

AGENDA
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

meeting held
Wednesday, May 10, 2023
at 3:30 o'clock p.m.

Room 522a, 350 City Hall Square West

1. Call to Order

READING OF LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations, which includes the Ojibwa, the Odawa, and the Potawatomie. The City of Windsor honours all First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples and their valuable past and present contributions to this land

2. Declaration of Conflict

3. Minutes

Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held March 8, 2023 – ***attached***.

4. Presentation – Request for a Sister City Agreement with the City of Arlington, Texas

Sheri Capehart, Program Director for Arlington, Texas Sister Cities and Bruce Payne, Manager of Economic Development for Arlington, Texas to be in attendance via Zoom video conference.

The document entitled “City of Arlington FY22 Popular Annual Financial Report” is ***attached*** for information.

5. Business Items

5.1 Letter of Invitation from Changchun, China for a delegation from the City of Windsor to visit on a date to be determined – *attached*.

5.2 Children’s Art Exhibition
Discussion

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

International Conference of Twin Cities & Ceremonial Opening of the Garden of the Twin Cities in Mannheim, Germany – *attached*.

7. Communications

7.1 Nicolaus Copernicus Pictorial Report

The National Inauguration of the Copernicus Jubilee in Canada – *attached* and The Copernicus Jubilee in Poland – February-March 2023 – *attached*.

8. Date of Next Meeting
To be determined.

9. Adjournment

International Relations Committee

Meeting held March 8, 2023

A meeting of the International Relations Committee is held this day commencing at 3:30 o'clock p.m. via Zoom video conference, there being present the following members:

Councillor Angelo Marignani, Chair
Councillor Renaldo Agostino (arrives at 3:58 p.m.)
Councillor Fred Francis
Councillor Ed Sleiman
Saiful Bhuiyan
Lubna Barakat
Ronnie Haidar
William Ma
L. T. Zhao

Regrets received from:

Jerry Barycki

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Sandra Gebauer, Council Assistant
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Committee Coordinator calls the meeting to order at 3:30 o'clock p.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule A attached hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

2. Election of Chair

The Committee Coordinator calls for nominations from the floor for the position of Chair. Councillor Fred Francis nominates Councillor Angelo Marignani seconded by Councillor Ed Sleiman for the position of Chair. The Committee Coordinator asks if there are further nominations from the floor for the position of Chair. Seeing none, the Committee Coordinator asks Councillor Angelo Marignani if he accepts. Councillor Angelo Marignani accepts and assumes the Chair.

3. Declaration of Conflict

None disclosed.

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by Councillor Fred Francis, seconded by Councillor Ed Sleiman,
That the minutes of the International Relations Committee of its meeting held
November 23, 2022 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

**5. Presentation – City of Windsor’s Participation in the Garden of Twin Cities,
Mannheim, Germany**

Wanda Letourneau, Manager Horticulture provides a Presentation entitled
“Garden of Twin Cities Mannheim – open Access”, **attached** as Appendix “A”. The
highlights of the presentation are as follows:

- In October 2021, she represented the City of Windsor and participated in a virtual Garden of the Twin Cities program organized by the City of Mannheim.
- Each of Mannheim’s twin cities was asked to provide a representation of their respective city to be included in the Garden.
- Coventry Gardens was chosen as the best representation of the City of Windsor.
- Communication by the twin cities to Mannheim was done through a virtual “palette”.
- A rock garden design reminiscent of Coventry Gardens that includes some shrubs along with perennials and grasses was presented.
- The design was accepted and two horticulture students from St. Clair College travelled to Mannheim and had an opportunity to work on the gardens.
- She asks the IRC to select the sign that will be displayed in the Garden of Twin Cities.

Moved by Councillor Ed Sleiman, seconded by L.T. Zhao,
That the Presentation entitled “City of Windsor’s Participation in the Garden of Twin
Cities, Mannheim, Germany” provided by the Manager Horticulture **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Fred Francis, seconded by L.T. Zhao,
That the signage that displays the City of Windsor W Logo along with a rose that
identifies Windsor as the Rose City **BE APPROVED** and further, that the Canadian flag
BE ADDED to the signage.

Carried.

6. Business Items

6.1 Invitation to Mayor Drew Dilkens regarding the Ceremonial Opening of the Garden of Twin Cities and the International Conference of Twin Cities in Mannheim on May 5-6, 2023

S. Gebauer provides an update noting that the City of Mannheim has been working on this project for the past two years and developed the Garden of Twin Cities with contributions from all twelve of their twin cities. In May 2023, Mannheim will be unveiling their garden and invited members from all of the twin cities to attend. The City of Mannheim has invited a maximum of three (3) delegates to attend, including Wanda Letourneau as the person responsible for the design of the City of Windsor's contribution to the garden. The City of Mannheim will be providing all local transportation along with meals and accommodations, while the IRC is responsible for the flights. She adds it is the decision of the Committee to approve the participation of Wanda Letourneau; a political representative and a member of the IRC.

Councillor Fred Francis remarks that typically the Chair of the IRC attends the twin city events.

In response to a question asked by Councillor Fred Francis regarding if there is interest from Committee members to go to Mannheim, Councillor Renaldo Agostino, S. Bhuiyan and R. Haidar express an interest. S. Gebauer asks that interested members send an e-mail to her.

Moved by Councillor Fred Francis, seconded by L.T. Zhao,

That the invitation extended by Mannheim, Germany for the Chair, the Manager of Horticulture and one representative from the International Relations Committee to attend the Ceremonial Opening of the Garden of Twin Cities and the International Conference of Twin Cities in Mannheim from May 4-7, 2023 at a upset limit of \$10,000 **BE APPROVED**, and further, that interested members of the IRC enter their names into a draw which will be held virtually.

Carried.

6.2 International Mother Language Plaza (Martyr's Monument)

Clerk's Note: The IRC Committee of its meeting held November 23, 2022 approved the following motion:

Moved by Councillor Kaschak, seconded by Councillor Sleiman,

“That the International Mother Language Plaza (Martyr’s Monument) request for funding **BE DEFERRED** to the next meeting of the newly appointed International Relations Committee.”

Carried.

S. Bhuiyan states that he is the Ex-President of the Bangladesh-Canada Association and is aware of the International Mother Language Plaza initiative. He indicates that in 1999 UNESCO declared International Mother Language Day and cities and all over the world have erected monuments. He asks that the IRC provide funding towards this initiative.

S. Gebauer reports that prior to the November 23, 2022 IRC meeting, she was asked to provide information relating to this matter. She adds that benchmarking was conducted with other municipalities that have similar international committees and questioned the parameters around their budgets. The City of Windsor’s IRC Committee Mandate does not prohibit providing funding to non-twin cities, however, this would set a precedent. The only time where funding was provided to an organization not associated with a twin city, was for the purchase of tickets for a South-Asian dinner event.

Councillor Fred Francis advises that as the IRC does not have a twin city relationship with Bangladesh, he suggests that City Council decide if they wish to provide funding. He adds that this matter should be not on the IRC Agenda.

Moved by Councillor Fred Francis, seconded by W. Ma,

That the request for funding for the International Mother Language Plaza (Martyr’s Monument) **BE REFERRED** to City Council for their review and consideration for funding as this matter is not germane to the International Relations Committee.

Carried.

6.3 International Relations Committee – 2022 Annual Report

Moved by Councillor Fred Francis, seconded by R. Haidar,

That the International Relations Committee 2022 Annual Report **BE APPROVED**.
Carried.

7. Communications

Moved by Councillor Ed Sleiman, seconded by Councillor Renaldo Agostino,
That the following Communications **BE RECEIVED**:

7.1 Twin Cities and Date of Twinning

7.4 Nicolaus Copernicus Jubilee

7.5 Happy 550th Birthday, Mr. Copernicus

Carried.

7.2 Request from Arlington, Texas for a Sister City Agreement

Councillor Fred Francis advises that the City of Windsor does not currently have a Twin City in the United States.

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by L.T. Zhao,
That Administration **BE REQUESTED** to explore and report back on the feasibility of potentially twinning with Arlington, Texas.

Carried.

7.3 Request for Sister City Agreement with Turkey

Councillor Fred Francis remarks that the request for a Sister City agreement with Turkey makes no reference to a specific city.

