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**MAYOR ANDREW S. FRIEDBERG**

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# STEWARDSHIP IN 2016

- Infrastructure
- Public safety
- Appearance of public spaces
- Current and future resources
- Information and engagement opportunities

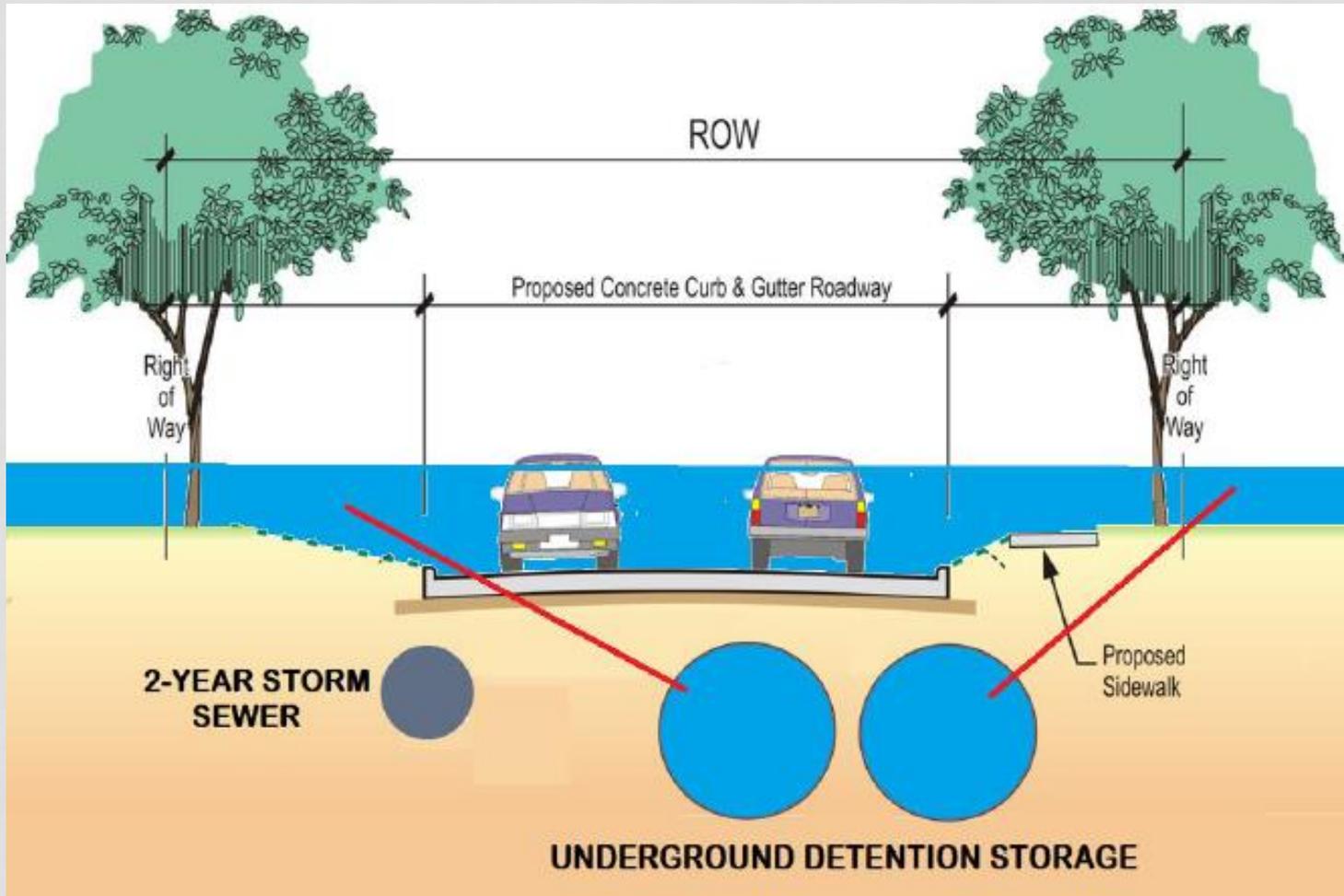


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- Conclusion of Rebuild Bellaire
- Sidewalks
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- Critical upgrades to WWTP
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## Town Hall Meeting

*Bond Program Implementation  
and Ongoing Drainage Work*

**March 6 at 6:00 pm**



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# BELLAIRE POLICE VACANCIES

## Sworn Positions

12/31/14	<b>5</b>
6/30/15	<b>6</b>
12/31/15	<b>2</b>
6/30/16	<b>3</b>
12/31/16	<b>4</b>
<b>TODAY</b>	<b>3</b>



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## BELLAIRE MUNICIPAL FACILITIES PROJECT

