

City Manager Update



City of Rockport

April 22, 2025
City Council Regular Meeting

April 2025 Development

The Palms Final Plat approved by P&Z on 4/21/2025

Impact Fee Study updates to be presented to the CIAC (P&Z) on May 5, 2025

April 2025 Permitting

Bealls Finals scheduled, TCO pending

Courthouse and City Hall TCO pending elevators being operational

Building & Development Stats

March

- Permits Issued: 128
- Permit Fees Collected: \$28,064.95
- Impact Fees Collected: \$26,139.97
- Inspections: 393
- Code Enforcement
 - Open Cases: 25
 - Closed Cases: 32
 - New Complaints: 25
 - General Inquiries: 26



Public Works

- Progress in motion — a glimpse at the projects shaping our community's future.

Work in progress! Our team is making steady strides on drainage upgrades to help keep your streets clear, safe, and storm-ready.

Public Works



Erosion control in action! This roadway is getting the attention it needs with edge reinforcement. Keeping our streets strong and safe!



We're almost there! City Hall is getting its final touches and will be ready to welcome the community soon!

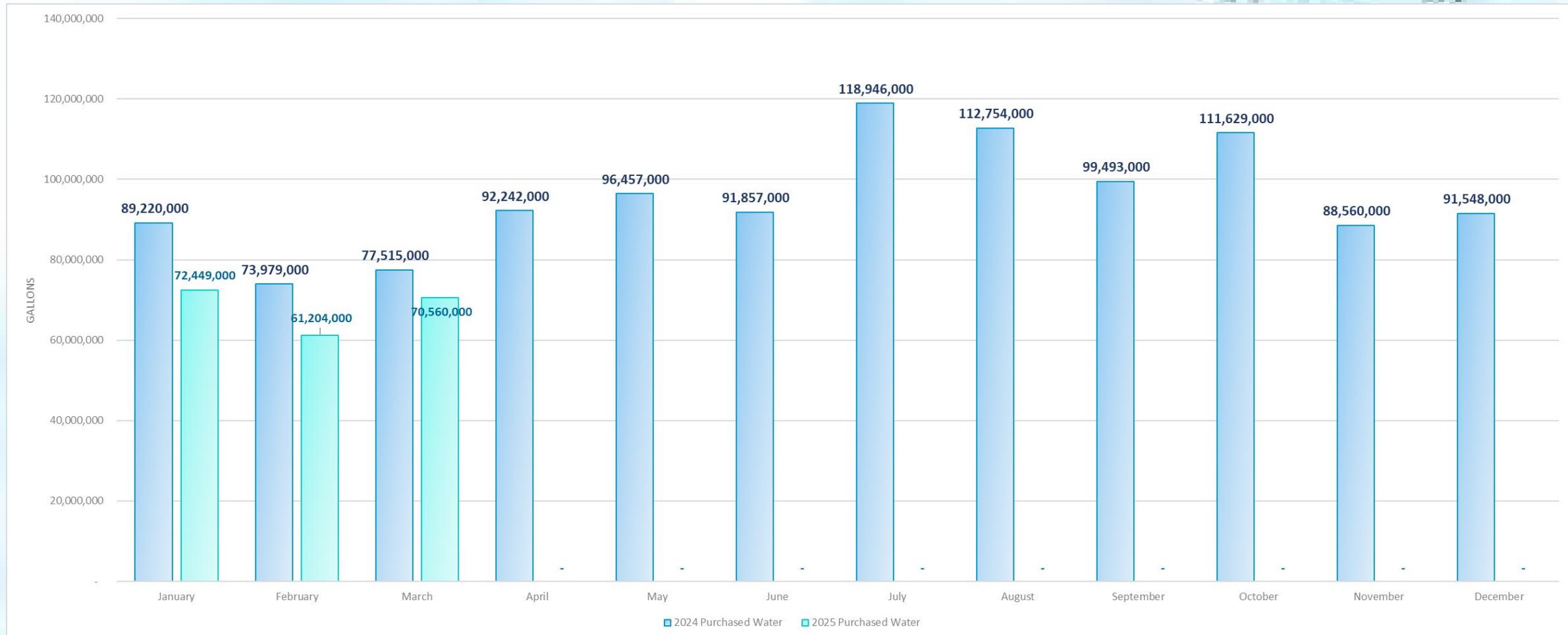
At the heart of our community, our Water Department is always on tap, ensuring the flow is just right – making sure you stay refreshed, hydrated, and happy!