Moved by Councillor Fred Francis, seconded by Councillor Ed Sleiman,
That the request for a Sister City agreement with Turkey **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

8. Confirm & Ratify E-mail Polls

That the following motion sent via E-mail Poll on October 18, 2022 **BE CONFIRMED AND RATIFIED**:

Moved by W. Ma, seconded by R. Haidar,

That the following motions sent via E-mail Poll on October 18, 2022 regarding that approval be given to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$4,000 for costs associated with the delegation from Lublin, Poland to visit the City of Windsor from November 17, 2022 to November 20, 2022” and that approval be given to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$400 for the purchase of four (4) tickets (1 ticket for Mayor Dilkens) for the 25th Annual Polish-Canadian Business Society Dinner to be held on November 18, 2022 at the Caboto Hall, 2175 Parent Avenue.

Carried.

S. Bhuiyan asks what is the process for twinning with Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Councillor Francis responds that Administration will provide the Twinning Policy to S. Bhuiyan and adds that twinning with a city is community driven and formal letters are sent from the respective mayor for that city. Generally, there are similarities with the potential twinning with the City of Windsor.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at the call of the Chair.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 4:25 o'clock p.m.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR



ARLINGTON
THE AMERICAN DREAM CITY

FY22 Popular Annual Financial Report

FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30, 2022





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MAYOR'S Message



Jim R. Ross, Mayor
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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the City of Arlington's 2022 Popular Annual Financial Report. It is an annual publication summarizing the outstanding work your municipal government has completed this past year and the financial tools it took to accomplish that work. On behalf of my colleagues on the Arlington City Council, I invite you to explore these pages to better understand how your tax dollars have been used to provide the high-quality services our residents expect.

Fiscal Year 2022 presented new opportunities for The American Dream City to grow and prosper. This annual report shows the many ways we are still meeting our City Council priorities to Support Youth and Families, Leverage Technology, Invest in Our Economy, Champion Great Neighborhoods, Enhance Regional Mobility and Build Unity.

But don't just take my word for it, there's a lot more to check out in the pages to come. I invite you to learn for yourself about our accomplishments this past fiscal year and why the future remains so bright in The American Dream City.

Thank you for being a part of this great city!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jim R. Ross'. The signature is stylized and somewhat abstract, with several loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jim R. Ross, Mayor
City of Arlington

CITY COUNCIL

The Arlington City Council consists of a mayor and eight council members elected by the voters of Arlington. Five are elected from districts to represent geographic parts of the city.



Helen Moise
District 1



Raul H. Gonzalez
District 2



Nikkie Hunter
District 3



Andrew Piel
District 4



Rebecca Boxall
District 5



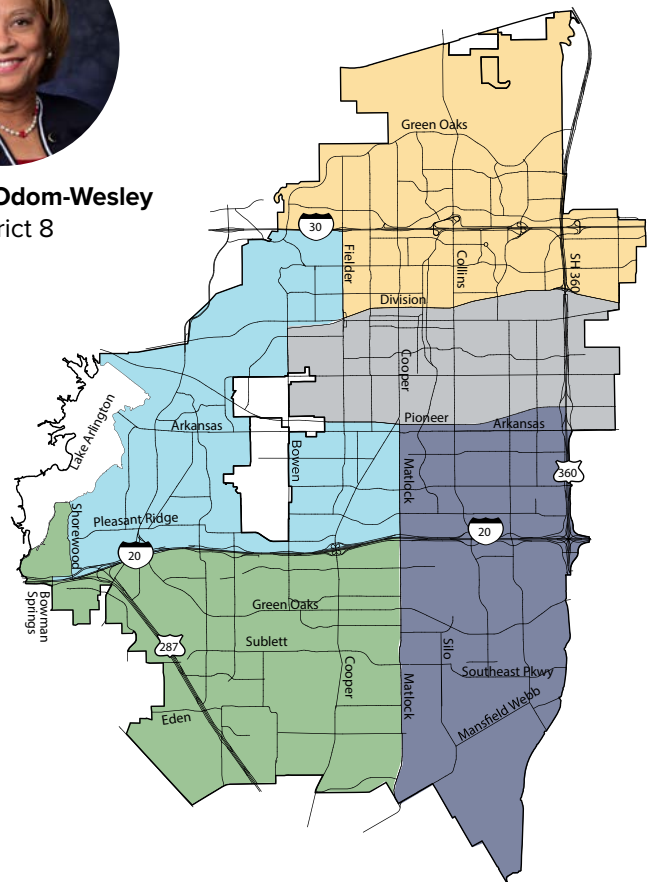
Long Pham
District 6



Bowie Hogg
District 7



Dr. Barbara Odom-Wesley
District 8



Districts 6, 7 and 8 are at-large and represent the entire city. The mayor and three at-large districts are elected by the entire City. Members serve staggered three-year terms with annual elections in May.

CITY MANAGER'S Message



Trey Yelverton
City Manager

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the City of Arlington's Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for Fiscal Year 2022. We consider this the City's annual report to our shareholders - the citizens of Arlington. This report provides our residents with key financial information from Fiscal Year 2022 and specific examples of how we have used our resources in the work we do for you each day.

We track our performance, like any large corporation, through internal and external benchmarks. As examples, last year, we saw an 84% increase in ridership for our on-demand VIA rideshare public transportation service, 20% more fire prevention inspections at local businesses, and a significant increase in the number of return events at our Esports & Expo Center.

Wallet Hub ranked the City of Arlington as the best run city in Texas for the third time in 2022. The City was also recognized for outstanding accomplishments by groups like the American Public Works Association, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, the International Code Council and the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

The City has met the challenges we faced in 2022 as we continued our recovery from the pandemic. Working together, our residents and employees have demonstrated remarkable resilience and have achieved successes for which we should all feel proud. Financially, strong revenue rebounds; careful and cautious spending decisions; significant federal grant funding; and the availability of one-time funding converged in FY22 to create multiple opportunities to address our needs, while making enduring investments in our future, even as we continued to reduce the property tax burden on our residents.

Going forward, as we examine, evaluate and evolve, you — as a Resident of Arlington — should continue to expect that your quality of life remains our priority. We face the future with great confidence in our strategy, our competencies and our people. There are so many reasons to believe Arlington's future is bright.

I am honored to present this report, and I hope it helps you become more informed about how your local government is working for you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Trey Yelverton". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

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ARLINGTON, TEXAS

City Profile

The City of Arlington is a diverse metropolitan area located approximately 20 miles west of downtown Dallas and 12 miles east of downtown Fort Worth. What started as a small rural farming community in 1884 is now the nation's 49th largest city with nearly 400,000 residents. Regionally, Arlington is the seventh-largest city in Texas.

1884

FOUNDED



Arlington is a community where civic organizations, educational institutions, businesses and city government work together to ensure the community retains its hometown identity, high quality of life and natural beauty.

49TH

LARGEST CITY
IN THE U.S.



From shopping, dining and entertainment, Arlington continues to prove it really is 99 square miles of culture and excellence.

399,560

RESIDENTS



Arlington is known for being a travel destination, boasting some of the top family-friendly attractions in both the region and nation, including AT&T Stadium (home of the Dallas Cowboys), Globe Life Field (home of the Texas Rangers), Six Flags Over Texas, Six Flags Hurricane Harbor, International Bowling Campus and Choctaw Stadium in Arlington (home of the Dallas Jackals, Arlington Renegades, North Texas Soccer Club and the international headquarters of Six Flags). Arlington also is home to quality medical, research and learning institutions such as Tarrant County College Southeast, the Texas Tier One-recognized University of Texas at Arlington, as well as Arlington, Mansfield, Kennedale and Hurst-Euless-Bedford independent school districts, and numerous charter, private and parochial schools.

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LARGEST CITY
IN TEXAS



Arlington is home to the headquarters of Six Flags, D.R. Horton, Texas Health Resources, Forestar and a General Motors Plant.

**99 SQUARE
MILES**
OF CULTURE &
EXCELLENCE



Through the investment of millions of dollars from the local, state and federal levels, we have seen continual improvement in Arlington's infrastructure and streets. A local sales and use tax for street maintenance continues to provide additional funding for repairs of neighborhood streets and thoroughfares. The local economy is strengthened even more by the presence of quality neighborhoods, parks, libraries, commercial development and the Arlington Municipal Airport, which provides excellence in corporate and leisure aviation services.