POLICE / MUNICIPAL COURTS

359 BRIARPARK DR.  
SUITE 200  
HOUSTON, TX 77042

T 713.622.4444  
F 713.968.9333

TBPE REG. No. F-3742  
WWW.PGAL.COM

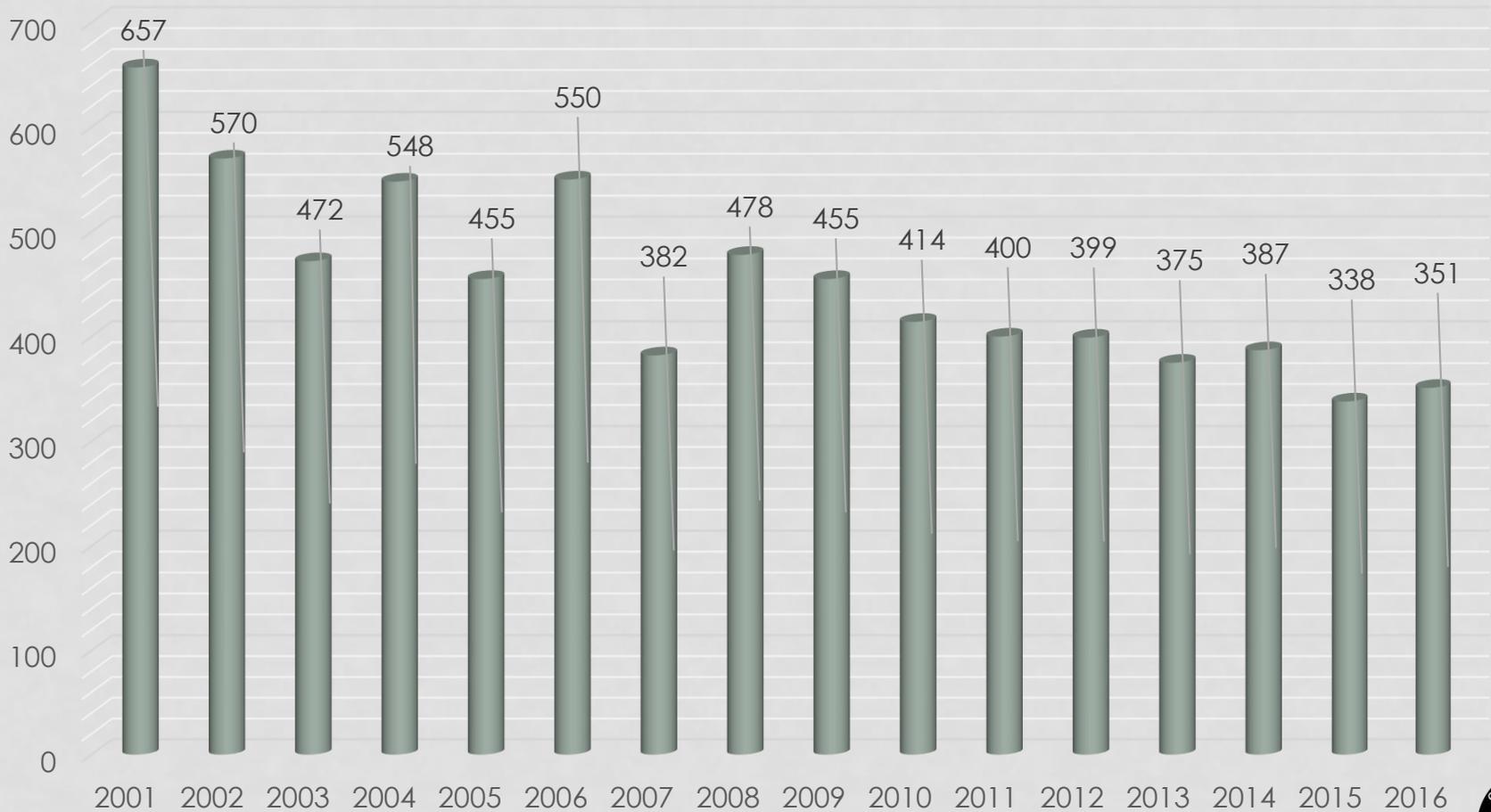


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# REPORTED CRIME INDEX 2001-2016

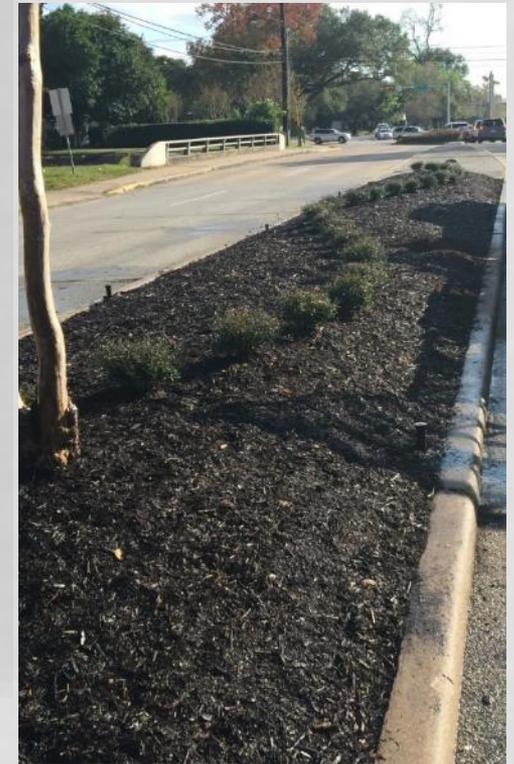


# STEWARDSHIP IN 2016: APPEARANCE OF PUBLIC SPACES

- Beautification/Urban Design conceptual master plan
- Right-of-Way improvements
- Utility box paintings
- Municipal Facilities campus
- Mulberry Park improvements



