



## CITY BUDGET UPDATE

Through the budget process, the City Commission remains focused on investment in community priorities. This will ensure that residents and businesses continue to enjoy high quality services in the most cost-efficient manner.

As part of the proposed budget, the City Commission has voted to leave the millage rate at 4.1000 mills.

In recent budget years, the City has been steadily advancing the technology used to support public safety operations. Also contributing to public safety efforts are prevention and intervention programs, like TEMPO. This program connects disconnected youth with educational and workforce opportunities. Since its start less than two years ago, it has engaged 500 participants, as of early May. As this program looks to expand, work continues to identify needs such as staffing, office space and recurring funding.

Tallahassee continues to be a city in progress, and the FY20 Capital Improvement Plan includes recommended funding for 10 new sidewalks each year for the next five years. This will add to the more than 500 miles of sidewalks currently maintained by the City.

The City parks system is set to expand as it incorporates the John G. Riley House and Museum into its programming. This historic landmark provides a window into history as it documents, preserves and illuminates African American history and culture.

Quality of life and the impact of poverty is a community priority, and the City anticipates continuing to partner with a variety of local nonprofits in these efforts. The City and its employees also engage in philanthropic activities like Stuff the Bus and Habitat for Humanity.

The development process for the FY20 budget continues to include opportunities for public engagement, including:

- June 5 workshop at 1 p.m.
- July 10 workshop at 1 p.m.
- September 11 meeting at 4 p.m. (public hearings begin at 6 p.m.)
- September 25 meeting at 4 p.m. (public hearings begin at 6 p.m.)

The City's budget planning process occurs all year, with quarterly updates provided at City Commission meetings. You can access the City's budget and learn more at any time via [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com).

### MEETINGS IN JULY

**July 4** Independence Day holiday; administrative offices closed (Visit [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com) for information on schedule changes during the holiday week.)

**July 10** City Commission workshop at 1 pm

**July 10** City Commission regular meeting at 4 pm (last regular meeting until September 11)

**July 11** Community Redevelopment Agency Board meeting at 9:30 am

*All meetings are held in the City Commission Chambers, located on the second floor of City Hall (300 S. Adams St.), unless noted otherwise. Meeting dates, times and locations are subject to change. City Commission meetings are shown live and rebroadcast on WCOT, the City's government access channel (Comcast Cable and CenturyLink channel 13). City Commission meetings are also streamed live online and are indexed and posted for viewing on [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com). Call the Department of Communications at 891-8533 for more information or view the current City Commission agenda online at [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com). Follow @COTNews on Twitter for City news.*

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## PREPARE YOUR HOME

Hurricane season is the time to check that your home is sound. Review your insurance policy; seal your roof, windows and doors; and assess the health and fortitude of your trees. Get information about local preparedness resources at [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com).

You may also want to consider purchasing a whole-house generator, especially if you have life-saving devices that rely on power. To help with the cost, homeowners can apply for a loan through the City's low-interest loan program. To be eligible, a transfer switch and interconnect agreement are required. Get full details by calling Customer Service at 891-4968.



## FRESH ON THE SOUTHSIDE

On any second or fourth Thursday of the month, you will find a row of farmers with fresh produce on display near the Walker Ford Community Center, 2301 Pasco Street. The Southside Farmers Market is back and in full swing. Come for the array of fruits, vegetables, seafood and cheeses. Stay for the live entertainment, cooking demonstrations, samples and health screenings. For more information, visit [Talgov.com/FarmersMarket](http://Talgov.com/FarmersMarket).

## BOX IT, BAG IT OR BUNDLE IT

This time of year, many customers spruce up their lawns, resulting in piles of yard debris left curbside for collection. Yard debris refers to vegetative fragments like tree trimmings, grass clippings, pine straw and leaves. Residential yard debris is collected at the curb in front of each residence every other week, per the Red/Blue Week schedule.



When disposing of yard debris, place it within three feet of the curb and away from low-hanging wires, trees or other obstacles, such as mailboxes, fences, etc. Clippings and pine straw may be placed in bags or boxes. For shrubs and limbs, piles should be no larger than 6 feet long, 4 feet wide and 4 feet high. The maximum size for limbs is 6 feet long and 4 inches in diameter. Separate yard waste piles from bulky items set out for pickup. For more information on how to properly dispose of your yard debris, visit [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com).

### Sustainability Tip

Rediscover outdoor cooking with a natural gas grill and reduce your summer air conditioning costs.



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