FACTS & FIGURES	2022	2021	2020
Population	399,560	393,420	390,540
General Obligation Debt Per Citizen	1,679	1,524	1,126
Labor Force	218,601	215,215	213,961
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	6.1%	6.8%
Housing Start Permits Issued	649	762	795
Foreclosures (residential and commercial)	55	29	80
Occupancy Rates			
Office	89.9%	90.2%	89.8%
Industrial	96.4%	96.5%	94.9%
Retail	94.9%	94.1%	92.8%



FINANCIAL Look Back At 2022

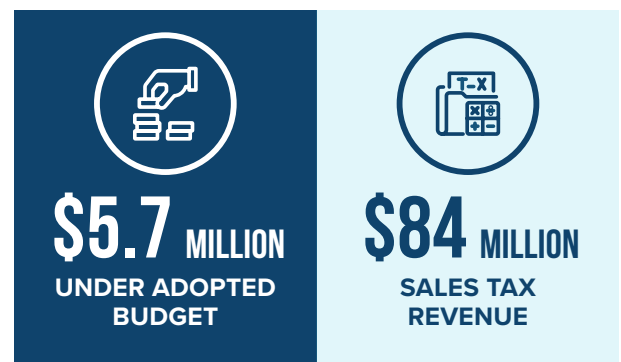
As the FY22 budget was being developed during the spring and summer of 2021, the City's revenue and expenditure outlook for FY21 was signaling signs of recovery from the financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The strong resurgence in sales tax revenue that began in 2021 continued through much of 2022, with growth rates gradually returning to more moderate levels in the latter part of the year.

The FY22 budget for General Fund sales taxes was \$73.4 million, which was prepared using conservative assumptions about the strength of recovery. Sales taxes performed far better than anticipated in FY22; actual revenues were \$84.0 million, which was \$10.6 million (14.5%) better than budget for the year.

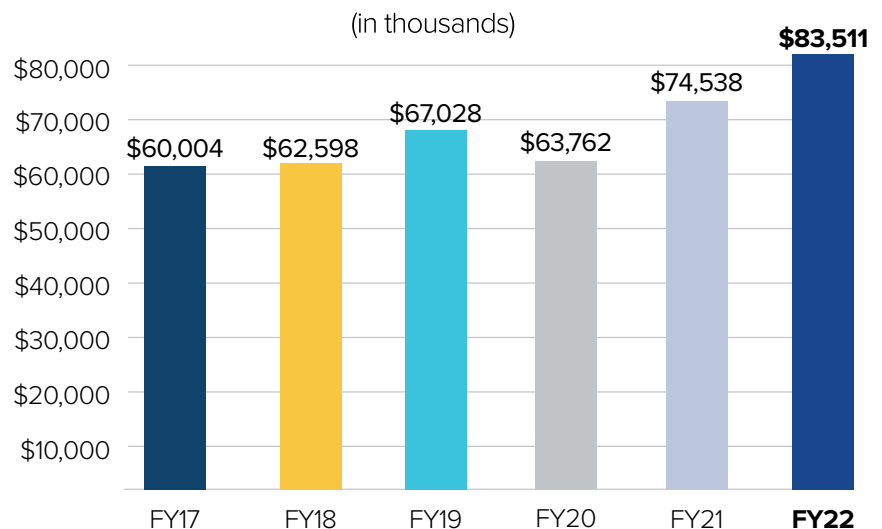
In addition to the strengthening revenue outlook, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) provided the City with approximately \$81 million to be invested over four years (by the end of calendar 2024). In FY22, a total of \$19.7 million of this funding was allocated to restore budget cuts that were taken in FY21 as well as invest in increased funding for our Police and Fire departments, including public safety-related technology improvements.

Although the economic climate notably improved, cautious optimism remained the guiding principle as the City navigated through FY22. General Fund expenditures were under the adopted FY22 budget amount by \$5.7 million. The tightening job market and scarcity of labor resulted in higher-than-anticipated vacant positions in FY22. Salary savings from vacant civilian positions were higher than anticipated by almost \$1.3 million.

Additionally, certain projects budgeted in FY22 were postponed to FY23, and the expenditure savings were carried forward and programmed into the FY23 budget. The City General Fund ended the year under budget in revenues and expenditures, and all funds had positive ending balances.



GENERAL FUND SALES TAXES REVENUES (FY17-22)



RESERVES

In accordance with the City's Financial Policies, several cash reserves are maintained to mitigate the impact of a significant economic downturn on our ability to maintain service levels to our citizens. These reserves are an important consideration by bond rating agencies in determining the City's overall credit-worthiness.

The major reserves include the Unallocated Reserve, which is targeted at 3.0% of recurring General Fund expenditures and designed to be used for emergencies and unanticipated expenses.

This reserve was funded at \$7,955,489 in the FY22 budget. The Working Capital Reserve sets aside one month (8.33%) of recurring General Fund expenditures to provide adequate operating cash during normal

revenue and expenditure cycles. This is the City's largest reserve and was funded at \$22,098,579 for the FY22 budget.

The next-largest reserve is the Landfill Reserve, at \$17.15 million, which originated from a one-time payment to the City when the landfill was originally leased in May 2005. Our newest reserve is the Business Continuity Reserve, at \$4.06 million in FY22, established to ensure continuing service delivery in the event of revenue shortfalls until sustainable solutions to the shortfalls can be identified. The total reserve amount adopted in the FY22 Budget is \$52.99 million, or 20% of the City's General Fund budget, net of one-time expenditures. This amount is approximately \$13.21 million in excess of the 15.0% overall reserve level specified in our financial policies.

BOND RATING

Moody's, Standard & Poor's and Fitch rate our credit-worthiness, and they consider our reserves as one of our strongest assets.

All three agencies affirmed Aa1/AAA/AAA ratings for the Permanent Improvement Bonds, Certificates of Obligation, Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Bonds (Storm water) and the Water and Wastewater System Revenue Bonds. These strong ratings allow us to issue municipal debt vital to Arlington's

infrastructure at a very low cost to the City. The Special Tax Revenue Bonds for the venues (AT&T Stadium and Globe Life Field) have been rated A1/ A+/AA+ by Moody's, Standard & Poor's and Fitch respectively.

The City also issued Tax Increment Revenue (TIRZ) Bonds for TIRZ 5 (Entertainment District) which have been rated BBB by Standard & Poor's.



Aa1/AAA/AAA

Permanent Improvement Bonds
Certificates of Obligation, Municipal Drainage Utility System
Revenue Bonds (Storm water)
Water and Wastewater System Revenue Bonds



A1/A+/AA+

Special Tax Revenue Bonds for the venues (AT&T Stadium and
Globe Life Field)

DEBT

During FY22, the City took advantage of the low cost of borrowing and issued \$83.2 million in Permanent Improvement Bonds to make various capital improvements. The City issued \$20.3 million in Water and Wastewater System Revenue Bonds (WWS) for the purposes of improving and expanding existing water and wastewater. The City issued \$9.5 million in Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue for the purpose of improving and expanding existing drainage infrastructure.

The City issued \$9.5 million of TIRZ Bonds to make various WWS, storm water, streets, parking, and park improvements in the district. During the year, the City paid down principal of \$46.3 million of outstanding Permanent Improvement Bonds and Certificates of Obligation, \$23.3 million of outstanding WWS bonds, \$3.5 million of outstanding storm water bonds, and \$4.8 million of outstanding venue bonds.

IN FY22, THE CITY PAID DOWN:

\$46.3 MILLION

of Permanent Improvement Bonds and Certificates of Obligation

\$23.3 MILLION

of WWS bonds

\$3.5 MILLION

of storm water bonds

\$4.8 MILLION

of venue bonds

AWARDS

The City continued to be recognized for its outstanding financial reporting efforts. At the inception of the program, the City of Arlington Finance Department was only the third local government entity in the state to receive all five transparency stars through the Texas Comptroller's transparency program. The Comptroller's office launched the Transparency Stars program in March 2016 to recognize cities, counties and school districts making strides to greater government transparency by providing easy online access to important financial data.

The City of Arlington has earned stars for transparency in traditional finances, contracts and procurement, economic development, public pensions and debt obligations.



