



# Burleson

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### Budget Brief Fiscal Year 2015-2016

The purpose of this Budget Brief is to give the citizens of Burleson a general overview of the City’s proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. In addition, this Brief will highlight some of the more significant changes to the City’s budget. If a more detailed understanding of the budget information is desired, a copy of the complete budget may be obtained from the City Secretary at City Hall.

#### SUMMARY

The 2015-2016 budget for all City funds totals approximately \$80 million. The City establishes a budget for seventeen separate funds, as illustrated in the following graph. The largest of these is the **General Fund** with budgeted expenditures of \$32.2 million. The General Fund accounts for the majority of City services, including Library, Parks, Police, Fire, Streets, and Administrative Services. The General Fund will be discussed in more detail later, as will the Water and Wastewater Fund.

The second largest fund is the **Water and Wastewater Fund** with budgeted expenditures of \$18.7 million. The Water and Wastewater Fund accounts for the maintenance and upkeep of the City’s water and wastewater system, as well as the purchase of water service and wastewater disposal

services provided through long term contracts with the City of Fort Worth.

The **Hidden Creek Golf Course Fund** expenditure budget is \$2.3 million. It accounts for the maintenance, operations, and debt service of Hidden Creek Golf Course.

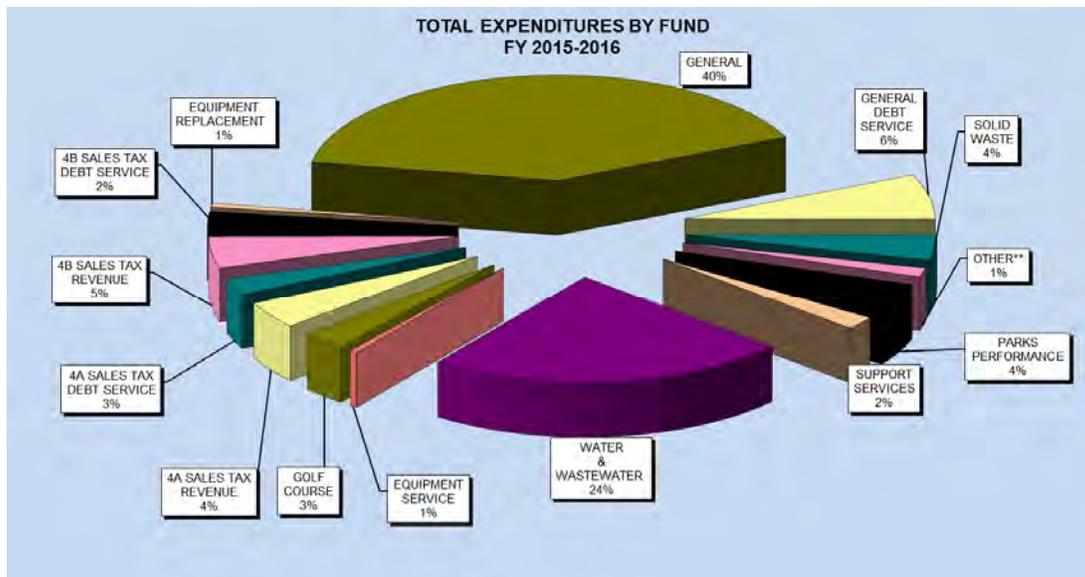
The **Solid Waste Fund** accounts for the operation of the City’s solid waste collection service. This year, the Solid Waste budget is \$3.1 million.

The **Debt Service Fund** budget amounts to about \$5.4 million. This provides for the servicing of the City’s general obligation debt.

The **Equipment Services Fund** is an internal service fund that accounts for the maintenance of the City’s fleet of vehicles and equipment. The Equipment Services Fund has a budget of \$380,000.

Likewise, the **Support Services Fund** is an internal service fund that accounts for the support, maintenance, and replacement of the City’s technology systems. This fund’s budget is \$1.6 million.

The **Parks Performance Fund** is a special revenue fund that accounts for the operations of the “pay for



play” parks facilities. This fund has a budget of \$3.4 million, with a contribution of \$1.3 million from the BCSDC.

There are two funds of the City whose function is the accumulation of money for replacement of City-owned vehicles and equipment. The **Proprietary Equipment Replacement Fund** is an internal service fund that accounts for the replacement of the equipment and vehicles used by business-type City departments such as the Water and Wastewater departments.

The **Governmental Equipment Replacement Fund** is an internal service fund that accounts for the replacement of the equipment and vehicles used by other City departments. The Proprietary and Governmental Equipment Replacement Funds have expenditure budgets of \$100,000 and \$504,000, respectively.

The **Hotel/Motel Tax Fund** accounts for the expenditure of revenues derived from a tax imposed on visitors to local hotels and motels. Its budget of \$182,000 goes toward activities to promote Burleson as a tourist destination.

The **Cemetery Fund**, with a budget of \$5,200, accounts for the upkeep of the Burleson Memorial Cemetery.

