



Burleson

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Budget Brief

Fiscal Year 2016-2017

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 2016-2017. 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 2016-2017 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 \$33.3 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 \$19.5 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.

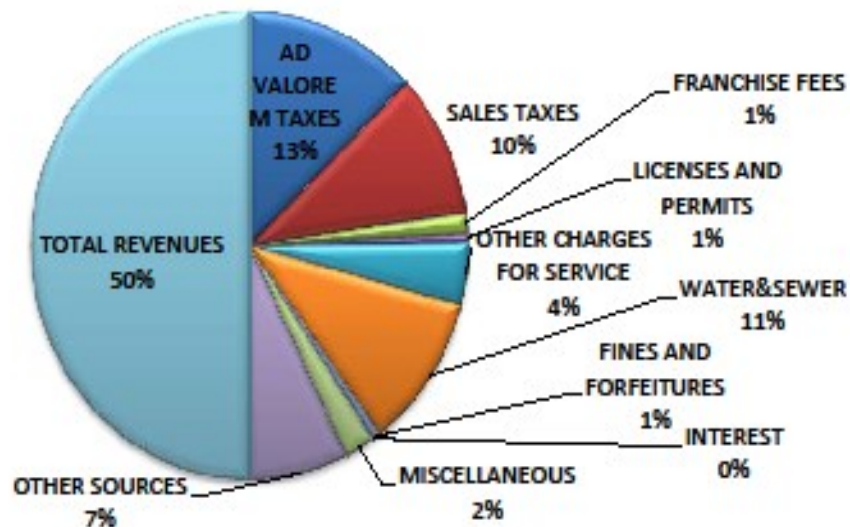
The **Hidden Creek Golf Course Fund** expenditure budget is \$2.4 million. It accounts for the maintenance, operations, and debt service of Hidden Creek Golf Course.

The **Solid Waste Fund** accounts for the operation of the City's solid waste collection service. This year, the Solid Waste budget is \$3.2 million.

The **Debt Service Fund** budget amounts to about \$6.0 million. This provides for the servicing of the City's general obligation debt.

BUDGETED CITY-WIDE REVENUES

2016-17



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 \$472,553.

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 \$1.8 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 \$3.5 million, with a contribution of \$1.4 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 \$1,558,000 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

\$203,000 goes toward activities to promote Burleson as a tourist destination.

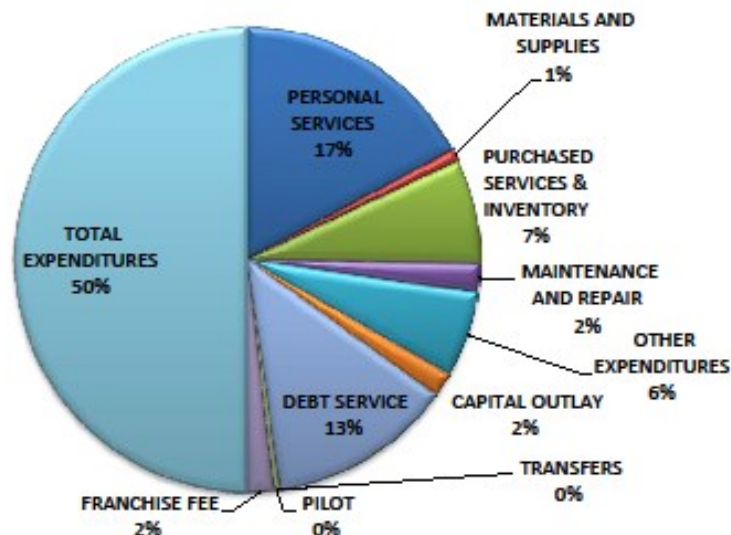
The **Cemetery Fund**, with a budget of \$5,200, accounts for the upkeep of the Burleson Memorial Cemetery.

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 \$5.3 million. Approximately \$2.1 million is being transferred to the debt service fund. The debt service fund accounts for the payment 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 \$4.2 million. The debt service fund has a budget of about \$1.9 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 \$966,000.

BUDGETED CITY-WIDE EXPENDITURES BY CLASS 2016-17



GENERAL FUND

Significant Changes:

- \$460,000 for six grant funded firefighters; \$230,000 budget impact in 2016-17
- \$50,000 for partial year funding for non-grant funded firefighter
- \$16,000 promote three fire lieutenants to captain
- \$29,000 EMS certification pay
- \$49,000 new facility maintenance position
- \$43,000 transfer 80 percent of facility maintenance position from Parks
- Performance Fund (BRiCK) to General Fund
- \$41,000 Upgrade Environmental Technician position from part-time to full-time
- \$20,000 seasonal staff for park maintenance
- \$30,000 partial year funding for purchasing position in anticipation of retirement

Revenues projected in the 2016-2017 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 2016-2017 rate is \$0.735 per \$100 valuation. The maintenance and operations portion of the tax rate (\$0.5228/\$100) is expected to provide \$15.7 million.

