



CITY MANAGERS UPDATE

CITY OF ROCKPORT

AUGUST 26, 2025

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING



Building & Development

August 2025 Development

- Planning & Zoning met on 08/04/2025 and 08/15/2025
- Building and Standards met on 08/25/2025
- Tree and Landscape meeting at 08/27/2025
- 7 Pre-development meetings
- 24 STR Inspections
- 2 Staff attended TML Land Use Essentials Conference
- Chief Building Official Robert Decker attended B.O.A.T.



Permitting & Inspections – July 2025

- *Permits Issued: 120*
- *Permit Fees Collected: \$52,973.50*
- *Impact Fees Collected: \$15,174.18*
- *Inspections: 443*



Code Enforcement – July 2025

- *Open Cases: 54*
- *Closed Cases: 58*
- *STR Inspections: 24*
- *STR Inquires & Registrations: 170*

*Water, sewer, and gas: the unsung
trio making modern life a little
more comfortable—one connection
at a time!*

July 2025

Billed Utility Connections / Consumption

Water: 10,487 / 595,070.0000

Sewer: 5,679 / 325,727.0000

Gas: 4,637 / 68,154.0000





Purchased Water

2024 Purchased Water (Gallons)

- January: 89,220,000
- February: 73,979,000
- March: 77,515,000
- April: 92,242,000
- May: 96,457,000
- June: 91,857,000
- July: 118,946,000

2025 Purchased Water (Gallons)

- January: 72,449,000
- February: 61,204,000
- March: 70,560,000
- April: 72,300,000
- May: 70,732,000
- June: 65,573,000
- July: 88,977,000

Residential/Commercial Water Usage

2024 Water Usage (Gallons)

- January: 72,049,900
- February: 66,500,900
- March: 67,625,700
- April: 67,957,500
- May: 82,771,400
- June: 74,811,000
- July: 88,332,600

2025 Water Usage (Gallons)

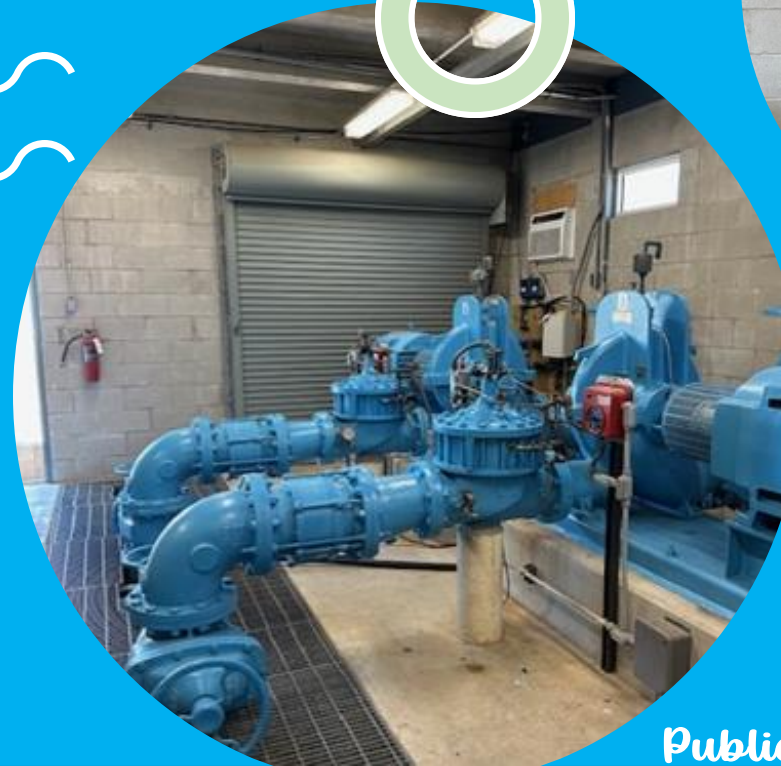
- January: 71,240,500
- February: 50,818,300
- March: 50,940,700
- April: 63,493,100
- May: 59,312,200
- June: 65,034,400
- July: 59,507,000





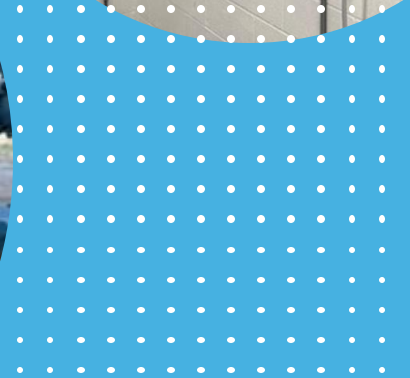
Improvement projects that are being funded through the Utility System Fund (FY 2024–2025) Operations & Maintenance (O&M) budget.