March Billed Utility Connections / Consumption

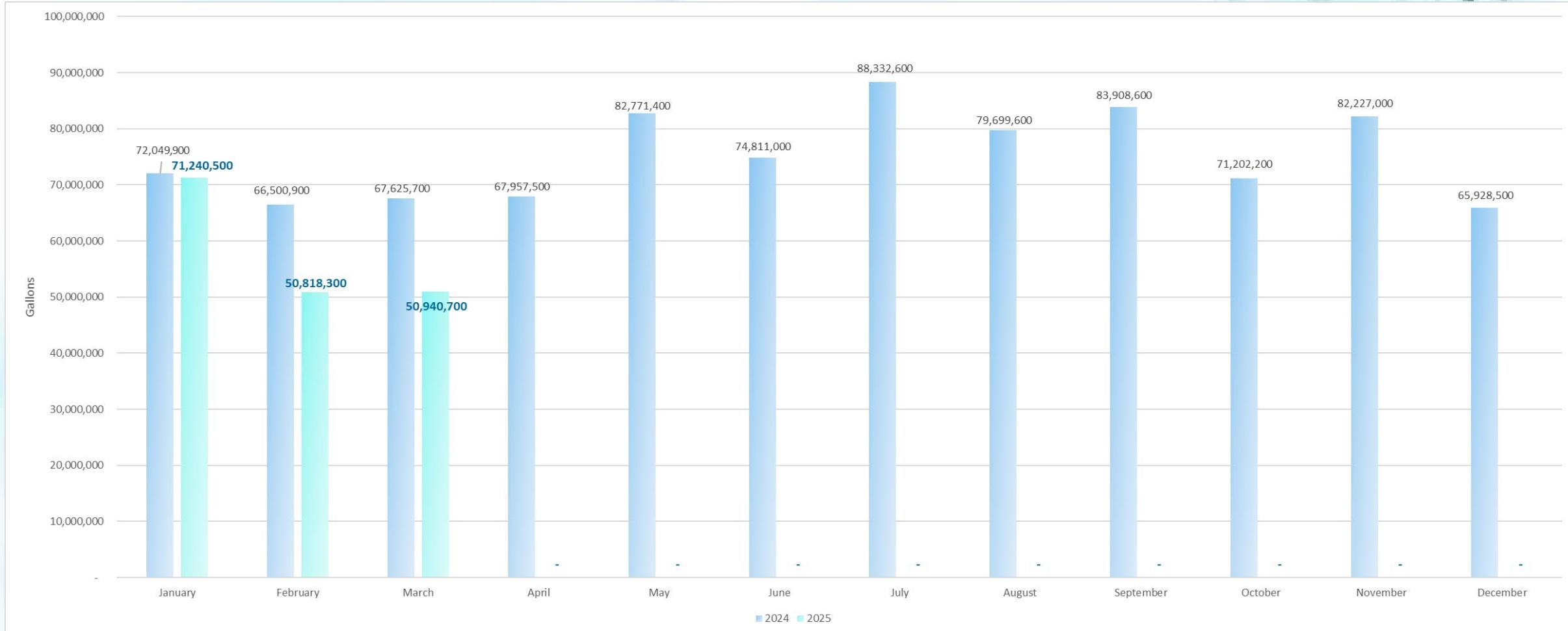
- Water: 10,427 / 509,407.0000
- Sewer: 5,651 / 273,446.0000
- Gas: 4,639 / 45,768.0000

Public Works

Purchased Water



Residential/Commercial Water Usage



Public Works

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Water Conservation & Drought Emergency Information

The City of Rockport is currently under Stage 3 Water Restrictions

Stage 1 – Mild Water Shortage Watch: Initiated when combined lake levels of the Choke Canyon Reservoir and Lake Corpus Christi system (CCR/LCC system) fall below 40% of capacity. Stage 1 restrictions are not lifted until combined lake levels return to at least 50%.

Stage 2 – Moderate Shortage Condition: Additional restrictions are initiated when lake levels fall below 30% and remain in effect until combined lakes return to at least 40%.

Stage 3 – Critical Water Shortage Condition: Stage 3 is initiated if combined water storage levels decline below 20%. Additional restrictions on certain non-essential water uses will remain in effect until levels increase to above 30%. Stage 2 then becomes operative.

Stage 4 – Emergency Water Shortage Condition: Stage 4 could be declared by our supplier, San Patricio Municipal Water District (SPMWD), in the event of an extreme water system production or transmission system failure.