The Certificate of Achievement for Excellent in Finance Reporting for our 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and the Certificate of Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Finance Reporting for our 2021 PAFR are still pending with GFOA, however it is anticipated that these awards will be bestowed again for 2021 as they have been historically.

PRIORITIES

Each year, the City Council identifies community priorities that guide the allocation of the City's resources. Council met at a strategic retreat in the spring of 2021 and chose the following priorities for FY22:



Support Youth and Families



Invest in Our Economy



Enhance Regional Mobility



Leverage Technology



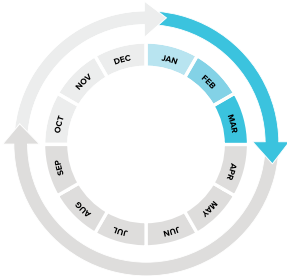
Champion Great Neighborhoods



Build Unity

ARLINGTON Financial Cycle

STRATEGIC PLANNING



JANUARY

- 1st QTR BP/budget compiled.
- Five-year Financial Forecast kickoff.
- Citizen survey developed.

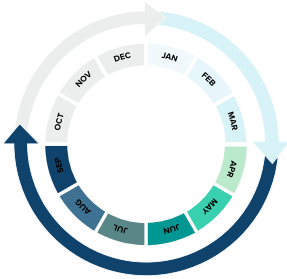
FEBRUARY

- CMO reviews 1st QTR BP/budget.
- Citizen satisfaction survey completed.

MARCH

- ACFR, PAFR completed, approved by City Council and submitted to GFOA.
- Official statement updated.
- City Council strategic planning session.

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT



APRIL

- 2nd QTR BP/budget compiled.
- Rating agency review/official statement update.

MAY

- Budget kick off.
- CMO reviews 2nd QTR BP/budget.
- Department business plan/budget modifications/proposals due.
- Preliminary revenue determined for upcoming fiscal year.

JUNE

- CMO reviews BP/budget.
- Modifications and proposals reviewed and prioritized.
- Proposed budget discussion with CMO.
- Potential bond issuance.

JULY

- 3rd QTR BP/budget compiled/reviewed.
- CMO, OMB finalize proposed budget.
- Certified property tax roll received from Tarrant Appraisal District.

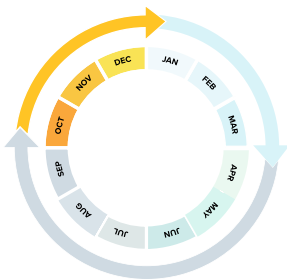
AUGUST

- Proposed budget presented to City Council.
- Budget town hall meetings conducted with residents.
- Budget development discussion with City Council.

SEPTEMBER

- Budget development discussion with City Council.
- Budget adopted.

ACFR REPORTING



OCTOBER

- Fiscal year-end processing.
- External auditor and staff begin work on ACFR and single audit.

NOVEMBER

- 4th QTR BP/budget compiled.
- Fiscal year-end processing.
- Budget document finalized.

DECEMBER

- 4th QTR BP/budget reviewed.
- New budget submitted to GFOA.

TERMS

- **ACFR:** Annual Comprehensive Financial Report
- **BP:** Business Plan
- **CMO:** City Manager's Office
- **GFOA:** Government Finance Officers Association
- **OMB:** Office of Management and Budget
- **OS:** Official Statement
- **PAFR:** Popular Annual Financial Report
- **QTR:** Quarter

LEVERAGE Technology

*Technology touches all parts of the city life. **Leveraging Technology** is also integral in achieving the City's other priorities. This emphasis, which includes enhancing current and embracing new technologies, will improve access, convenience and timeliness of information for our community and create greater transparency. The City benefits from increased efficiency and security, leading to greater responsiveness. These advantages lead to economic growth and position Arlington to provide better services and experiences.*



NEW FLOCK CAMERAS HELP POLICE SOLVE CRIMES

The Police Department reported immediate success with its Flock Safety Fixed LPR Camera System in 2022. The City received the 25 cameras as part of a National Policing Institute Study. The department said it recovered at least 25 stolen vehicles valuing approximately \$330,890. In August, data from the Flock LPR cameras was used to solve a series of aggravated robberies in Arlington and the surrounding area. The department also reported that the cameras helped lead to the arrest of 37 offenders, seizure of four firearms and seizure of narcotics in 14 instances.



ARLINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT ADDS MORE LIFE-SAVING DEVICES ACROSS CITY

To help even more people survive a heart attack, the Fire Department added innovative machines, known as LUCAS devices, to its medical tool kits. The halo-shaped device wraps around the patient, and a battery-operated suction cup attaches to the chest and provides consistent chest compressions. The department added 37 LUCAS devices, thanks to CARES Act funding.



CITY GAUGES PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS THROUGH NEW ONLINE SURVEYS

The Fire Department's Public Health Unit conducted a series of online surveys through 2022 to identify chronic health concerns, gaps in health care access and opportunities for public education outreach in the city. More than 550 responses were collected through the online surveys, which were available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

CITY CREATES SAFER SPLASH PAD OPERATIONS THROUGH BAKARI WILLIAMS PROTOCOL

The Parks and Recreation Department implemented the “Bakari Williams Protocol,” which outlines new policies and procedures designed to improve visitors’ safety and experience while at Arlington aquatics facilities. Arlington adopted the protocol and completed nearly \$650,000 in improvements as part of the City’s settlement with the family of Bakari Williams. The 3-year-old child died in September 2021 from a rare infection caused by the *Naegleria fowleri* amoeba after visiting the City’s Don Misenhimer Park splash pad. Parks also made upgrades to the aquatics facilities’ chemical testing, controllers and secondary sanitation systems to ensure facilities are safe for public use. The upgrades included:

- The addition of QR codes on signs at all aquatics facilities. This allowed visitors to access the data of the most recent sample collected about water quality and other important facility information using their smartphones.
- Automated water chemistry controllers with advanced sensors and features. They are designed to produce safe and clean water and automatically shut off any splash pads where water readings are not in the acceptable ranges. These improvements allowed staff to use their time more efficiently as issues arose.
- New digital water quality testing capabilities that reduce human error by eliminating visual inaccuracies in the testing process.
- Upgrading the secondary sanitation process to a state-of-the-art ultraviolet (UV) system at splash pads.
- Software that replaces the City’s handwritten record process. This software provides real-time water quality data and inspection records to aquatics employees remotely through an app. The Becsys-Software allows staff and management to monitor real-time chemical levels at all aquatic locations.



Also in FY22

- Code Compliance created a new Commercial Rapid Reference Guide that provides business owners and managers a comprehensive guide with links to City ordinances about landscaping, parking lot and sign standards and screening/fencing.
- Arlington celebrated Open Data Day 2022 with the Open Arlington portal, which features 46 downloadable data sets and 14 interactive web maps and applications.
- Additions to the Open Arlington portal include the City’s first Data Service Standard and three web maps that explore Arlington World War II veterans’ history, the historic African American community known as The Hill, and the Bankhead Highway.

INVEST In Our Economy

The Invest in Our Economy City Council priority is a vital component of the effort to ensure our community continues to thrive. As Arlington strengthens its position as a key city in North Texas, we will develop a systematic approach that directs our future, addresses current and prospective challenges, and positions us to capitalize on opportunities.

XFL SELECTS CHOCTAW STADIUM AS HUB

In July 2022, XFL owners Dany Garcia, Dwayne Johnson and RedBird Capital Partners announced they had selected Arlington as the league’s new football operations hub, signing a three-year agreement. This hybrid hub model provides a centralized performance facility and multiple practice venues for the league’s eight teams, giving all players access to full-time, on-site support from coaches and athletic training staff.

Our local team, the Arlington Renegades, took the field for the first time at the iconic Choctaw Stadium, former home of the Texas Rangers, on Feb. 18, 2023. Choctaw Stadium is also serving as the in-week practice facility for both the Arlington and Houston teams. In partnership with REV Entertainment, the exclusive event coordinator of Choctaw Stadium, the XFL is also using Choctaw and its surrounding venues for team meeting spaces, in-person entertainment and fan engagement opportunities.

