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Letter From The City Manager



As we close the chapter on 2025, we look ahead with excitement to 2026—a milestone year as Taylor celebrates its Sesquicentennial. This moment offers a meaningful opportunity to reflect on the incredible work accomplished across the City over the past year. I am deeply grateful to our City staff and City Council for their dedication and tireless efforts to ensure Taylor remains a thriving, vibrant community.

Their commitment to advancing the City's strategic priorities—streets and infrastructure, quality of life, and economic vitality—is evident in the progress made throughout the year.

From roadway improvements to enhancements of our recreational facilities, each project reflects our shared goal of creating a community where families and businesses can grow and succeed.

In 2025, the City celebrated several major milestones, including the start of construction on the Doris Roznovak Aquatic Center and the completion of key roadway projects on T.H. Johnson, Lake Drive, and Mallard Lane.

Thank you for taking the time to review the 2025 Annual Report. Your interest and engagement are essential to the City's continued success, and we sincerely appreciate the support of our residents, businesses, and community partners.

As we look ahead to 2026, I am excited about the progress still to come and the opportunity to celebrate 150 years of Taylor together, building on the strong foundation we have established.

Brian Laborde

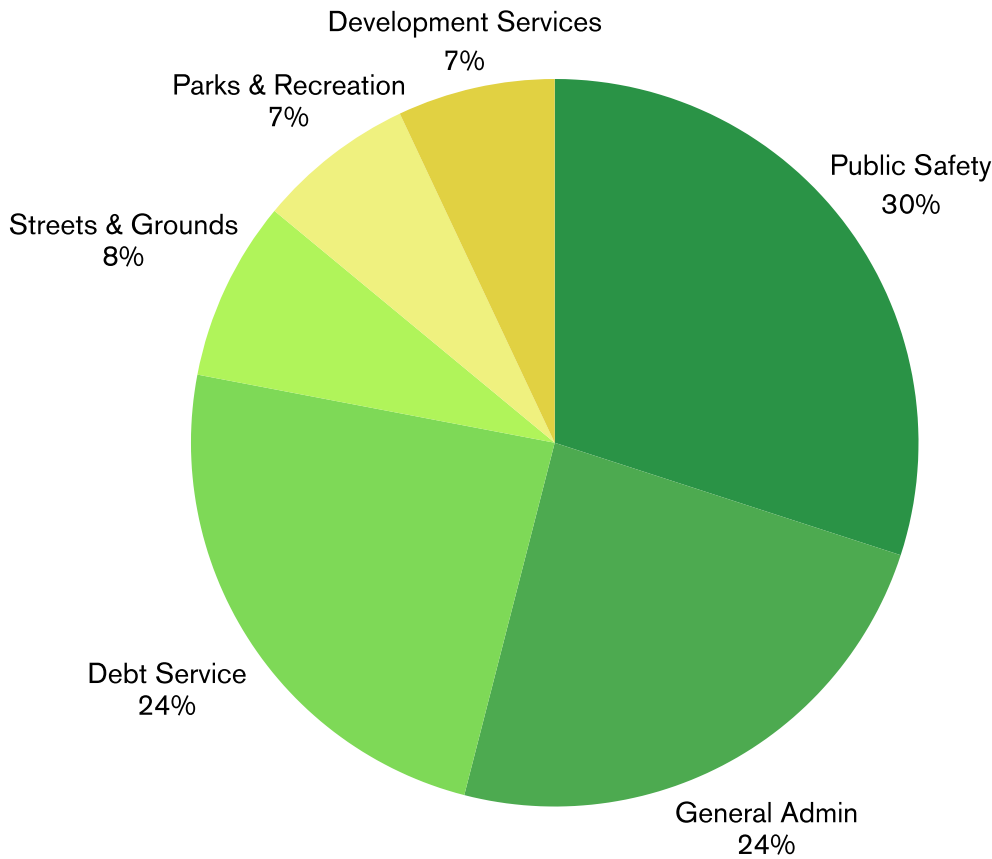
City Council



2025 HIGHLIGHTS

- Awarded a contract for a Comprehensive Plan Update
- Adopted a new Downtown Master Plan
- Established a Charter Review Committee
- Approved new Downtown Vacant Building Ordinance
- Approved a construction agreement to begin work on the Justice Center
- Approved a contract for Fire Station 2 renovation
- Approved updates to the Personnel Policy Manual
- Continued to focus on fiscally responsible growth management
- Continued street maintenance and improvements
- Continued to ensure financial stability of the City by maintaining a AA bond rating

FY 2025 Budget Highlights



**Adopted
Tax Rate
\$0.585**

PROPERTY TAXES

The 2026 average residential taxable value is \$255,614, a 6.58% increase from 2025.

	Average Valuation	X	Tax Rate	=	Total Paid	Increase from last year:
Leander	\$476,891		0.417282		\$1,990	6.04%
Cedar Park	\$520,425		0.36		\$1,874	4.64%
Round Rock	\$460,888		0.372		\$1,715	9.65%
Williamson Co	\$410,249		0.4137		\$1,697	8.60%
Hutto	\$344,989		0.45375		\$1,565	4.37%
Pflugerville	\$283,111		0.535		\$1,514	1.39%
Taylor	\$255,614		0.585		\$1,495	5.49%
Georgetown	\$402,897		0.353		\$1,422	0.7%

1/4 of all sales tax collected by the City/EDC is used to reduce property taxes. The Property Tax rate is reduced by 10¢, reducing the burden for the average homeowner by \$256.