FM 188 Pump Station Improvements



As part of our ongoing efforts to improve the city's water system for our citizens, maintenance and repairs are being conducted at the pump stations. These updates help ensure reliable operation, prevent future issues, and support the long-term efficiency of our system.

Pen Oaks Pump Station Improvements



We are replacing pumps and CL17 controllers at our pump stations. The new pumps will improve system performance and reliability, while the CL17 controllers help monitor chlorine residuals in our water to ensure it remains safe and dependable for our community.

The City operates and maintains 50 lift stations as part of its wastewater collection system. To ensure the continued reliability and efficiency of these facilities, the City is in the process of replacing aging lift station pumps. Over time, pumps experience wear that can lead to increased maintenance needs, higher operating costs, and potential service interruptions. By replacing these older units with newer, more efficient models, the City is reducing the risk of failures, improving system performance, and extending the overall life of our infrastructure.



Continued SCADA
(Supervisory Control &
Data Acquisition) system
improvements are
underway with the
installation of new
antennas to enhance
communication reliability
and efficiency across our
water and wastewater
operations.





Improvement projects that are being funded through the Fleet Operations Fund (FY 2024–2025) Operations & Maintenance (O&M) budget.



The City is removing its outdated unleaded and diesel underground fuel tanks in compliance with TCEQ requirements. Removing these tanks was important to eliminate potential environmental risks, ensure regulatory compliance, and reduce the liability associated with aging infrastructure. Fueling for City vehicles and equipment is now managed through the WEX fuel system, which provides improved accountability, tracking, and efficiency.





Improvement projects that are being funded through the Street & Drainage Fund (FY 2024–2025) Operations & Maintenance (O&M) budget.



Each year, the City carries out its annual seal coat program to extend the life of our streets and keep them in good condition. Seal coating helps protect road surfaces from weather, water, and traffic wear, reducing the need for costly repairs in the future. This preventative maintenance keeps our streets safer, smoother, and more durable for everyone who travels through our community.



Capital Projects



*Rockport Fulton Volunteer Fire Department
Still under construction—but always ready to
answer the call!*



Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements

Public Works



The City is making improvements to its water tanks to ensure the continued safety, reliability, and efficiency of the public water system. These improvements include structural maintenance, protective coating applications, and upgrades to monitoring equipment. By investing in these enhancements, the City is extending the service life of its tanks, safeguarding water quality, and supporting the growing needs of the community.

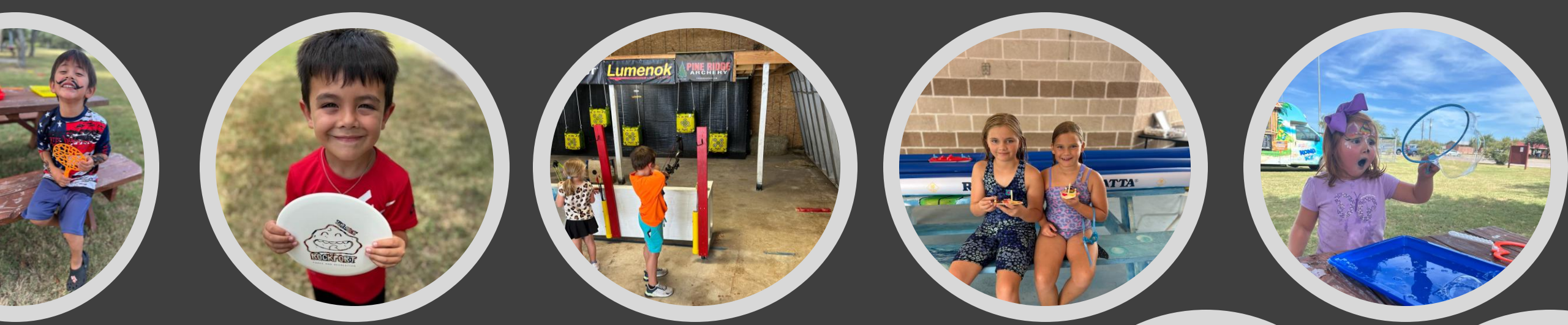


The City is committed to continually improving our drainage system to better protect our community.