Check out XFL HUB video at [MyArlingtonTX.com](https://www.MyArlingtonTX.com)



Also in FY22

- Ann’s Natural Grocery & Nutrition held its ribbon cutting in Downtown Arlington in May 2022.
- The City of Arlington and the Taste Project, an organization designed to help feed, educate and serve Tarrant County’s food insecure residents are partnering to bring the nonprofit’s pay-what-you-can community restaurant concept to Arlington.
- Wallbox, a leading provider of electric vehicle charging solutions, opened a 130,000-square-foot manufacturing facility on Forum Drive in October 2022.



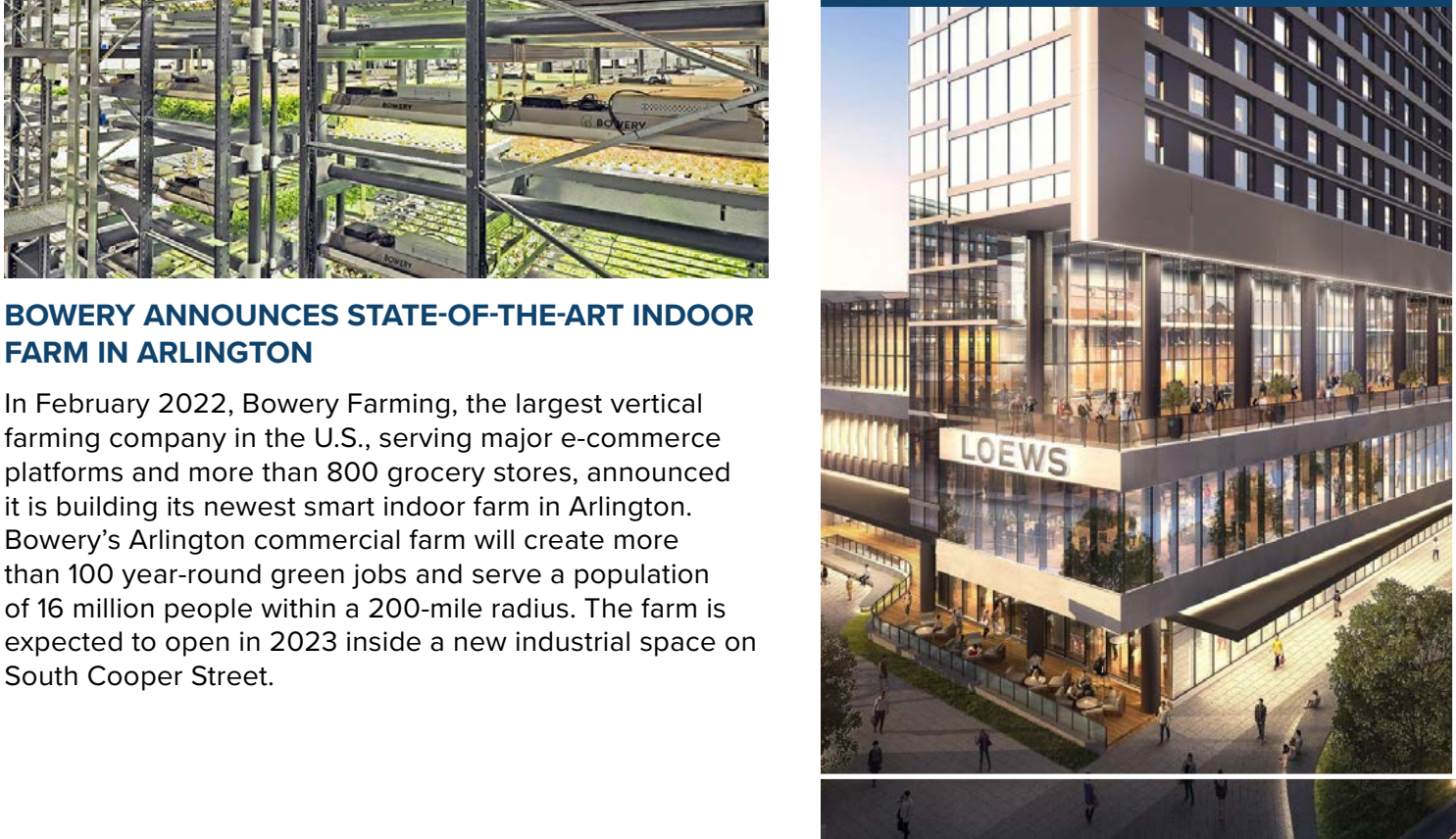
CANALES FURNITURE OPENS NEW DISTRIBUTION CENTER IN ARLINGTON

Canales Furniture opened its new headquarters, distribution center and store at 102 E. I-20 in July 2022. The family-owned business now has 17 locations throughout the Metroplex.



BOWERY ANNOUNCES STATE-OF-THE-ART INDOOR FARM IN ARLINGTON

In February 2022, Bowery Farming, the largest vertical farming company in the U.S., serving major e-commerce platforms and more than 800 grocery stores, announced it is building its newest smart indoor farm in Arlington. Bowery's Arlington commercial farm will create more than 100 year-round green jobs and serve a population of 16 million people within a 200-mile radius. The farm is expected to open in 2023 inside a new industrial space on South Cooper Street.



LOEWS HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTER TOPPED OFF

In July 2022, Loews Hotels & Co. topped off the \$550 million Loews Arlington Hotel and Convention Center. Opening in 2024, Loews Arlington Hotel and Convention Center will feature 888 guest rooms and suites, 200,000 square feet of indoor meeting space, 66,000 square feet of outdoor space, a 1,550-space parking garage and a resort-style beach club with two swimming pools.

As part of this milestone event, the company has also named the hotel's signature restaurant anchor, Soy Cowboy. The restaurant is a pan-Asian concept from Houston-based restaurateur Benjamin Berg of Berg Hospitality.

The addition of the Loews Arlington Hotel and Convention Center, a full-service resort, will amplify Arlington's robust convention and tourism opportunities, and Soy Cowboy will add to the culinary scene of the greater Arlington area.

ENHANCE Regional Mobility

*Mobility projects take on many different looks in Arlington, but the goal is always the same – to improve the lives of our residents. In FY22, City crews completed a number of major street projects, which included rebuilding a section of Calendar Road as well as five residential streets. While building roads to the future, the City also invested in technology designed to take us there more efficiently and safely. These are just some of the ways we continue to **Enhance Regional Mobility**.*

CITY CONTINUES VIA RIDESHARE, ADDS STOP IN FORT WORTH

The City Council voted to continue the citywide Via on-demand, rideshare public transportation service for an additional two years and expand the service so passengers can get to and from a Trinity Metro bus stop located on Eastchase Parkway in Fort Worth.

Via Rideshare, which launched in 2017, has helped residents, students and visitors reach neighborhoods, shopping centers, offices, restaurants, medical facilities and other key destinations across city. The service also helps riders get to and from the CentrePort TRE Station, where they can connect with commuter trains to Dallas, Fort Worth and beyond.



ARLINGTON AIRPORT EARNS NATIONAL DESIGNATION

In 2022, the Federal Aviation Administration designated the Arlington Municipal Airport as a national airport. This designation increased the amount of funding available and enhances the City's competitiveness for federal funding. The airport is now one of 14 national airports in Texas and one of 107 in the U.S.



Also in FY22

- The Arlington Municipal Airport received a \$540,000 grant from President Biden's bipartisan Infrastructure Law to replace aging HVAC infrastructure with more reliable, energy-efficient units.
- Arlington constructed ADA-compliant paths along select Downtown streets and along Nathan Lowe Road to increase pedestrian mobility and accessibility.
- The City completed roadway and infrastructure improvements on portions of these residential streets in East Arlington: Brookshire Street, Catalo Lane, Hensley Street, Randolph Street and Stonegate Street.

CITY BEGINS DESIGN PROCESS FOR RANDOL MILL ROAD REBUILD

With the help of Tarrant County bond funds, plans are underway to rebuild and widen an aging section of Randol Mill Road that serves as a gateway into the Entertainment District. The City Council approved an engineering services contract to design improvements for the heavily traveled section between Cooper Street and Collins Street. As part of the 2021 Tarrant County Transportation Bond Program, voters approved funding for 50% of the City's project cost, or up to \$17 million.

The City included a request for the remainder of the necessary funding in a bond package that will be presented to Arlington voters in May 2023. Once all funding is secured, Arlington will expand and rebuild the four-lane asphalt road to a six-lane concrete road and make other needed drainage, lighting and pedestrian improvements.



