

Executive Summary – Proposed Resolution to Strengthen Financial Transparency and Oversight

Purpose:

This Resolution enhances the City of Pflugerville’s financial transparency, accountability, and long-range planning by establishing formal reporting requirements for bond-funded projects, capital improvement plan (CIP) projects, the escrow and impact fee funds, and interim financial statements. It also strengthens how the City presents its annual budget, giving the Council and the public a more complete picture of actual performance versus expectations.

Key Provisions:

1. Bond Project Reporting

- Requires quarterly reporting on each bond-funded project, including budgeted costs, funds spent to date, encumbered contracts, projected completion costs, and any variances.
- Includes reporting on debt authorization and issuance status, as well as interest income earned on unspent funds.

2. CIP Project Reporting

- Requires quarterly updates on all CIP projects budgeted in the current fiscal year.
- Tracks project budgets, spending, contractual obligations, completion timelines, and cost variances.

3. Escrow and Impact Fee Fund Reporting

- Requires semi-annual reports detailing where funds were collected and how they were used.
- Breaks down contributions and projects by zone and neighborhood.
- Includes analysis of the improvements delivered—or planned—for each contributing development.

4. Enhanced Budget Format

- Improves budget transparency by requiring comparative figures for the prior year, current year (actual and estimated), and the new budget year.
- Helps identify trends, spot discrepancies, and strengthen decision-making.

5. Quarterly Financial Statements

- Provides quarterly statements for all governmental funds and PCDC, including budget-to-actual comparisons, itemized revenues and expenses, and a summary of key balance sheet components.

Why This Matters:

- These requirements **do not create new programs or spending**—they simply require clearer reporting of the **City’s existing financial obligations**.
- They provide both **the Council and the public with regular updates** on major infrastructure and financial commitments.
- The Resolution ensures the **right questions can be asked early**, when projects begin to shift in cost or scope.

- By proactively disclosing how and where fees and bond funds are spent, it promotes **trust, transparency, and accountability**.

Recommendation:

It gives the Council the tools we need to monitor financial performance while supporting staff in their operational responsibilities and ensuring that residents have visibility to how public dollars are being used to meet community needs.