We continue to invest in street improvements to provide safer, smoother, and more reliable roadways for our community.



Rockport Parks & Recreation

JULY ACTIVITIES

MEMORIAL PARK PAVILION RENTALS – 3 FIELD RENTALS – 7

PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS – 9 GROUP SWIM LESSONS – 25 CHILDREN

POOL PARTIES – 9 TABLE RENTALS – 2

ROCKPORT FULTON LITTLE LEAGUE ALL STAR TOURNAMENTS COMPLETED

PARKS & RECREATION MONTH ACTIVITIES: KIDS ARCHERY CAMP, BOAT FLOAT, KIDS GARDENING CLASS, DISC GOLF 101, BARK RANGER, BACK TO SCHOOL BUBBLE BASH, LIFEGUARD APPRECIATION DAY, FREE FAMILY SWIM, BOGO ADMISSION FOR NATIONAL SWIMMING POOL DAY, \$1 SWIM DAY



Human Resources



New Hires:

- 1 – Communications Officer

Separations:

- 3 – Utilities Maintenance Techs
- 1 – Building Inspector
- 1 – Communications Officer

Human Resources



Workman's Comp Claims: 1

Vehicle Claims: 0

Property/Liability Claims: 1

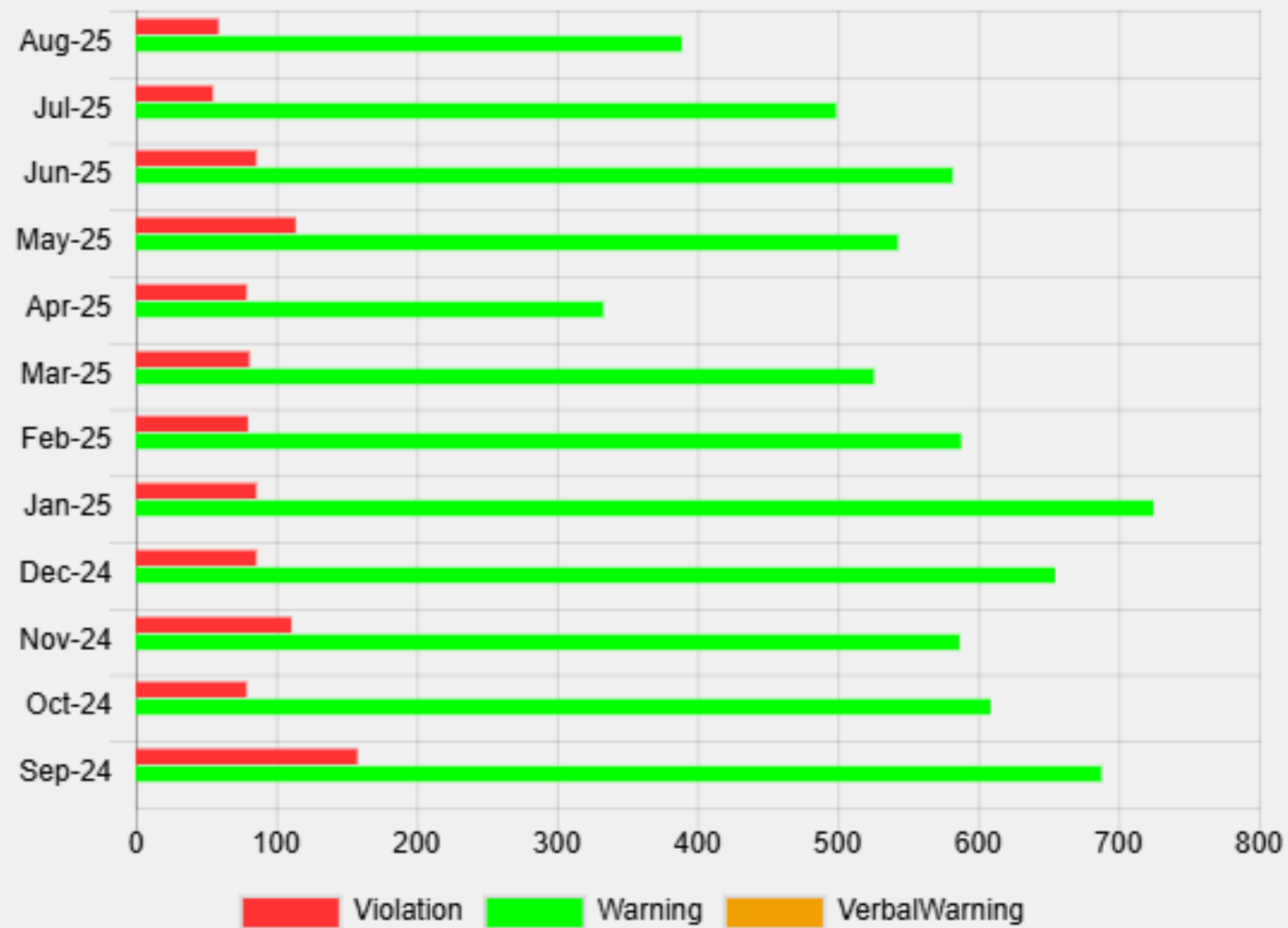
POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Successful completion of Fourth of July safety operations – no major incidents reported.
- Increased community policing presence during summer tourism season.
- Officers participated in neighborhood patrols and business checks in high-traffic areas.
- Positive community feedback from residents and visitors.

