



ALAMO HEIGHTS City news

Your Official Source from City Hall

September 2011

FY 2012 Budget Summary

The FY2012 Proposed Operating Budget was presented to Council on August 8th. It maintains the current property tax rate of \$0.355662 per hundred dollars of valuation and will raise \$4,186,198 for operations and \$415,190 for debt. The budget provides adequate transfers to support the Street Maintenance and Capital Replacement Funds, while also budgeting the expenditure of all remaining 2007 Certificates of Obligation. It also maintains an unreserved fund balance of \$1,139,692.

The Proposed Utility Fund Budget anticipates \$3,124,600 in revenues. Of this \$2,308,502 is allocated for

operating expenses and \$490,782 for capital expenditures. Retained earnings of \$325,316 will provide a gross available balance of \$918,507. This will provide operating reserves of \$375,187 and \$142,328 for capital replacement leaving an available balance of \$400,992.

A public hearing on the FY12 Proposed Budget will be held at the Sept. 12th Council meeting and placed on the Sept. 26th Council agenda for consideration along with the proposed tax rate. The proposed budget is available on the City's website. Printed copies are also available at City Hall for viewing or can be purchased for a cost of \$22.50.

Proposed General Fund Revenues/Allocations

| | |
|--|---------------|
| Projected Beginning Balance Oct. 1, 2011 | \$ 3, 427,806 |
| Proposed Revenues | \$ 8,234,463 |
| Proposed Departmental Allocations | -\$ 7,979,139 |
| 2007 C/O Remaining Balance | \$ 500,000 |
| Transfer to Street Maintenance Fund | -\$ 682,475 |
| Transfer to Capital Replacement | -\$ 366,178 |
| Operating Reserve | -\$ 1,994,785 |
| Net Available Balance | \$ 1,139,692 |

National Night Out



The City of Alamo Heights invites you to our **3rd Annual National Night Out Event on Tuesday, October 4th at the City Complex from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Come explore the Fire Truck, Ambulance and Police Car. There will be hot dogs, chips, sodas, goodie bags and much more for both adults and children to enjoy. The Fire Dept. will demonstrate a "Live Burn" Drill at 7 p.m.

Contact Marian Ramirez, at 882-1508 or mramirez@alamoheightstx.gov for more information.

BRIEFS

Coffee with the City Manager

City Manager, Mark Browne, will begin hosting a "Coffee" every 3rd Thursday of the month at the City Council Chambers, 6120 Broadway. The first one will be held on September 22nd at 8:30 a.m. He hopes that you will join him and provide helpful feedback about projects in Alamo Heights.



Howdy Parade

AH High School will be holding their annual Howdy Parade, Wednesday, Sept. 21st.

The parade will begin at 4 p.m. on the 1000 blk. of Townsend Ave.



and continue up Broadway to W. Castano. Broadway will be closed from

Albany Ave. to Tuxedo Ave. and reopen to traffic by 5 p.m.

New On-line Services

Beginning Monday, Oct. 3rd the City will begin offering on-line contractor registration, as well as permitting for garage sales, trades and repair projects. We hope the implementation of these additional web-based services will significantly improve the convenience for our customers and our overall efficiency in the permitting process. For more information contact Brian Chandler, Planning & Dev. Services Director, at 832-2250 or bchandler@alamoheightstx.gov.

Neighborhood Community Informational Meetings for Election



On August 29th, the City Council called for a Special Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8th. This election is for the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$6.3 million to construct and equip new City Facilities.

Beginning in October, the City will hold several Neighborhood Community Informational Meetings concerning the Bond Issuance and the plans for the Proposed City Facilities. Postcards will be sent to each resident in each of the six “neighborhoods” designating the date and time of “YOUR” neighborhood meeting. The information will also be posted on the City’s website at www.alamoheightstx.gov.

Consumer Products Safety Recall Program

Continuing the City’s goal to provide pro-active safety and injury prevention to the community, the Fire Department has developed a “Consumer Product Safety Recall” program. The program researches various publications to determine the recall of products that may cause a fire threat/hazard and provides this information to the community.

The goal of the program is for our community to discontinue the use of potentially unsafe/recalled products. The program will provide updated product recall information on a regular basis.

Please visit the City of Alamo Heights website, www.alamoheightstx.gov, open the “Public Safety” section, then the “Fire” section to “Consumer Products Safety Recall” section to access this important information. Details regarding manufacturers’ policies in reference to recalled products by accessing the links provided.

Forward any questions or comments to Battalion Chief Michael Gdovin mugdovin@alamoheightstx.gov.

School Zone Safety

Remember to be careful when driving on streets around the school campuses and anywhere children may be walking or riding their bicycles to school. Special attention should be paid to student crosswalks and student drop-off points. Students can be easily distracted and may inadvertently get too far away from the curb or cross the street without looking both ways.



Please remember the speed limit for vehicles traveling in school zones is 20 m.p.h. and the use of handheld electronic communications devices is prohibited in the entire school zone surrounding Cambridge Elementary as well as on Broadway in the Cambridge Elementary School and Alamo Heights High School zones. School zones are in effect from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The City of Alamo Heights has an excellent safety record around the schools and we should do everything possible to maintain that record.



Registration for the Alamo Heights/Fort Sam Houston Youth Soccer Fall 2011 season is now open. For information regarding registration and fees, go to www.ahfsh.org or call 828-7071.



Registration for the Alamo Heights Little League Fall Ball 2011 is now open. For information regarding registration and fees, go to www.ahl.org.

CITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Tuesday, Sept. 20 | Architectural Review Board Meeting | 5:30 p.m. |
| Thursday, Sept. 22 | Coffee with the City Manager | 8:30 a.m. |
| Monday, Sept. 26 | City Council Meeting | 5:30 p.m. |

OCTOBER

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Monday, Oct. 3 | Planning and Zoning Meeting | 5:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, Oct. 4 | National Night Out | 6:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, Oct. 5 | Board of Adjustment Meeting | 5:30 p.m. |
| Monday, Oct. 10 | City Council Meeting | 5:30 p.m. |