

# FY24 Budget Engagement



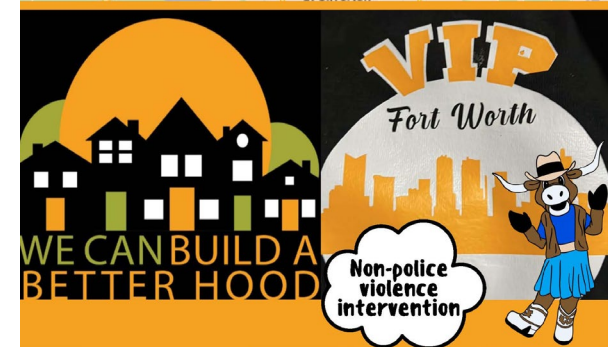
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## The “Steer the Budget” campaign ran from June 6 through July 9.

Comments were collected on the MyFW app, Facebook and using an online form.

The top requests were:

- Public Safety
- Transportation
- Animal Care & Control
- Litter Control
- Park & Recreation
- Homeless Services
- Art
- Libraries





# City News

Aug. 28-Sept. 3

## Top Five Stories

8/30: <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/news/2023/8/water-rates>

8/30: <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/news/2023/8/budget-waterwheel>

9/03: <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/news/2023/9/train-relaunch>

8/30: <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/news/2023/8/labor-day>

8/30: <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/news/2023/8/legislative>

## Recommended water/wastewater rate changes proposed in FY2024 budget

**Published on August 30, 2023**

For the first time in four years, typical residential water and wastewater customers would see a \$2.18 monthly increase in the water and wastewater portion of their bills if the recommended rate changes are approved by the Fort Worth City Council.

**What's the timeline?** Action on the recommended rates is scheduled for the Sept. 19 City Council meeting, but the changes will not take effect until Jan. 1, 2024.

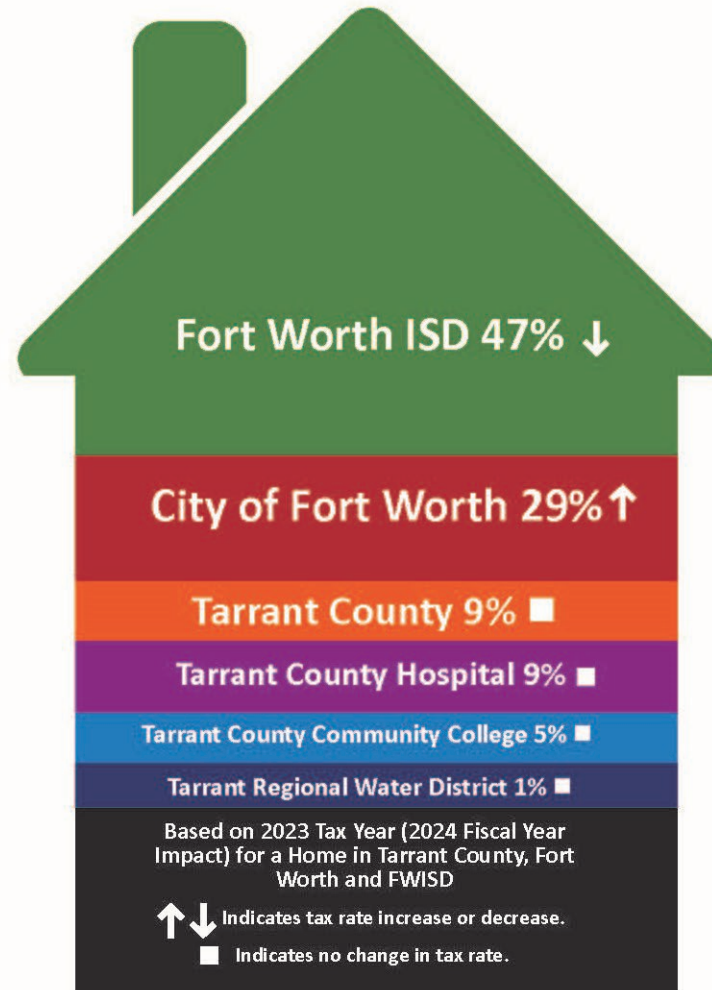
**Why it matters:** Impacts on individual customers will vary based on their water use. Changes in both the volume rates and monthly service charges are proposed.