Calls for Service & Activity

- **Total Calls for Service: 1010**
- **Traffic Stops: 479**
- **Arrests Made: 28**
- **Citations / Warnings Issued: 55/499**
- **Reports written: 41**

MONTHLY CITATION



City Based Usage

rockport	1110
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corpus christi	211
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aransas pass	184
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san antonio	145
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ingleside	72
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houston	64
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fulton	63
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portland	61
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victoria	53
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port lavaca	51
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Unspent Bond Funds

Unspent Bond and ARPA Funds Expenses as August 25, 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	\$4,458,759
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 - Compelted 3/2/23	\$98,684		\$98,684
Concho Street Drainage Completed	\$192,000		\$192,000
	\$6,676,943	\$6,716,345	\$6,012,503

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Park Projects

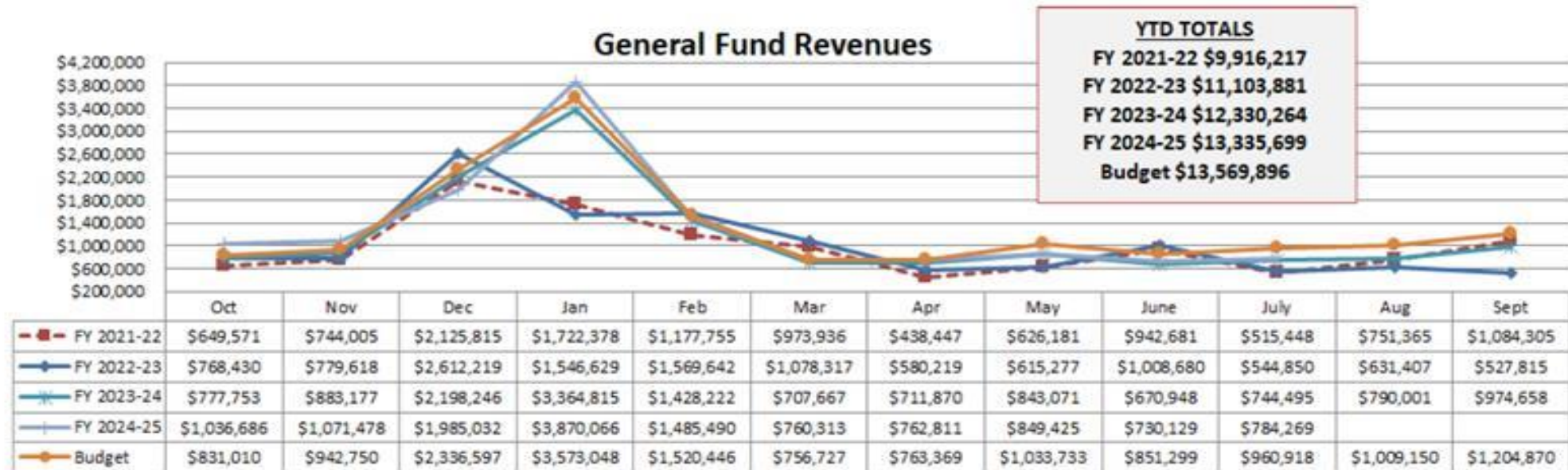
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Expenses:			
Bent Oaks Rookery: Finish permiterg - Completed	\$22,125		\$22,125
Bent Oaks Rookery: Addl Fence around park - Completed	\$49,950		\$49,950
Bent Oaks Rookery: Sidewalk and Observation - Completed	\$48,795		\$48,795
Bent Oaks Rookery: Park -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