Stage 3 Restrictions are as Follows:

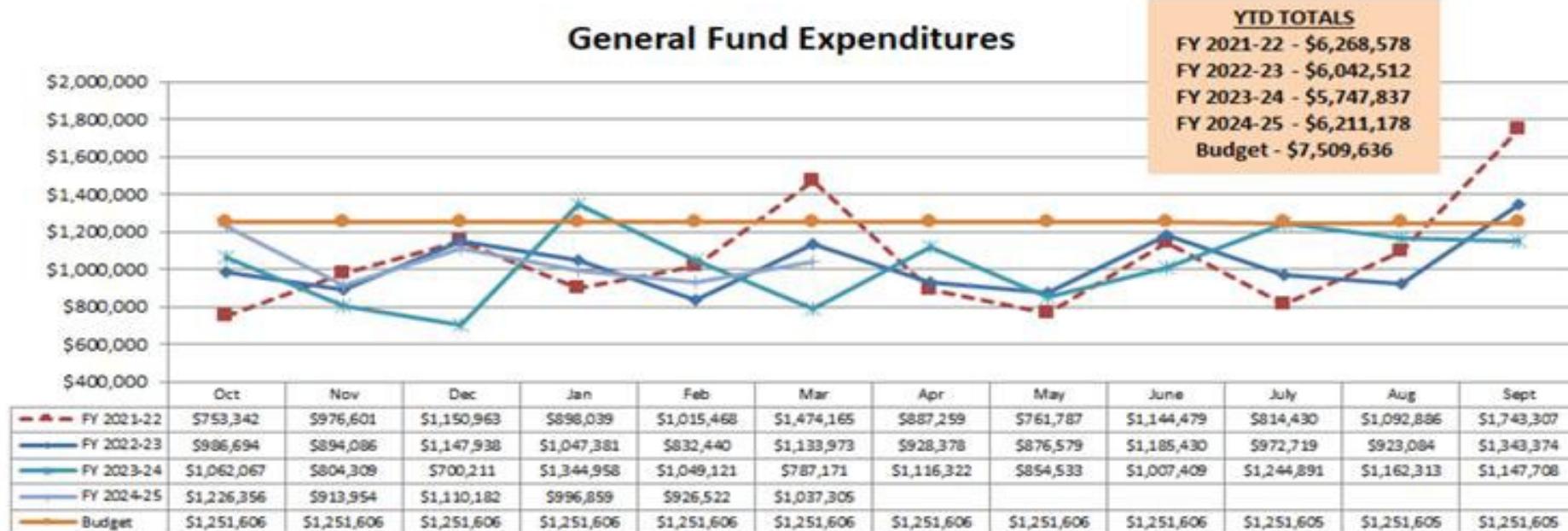
- Mandatory Compliance
- All landscape watering prohibited
- No filling of new and existing pools *(NOT RECOMMENDED)
- No washing of cars at home
- All fountains shall operate only to maintain equipment
- Washing of Impervious Surfaces is prohibited unless for health and safety reasons

Why are we entering Stage 3?

Combined reservoir levels are below 20% capacity. Current weather forecasts predict above-normal temperatures and below-normal rainfall, which will impact our water supply.

For more frequently asked questions visit
<https://www.rockporttx.gov/494/Water-Plan>