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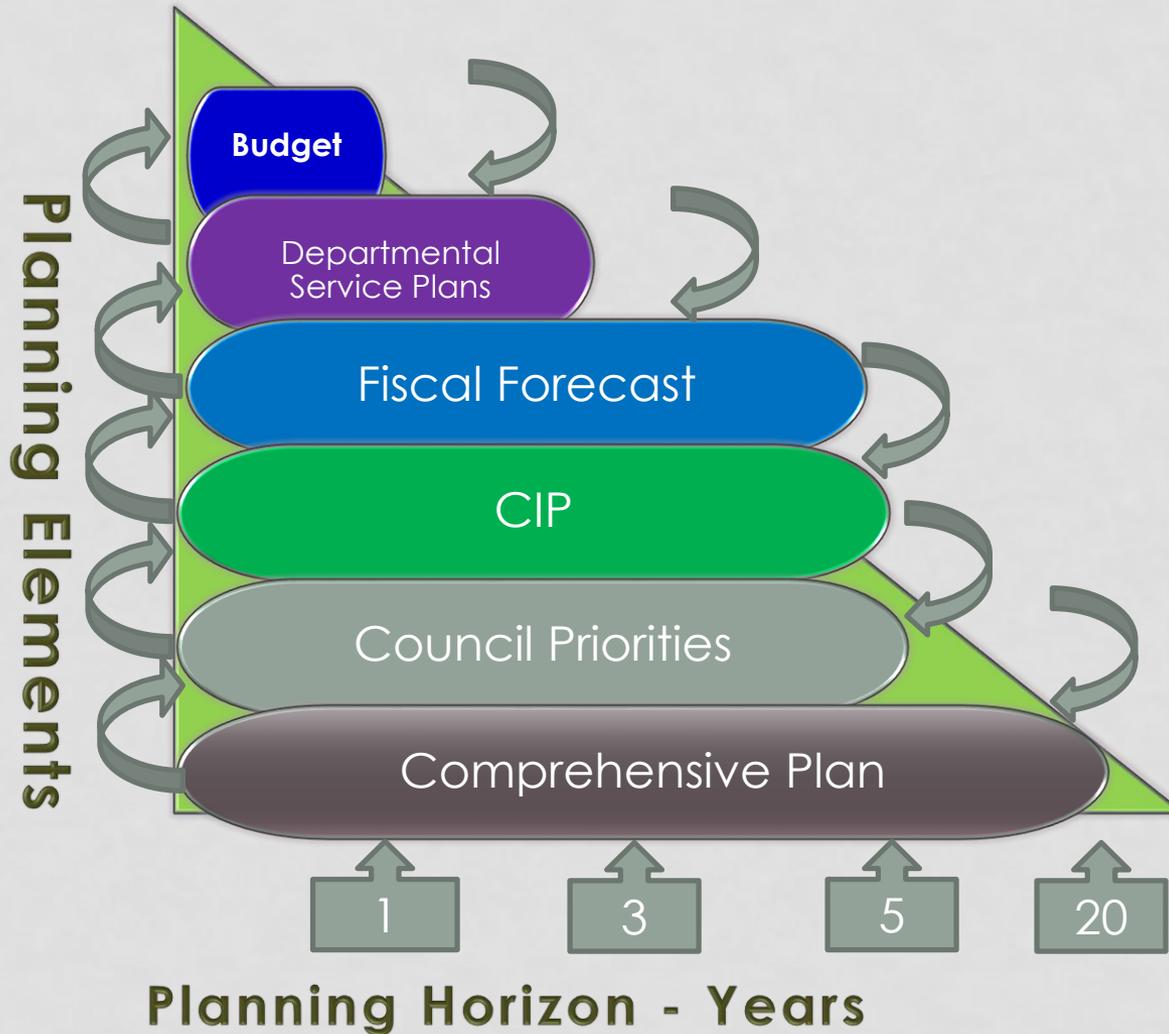
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# STEWARDSHIP IN 2016: CURRENT & FUTURE RESOURCES