The water utility is funded solely by the rates and fees it collects for the services provided. It does not receive any tax revenue.

**By the numbers:** The water utility's balanced FY2024 proposed budget totals \$574,843,877. It is \$59,392,417 or 11.5%



# FY 2024 Property Tax Proportions





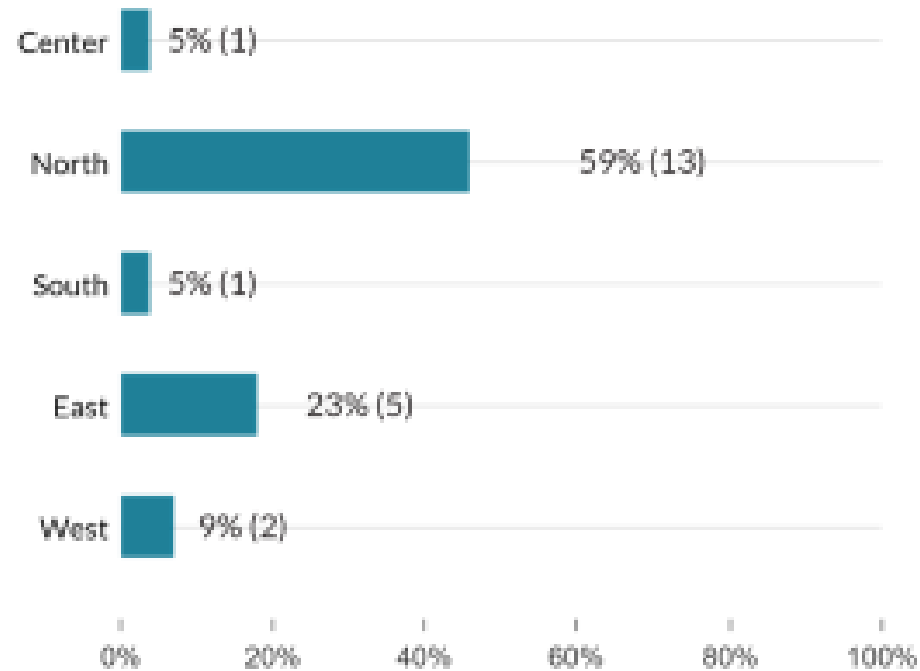
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**What are your thoughts, concerns or ideas related to the City of Fort Worth's (2024) proposed budget?**



## PARTICIPATION Breakdown of Participation

In which general area of of the City do you live?



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## PARTICIPATION

### Breakdown of Participation

In which Council District do you live?