SALES TAX FUNDS HELP CREATE SMOOTHER ROADS

Public Works began a \$10.8 million project to create smoother drives and extend the lifespan of 29 streets through the Mill and Overlay Program and a \$6.6 million project to improve the ride quality and strength of portions of eight streets through the Street Reclamation and Miscellaneous Concrete Program. Both are funded by voter-approved Street Maintenance Sales Tax revenue.



CITY COMPLETES CALENDAR ROAD REBUILD

After 18 months of construction, the City completed work to transform Calendar Road from Curry Road to Harris Drive from a two-lane county asphalt road to a three-lane concrete road. The voter-approved project also included new sidewalks and pedestrian ramps, new sanitary sewer and water lines, streetlights, drainage improvements and roundabouts.

Also in FY22

- Work began to transform Bowman Springs Road between I-20 and Enchanted Bay Boulevard to rebuild the two-lane asphalt road to a three-lane concrete road, adding a hike and bike trail, sidewalks, drainage improvements and more.
- Arlington RAPID, the first program in the U.S. to integrate on-demand, autonomous vehicles into an existing public transportation service, provided more than 28,000 trips in its first year to residents, university students and visitors around Downtown and UT Arlington campus.

CHAMPION Great Neighborhoods

Championing Great Neighborhoods goes beyond new buildings and innovative services. It's about creating equity, where every resident can realize their American Dream and live in a safe, attractive place that fosters a sense of community. The City of Arlington took major steps in FY22 to make that goal a reality.



CITY BREAKS GROUND ON FIRE STATION NO. 1 IN DOWNTOWN ARLINGTON

The City of Arlington began construction on Fire Station No. 1 in March 2022. The two-story, 17,667-square-foot station will replace the previous Fire Station No. 1, which originally opened in 1954. Fire Station No. 1 is scheduled to open in 2023.

The future facility will provide a better work and living space for Arlington's firefighters. Living quarters for the station's three shift crews, who each spend 24 hours working from the Downtown station, will also be an improvement. Firefighters on shift will no longer have to share an open dormitory space.

Features also include:

- Five larger, drive-through apparatus bays that can hold more equipment
- Training areas and indoor and outdoor kennels for the fire Department's K9 unit
- A full kitchen and a dining room, various offices
- A public space for community events and meetings
- A museum area where residents can learn about the Arlington Fire Department's history.



Also in FY22

- The Heart of Arlington Neighborhood Association celebrated the completion of the long-awaited sidewalk on Park Row Drive, which included ADA-compliant ramps and created a continuous pedestrian path on the north and south side of the street between Johnson Creek and Collins Street.
- More than two dozen volunteers helped kickoff planting at the new Lake Arlington Native Plant and Pollinator Garden in April 2022.

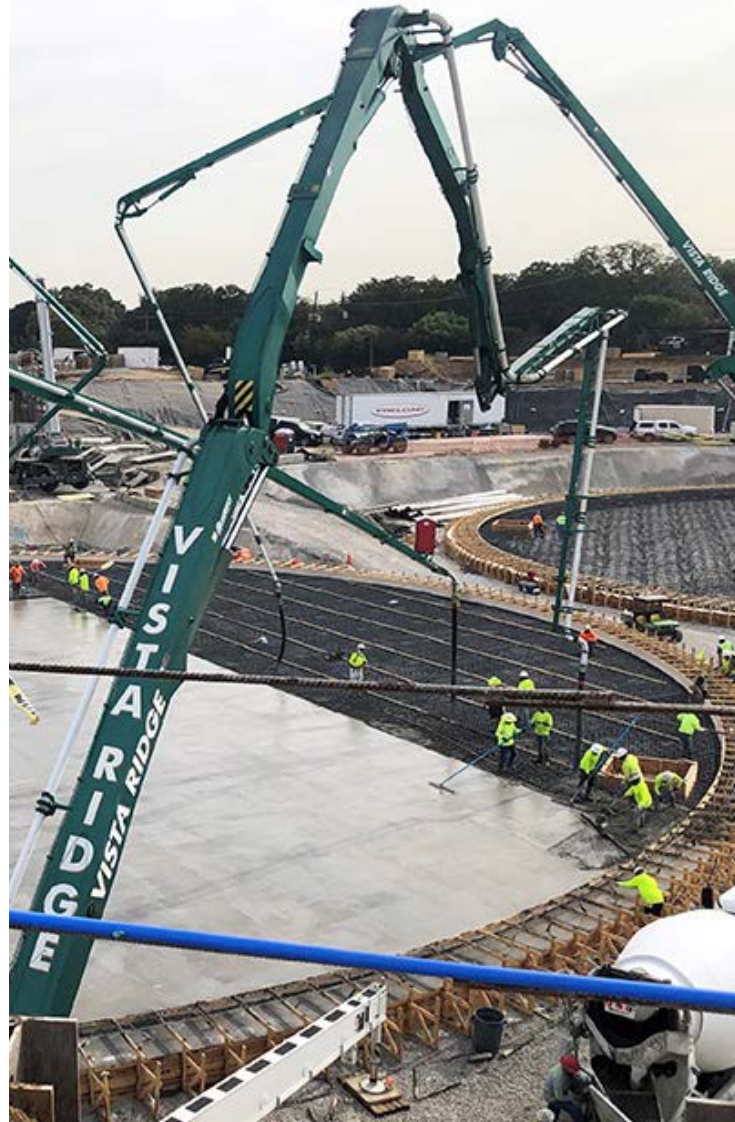




CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON \$112 MILLION WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

In November 2021, the City of Arlington kicked off a nearly \$112.5 million improvement project at the Pierce-Burch Water Treatment Plant. The construction is the largest plant rehabilitation project in the history of the Arlington Water Utilities treatment division.

Two underground clearwells on the southeast corner of the site. These clearwells will eventually store 8 million gallons of water. Other upgrades will include the replacement of chemical feed facilities used during the water treatment process, high service pumps used to send water to homes and businesses, and electrical improvements. These new features will allow the plant to achieve optimal performance and have redundancies built in that increase energy efficiency and water conservation.



ARLINGTON CELEBRATES WATER UTILITIES LABORATORY GROUNDBREAKING

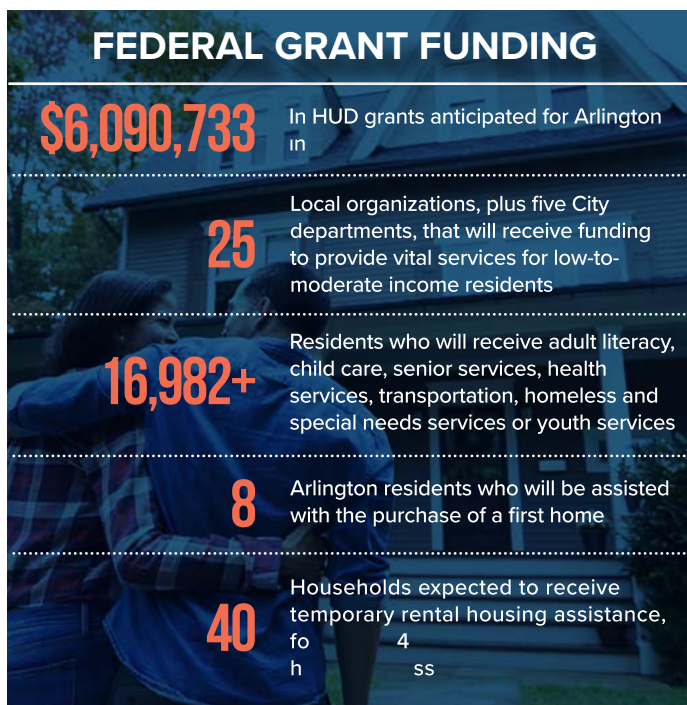
In May 2022, the City of Arlington broke ground on a new \$12.3 million laboratory and maintenance building at the John F. Kubala Water Treatment Plant in South Arlington. The new facility will combine three buildings that are all in need of expansion and updating into one modern 26,825-square-foot facility.

The City's two water treatment plants produced more than 18 billion gallons of water in 2021. During that time, Arlington Water Utilities laboratory employees also collected and tested 6,131 samples from the treatment plant and throughout the City's distribution system.