City of Rockport General Fund Expenditures thru March 2025



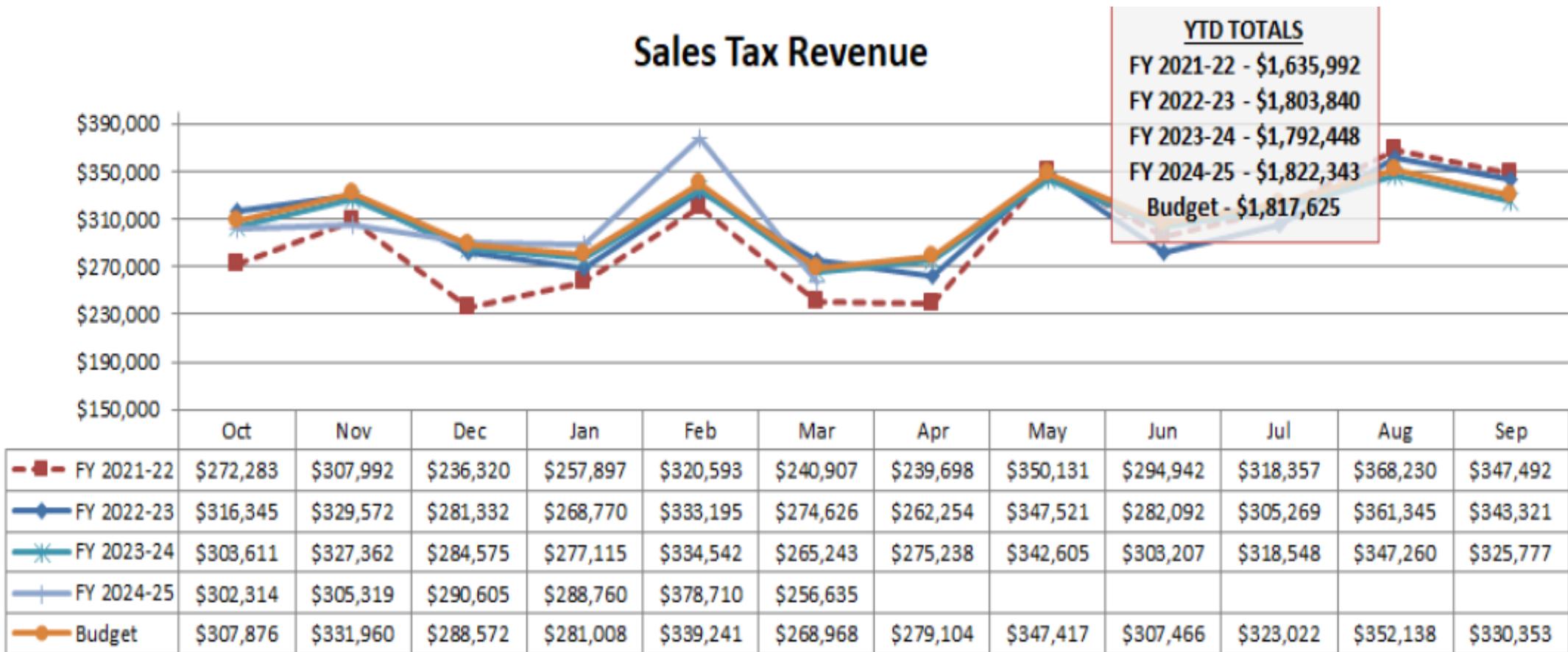
Up 8% YoY- 17% below budget.

General Fund Expenditures Comparison



- **General Government:** Mayor & Council, City Manager, Human Resources, City Secretary, Finance, Information Technology, Building Maintenance, and Non-Departmental
- **Public Safety:** Police Administration, Patrol, CID, and Municipal Court
- **Development Services:** Building Development, Emergency Operations, Code Enforcement and Inspections
- **Community Services:** Street Department and Parks and Leisure Services

City of Rockport
General Fund Expenditures thru March 2025



Comprises 18% of General Fund Revenues - up 2% YoY, and flat on budget

Finance

PAYERNAME	AUDIT	EARLY	LATE	ON TIME	RECONC	Total
WAL-MART				10.34%		10.34%
PROBUILD				7.81%		7.81%
H-E-B FOOD STORE				6.57%		6.57%
AMAZONCOM SVCS (MARKE...				4.26%		4.26%
ACE HARDWARE				2.20%		2.20%
AMAZON COM COMPANIES				2.17%		2.17%
CITY OF ROCKPORT				1.74%		1.74%
RELIANT ENERGY RETAIL SVCS				1.50%		1.50%
ROCKPORT COUNTRY CLUB ...				1.42%		1.42%
VALERO CORNER STORE				1.19%		1.19%
CITY ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO				1.11%		1.11%
SPEEDY STOP FOOD STORE				1.10%		1.10%
ROCKPORT TACKLE TOWN				1.09%		1.09%
PARADISE KEY DOCKSIDE BA...				1.00%		1.00%
SPANKY'S LIQUOR				0.99%		0.99%
BLOOMERS NURSERY & LAN...			0.67%	0.24%		0.91%
JESSE S WEBB			0.44%	0.38%		0.81%
LIVE OAK READY MIX				0.80%		0.80%
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS PAINT				0.79%		0.79%
ROCKPORT BOILING POT				0.78%		0.78%
CHECKER AUTO PARTS				0.76%		0.76%
SPECTRUM GULF COAST				0.75%		0.75%
Total	0.33%	0.23%	2.57%	97.24%	-0.36%	100.00%

Unspent Bonds

Unspent Bond and ARPA Funds Expenses as April 22, 2025

Public Works Projects

	January 23, 2024	Updated Contracts	Spent to Date
Expenditures:			
W/W Treatment Plant - in progress	\$4,998,048	\$5,162,601	\$3,469,204
Rehab of RSC Elevated Tank- Completed November 2024	\$270,371		\$270,371
Force Main - Gagon to WWTP - Completed 5/6/24	\$427,840	\$408,585	\$408,585
SCADA-WWtp & Lift Stations - completed Jan 2025	\$230,000	\$124,104	\$124,104
RCC Lakes - Sediment Removal - Completed 7/25/23	\$460,000		\$460,000
Traylor Blvd Pavement Repairs - Completed 3/2/23	\$98,684		\$98,684
Concho Street Drainage Completed	\$192,000		\$192,000
	\$6,676,943	\$6,716,345	\$5,022,948