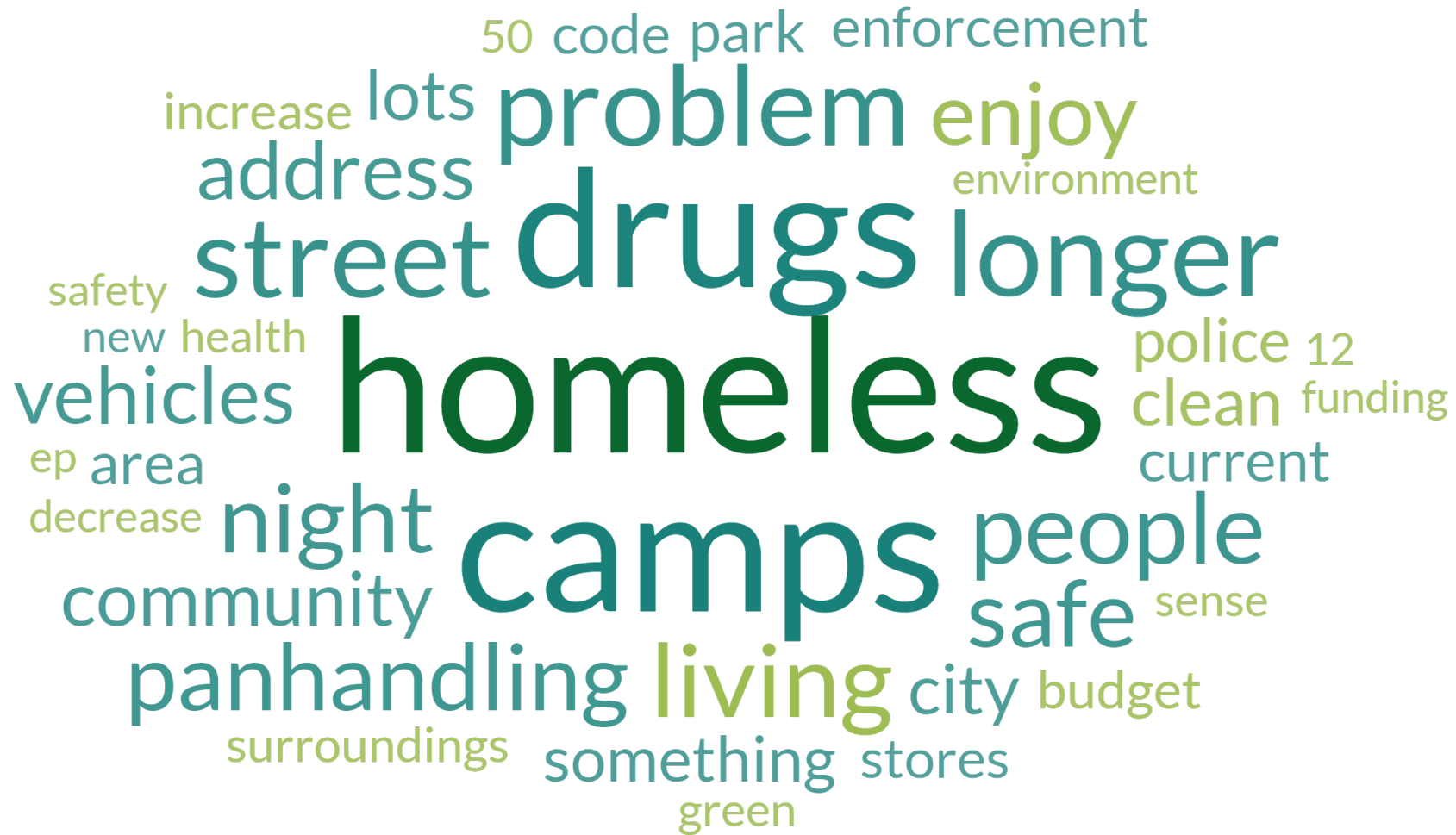
%		Answer
5%	(1)	District 2 - Carlos Flores
0%	(0)	District 3 - Michael Crain
42%	(8)	District 4 - Charles Lauersdorf
0%	(0)	District 5 - Gyna Bivens
11%	(2)	District 6 - Jared Williams
0%	(0)	District 7 - Macy Hill
0%	(0)	District 8 - Chris Nettles
11%	(2)	District 9 - Elizabeth Beck
11%	(2)	District 10 - Alan Blaylock
11%	(2)	District 11 - Jeanette Martinez
11%	(2)	Don't know/Unknown



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# THOUGHTS

## Key Thoughts



**Don't put in bus lines where no one is using them. Go zip zone or something else.** The bus line down N. Beach has hardly any riders. A lot of them are homeless. The bus shelters are full of trash, camping, and abandoned carts.

4.1  (9 )  
Ranked #1 of 34

**How can we keep our beautiful green space free of homeless and drugs. They are slowly moving in and busking small camps. Can we have more police?** So clean, so safe and so clean: along with keeping things beautiful increase police presence in living green spaces and community parks so all enjoy.

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Ranked #2 of 34

**I don't believe our current homeless policy is working.** Our city is no longer safe. I have homeless people doing drugs in my neighborhood. Park Glen is no longer safe!

4.0  (5 )  
Ranked #3 of 34




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# The Roadshow...