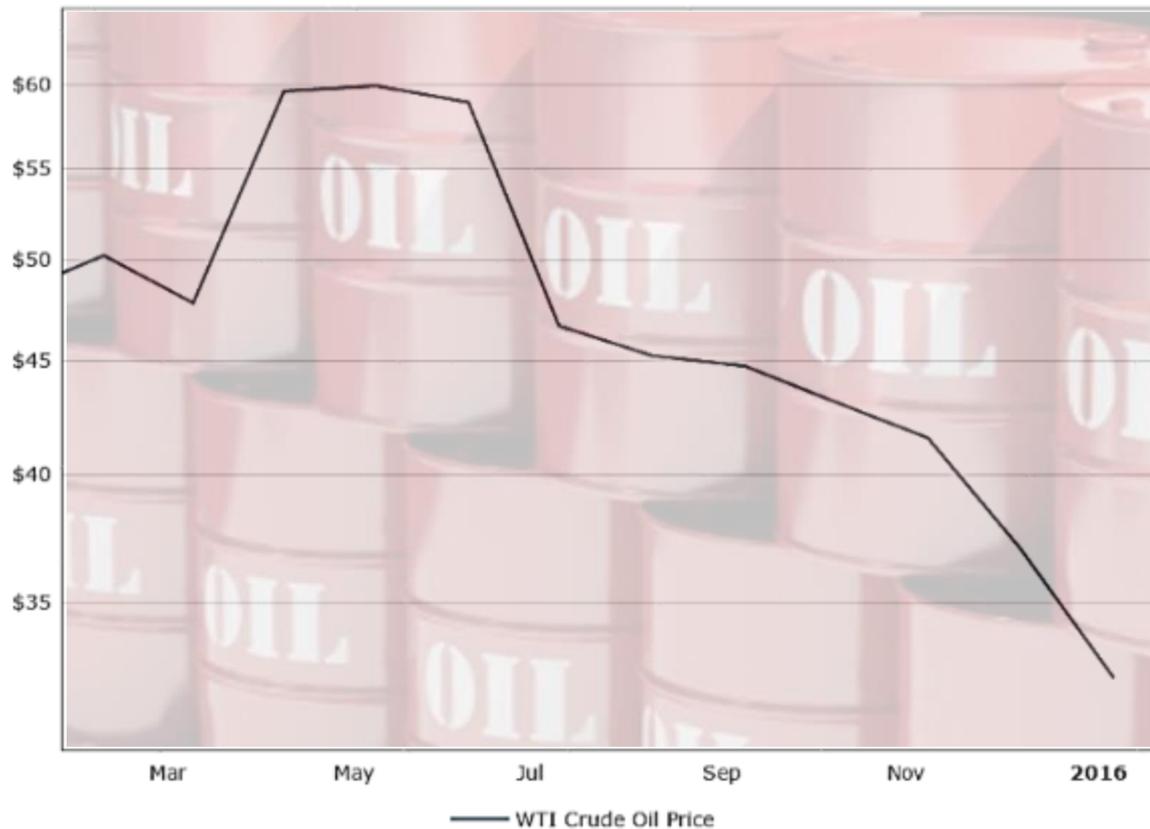
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## ***Preparation for November bond election***

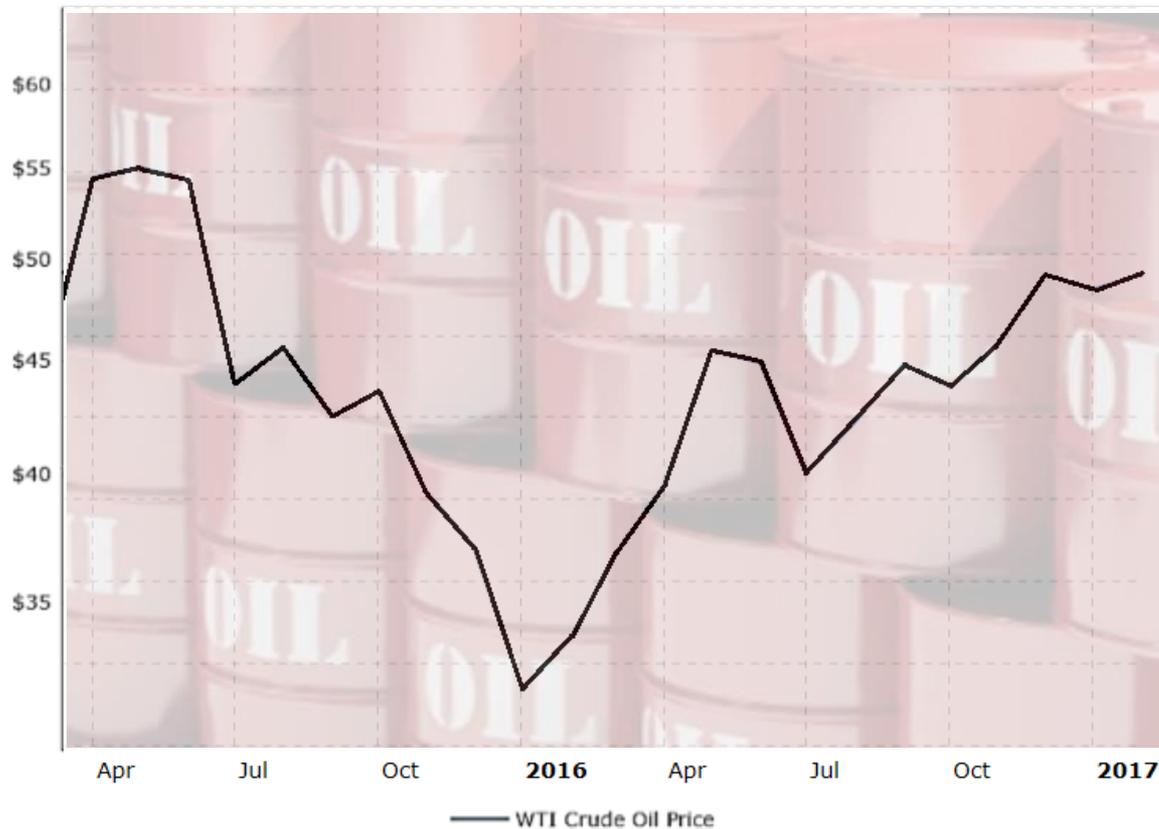
- Capital planning
- Affordability assessments / projections
  - adequacy of water and sewer revenues
  - impact on debt service / taxes
- August Town Hall Meeting
- Bond program page on City website