Park Projects

	January 23, 2024	Updated Contracts	Spent to Date
Expenses:			
Bent Oaks Rookery: Finish permiterg - Completed	\$22,125		\$22,125
Bent Oaks Rookery: Addl Fence around park - Completed	\$49,950		\$49,950
Bent Oaks Rookery: Sidewalk and Observation - Completed	\$48,795		\$48,795
Bent Oaks Rookery: Park - Completed	\$2,000	\$2,571	\$2,571
Bent Oaks Rookery: Addl fencing of last position - Completed	\$37,750		\$37,750
Aquatic Park - Connect walkway to Tule HikeBike Trail - Completed	\$13,025		\$13,025
Re-Stripping/Widen of pool parking lot entrance - Completed 8/30/24	\$24,230		\$24,145
Pool Pump House piping - Completed	\$8,500	\$8,630	\$8,630
Memorial - Completed 8/27/24	\$26,500	\$24,750	\$24,750
Memorial - Fitness Court Shade - Completed	\$84,509		\$84,509
Lighting for fitness court - in progress - scheduled for August 2025	\$45,000		\$322
Skate park refurbishing - in progress - scheduled for August 2025	\$12,500		\$3,120
	\$374,884	\$373,835	\$319,691

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Police Department



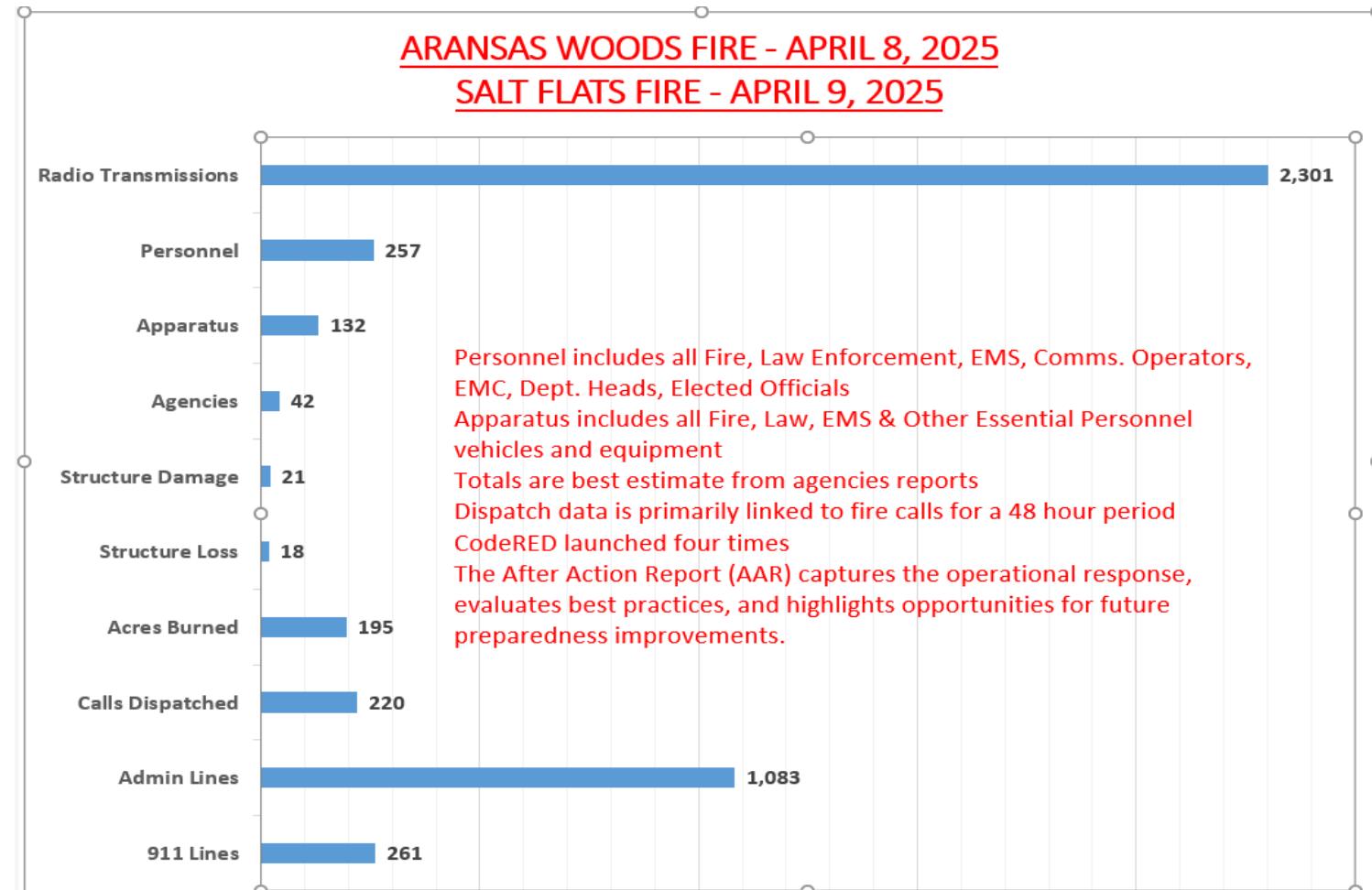
The Chief, Lt Garcia and Captain Paine attended the Texas Police Chief's Association Conference in Galveston where we were recognized in front of over 800 attendees for our recent accreditation