The City has numerous, diverse revenue sources to try to limit its reliance on property taxes. The City

expects sales tax to provide \$8.1 million, and other taxes to provide another \$240,000; Franchise Fees \$2.5 million; License and Permit Fees \$953,000; Fines and Forfeitures \$1,100,000; Interest \$35,000; Miscellaneous \$1.3 million; and Other Sources \$3.4 million.

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.

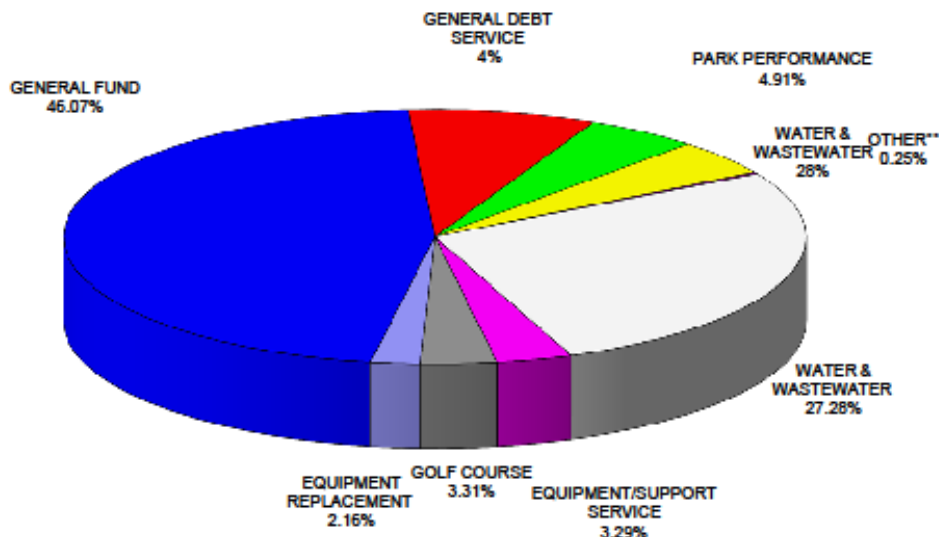
WATER & WASTEWATER FUND

The Water & Wastewater Fund is an “enterprise” fund. An enterprise fund runs as a business and is 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 2016-2017 budget requires a change in water rates. The base water rates are tiered based on meter size ranging from \$14.34/month for 3/4” meters to \$1,055/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 \$5.30 and anything over 20,000 gallons will cost \$6.06. Rates for water used for gas well drilling will increase to \$12.61 per 1,000 gallons.

**TOTAL REVENUES BY FUND
FY 2016-2017**



JUST THE FACTS

TOTAL EXPENDITURES (in thousands)

	Fiscal Year 2015-16	Fiscal Year 2016-17
General Fund	32,230	33,323
Water & Wastewater Fund	18,670	19,520
Golf Course Fund	2,330	2,369
Solid Waste Fund	3,077	3,193
General Debt Service Fund	5,436	5,967
Gov Equip Rep Fund	504	1,558
Proprietary Equip Rep Fund	100	354
Equipment Service Fund	380	473
Hotel/Motel Fund	182	203
Cemetery Fund	5	5
4A Sales Tax Revenue Fund	3,328	5,351
4A Sales Tax Debt Svc Fund	2,067	2,075
4B Sales Tax Revenue Fund	3,814	4,228
4B Sales Tax Debt Svc Fund	1,762	1,896
Parks Performance Fund	3,431	3,526
Support Services Fund	1,605	1,837
Economic Development Fund	836	966
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	79,757	86,844

GENERAL FUND REVENUES (in thousands)

	Fiscal Year 2015-16	Fiscal Year 2016-17
Taxes	22,882	23,759
Franchise Fees	2,378	2,492
Other Sources	2,902	3,399
Charges for Services	0	0
Fines and Forfeitures	1,300	1,100
Licenses and Permits	1,028	953
Interest	35	35
Miscellaneous	1,298	1,312
TOTAL REVENUES	31,823	33,050

GENERAL FUND TAX REVENUES BY SOURCE (in thousands)

	Fiscal Year 2015-16	Fiscal Year 2016-17
General Ad Valorem	14,699	15,544
Sales Tax	7,943	8,115
Library Ad Valorem	0	0
Delinquent Ad Valorem	140	140
Liquor Tax	100	100
TOTAL	22,882	22,882



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