

## **CITY OF STAFFORD, TEXAS**

**AUGUST 21, 2025**

### **BUDGET MESSAGE – FISCAL YEAR 2025 – 2026**

**BY MAYOR KEN MATHEW**

My fellow Staffordians, I have been in this position for over two years. I continue to be very humbled by your selection of me as your Mayor. As we all know, that was a historical event.

This is a Balanced Budget. With the help of our dedicated and hardworking Department Heads and their employees, we reached the end goal of a Balanced Budget. It was not an easy task. I am thankful to all Department Heads and employees for their hard work and diligence. The employees are the real asset of the City. They are the ones making the City better. I want to thank Chief Financial Officer Alka Shah, for bringing up wasteful spending, spending long hours with Department Heads and I. Since Ms. Shah and I have similar educational and professional backgrounds, the task was somewhat easier. I also want to thank City Secretary Roxanne Benitez, Assistant City Secretary Renote Cross, and Administrative Services Coordinator Richelle Worthington for their assistance.

The total Budget for the General Fund is \$39,737,774, with the breakdown as follows (*figures provided by the Chief Financial Officer*):

- Salaries & Benefits - \$25,350,791 (64%)
- Operating Expenses - \$ 6,823,865 (17%)
- Capital Items - \$4,388,210 (11%)
- Debt - \$3,174,908 (8%)

Stafford Municipal School District (SMSD) schools are our pride. I want to thank the entire School Board, Superintendent Dr. Robert Bostic, administrators, teachers, students and parents for being part of this organization, particularly the STEM Magnet Academy. As we all know, the school district is a component of the City. The City and SMSD are working together for the safety of the students and the staff. The City provides five Student Resource Officers (SROs), and the School pays for two SROs.

## **CONCLUSION**

Thank you Staffordians. I have been in this position for over two years. Let us all work together for the benefit of the City and its people.

Now, I submit this Budget to the City Council for their consideration.

Respectfully submitted by:



Ken Mathew  
Mayor, City of Stafford

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Roxanne Benitez, City Secretary