Police Department

Police Department		
May	2024	2025
Police Incidents	80	64
Calls for Service	510	522
Arrests	33	28
Traffic Contacts	440	481
Traffic Crashes	19	8
CID Cases Assigned	55	53
CID Clearance Rate	38%	31%

Public Safety Communications



Rockport Parks & Recreation

March Activities

MEMORIAL PARK PAVILION RENTALS - 7

MEMORIAL PARK FIELD RENTALS - 7

36TH ANNUAL WHOOPING CRANE STRUT -

360 PARTICIPANTS (RECORD BREAKING YEAR)

ROCKPORT FULTON LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING CEREMONIES

OYSTERFEST PARADE - PARKS FLOAT

RFISD CAREER DAY - PARKS & REC BOOTH

DEPARTMENT AVATAR SAFETY TRAINING COMPLETED



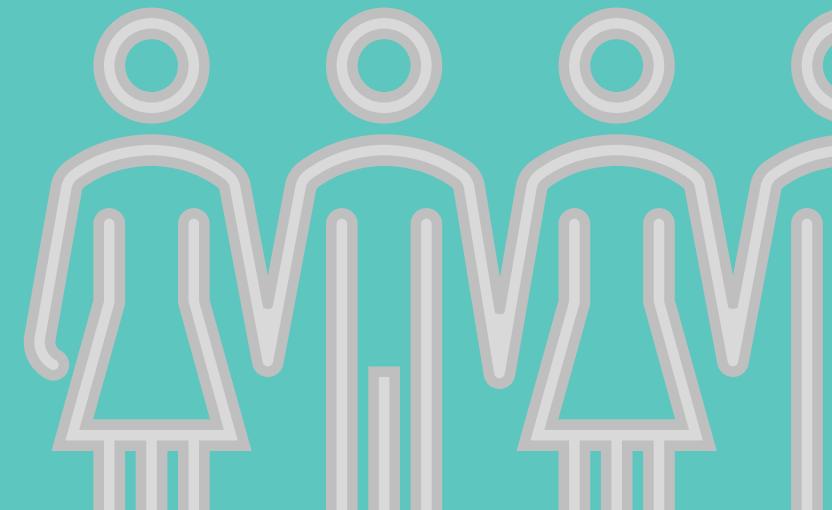
Rockport Fulton Little League Opening Ceremonies



Whooping Crane Strut

Human Resources

- March 11th, 2025 – Employee Handbook Update Approved by Council
- New Hires and Separations:
 - 1 New Hire
 - 3 Separations
 - 1 - Termination
 - 1 - Retirement
 - 1 – Resignation
- 4 Workman's Comp Claims



Communication Opportunities

- 1. Regular Meetings, Workshops and Briefings
- 2. Public Hearings and Citizen Comment Period
- 3. Committee Involvement
- 4. Email or Digital Communication
(bi-monthly newsletter)
- 5. One-on-One Meetings with Council or Staff
- 6. City Connect Meetings
- 7. Serve on a Board or Commission
- 8. Social Media and Website
- 9. Surveys and Feedback Form
- 10. Press Releases
Sign up to stay informed

Why Serve on a Board or Commission?

1. Make a Direct Impact on Your Community

- **Opportunity for Change:** Being part of a group that helps make decisions provides an opportunity to address issues that are important to you and your neighbors, whether it's public safety, economic development, or environmental sustainability.

2. Enhance Your Civic Engagement

- **Strengthen Democracy:** Serving on a board or commission allows you to be more actively involved in local governance, promoting transparency and civic participation. It's a way to contribute to the democratic process by engaging in public service and fostering open communication between the city government and its residents.