2025 CIP Project Highlights



- Memorial Field Track Replacement
- TH Johnson Resurfacing and Re-striping
- Lake Drive Resurfacing and Re-striping



- Mallard Lane Resurfacing, Re-striping, and Bike Lane Removal

- Airport Fuel Farm

- Bull Branch Sewer Upsizing



- Doris Roznovak Aquatic Center

- Cemetery Office Building Replacement

- Mini-Golf Refurbishment

- New Public Works Building Purchase



- Wastewater Treatment Plant Deficiencies

A capital improvement project is any major improvement to a city's infrastructure or city facilities. Projects may include the construction or renovation of parks, water towers, or libraries, repaving streets, drainage improvements, replacing water and wastewater lines, and smoke or leak detection programs. Collectively, these projects are referred to as a Capital Improvements Program.

2025 Events

Doris Roznovak Aquatic Center Groundbreaking | January 15



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial March | January 20



Historic African American Burial Section Monument Unveiling | February 1



Memorial Track Ribbon Cutting | March 15



Youth Safety Bike Rodeo | March 22



Easter Egg Hunt | April 19



Taylor Fest | May 3



Shred Fest | May 10 & 16



Engine 3 Push-In Ceremony | June 7



Juneteenth | June 21



9/11 Memorial March - September 11



National Night Out | October 7



Arbor Day Tree Planting | November 8



Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting | December 6



Main Street



2025 HIGHLIGHTS

- Hosted the first Margarita Mile
- Coordinated the first Vendor Village at the Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting
- Processed 32 special event permits
- Processed 7 film permits
- Finalized and adopted the Downtown Master Plan
- Completed Sesquicentennial branding
- Hosted 35 events
- Hosted 51 Farmers Markets

2025 BY THE NUMBERS

 **9 Businesses Opened**

 **5 Businesses Closed**

 **1,012 Business Visits**

Taylor Public Library



2025 HIGHLIGHTS

- Expanded the Library of Things to include games, tools, gardening equipment, musical instruments, and children’s items
- Introduced a Seed Library
- Launched new Saturday passive programs, including a sensory browsing hour
- Introduced bilingual storytime
- Welcomed more than 2,000 patrons to Summer Reading Program events
- Partnered with nine performers and more than 20 community organizations for Spring Break and the Summer Reading Program

2025 BY THE NUMBERS

 **32,756 Total Visitors**

 **668 New Library Cards**

 **14,860 Cardholders**

Fire Department



The mission of the Taylor Fire Department is to provide timely, effective, and professional service to protect lives and property from all hazards in our community. We are committed to preventing and responding to emergencies with pride, accountability, and excellence, always striving to make a positive difference for the citizens we serve.

2025 BY THE NUMBERS



136 Fires



229 False Alarms



1,745 Medical & Rescue



2,826 Total Incidents

Fire Department



2025 HIGHLIGHTS

- Hosted a weeklong Summer Emergency Services Camp for Taylor ISD students
- Took delivery of a new fire engine
- Took delivery of a new squad truck
- Took delivery of a new multi-purpose all-terrain vehicle
- Certified four Hazardous Materials Technicians
- Certified two Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) instructors
- Hosted the 13th Annual Honor Guard Academy
- Hosted annual 9/11 Memorial Program
- Conducted Operation Red Santa
- Awarded the bid for the Fire Station #2 remodel



Police Department



The mission of the Taylor Police Department is to provide proactive, responsive service in partnership with our neighborhoods and community to enhance quality of life in Taylor. We are committed to problem-solving and public safety, delivering our service with honor, integrity, and pride.

2025 BY THE NUMBERS



23,363 Calls For Service



618 Traffic Accidents



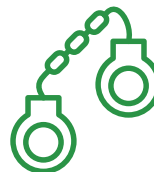
5,448 Traffic Citations



5,045 Traffic Stops



8,397 9-1-1 Calls



291 Adult Arrests



44 Juveniles Taken Into Custody



\$89,884.4 In Stolen Property Recovered

Police Department



2025 HIGHLIGHTS

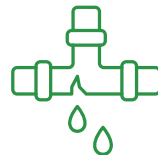
- Reapplied for and received funding through the U.S. Department of Justice's Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership, covering 50% of the cost of new vests.
- Officer Jesus De Hoyos received the Hope Alliance Officer of the Year Award for outstanding service to victims of crime.
- Continued the Victim Services Coordinator position to provide critical support to crime victims and their families following the expiration of grant funding, with the position now funded by the City.
- Implemented eight Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) readers at key entry points throughout the City.
- Implemented employee compensation adjustments to bring all positions to market-average pay based on the fiscal year 2022 compensation study.