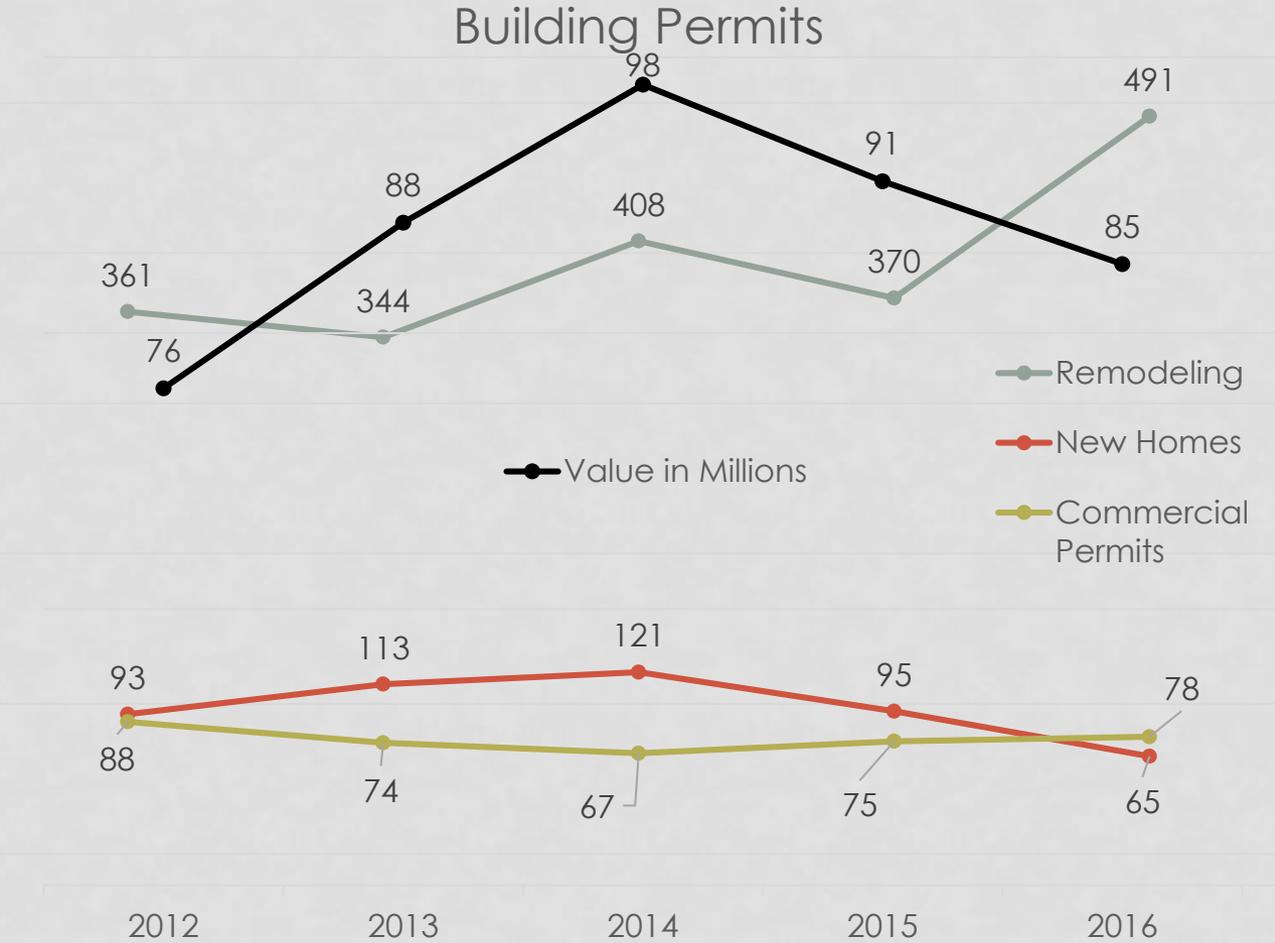
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# DEVELOPMENT STATISTICS



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# STEWARDSHIP IN 2016: INFORMATION & ENGAGEMENT

A Quarterly Insight into the City of Bellaire Services

## The Boulevard

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*Litter Awareness*  
*New High Water Rescue Vehicle*  
*What Happens After the Bond Election?*

*Happy New Year!*

[community happenings >>>](#)

The City of Bellaire is an active community. Below is a list of upcoming special events and important dates to remember. For more information on these and other activities, check out the [City Events Calendar](#).

<b>January</b>	
Jan 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday City Offices Closed, No Solid Waste Pick Up
Jan 28	PATRONS Big Game Party, 3:30 pm
<b>February</b>	
Feb 4	Daddy Daughter Dance 7:00 pm
Feb 6	Open House, 6:30 pm State of the City, 7:00 pm Bellaire Civic Center
<b>March</b>	
Mar 3	Party at the Pavilion, 7:00 pm Bellaire Town Square
<b>April</b>	
Apr 1	Friends of the Library Used Book Sale; Wine & Tapas
Apr 7	Party at the Pavilion, 7:00 pm
Apr 8	Trolley Run, 7:30 am
Apr 15	Nature Discovery Center Spring Fling
Apr 22	Grand Opening of Evelyn's Park

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### BELLAIRE CITIZENS ACADEMY INAUGURAL CLASS 2016



Congratulations and thank you to our graduates of the Bellaire Citizens Academy Inaugural Class of 2016!

