

## **FY 2018 Proposed Budget Highlights**

The City of Round Rock is regularly recognized for its outstanding work, including fiscal stewardship. With this year's budget proposal, we're sharing the secret of Round Rock's Recipe for Success - strategic planning backed by a healthy serving of fiscal responsibility.



365 days, from 10/1/2017 to 09/30/2018



Serves all 108,353 citizens



## Ingredients:

- 6 strategic goals updated and confirmed by the City Council each February.
- 956 FTEs dedicated to providing the highest level of service to the City, including 35 new FTEs proposed for FY 2018.
- \$64 million in growing sales tax revenues that help fund the City's operations and transportation and economic development projects.
- \$54 million in property tax revenues that help fund core City services and debt for fire, police, parks, library, and streets.
- \$138 million for capital improvement projects to maintain, expand, and improve the City's trails, parks, facilities, streets, and utilities.
- Construction and operations of bond projects approved by voters in 2013 including a Public Safety Training Facility, a new Fire Station, and trail expansions.
- \$12.5 billion in taxable assessed value, a 9.9% increase from FY 2017's \$11.3 billion. This growth reveals that Round Rock remains a popular destination with continued residential and commercial growth.

## **Highlights:**

- The proposed property tax rate for FY 2018 is \$0.43 per \$100 valuation, an increase of 1/2 cent from the FY 2017 tax rate of \$0.425.
- The proposed property tax rate is an increase of 2.7 cents above the effective rate. This increase allows the City to fund debt payments and operating costs for voter-approved bond projects (2.1 cents) and to keep up with growth and rising costs (0.6 cents).
- The annual tax bill for 2017 for the median home value of \$227,714 is \$979, an increase of \$91 or \$7.58 per month.
- A 3.5% increase in the City's water rates needed to maintain and improve the water infrastructure to secure stability of water resources into the future. No other utility rate changes are proposed.
- 10 new Fire Department positions to staff the new Station 9 and to improve fire and emergency medical response coverage across the City.
- 3 new Police positions to continue to keep the City safe.
- 5 new Planning & Development Services positions to keep up with the rapid pace of development.