Finance Department



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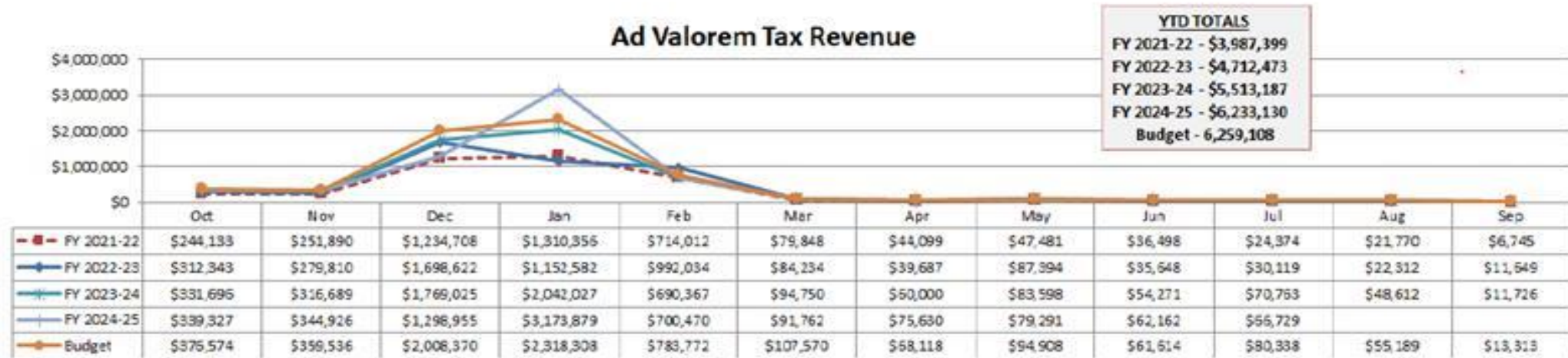
General Fund Revenues thru July 2025