We are looking forward to our next class, which is scheduled for the Fall of 2017. If you are interested in being put on the waitlist, please contact Raquel Porras at rporras@bellairetx.gov for eligibility requirements.

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### mayor's corner >>>



2016 has been a busy and eventful year in Bellaire. We've been planning and starting a number of important projects throughout the City, and the stage is set for a very exciting 2017! We will celebrate the grand opening of Evelyn's Park, break ground on our new Police/Courts and City Hall/Civic Center campus, and welcome long overdue commercial developments, just to name a few. This quarterly newsletter, *The Boulevard*, presents timely information about some of the things that are going on in the City and showcases the services we provide. We're pleased to share these highlights with you and as always appreciate your questions and feedback.

On behalf of your City Council, we are grateful to each of you for the privilege of serving our wonderful community. We wish you a very happy holiday season and look forward to a prosperous new year in Bellaire.

Sincerely yours, *Andrew*



## Mayor's Musings

Andrew S. Friedberg  
Mayor of Bellaire



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January 19, 2017

### Flooding: Are We Doing Enough, Fast Enough?

We didn't need any reminders, but we got one. Yesterday's flooding event has again brought the problem—a major problem—to the fore. It affects all parts of the City, and indeed neighborhoods all throughout our region. We've been steadily working at it, systematically prioritizing and addressing the areas of greatest need at a fairly consistent pace. We've made some progress, but yesterday morning's deluge reminds us once again just how much work we have left to do. Streets were impassable all over town and in some cases, thankfully few, flood-prone homes were hit for the second or even third time in less than two years. According to the Harris County Flood Control District, Bellaire got more rain in a two hour period yesterday than we got in the Memorial Day flood of 2015, and our area was among the hardest hit anywhere in the County.

We know it's unacceptable for an entire city to shut down just because it rains, hurricanes and tropical storms excepted (by "city" I mean greater Houston; obviously it's not just us). But we also know the solution takes time. And money. It's reasonable to pose the question to ourselves as a community: Are we doing enough, fast enough? I take this opportunity to recap where we are with our drainage work, as we consider that pressing question.

[Read more >](#)

Posted by City of Bellaire Texas at 5:26 PM



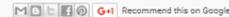
December 29, 2016

### 2016 City Council Year in Review

As the year draws to a close we pause for a moment to reflect on all we have accomplished, and what it means looking ahead to the coming year and beyond. Throughout 2016 your City Council has been hard at work, confronting challenges head-on and planning for many important, long-term improvements. Here are some of the highlights.

[Read more >](#)

Posted by City of Bellaire Texas at 9:00 AM



December 9, 2016

### A Plan for Beautification, Now and in the Future

For the past several years we've made it a priority. But all the while we've struggled to identify exactly what "it" is.

The Beautification initiative began with a concern voiced by many of our residents that the City was starting to look a little shabby and rough around the edges, especially in public rights of way and along our commercial corridors. The examples they cited included worn and faded street markings and signage, busted curbs, tired and lifeless landscaping, neglected utility boxes and trees in need of trimming. City Councils (past and present) agreed it was time to spruce things up, and formally adopted Beautification as a priority, even going so far as to budget a line item for it. Yet, that particular allocation has largely gone unspent because a

One of my main goals as Mayor is to enhance our level of citizen and stakeholder engagement, and to introduce new methods of communicating with you on important issues. This "Mayor's Musings" blog is a part of that effort and will be updated periodically with timely information. As always, I welcome and encourage your input. Thanks for reading!

*Andrew*



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Inaugural Class of the Bellaire Citizens Academy



