

October 2, 2026

Yesterday was the first day of our 2026/2027 fiscal year budget. I am looking forward to a balanced budget as always and continuing to work on the Water Project. Below, I will give you an update on the Water Project and what we anticipate for this budget year.

- Phase 1 the Clearwell construction being completed at the Water Plant, contracts are being drawn up and we are waiting for Material Submittals from TTE, LLC over to HR Green. We anticipate this to be completed by October 19th and receive Approvals for Construction from HR Green.
- We are scheduling a ground-breaking ceremony to be scheduled for November, date yet to be announced.
- Phase 2 (12" Transmission Line to GST) we should receive 100% completion plans from HR Green for review and be sending them to TCEQ for review and permitting approval. This is a 90-day process from TCEQ, and we will begin the Bid Process for Phase 2 in the first quarter of 2027.
- Phase 3 planning is continuing that includes discussions for additional replacement of lines from the GST back out to distribution lines, etc. Once Phase 1 & 2 are completed, HR Green will be running new pressure & flow testing and reviewing any additional site work for continual improvement to our system, to include possible SCADA & Pump upgrades, Generator back-up power sources etc.

The Implementation Team will continue to ensure communication and action items are secure and completed between HR Green and our committee. We have built a very good business relationship with the HR Green team and trust that they have the city's best interests at hand with this project.

The 26/27 Budgets for both Water Plant and City were presented at the workshops, and I did a three-year planning forecast for 2027, 2028, 2029 and I will begin drafting a new budget forecast to include 2030 now. I believe we need to continue to be as proactive as possible and stop kicking the can down the road as we have been for the past decade.

I will be drafting plans for improving our current commercial business properties to attract additional businesses, restaurants that are conducive to our citizens, shopping and meeting areas for local businesses to provide goods and services. This will take some time and planning to design and build, this is why we need to look out 3-5 years. I am open to having a discussion with anyone or group of folks that have ideas or vision for what you feel is needed or what will work.

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