



Mayor's Newsletter

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Last month your city councilmembers met with city staff to go through the proposed 2023-2024 city budget line-by-line. Although inflation appears to be less of a threat than it was this time last year, there are areas in which we're continuing to see costs rise.

While citizens in Jersey Village may disagree on a variety of issues when it comes to their city government, the one thing which nearly all seem to agree upon is the importance of receiving city services that go above and beyond what they may find elsewhere. While those services may be quite diverse, they all have one thing in common – they require good people to carry them out at the high level we expect from our city.

The only way to maintain a high level of service is to recruit and retain high quality people at all levels of our city staff. Last year the Houston Chronicle recognized the City of Jersey Village as one of the best places to work in the region. With a great workplace culture and programs focused on helping employees grow professionally, maintain a good work-life balance and remain healthy, it's easy to see why the Chronicle picked us for this recognition.

That said, it's also important that we continue to be competitive when it comes to pay and benefits to keep great people. Our city staff conducted a market survey of compensation across numerous cities in the region, and city council went through the results and had a very vigorous discussion about the results. The proposed budget (which you can review for yourself on the city's website) does increase line items in various departments to keep salaries competitive with other cities.

Our citizens have high expectations of our city, and your city council shares those expectations. I am confident that we will continue to meet and exceed those expectations across the board.

Your neighbor,

Bobby Warren
Mayor