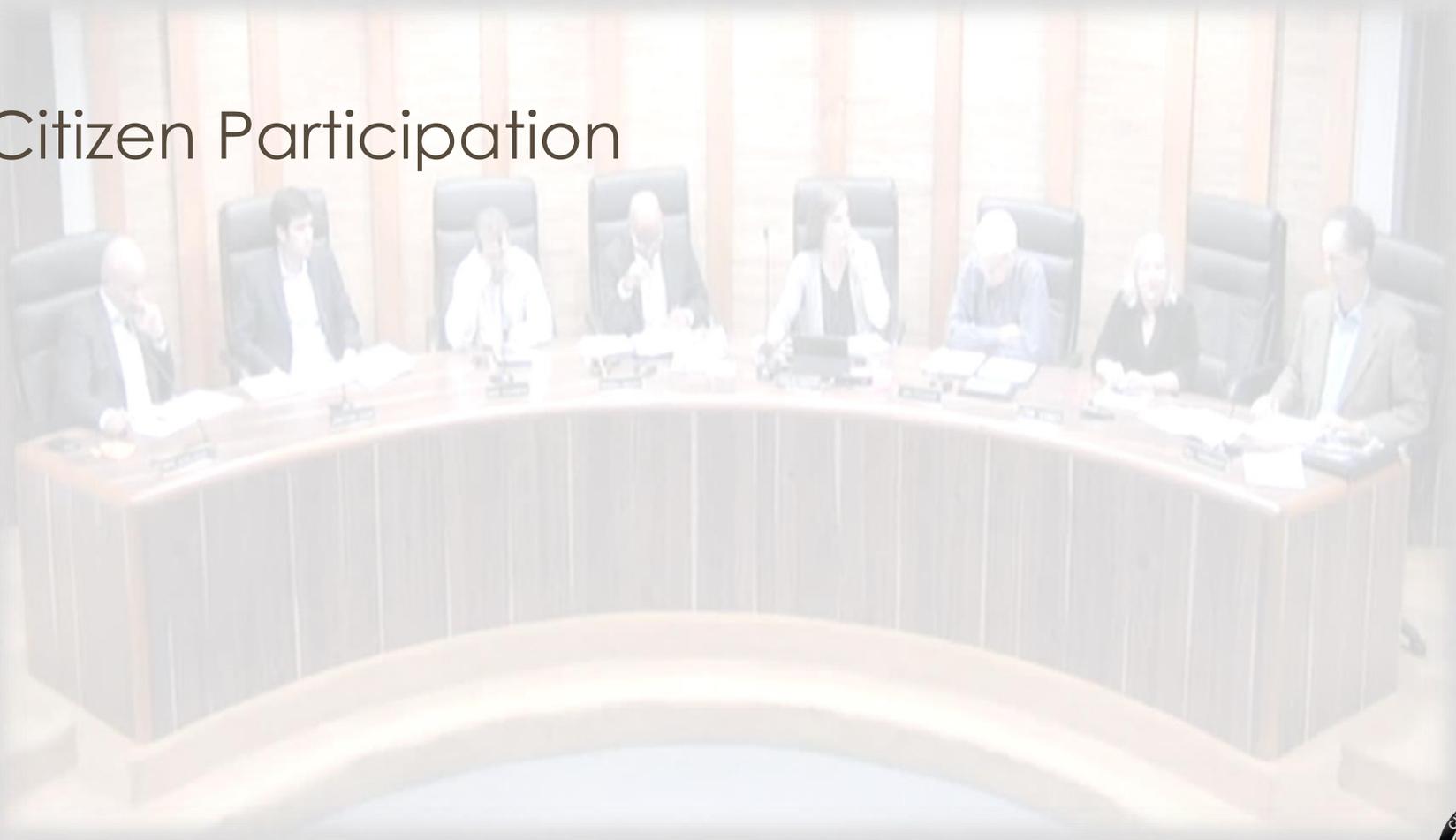
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*Ice – Honor – Courage*



# 2017 BUDGET

## Sources



Total Recurring Sources: \$27.6

(Numbers in millions)

## Uses



Total Recurring Uses: \$26.8

 Recurring

 Non-Recurring



# 2017 BUDGET



\$18.55 million in Property Taxes



# 2017 PROPERTY TAXES



Houston Community College \$664.97

Others \$1,262.31

**City of Bellaire \$2,569.32**

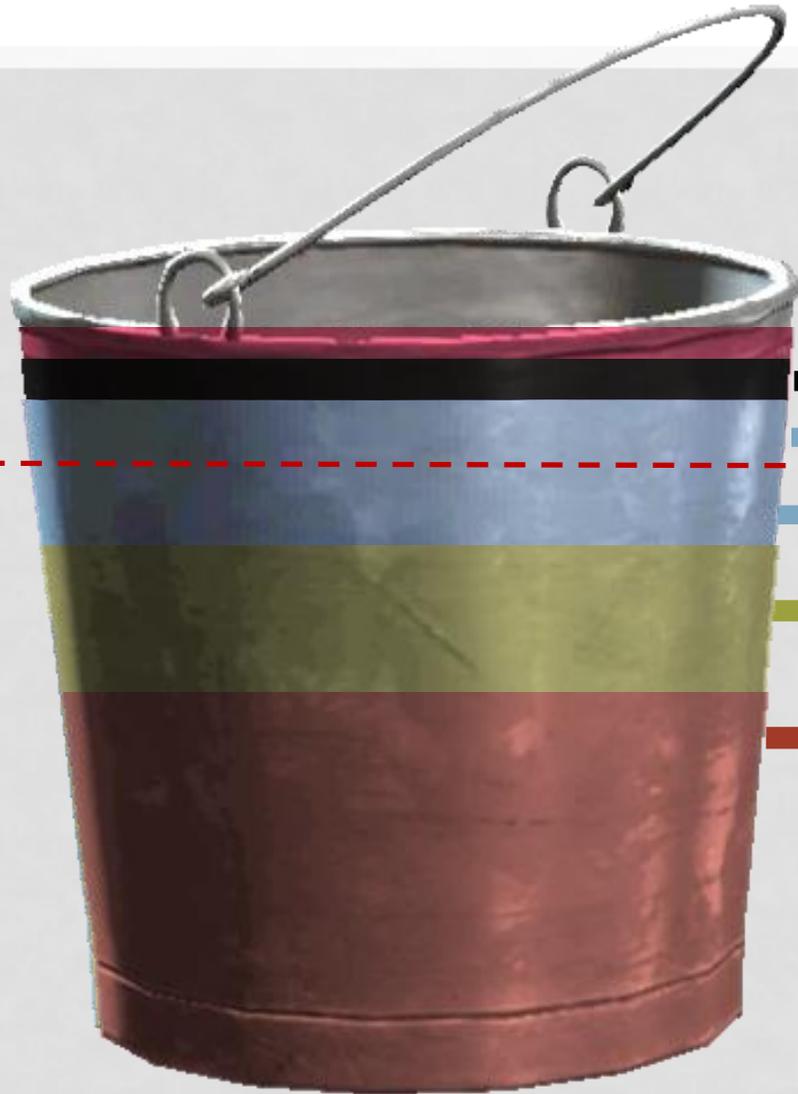
Harris County \$2,950.34

HISD \$8,003.10

Tax on Average Value  
Bellaire Home - 2016  
*after exemptions*  
**\$15,450.04**