The **Burleson 4A Economic Development Corporation** is represented in the budget by two funds. The first fund is a special revenue fund that accounts for the revenue from the 1/2 cent sales tax approved by voters in 2001 and the transfer of this revenue to the debt service fund or capital projects funds. This fund’s budget is about \$3.3 million. Approximately \$2.1 million is being transferred to the debt service fund. The debt service fund accounts for the pay-

ment of the bonds that are supported by the Type A sales tax. This fund’s budget is also about \$2.1 million.

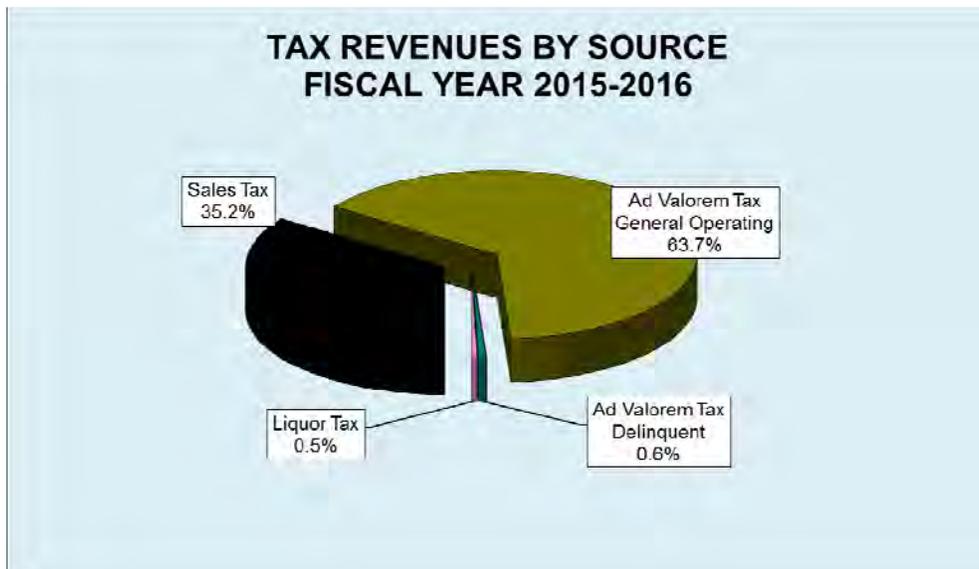
**The Burleson Community Services Development Corporation** is also represented in the budget by a revenue fund and a debt service fund. Formed in 1993, the BCSDC administers the 1/2 cent Type B economic development sales tax. The Type B sales tax revenue fund has a budget of about \$3.8 million. The debt service fund has a budget of about \$1.8 million.

**The Economic Development Incentive Fund** accounts for the cost of incentives offered by the City of Burleson to encourage economic development. Expenditures in this fund are budgeted at \$836,000.

**GENERAL FUND**

Significant Changes:

- \$148,000 to add 2 Firefighters – net cost includes \$10,000 reduction in overtime
- \$140,000 to add 2 Community Resource Officers
- \$53,000 to add a Deputy City Marshal
- \$209,000 to add a Deputy City Manager (65% General Fund; 35% Type A)
- \$77,000 to add a Real Property Coordinator (40% General Fund; 35% Capital; 25% Water/Wastewater)
- \$33,000 to upgrade a Library Administrative Secretary to full-time
- \$25,000 for traffic projects
- \$168,000 for contract jail services



Revenues projected in the 2015-2016 General Fund budget total \$31.8 million. This is an increase of about \$2.3 million over the 2014-2015 budget.

**Sources of Revenue**

The largest source of General Fund revenue is Ad Valorem Taxes. The proposed 2015-2016 rate is \$0.74 per \$100 valuation. The maintenance and operations portion of the tax rate (\$0.5278/\$100) is expected to provide \$14.7 million.

The City has numerous, diverse revenue sources to try to limit its reliance on property taxes. The City expects sales tax to provide \$7.9 million, and other taxes to provide another \$240,000; Franchise Fees \$2.4 million; License and Permit Fees \$1,028,000; Fines and Forfeitures \$1,300,000; Interest \$35,000; Miscellaneous \$1.3 million; and Other Sources \$2.9 million.