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## Budget Meeting Schedule

Date	District
Wednesday, August 16	Citywide
Thursday, August 17	4
Tuesday, August 22	2
Wednesday, August 23	3
Thursday, August 24	10
Thursday, August 31	10
Tuesday, September 5	9
Wednesday, September 6	7
Thursday, September 7	8
Saturday, September 9	5
Monday, September 11	7
Wednesday, September 13	11
Thursday, September 14	2
Monday, September 18	6
Tuesday, September 19	Citywide



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**FY2024**

**Join us for our District 4 Budget Talk**

Thursday, August 17  
6 p.m.  
Summarglen Library  
4205 Basswood Blvd.  
Fort Worth, TX 76137

Join City Manager David Cooke and City Councilmember Laura Skort to learn more about the proposed budget and to get more information on the Council's priorities for the coming year.

Dates are still being finalized, the full list can be found at <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/the-fwlab/budget/fy2024>

Date	District	Location	Residents	Support Staff
August 16	Citywide	City Hall and Virtual	11	18
August 17	4	Summerglen Library	22	16
August 22	2	EMS ISD Admin Bldg.	9	14
August 23	3	LVT Rise CC	13	17
August 24	10	Heritage Church of Christ	19	14
August 26	11	Victory Forest CC	26	11
August 28	6	Como CC	14	13
August 31	10	Northwest ISD Admin Bldg	10	14
September 5	9	Southwest CC	26	19
September 6	7	Fort Worth Botanic Garden	1	11