3. Develop Valuable Skills

- **Understanding Government Operations:** You'll gain insight into how local government operates, including budgeting, policy development, and the legislative process. This knowledge is invaluable if you're looking to expand your role in public service or engage more deeply in civic affairs.

4. Contribute Your Expertise

- **Use Your Knowledge:** Many boards and commissions need members with specific expertise or experience, whether in law, finance, education, or other fields. If you have skills or knowledge that could be valuable to the community, serving on a board allows you to contribute them to help solve local challenges.

5. Build a Stronger Community

- **Encourage Collaboration:** By bringing different viewpoints to the table, boards and commissions create collaborative solutions for the community. Working together with others who share your interest in making the community a better place can help forge stronger, more connected neighborhoods.

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6. Personal Fulfillment

- **Develop a Personal Connection:** Serving on a board or commission helps you develop a deeper connection to the community and its residents, which can foster a sense of pride and ownership in the city's growth and direction.

7. Serve as a Role Model

- **Inspire Others:** Your involvement can inspire others to get involved in public service. By serving on a board or commission, you can set an example of active citizenship for others in the community, especially younger generations.

8. Improve Professional Development

- **Resume Building:** Serving on a board or commission can enhance your professional portfolio, demonstrating your leadership, organizational, and problem-solving skills. It can also show your commitment to community service, which is valued by employers in many fields.

9. Help Shape the Future

- **Be a Visionary:** Boards and commissions often work on long-term projects or initiatives that can have a lasting impact on the community. Whether it's designing new parks, planning for sustainable development, or improving city infrastructure, your work could influence the city's direction for years to come.

Form Center • Board and Commission Application

Upcoming Meeting and Events

- May 5th at 5:30 p.m. Planning and Zoning Commission
- May 12th at 10:00 a.m. Convention and Visitor Bureau Board of Director Meeting
- May 13th at 6:30 p.m. City Council Regular Meeting
- **May 15th at 6:30 p.m. Rockport Citizen University**
- May 19th at 5:30 p.m. Planning and Zoning Commission
- May 27th at 6:30 p.m. City Council Regular Meeting
- **May 28th at 6:30 p.m. at the City Pool. The May City Connect – Tea Talk with Mayor Pro Tem Hattman and City Manager Shrauner**
- May 29th at 9:00 a.m. City Council Budget Workshop

Legislative Update

Governor's Priorities

- Property Tax Relief – Tax and Debt Elections
- School Choice
- Teacher Pay
- Water Investments
- Expanding Career and Technology Training
- Bail Reform
- Texas Cyber Command

Lt. Governor's Priorities

- **S.B. 2** – Education Savings Accounts (Passed the Senate and House)
- **S.B. 4** – Increasing the homestead exemption to \$140,000 (Passed Senate)
- **S.B. 7** – Increasing investments in Texas water supply (Passed the Senate)
- **S.B. 8** – Requiring local law enforcement to assist federal deportation efforts (Passed the Senate)
- **S.B. 15** – Removing barriers to affordable housing (Passed the Senate)
- **S.B. 19** – Stopping taxpayer dollars for lobbyists (Passed the Senate)

Bills to be Watched

S.B. 1277 (passed the Senate) - Relating to the expiration of the municipal sales and use tax for street maintenance in certain municipalities

S.B. 1062 (passed the Senate)/**H.B. 1080** (not moved)/ **H.B. 3782** (voted from House State Affairs)

S.B. 1173 (passed the Senate and ref'd to House Intergovernmental Relations Committee)- Increases the competitive bidding threshold to account for increased costs to cities

H.B. 2217 (reported from House Homeland)/**H.B. 4264** (voted from House Homeland)- Creates new law enforcement grant programs or expands current law enforcement grant programs

S.B. 19 (passed the Senate; referred to House State Affairs) – Political subdivision may not spend public funds to hire lobbyist, but exception for nonprofit state associations....currently has a good amendment if it approves

H.B. 755 (pending in House State Affairs) – Notice of lobby contract, separate council vote, no food or drink, can't lobby on property tax rates

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- **H.B. 9** (passed the House) – \$250,000 exemption for appraised value of business personal property
- **S.B. 32** (passed the Senate) – \$25,000 exemption for appraised value of business personal property
- **S.B. 1025** (passed the Senate) – any ballot that increases taxes must say “THIS IS A TAX INCREASE”
- **S.B. 2529** (voted from Senate Local Government) – 60% of council must approve GO bonds; 80% of council must approve tax rate exceeding no-new-revenue rate
- **S.B. 1449** (voted from Senate Local Government) – repeals disaster tax rate exception; voted from Senate Local Government
- **H.B. 134** (reported from House Ways and Means) - destination sourcing for intrastate sales taxes

