



City Administrator's Update

HIGHLAND HAVEN

August 1, 2025



Budget Meeting Invitation

August 5, 2025 - 7:00 p.m. at the Highland Haven Community Center

Dear Highland Haven Residents,

We're thrilled to invite you to the Board of Aldermen meeting on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center, where we'll present the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. This is your opportunity to learn about our plans to keep Highland Haven safe, affordable, and sustainable while addressing critical needs like our water system. We welcome your questions, feedback, and participation to help shape our community's future.

Why Your Voice Matters

The proposed 2026 budget includes key initiatives to ensure financial stability and secure our water system's future. Highlights include:

- **A Proposed Property Tax Rate Increase:** To fund essential services like staffing and public safety through stable, city-controlled revenues (property taxes, Water Fund transfers, and Solid Waste Fund transfers).
- **\$1,000,000 Water Investment Bond:** To upgrade our water infrastructure without raising water rates or introducing a debt service tax.
- **Balanced Budget Approach:** Essential costs are covered by reliable revenue, while flexible operational costs are funded by variable sources like sales tax and interest income.

The full budget presentation is available on our website for review, detailing how we plan to maintain low taxes, ensure clean drinking water, and provide reliable services. Join us on August 5 to hear directly from our team, ask questions, and share your thoughts. Your input is vital to ensuring our budget reflects the needs and priorities of our community.

Meeting Details

- **Date:** Tuesday, August 5, 2025
- **Time:** 7:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Highland Haven Community Center
- **What to Expect:** A comprehensive presentation on the budget, including the General Fund, Property Tax Rate, Water Fund, Bond Information, and Solid Waste Fund, followed by an open Q&A session.

Can't attend? You can still review the proposed budget and presentation on our website or submit questions to cityadministrator@highlandhaventx.com.

Links to Learn More

- [Budget Presentation Video](#)

As always, stay informed, stay involved, and thank you for being an engaged part of our community!

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Next BOA Meeting

The Board of Aldermen will have their next regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday August 5, in the community center.

A copy of the agendas will be available online, as well as the packets.

Next P&Z Meeting

The next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting will take place at 6 p.m. on Thursday August 14, at the Community Center.

A copy of the agenda will be available online, as well as the packet.

Water Investment Bond

Proposed \$1,000,000 Bond for Water System

- **Purpose:**
 - Purchase 8.25 acre parcel located next to our water plant
 - Invest in water infrastructure updates that may include:
 - New water system generator
 - Build out of Well #6
 - Variable Frequency Drives for distribution pumps
 - Fire Hydrants
- **Importance:**
 - 2 of the city's wells are located on this property, eliminates royalty payments
 - Ensures we control all aspects of our water infrastructure, keeping drinking water safe and reliable
 - Has been a priority in the City's Comprehensive Plan since 2004
 - Adds controlled acreage for future groundwater permits or system expansions
- **Key Facts:**
 - 15-year bond, repaid through revenues from water system
 - **No Debt Service Tax** created through issuance of this bond
 - **No Increase** in water rates
 - **Required Ballot Language:** "This is a Tax Increase" (Texas law mandates this wording, but no debt service tax is being created and no rate hikes are proposed)
- **Why it Matters:**
 - Ensures safe, reliable water for all residents without added costs
- **When to Vote:**
 - This Bond will be voted on during the November 4, 2025 election

Stay in the Loop & Reach Out!

We appreciate you taking the time to stay informed about what's happening in Highland Haven. If you have any questions, concerns, or just want to chat about city matters, we're always happy to hear from you! Feel free to reach out, and we'll do our best to provide answers and keep you in the know.

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Stay engaged, stay involved, and thank you for being a part of what makes Highland Haven a great place to live!