SUPPORT Youth and Families

*A successful community requires a variety of support systems and an environment that enables our residents to flourish and grow. Our public and private education institutions of all levels provide essential elements of this formula, and the City of Arlington will continue to support their efforts in collaborative ways. Additionally, the City seeks to provide programs and services to directly **support youth and their families**, enabling them to reach their highest potential in life.*



\$6 MILLION APPROVED FOR JOB READINESS, HOUSING ASSISTANCE, HEALTH SERVICES

The Arlington City Council approved the Program Year 2022 Action Plan to prioritize nearly \$6 million in federal grants for activities addressing housing and homelessness, quality childcare, mental health, food insecurity and substance abuse in our community. These funds, provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, will help almost 17,000 residents receive adult literacy, child care, senior services, health services, transportation, homeless and special needs services, or youth services.



ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY GOES FINE-FREE

The Arlington Public Library went fine-free in October 2022, joining hundreds of libraries across the country in removing fines to help eliminate financial barriers and provide more equitable service. Library card holders are no longer charged for returning items past their due date.

Additionally, the Arlington waived all overdue fines that were on patrons' accounts. Overdue fines have been shown to most impact lower-income communities, creating a barrier to library services. By going fine-free, the library hopes to encourage the community to take full advantage of all the library has to offer.



TARRANT AREA FOOD BANK UNVEILS R.E.D. BUS

The Tarrant Area Food Bank, in partnership with the City of Arlington and Tom Thumb, unveiled its new Resources and Education Delivered (R.E.D.) Bus in March 2022. The bus provides community resource assistance, nutrition education and healthy food options to areas of Arlington with high levels of food insecurity. The R.E.D. Bus serves approximately 5,000 low-income residents and family members per month. The Tarrant Area Food Bank is working with the City to identify specific communities and neighborhoods based on income and food insecurity data.

ARLINGTON TOMORROW FOUNDATION CELEBRATES 15 YEARS OF GIVING

The Arlington Tomorrow Foundation celebrated its 15th anniversary in 2022. Since the nonprofit was founded in 2007, the foundation has awarded nearly 500 grants totaling approximately \$42 million to local charities and City departments who work each day to make Arlington vibrant and strong through educational and recreational opportunities, arts and culture, and social services.

During FY22, the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation contributed more than \$3.8 million through 26 grants to a variety of charitable causes across The American Dream City. Grants included:

- \$90,000 for the Arlington Heritage Memorial Grounds Cemetery Project.
- \$50,000 for Levitt Pavilion’s “Share the Stage.”
- \$1.25 million for Alliance for Children’s “Rebuilding Lives” capital campaign, which will expand Arlington’s Child Advocacy Center.
- \$25,000 for Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County.
- \$200,000 to the Arlington Life Shelter to help underwrite shelter services and programming.

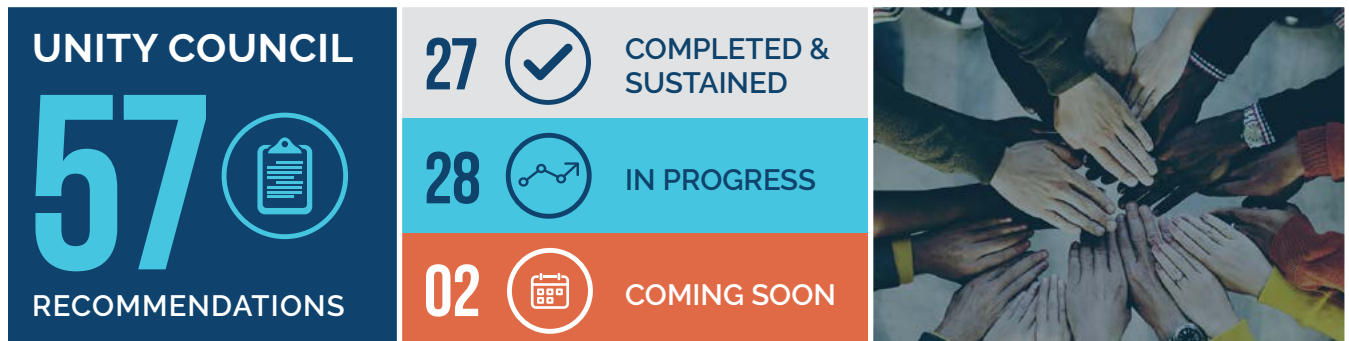


Also in FY22

- The Arlington Animal Shelter installed a generator to provide essential power to keep the animals safe and comfortable and operations uninterrupted during outages. This generator was purchased through a \$450,000 grant from the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation. (pictured above)
- At the inaugural Community Court event, the Arlington Municipal Court helped residents resolve 338 unpaid Class C misdemeanor violations,.
- Arlington Water Utilities introduced a new water utility assistance program for residents. Assistance may be paid up to the total amount due for payment in order to reconnect water service, avoid disconnection of water service or for a current bill.

BUILD Unity

*As one of the most racially and ethnically diverse cities in the nation, Arlington strives to **build unity**, address inequalities and ensure equitable access so that all residents might one day have the resources, skills and opportunities to make their American dreams come true.*

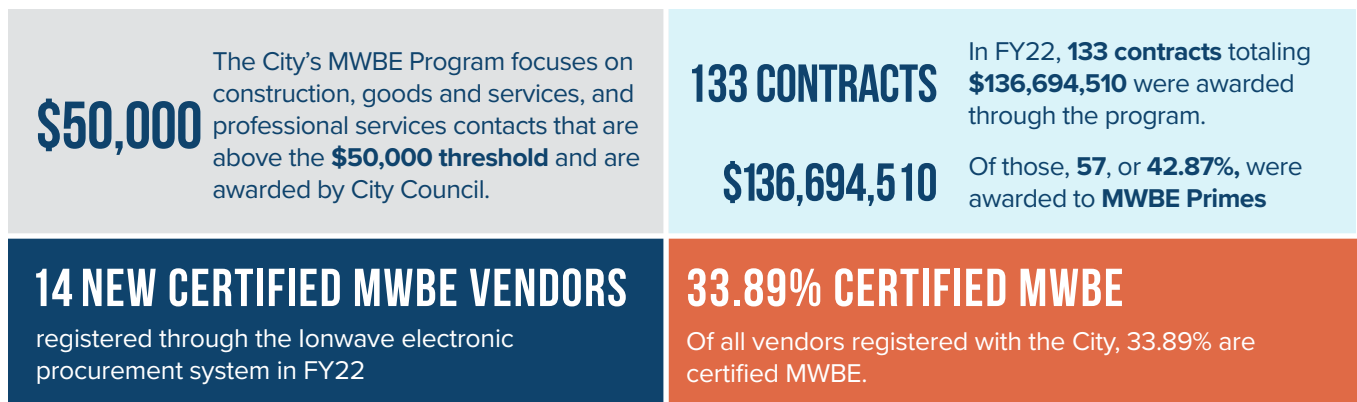


CITY MAKES PROGRESS ON UNITY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Council created the citizen-led Unity Council in 2020 to gather community input, research best practices and recommend strategies to promote and encourage greater equity and to advance unity across our community.

In February 2021, the Unity Council presented its proposed racial equity plan to the City Council that focuses on five areas, economic disparities, education and workforce training, housing, health and wellness, policing and criminal justice. The report identifies 57 recommendations for short-, mid- and long-term goals based upon data analysis and community feedback. The recommendations address topics such as affordable housing, food deserts, internet access, relational policing and more.

As of the end of 2022, the City of Arlington has made significant progress on the 57 recommendations set forth in the Unity Council’s inaugural report. Of the total 57 recommendations, 27 of them have been completed and are being sustained by ongoing efforts. Twenty-eight of the remaining recommendations are also in progress. Additionally, the Unity Council is working to prioritize the initiation of efforts on two recommendations addressing affordable housing and access to healthcare. The Unity Council’s work is part of the City’s commitment to equitable decision-making; inclusionary policies and practices; and, the elimination of institutional bias and other forms discrimination.



CITY'S NEW CHIEF EQUITY OFFICER



Troy Williams
Chief Equity Officer

After a national search, Troy Williams was hired in July as the City's new Chief Equity Officer. His role includes planning, developing and administering the City's diversity, equity and inclusion engagement initiatives. Williams also oversees the City's Office of Business Diversity and the Housing and Community Development Grants Unit.

