



CEDAR HILL HIGHLIGHTS

PROPOSED BUDGET MAINTAINS CITY SERVICES, REDUCES PROPERTY TAX RATE

This month the Cedar Hill City Council will consider the proposed budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. The proposed budget maintains the services, infrastructure, and amenities that are the foundation to everyday life in Cedar Hill. The budget also reduces the property tax rate by one cent to \$0.63 per \$100 assessed value, or about \$5 per day for the average Cedar Hill single-family home.

The budget also advances the City Council's strategic priorities: Public Safety; Bond Implementation; Planning & Development; Communications; and Community Engagement and Neighborhood Revitalization.

These priorities are the result of extensive and on-going community engagement as expressed through Cedar Hill's integrated network of strategic plans, community surveys, neighborhood walks, and citizen committees.

For details on the FY2024-2025 budget and the services it funds, visit cedarhilltx.com/budget.

FY25 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Patrol vehicle replacement
- Ambulance and fire engine replacement

BOND IMPLEMENTATION

- Full operation of Traphene Hickman Library & Signature Park

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

- Development Code Update

COMMUNICATIONS

- Branding & Tourism Plan Implementation

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Continued community programs
 - Citizens Leadership Academy, Neighborhood Walks, Mayor's Teen Council, Premier Neighborhood Awards, and many more.

CHASIDY BENSON NAMED CEDAR HILL ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

The City of Cedar Hill named Chasidy Benson as assistant city manager on August 26 following a comprehensive nationwide search. Currently serving as the City's planning director, Benson brings more than 20 years of experience in strategic planning, community engagement, and project management to the role of assistant city manager in Cedar Hill.

"Chasidy has a proven track record of thoughtful and collaborative leadership. Her expertise and experience will be invaluable as we continue to pursue the community's vision of a premier city," said City Manager Melissa Valadez-Cummings. "We are thrilled to have her as part of our team in this new role."

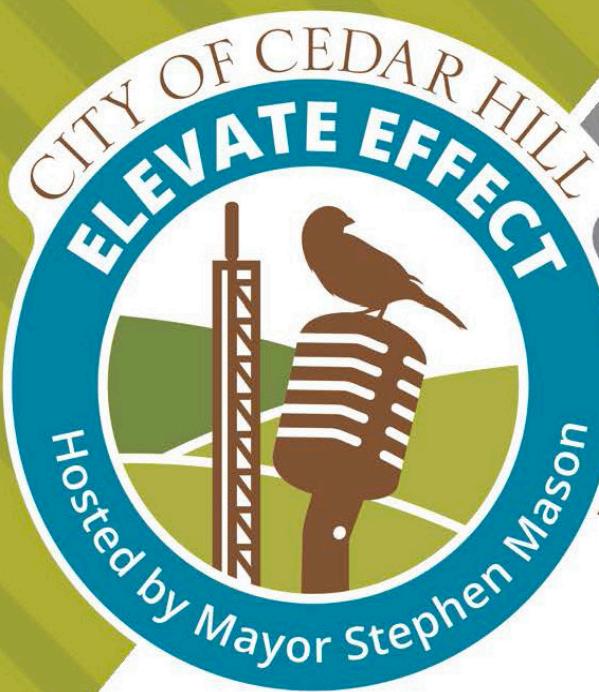
Before joining the Cedar Hill team, Benson managed the planning and development function in a variety of roles at the cities of Garland, Duncanville, and Arlington. Projects delivered under her leadership have earned state and national recognition for public outreach and planning excellence.



Assistant City Manager
Chasidy Benson

Benson holds a Master of City and Regional Planning degree from the University of Texas at Arlington and an undergraduate degree from Texas A&M University. She also earned the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) from the American Planning Association.

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The City of Cedar Hill's Official Podcast

Launching
Friday, Sept. 6, 2024

Interviews with Notable Guests • Listener Q&As
City Happenings and Exciting Updates

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UPCOMING EVENTS



CEDAR HILL FARMERS MARKET

2ND & 4TH SATURDAYS
300 HOUSTON ST.

The Cedar Hill Chamber of Commerce hosts a market with locally grown and handcrafted products.



COUNTRY DAY ON THE HILL

OCT 12 | 9 A.M. TO 6 P.M.
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

2024 marks the 87th annual event featuring a parade, food and craft vendors, and live entertainment in Historic Downtown Cedar Hill.



MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

OCT 3 | 7:30 A.M.
ALAN E. SIMS RECREATION CENTER

Join Mayor Stephen Mason and Transformation Vision for food and fellowship at the Alan E. Sims Recreation Center at 7:30 a.m.



RECREATION CENTER 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 19 | 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.
ALAN E. SIMS RECREATION CENTER

Come celebrate 20 years of fitness, fun, and friendship at the Alan E. Sims Recreation Center.



OLD SETTLERS' REUNION

OCTOBER 11 | 5:30 P.M.
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

Enjoy a light supper, bingo with prizes, and the crowning of the King and Queen of the Hill. Find details at cdoth.com



VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR

OCT 21 | 8 A.M. TO 1 P.M.
CEDAR HILL GOVERNMENT CENTER

Are you a veteran seeking valuable resources and support? Join the Cedar Hill DAV for the 3rd Annual Veterans Resource Fair!

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 10 OCTOBER 8
SEPTEMBER 24 OCTOBER 22

The City Council meets at the Cedar Hill Government Center at 6 p.m. Agendas are posted 72 hours in advance at cedarhilltx.com/agenda.



SCARE ON THE SQUARE

OCTOBER 26 | 6 TO 8 P.M.
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

Join us in Historic Downtown Cedar Hill for Halloween candy, photo ops, performances and more!

ELY REYES, STACEY GRAVES TAKE ON NEW LEADERSHIP ROLES

The City of Cedar Hill announced last month new roles for current leadership team members Ely Reyes and Stacey Graves.

Reyes, who has served as police chief since 2019, was named public safety director. In addition to his duties as police chief, Reyes will provide leadership and strategic oversight of police, fire, and emergency management operations. During his tenure as police chief, Cedar Hill has earned a reputation as the safest city in the Best Southwest region as the department has continually expanded community engagement and partnership efforts.

Graves will serve as development services director, overseeing the city's public works operations and capital improvement program while continuing to lead neighborhood services and code enforcement teams. Graves has served a variety of roles at the City of Cedar Hill for more than 25 years. She brings extensive knowledge of the community and city organization to the role of development services director.

City Manager Melissa Valadez-Cummings praised the new appointees, citing their experience and dedication to the city's vision and values, "Ely and Stacey have proven track records of professionalism and servant leadership in Cedar Hill. I look forward to the positive impact they will have on the community in these new roles."

Learn more about public safety and development services in Cedar Hill by visiting cedarhilltx.com.



Director of Public Safety
Ely Reyes



Director of Development Services
Stacey Graves

FREQUENTLY USED NUMBERS

Emergency	911
Administration	(972) 293-1467
After Hours	(972) 780-6643
Animal Control	(972) 223-6111
Animal Shelter	(972) 291-5335
Fire Dept. (Non-Emergency)	(972) 291-1011
Library	(972) 291-7323
Municipal Court	(972) 291-5100 ext. 1041
Neighborhood Services	(469)-272-2801
Parks & Recreation	(972) 291-5100 ext. 1500
Police Dept. (Non-Emergency)	(972) 291-5100 ext. 2400
Recreation Center	(972) 293-5288
Senior Center	(972) 291-5353
Trash & Recycling	(800) 772-8653
Utility Billing	(469) 272-2931

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