# Dot Exercise Top 3

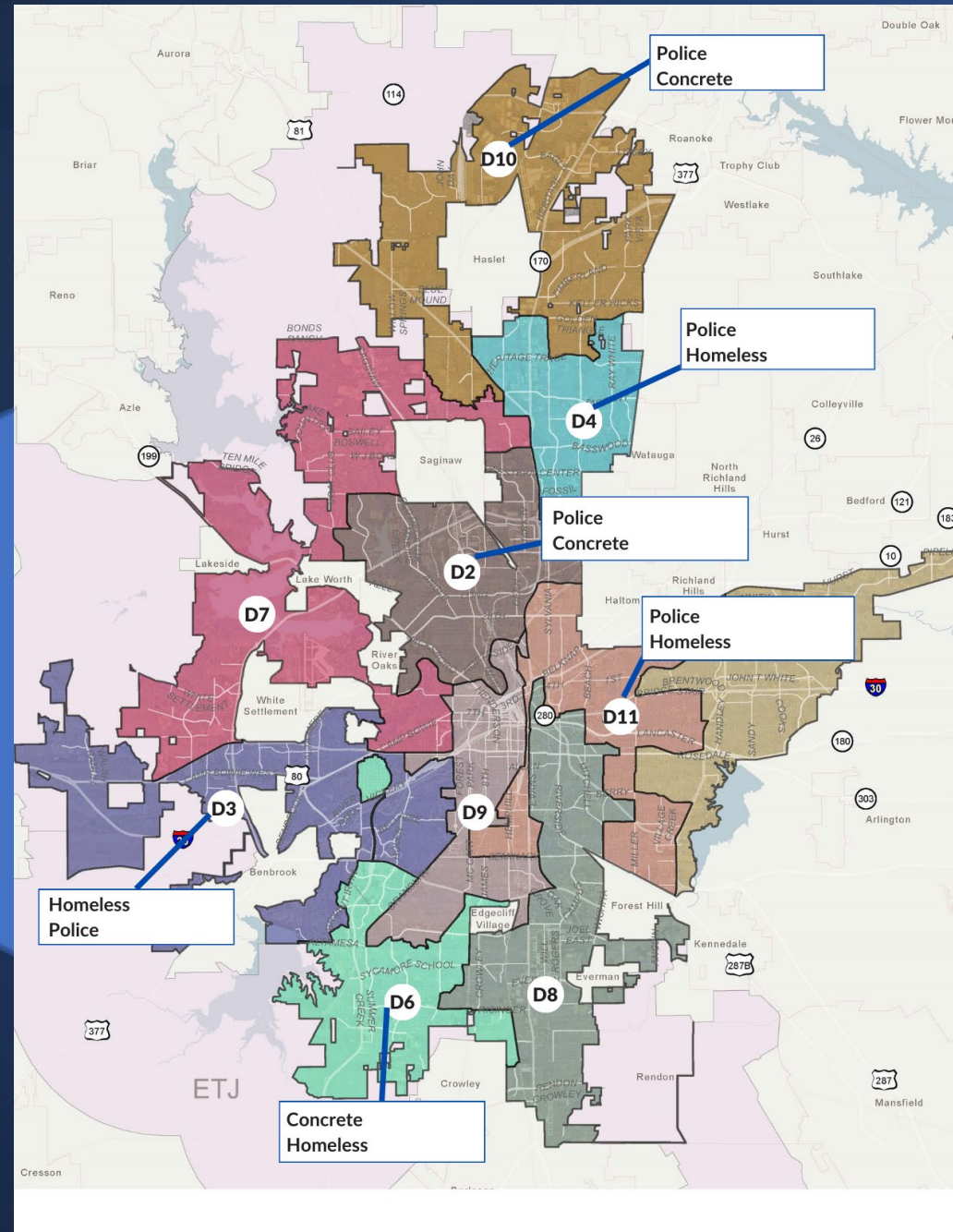


21 Additional Police Officers

Additional concrete crews to increase concrete street repairs and improve responsiveness to service requests.

Enhance efforts to reduce homelessness, including funding for cold weather sheltering, rapid exit and case management.

# Dot Exercise by District



# Questions and Comments

**Questions and comments are being collected at all meetings and will be provided to Council.**

**The following questions and comments were the ones asked at multiple meetings or came in through our online form.**



# Questions and Comments

## **Police**

We need for more officers.

Where will the new officers be placed?

What is being done to stop street racing?

How do you decide where to put police officers?

How do we use technology to help police?

## **TPW**

We need to make sure repairs to streets and streetlights are done quickly.

We need more sidewalks around schools.

Roads need to be widened before development comes.

# Questions and Comments

## **Neighborhood Services**

What is the NIP and how are neighborhoods selected?

What programs are available to help people stay in their homes?

## **Other general questions**

How do we address food deserts in parts of our community?

How can we limit the type of homes that come into neighborhoods?



# Questions and Comments

## **Homeless and Panhandlers**

What is being done to address the increase in our homeless population?

What can be done to address panhandlers at intersections and businesses?

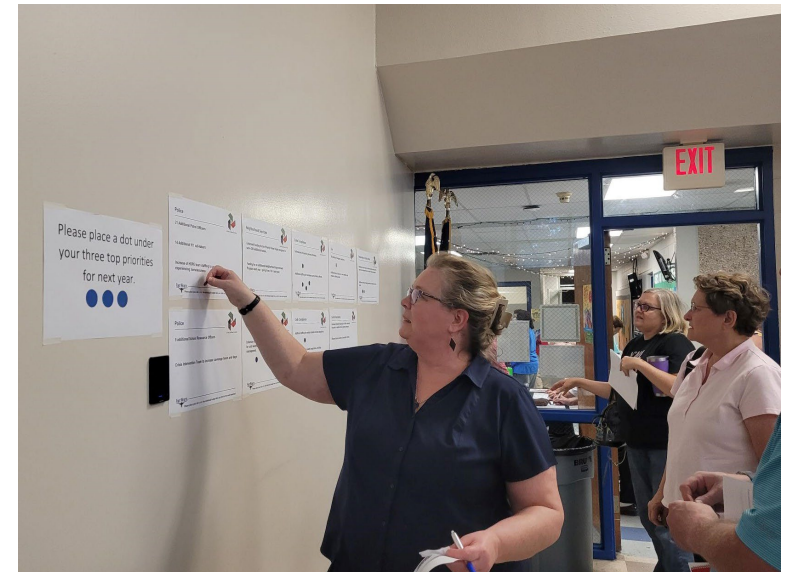
What programs are being added to help the homeless get off the streets – especially families?

## **Libraries and Community Centers**

What is the plan for the Central Library replacement?

We need to have services restored to Seminary Library.

We need more libraries and community centers.



# Remaining Meetings

Date	District	Location
September 7	8	William McDonald YMCA
September 9	5	Handley Meadowbrook CC
September 11	7	Boswell High School
September 13	11	Riverside CC
September 14	2	Northside CC
September 18	6	Chisolm Trail CC

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