**Total General Fund Revenues up 8% YTD YoY,
2% down on budget.**

Ad Valorem Tax Revenues

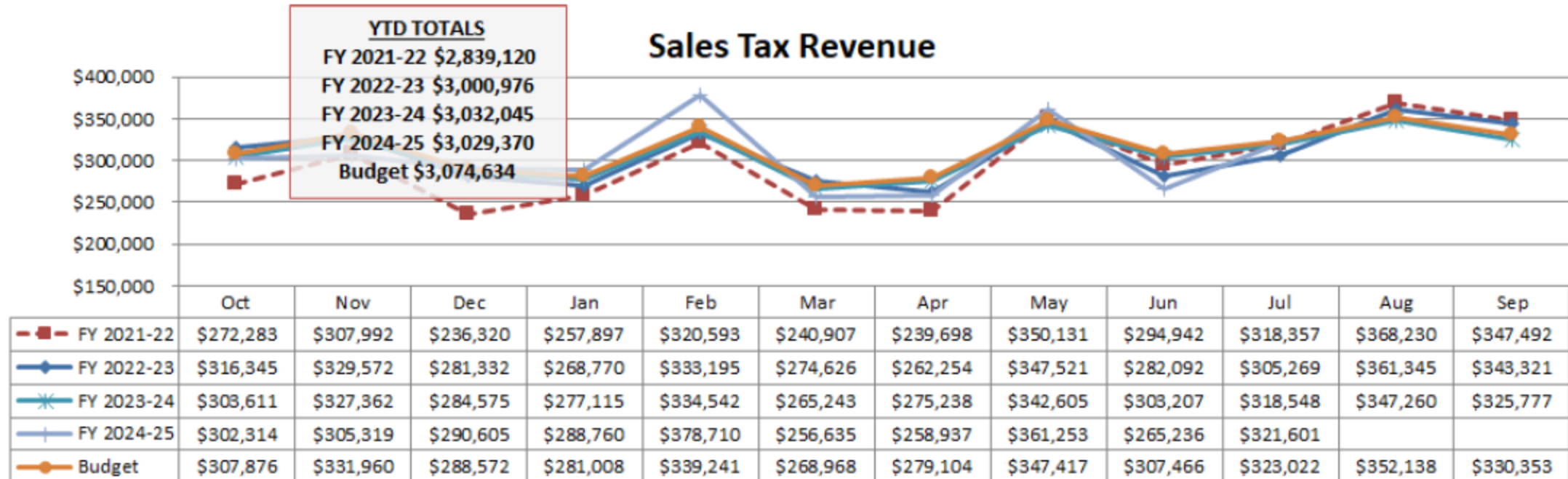
City of Rockport General Fund Major Revenues thru July 2025



Comprises 47% of General Fund Revenues - up 13% YTD YoY, flat on budget

Sales Tax Revenues Thru July

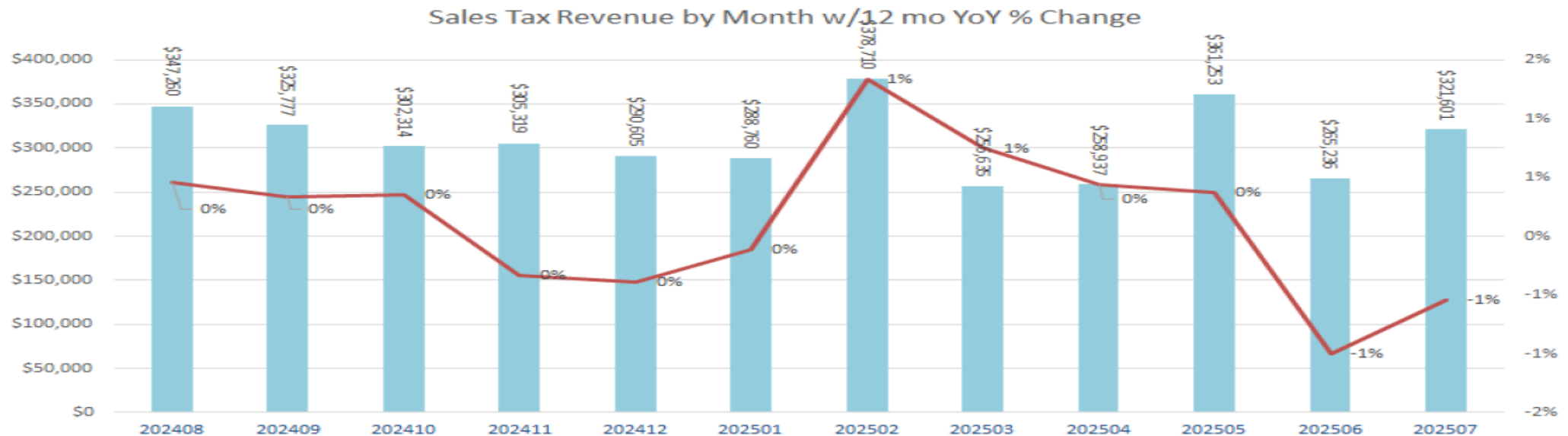
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Comprises 22% of General Fund Revenues - flat on YoY, and 1% below budget

