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Monday, July 21st, Mayor JB Schluter & City Council Discussed a General Fund Budget That Saves Taxpayers and Invests in Resiliency

Passes on Full Savings from County Millage Reduction

With no special assessments and no increase in the millage rate, the proposed budget delivers the full benefit of Santa Rosa County's millage rollback, saving the owner of a \$277,000 taxable-value home approximately \$533 next year.

33% Increase in Projected Revenues

Fueled by grants and capital reserves, the City can invest in key infrastructure without relying on new debt or raising the property tax rate.

Undergrounding Utilities

Thanks to long-range capital planning, the budget funds completion of neighborhood collector undergrounding—a 20+ year City goal and major Strategic Plan initiative.

Stormwater Utility Modernization

A \$2.75 per ERU rate adjustment is proposed to ensure the utility is fully self-funded, as recommended in the City's 2018 stormwater study.

Next Budget Workshop: August 4 at 2:30 p.m.

Topics will include Parks & Recreation, CRA Fund, and Utility Enterprises.

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