Funds, Debt Service, Water/Wastewater, Sanitation, Airport, EDC, Tourism, Hotel/Motel and Forfeiture. City Manager Megan Henderson and Asst. City Manager, Tony Cain were also present to answer any questions.

Items discussed were:

- Tax Rate-.8000
- No-New Revenue Rate-.7770
- Voter Approved Rate-.8198
- Benefits
 - Health Insurance -9.9%
 - Dental 21.35% savings

- Vision-9.96% savings
- Current unknowns
 - Aquilla Water Supply District annual requirement
- Biggest Expenses
 - Salaries
 - Benefits
- General Expenditures and Revenue
 - Sale tax
 - Property Tax
 - Hotel Occupancy Tax
- Step-Pay Proposal
 - PD
 - Fire/EMS
 - Recruitment
 - Employee longevity, management, and turnover
- 1% payroll increase
 - Council suggest to run numbers for 1.5% and 2%
- Water/Sewer Fund
 - Revenue
 - Aquilla Water Supply rate
 - Recent Water Rate Increase
 - Water replacement projects: Status Updates
- Combining of Parks & Recreation Departments
- Texas Theater
 - Renovations
 - Future goals and projections
 - Community Outreach
- Point at Hillsboro (Outlet Mall)
- Removal of Shop Dept Fund
- Management of Airport Budget
 - Increase Hangar Fees
 - Increase Fuel Prices
- SRO Agreement with HISD
- General Comments:
 - Overall “lean” budget
 - Further updates provided during budget presentation on August 18th
 - Proposed budget uploaded to website on August 14th

With no further business to address, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:21PM


M. Scott Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jasmine Guy, City Secretary

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