Year over year rolling average of Sales Tax - generally flat

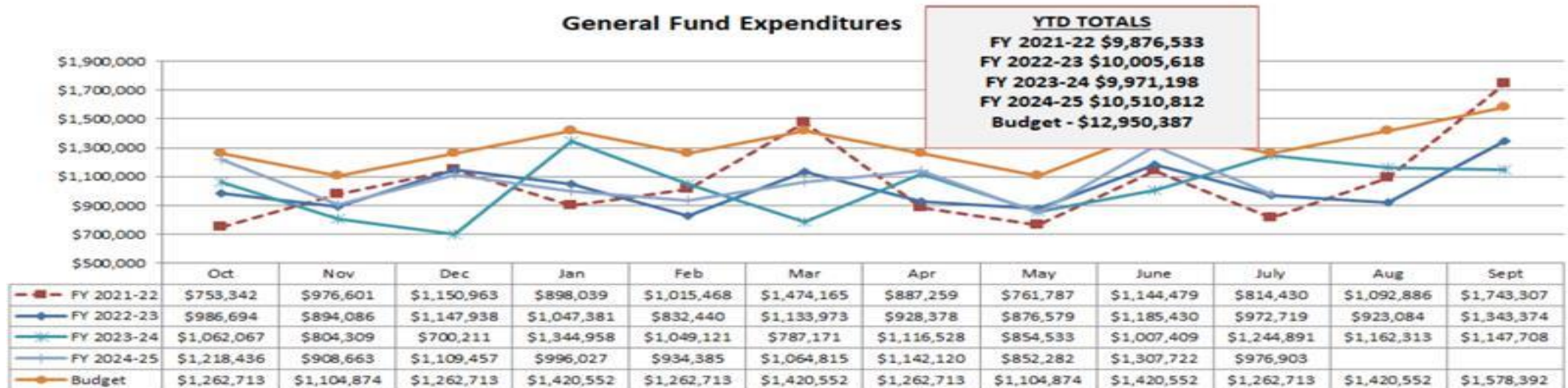
City of Rockport Rolling 12 Month % Change - Sales Tax



The overall absolute change on the above is 2%.

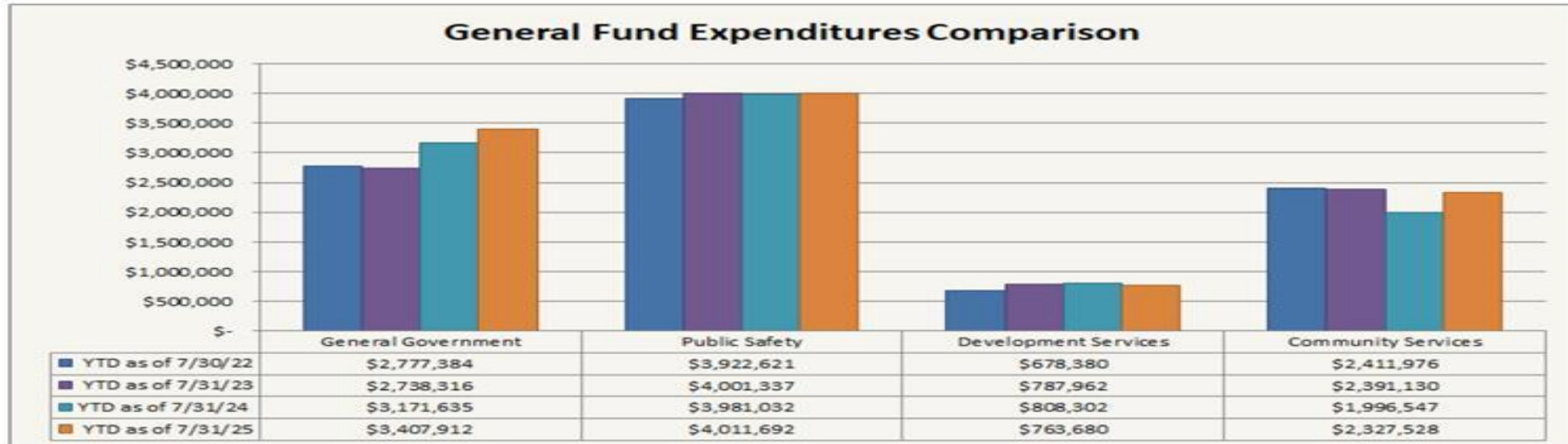
General Fund Expenditures Through July 2025

City of Rockport General Fund Expenditures thru July 2025



Up 5% YoY- 18% below budget.