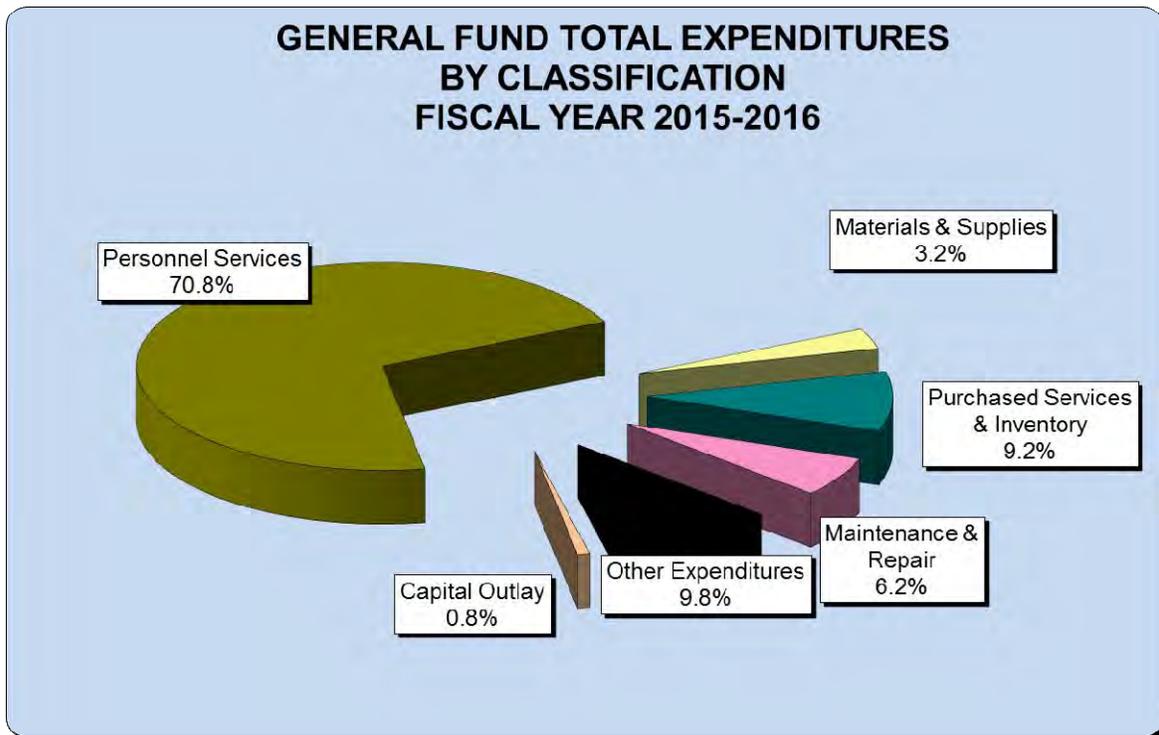
expected to be self-supporting, without requiring tax subsidy. The City purchases its water and wastewater treatment from the City of Fort Worth.

**Water Rates:**

The FY 2015-2016 budget requires a change in water rates. The base water rates are tiered based on meter size ranging from \$14.20/month for 3/4” meters to \$1,045/month for 12” meters. Monthly Volume Charges (per 1,000 gallons) will increase to \$4.35 for the first 10,000 gallons. The cost for the next 10,000 gallons used will increase to \$5.25 and anything over 20,000 gallons will cost \$6.00. Rates for water used for gas well drilling will increase to \$12.49 per 1,000 gallons.

**Wastewater Rates:**

The flat base rate for all meter sizes will increase to \$15.85. The variable residential wastewater rate will increase to \$4.40 per 1,000 gallons.



**Classification of Expenditures**

The General Fund budget can be divided into six classifications of expenditures. The largest of these classifications, representing 71% of total expenditures, is Personal Services. This class includes the cost of all personnel salaries, benefits, payroll taxes, and training.

**WATER & WASTEWATER FUND**

The Water & Wastewater Fund is an “enterprise” fund. An enterprise fund runs as a business and is

**SOLID WASTE FUND**

The purpose of the enterprise fund for Solid Waste is to fully account for all costs associated with the City’s solid waste collection operations.

The rate will remain the same at \$19.20 per month.

Expenditures are projected at \$3,077,000. This is 6.8% more than the FY 2014-2015 adopted budget.

# JUST THE FACTS

## TOTAL EXPENDITURES (in thousands)

	Fiscal Year 2014-15	Fiscal Year 2015-16
General Fund	29,797	32,230
Water & Wastewater Fund	18,014	18,670
Golf Course Fund	2,245	2,330
Solid Waste Fund	2,880	3,077
General Debt Service Fund	5,102	5,436
Gov Equip Rep Fund	978	504
Proprietary Equip Rep Fund	100	100
Equipment Service Fund	531	380
Hotel/Motel Fund	91	182
Cemetery Fund	5	5
4A Sales Tax Revenue Fund	3,377	3,328
4A Sales Tax Debt Svc Fund	2,111	2,067
4B Sales Tax Revenue Fund	3,522	3,814
4B Sales Tax Debt Svc Fund	1,543	1,762
Parks Performance Fund	3,288	3,431
Support Services Fund	1,530	1,605
Economic Development Fund	795	836
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>75,907</b>	<b>79,757</b>

## GENERAL FUND REVENUES (in thousands)

	Fiscal Year 2014-15	Fiscal Year 2015-16
Taxes	21,400	22,882
Franchise Fees	2,200	2,378
Other Sources	2,764	2,902
Charges for Services	0	0
Fines and Forfeitures	960	1,300
Licenses and Permits	874	1,028
Interest	35	35
Miscellaneous	1,298	1,298
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>29,531</b>	<b>31,823</b>

## GENERAL FUND TAX REVENUES BY SOURCE (in thousands)

	Fiscal Year 2014-15	Fiscal Year 2015-16
General Ad Valorem	13,605	14,699
Sales Tax	7,600	7,943
Library Ad Valorem	0	0
Delinquent Ad Valorem	130	140
Liquor Tax	65	100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,400</b>	<b>22,882</b>

## GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION