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- Houston Community College \$664.97
- Others \$1,262.31
- City of Bellaire Debt \$877.44**
- City of Bellaire Maintenance & Operations \$1,691.88**
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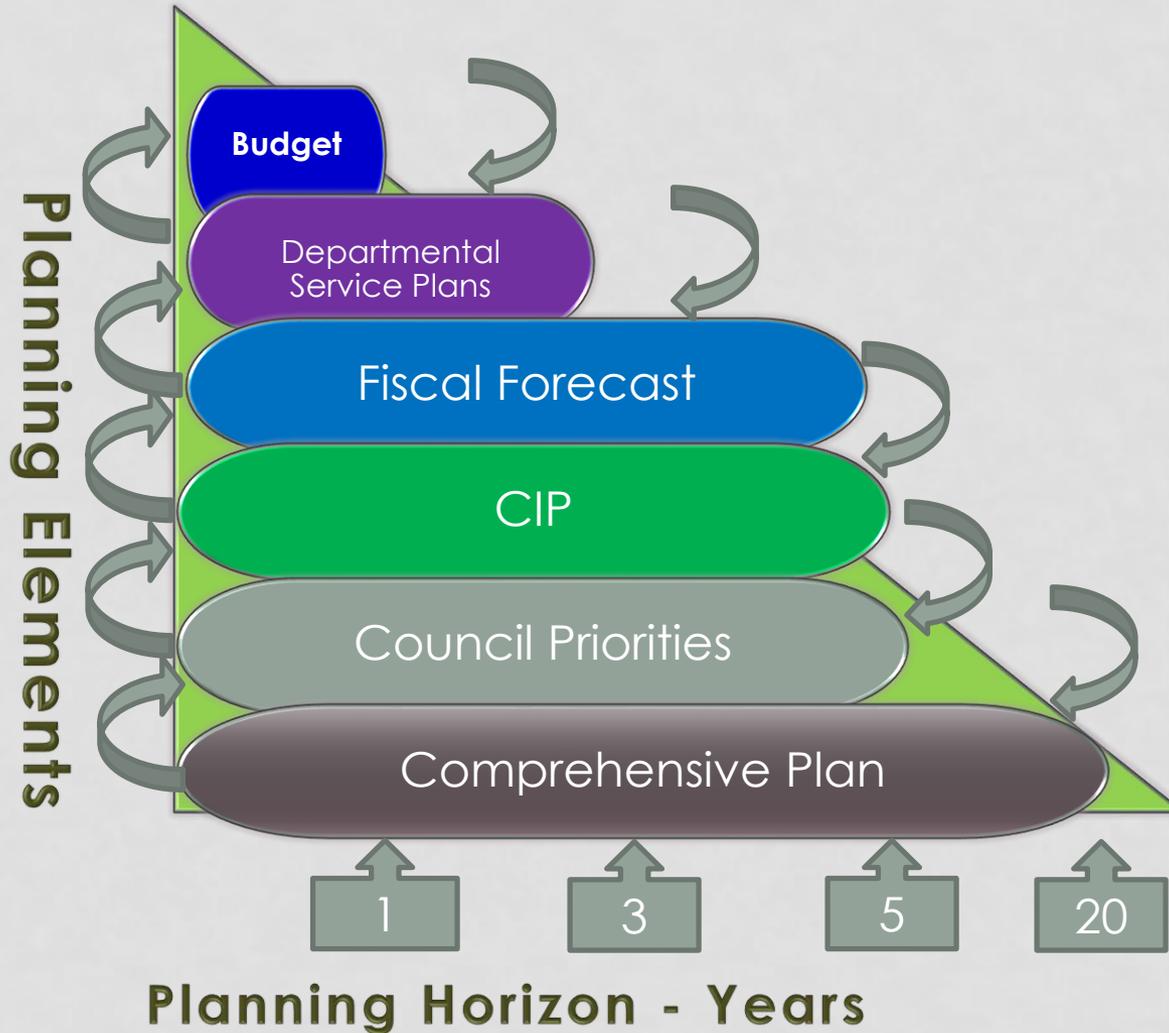
# STEWARDSHIP IN BUDGETING

## Financial Management Policies

- Minimum reserve requirement
- Recurring revenues cover recurring expenses
- Utility revenues cover utility debt
- Annually updated Capital Plan
- Annually updated Fiscal Forecast



# STEWARDSHIP IN BUDGETING



# STEWARDSHIP IN REPORTING

- Monthly and quarterly CFO reports
- Audited CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report)
- Weekly City Manager memos and reports at Council meetings
- Online resources
  - Financial, crime, other stats



# 2017 IS GOING TO BE A BIG YEAR

- Better Bellaire 2016 bond program
- Municipal Facilities project
- Commercial redevelopment
- Evelyn's Park Grand Opening – April 22
- Beautification / Urban Design
- TRP (Chevron) revisioning



Thank You