General Fund Expenditure Comparison Thru July 2025



- **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 July 2025

Legislative Updates

89th Legislative Session

9,014 Bills and Joint Resolution Filed

- 1,258 Bills Passed
- 260 Bills Aimed at City Services Passed
- 28 Bills Vetoed (5 City Related)
- Several unfunded mandate Bills Passed
- 2nd Special Session has been ordered

Staff is working on a complete list of Bills Passed that will impact Rockport.

Legislative Updates Quick Look

Personnel

HB2513 Military Leave (eff. 9-1-2025) -
Public employees in Texas receive paid leave for up to 15 workdays per fiscal year for military service (however they didn't provide a clarity regarding definition of "workday")

HB 482 Assault or Harassment (eff. 9/1/25)
– No assault or harassing of any utility employee; Class A misdemeanor

Legislative Updates Quick Look

Open Record Request

HB 3112 (eff. Immediately) Certain cybersecurity information is confidential and not subject to disclosure under the Act.

HB 132 (eff. Immediately) Certain information collected or maintained to prevent, detect, or investigate hostile acts by a foreign adversary is confidential and not subject to disclosure under the Act.

HB 4310 (eff. 9-1) Council members and certain non-governmental entities are entitled to special access to their entity's information/documents under certain circumstances

Legislative Updates Quick Look Continued

HB 421: (eff. 9-1) Cities are required to provide a written response to requestors within 10 business days, including when there is no responsive information to provide. This bill includes:

- ▶ **List Specific Exceptions:** When submitting a request to withhold records, cities must cite only the specific legal exceptions it genuinely plans to argue.

If a city fails to respond as required under Section 552.221, the Requestor may file a complaint with the Attorney General. If the AG sustains the complaint, the following penalties may be assessed to the city:

- ▶ The city's PIO must complete open records training within six months.

- ▶ The city may be prevented from charging the Requestor for producing the requested records.

- ▶ The city then has only five business days to request an AG ruling to withhold the information and must provide a "compelling reason" to do so.

Legislative Updates Quick Look Continued

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- **SB 1540** (Effective 9-1) Information of current and former elections officials, employees, and volunteers is confidential and not subject to disclosure under the Act, including home address, phone number, DOB, SSN, emergency contacts and family member information. Such individuals must formally opt-in, requesting the same in writing.
- **HB 4214** (Eff. Immediately) Each city must report their official contact information for PIA to the AG

Legislative Updates Quick Look Continued

- **Election Bills**
 - There are a lot of bills that change forms, add additional wording, instructions, hours, voter registration, removes certain restrictions for the 100' distant marker, provides more offenses and punishments for workers, and who is allowed to be a Poll Watcher
 - **SB 1494** will allow the cities to move to November in odd-numbered years if ordered by December 31, 2025.

Legislative Updates Quick Look Continued

- **Open Meeting**
- **HB 1522** (effective 9-1) 3 business days before the scheduled date of the meeting (not including holidays) Recommendation is to not include the day you post the Agenda.
- **SB 1062** (Effective immediately) Allows a notice of election to be published in a digital newspaper if the paper:
 - • Has an audited paid-subscriber base
 - • Has been in business for at least 3 years
 - • Employes staff in the city
 - • Reports on local events and city activities
 - • Provides news of general interest
 - • Updates its news at least once each week

Legislative Updates Quick Look Continued

- **HB 5238** (effective immediately) Disrupting a Meeting - Creates a criminal offense for obstructing or interfering with a public meeting, procession, or gathering by electronic disturbance, including hacking, of an any virtual component of the meeting, procession, or gathering.
- **HB 3711** (effective 9-1) Open Meetings Act Offenses -New requirements for how law enforcement agencies (LEA's) and prosecuting attorneys handle Open Meetings Act (OMA) violations.
- **SB 2145** (effective 9-1) PID and TIRZ Meeting by Telecommunication Device -Provides flexibility for advisory bodies for Public Improvement Districts (PID) and Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones (TIRZ) by providing for the use of telecommunication devices to hold a meeting under certain circumstances.