Public Works, Cemetery, & Airport

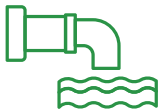
2025 BY THE NUMBERS



3.2 miles of Level-Up streets resurfaced



364 water leaks repaired



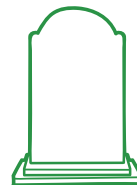
156 sewer backups repaired



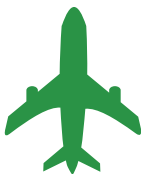
360 feet of culverts cleared



94 burials



62 headstone markings for install



58,000 airport operations, up from 52,000 in 2024



Over 47,000 gallons of fuel sold

Public Works, Cemetery, & Airport

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

Cemetery

- Installed and dedicated Historical African-American burial section monument
- Began planning for new Sexton office

Wastewater

- Successfully operated the plant at 100% capacity for the first time ever
- Commissioned up to 4 million gallons per day from Samsung at 98% efficiency

Airport

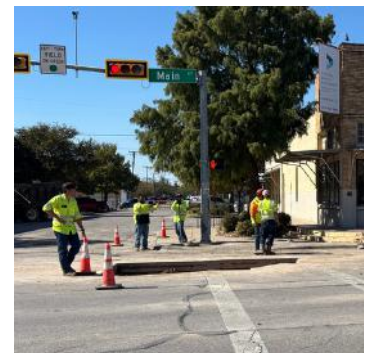
- Airport Manager named Airport Professional of the Year
- Improved ramps
- Replaced fuel farm
- Added additional business, Air Methods (Air Ambulance)
- Attended annual Aviation Conference

Utility

- Responded to and repaired 364 water leaks
- Responded to and repaired 156 sewer backups
- Replaced over half a mile of water and wastewater infrastructure

Streets

- Level-Up crews completed 3.2 miles of work
- Cleaned MLK Creek
- Cleaned Welch Creek
- Repaired 40 water cuts
- Cleared 360 feet of culverts



Parks & Recreation



2025 HIGHLIGHTS

- Reopened the mini golf course at Murphy Park
- Began construction on the Doris Roznovak Aquatic Center
- Completed the Memorial Field track refurbishment
- Restored vintage Christmas decorations and installed new decorations at Heritage Square
- Completed the Wellness/Recreation Center Feasibility Study
- Introduced new programming, including the Pickleball Ladder League, Basketball Skills Class, and Soccer Skills Class

2025 BY THE NUMBERS

 **\$41,275 In Rental Revenue**

 **\$93,652 In Taylor Regional Park Revenue**

 **86,791 Taylor Regional Park Visitors**

Development Services



2025 HIGHLIGHTS

- Conducted permit process audit and overhaul
- New Code Enforcement Supervisor
- More proactive code enforcement efforts, especially with substandard buildings.
- Launched cross-department collaboration with Code Enforcement, Police, Fire, and Public Works
- Opened new walk-up service counter at City Hall
- Began holding Building Permit Clinics for residents

Finance



2025 HIGHLIGHTS

- Received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting and the GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 17th year
- No customer utility rate increases
- The tax rate dropped from 59.14 cents to 58.5 cents per \$100 valuation
- The average residential homestead market increased slightly from \$309,083 to \$310,734
- The tax-supported projects include street and drainage projects, public safety cameras downtown, acquisition of a new Public Works building, and renovations to Fire Station No. 2
- The utility-supported projects (\$4,880,000) include funding for the Bull Branch wastewater interceptor project and critical TCEQ-required improvements as the wastewater treatment plant.

Internal Services

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

Building Maintenance

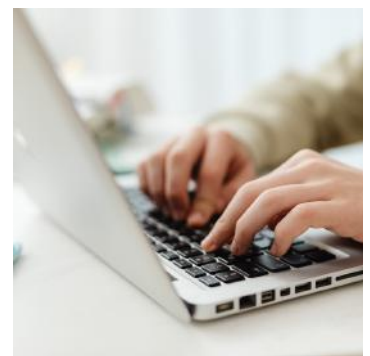
- Maintained City buildings to support safe and reliable daily operations
- Completed routine maintenance and repairs to reduce service disruptions
- Addressed facility needs to support staff and public use

Fleet

- Completed multiple fleet replacements and additions as part of the City's replacement plan
- Reduced downtime through preventive maintenance
- Maintained a reliable fleet to support daily operations and emergency response

Information Technology

- Security tools added to enhance cybersecurity
- Improved service reliability by adding cellular internet backups at 11 City facilities
- Began a project to expand fiber connectivity to city buildings to improve long-term reliability and capacity
- Kept City technology systems running reliably
- Supported City staff with day-to day technical needs
- Maintained systems to improve stability and security
- Made practical technology upgrades using best practices



Animal Services



2025 HIGHLIGHTS

- All animals up for adoption now viewable online
- New kitten room added after relocation of spay/neuter facilities to mobile "Barking Bad" RV
- **Intake**
 - 75 cats, 273 kittens
 - 193 dogs, 121 puppies
 - 1 goat
- **Adoptions**
 - 62 cats, 210 kittens
 - 134 dogs, 86 puppies
- **Returned to owner**
 - 12 cats, 1 kitten
 - 92 dogs, 12 puppies
 - 1 goat



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