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- **H.B. 19** (pending in House Ways and Means Committee) – All bond elections to November; eliminates COs except under very limited circumstances; city cannot issue GO debt if the debt service would exceed 20 percent of total property tax collection for the preceding three years
- **S.B. 533** (passed the Senate, referred to House Pension) – All bond elections must be in November
- **H.B. 1453** (heard in House Pensions) – Prohibits use of COs for roads, administrative buildings, courthouses, airports, libraries, parks, and convention centers
- **S.B. 1024** (passed the Senate) – Five-year waiting period for COs and TANs after failed bond election; amount of TAN can't exceed 5% of bonded indebtedness
- **S.B. 393** (voted from Senate Local Government and on Senate intent calendar) – Length of debt can't exceed useful life of property financed

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- **S.B. 673** (Passed the Senate) - Allows ADUs by right
- **S.B. 854** (on Senate intent calendar)/**H.B. 3172** (pending in House LRM) – Must allow mixed-use and multifamily developments on religious-owned land
- **S.B. 844** (on Senate intent calendar)/**H.B. 24** (voted from House Land and Resource) – Raises protest threshold to 60% under certain circumstances
- **H.B. 2225** (voted from House LRM)/**S.B. 1883** (reported from Senate Local Government) – Pre-notice requirements for impact fees, supermajority vote to approve impact fee, and a waiting period for increases

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- **H.B. 2559** (reported from House LRM)/**S.B. 1882** (reported from Senate Local Government Committee)/**H.B. 5489** (no status) – Limits or temporarily prohibits a city's ability to adopt a development moratorium.
- **H.B. 23** (voted from House Land and Resource;)/**S.B. 1450** (passed the Senate) – Applicant may request third-party review of development documents or land improvements by a certified engineer or building inspector
- **S.B. 783** (passed the Senate) – Building material regulation restriction no longer applies to certain energy codes and standards

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- **H.B. 2464** (no movement) – Prohibits regulations on certain home-based businesses (includes STRs)
- **H.B. 2767** (voted from House St Affairs) – Prohibits regulating online global marketplaces (includes STRs)
- **S.B. 241** (passed by the Senate) – Cities must enforce public camping bans
- **H.B. 41** (reported from House Homeland Committee) – City cannot acquire or use drones from certain foreign countries or companies located in certain foreign countries
- **S.B. 1209** (passed by the Senate) – Eliminates May uniform election date
- **S.B. 1494** (passed Senate and referred to House Elections) – City may change its May election date to November through 2026

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- **H.B. 2715** (voted from House State Affairs) – Governor can suspend mayor/council for violating oath of office triggering a jury trial
- **S.B. 7** (on Senate intent calendar; passed the Senate) – Creates New Water Supply for Texas Fund for water infrastructure projects
- **S.B. 2015** (no movement)/**H.B. 4272** (pending in House Subcommittee on Telecom) – City may require that a telecommunications company relocate lines due to a city road project, but relocation will be at city's expense

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- **H.B. 1522** (passed by the House) – Governmental bodies must provide three business days notice for all public meetings(also includes some requirements for Budgets)
- **H.B. 5267** (pending in House IGR Committee) – Expenditure limit on all cities, city can only exceed with election
- **S.B. 878** (passed the Senate) – 380 incentive agreement reforms
- **H.B. 3353** (reported from House Judiciary) – Contractor who designs, installs, constructs, repairs or maintains a highway, road, street, or related traffic management devices for local government is not liable for harm if contractor's performance materially complied with relevant contract documents

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- **H.B. 4097** (no movement); S.B. 1851 (passed the Senate) – Audit late by more than 6 months results in tax rate no greater than no new revenue rate
- **S.B. 1756** (reported from Senate Economic Development) – Limits the pledge of hotel taxes for certain projects such as convention centers and hotels

Super Preemption

- **H.B. 5203** – Adds Election Code and Penal Code to list of “field occupancy” preemption codes; allows AG to bring suit against city with significant penalties; moves jurisdiction over lawsuit directly to Texas Supreme Court
- **H.B. 5612 / S.B. 3016** – Adds subtitles of Local Government Code related to land use to list of “field occupancy” preemption codes; AG lawsuits with penalties; moves jurisdiction over lawsuit to Texas Supreme Court
- **H.B. 5266** – Would allow AG to investigate and file suit against city for alleged violation of law