Williams' efforts have been focused on reaching out to broad cross-sections of the community to include underserved communities and populations, minority business enterprises, non-profits, philanthropic entities, the faith community and other stakeholders. He has also met with the Mayor's advisory councils, including the Latino, Black, Education and LGBTQ constituent groups. In response to recent surveys at the Aging Well Expo, he assisted the mayor to establish an Advisory Council on Aging.

Williams has also been working to implement policy changes within government that will remove barriers for MWBEs attempting to do business with the City. Additionally, Williams worked with the Housing and Community Development Grants Unit to broaden the scope of services delivered to underserved communities throughout Arlington.



EXPANDING THE UNITY COUNCIL'S WORK

Based upon the evolving needs of the community, the Unity Council is also looking beyond race and ethnicity to also address the needs of other underserved populations throughout the city. More specifically, the Unity Council is now being more intentional in addressing the needs of the LGBTQ, seniors and physically challenged/disabled communities. Data and recommendations addressing these additional segments of the population, as well as an update of the race and ethnicity analysis, will be included in the Unity Council's report to the City Council in summer of 2023.

CONTINUED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The City of Arlington's Office of Communication worked in 2022 to Build Unity through its three-year Diversity Communications and Outreach Plan. In addition to highlighting the City's implementation of Unity Council recommendations, the City also worked to grow its award-winning Ciudad de Arlington Facebook page to create more engagement with Spanish-speaking residents.

The social media account gained more than 5,000 followers in its first year by providing interesting, informative and timely articles, graphics and videos in Spanish about news and events happening in one of the most diverse cities in America. Nearly 30% of Arlington's

residents are Hispanic/Latino and the second most spoken language in the community is Spanish, according to the latest census data.

Additionally, 2022 was the first year that all graphics for the City's "Facebook Live Budget in Action" campaign were produced in Spanish and shared with residents through Ciudad de Arlington. This new Spanish-language series, which garnered more than 10,000 views, is designed to make it easy for residents to understand the City's \$597 million operating budget and the investments planned for roads, sidewalks and other public infrastructure, parks, public safety, libraries and other neighborhood services.

ACHIEVEMENTS



Code Compliance was honored with the 2022 International Code Council Community Service Award, which recognizes outstanding service that promotes public health, safety and welfare. The department was recognized for its new, innovative programs that increase community engagement, provide essential services and build public trust while helping create and sustain healthier, safer and more beautiful neighborhoods.

The department was also the recipient of the American Association of Code Enforcement Community Service Team Award and the Code Enforcement Team of Texas 2022-2032 Wes Castolenia Community Service Award.



The National Association of Town Watch awarded the Police Department second place in its national awards program that recognizes community and department participation during National Night Out.



The City's Office of Communication Lego Brick Budget Video, which received national media attention and was viewed nearly 1.1 million times, received 11 awards. This includes, a Lone Star Emmy and an Award of Excellence for Public Education Video Programming from the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors. The Office of Communication also received four awards from the City-County Communications & Marketing Association (3CMA), seven awards from the Texas Association of Municipal Information Officers, and two awards from the Texas Association of Telecommunication Officers (TAMIO) and Advisors.



Richard Gertson, Assistant Director of Planning & Development Services, was inducted into the American Planning Association College of Fellows - the American Institute of Certified Planners' highest honor for the organization - in June 2022.

The honor is given for outstanding contributions as a professional planner and recipients are nominated and selected by their peers. Their work has been significant and transformative in the field, as have its effects on the communities they serve.



The City Secretary's Office was awarded the Municipal Clerk's Office Achievement of Excellence Award by the Texas Municipal Clerks Association. This award covers a period of two years and recognizes excellence in the effective and efficient management of resources in a Municipal Clerk's Office. Applications are evaluated on 12 standards set by TMCA, including records management, elections and government transparency.



Texas Rangers Golf Club was voted runner-up in Avid Golfer's 2022 rankings of all public DFW golf courses, while also being named "Best On-Course Service."

Home Plate was also recognized as "Best Bar Atmosphere." Tierra Verde Golf Club was ranked third in the elite category, while Lake Arlington was voted "Most Underrated Course in DFW."



The City of Arlington was named a "Leader in Equitable Regional Transportation" in the 2021 Via Impact Awards, which recognizes cities and transit agencies who have delivered exceptional service to their communities by leveraging Via's TransitTech.

The City of Arlington was one of two transit agencies recognized with the award this year out of Via's 500+ global partners.



The Arlington Tennis Center was a winner of the USTA's Outstanding Facility Award in the Public/Large Tennis Center division.

In 2022, Jay Warren, the City of Arlington's director of Communication and Legislative Affairs, was reelected president of the (TAMIO) Board of Director. Marketing Communications Manager Kristen Waggener was elected president of the Membership Council for the national Government Social Media Organization. Additionally, both Warren and Waggener joined the Board of Directors for 3CMA.

The City of Arlington was awarded Silver status from the Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Coalition for its contributions to reduce petroleum use and improve air quality.

The City's fleet currently includes eight electric vehicles. Arlington installed electric vehicle charging stations for these fleet vehicles at strategic locations throughout the city thanks to state grants.

Arlington was named a Tree City USA community for the 23rd time in department history, while also earning the Tree City USA Growth Award (16th honor), presented by the Arbor Day Foundation to participating Tree City USA communities that demonstrate higher levels of tree care and community engagement during the calendar year.

CITY ACCREDITATIONS



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS 2022

The financial data shown below is intended to provide a big picture overview of key financial metrics for the past three years. This information is from selected funds and does not purport to represent all of the City's component units. For ease of reading, this data is summarized in ways not in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), and the notes to the financial statements are not provided.

The City of Arlington is audited annually and prepares a full GAAP-based Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, available online at www.ArlingtonTX.gov on the Financial Reports page. For more information about the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report or other financial reporting questions, contact the Finance Department at **817-459-6300**.

FY22 IMPORTANT FACTS	
FOUNDED 1884	INCORPORATED 1887
TARRANT COUNTY	
ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUES \$31.6 BILLION	CITY TAX RATE \$0.5998 PER \$100 VALUATION
SALES TAX REVENUES (in thousands)	
\$83,511	

TREND VARIANCES

The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the City exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$2.9 billion (net position).

Of this amount, \$62.5 million represents unrestricted net position, which may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors in accordance with the City's fund designation and fiscal policies. The City's total net position increased \$52.7 million during the current period primarily due to increased amounts in charges for services and taxes. Governmental activities general revenue increased compared to the prior year by 6.3%. Sales and property tax revenue accounted for most of the increase this year compared to last.

Overall, expenditures increased approximately \$70.3 million (11.6%) from the prior year. Increases are primarily attributed to increased spending for various projects and increased costs for purchases. Business-type activities expenses remained relatively close to prior year levels.

The 2022 General Fund assigned fund balance was \$73.9 million with \$6.6 million unassigned, an overall decrease in the aggregate from the prior year. In 2021, the comparable balances were \$60.6 million and \$24.4 million. Fund balance assignment changes in the General Fund include increases in assigned reserve accounts subsequent years' expenditures and working capital of \$6.9 million and \$3.9 million. The City's total outstanding long-term debt of \$1.5 billion increased \$35.2 million during the year. Debt issued in 2022 include \$83.2 million in Permanent Improvement Bonds, \$20.3 million in Water and Wastewater System Revenue Bonds and \$9.5 million in Stormwater Revenue Bonds. Exclusive of special venue debt, City of Arlington debt is allocated 63% for general government, with the remaining 37% to water, wastewater and storm water activities.

MAJOR EMPLOYERS
Arlington Independent School District
University of Texas at Arlington
General Motors Co.
Texas Health Resources
Six Flags Over Texas
The Parks at Arlington
GM Financial

MAJOR TAXPAYERS (in thousands)	2022
General Motors	\$298,911
Oncor Electric Delivery	\$226,403
S2 Forest Ridge LP/S2 Manchester/Valencia LLC	\$210,578
United Parcel Service Inc.	\$163,335
Arlington Highlands, LLP	\$162,975
BMF IV TX	\$157,900

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (in thousands)	2022	2021	2020
All Funds			
Assets and Deferred Outflows	\$5,059,800	\$4,799,445	\$4,883,098
Liabilities and Deferred Inflows	\$2,158,953	\$1,951,261	\$2,112,331
Net Position	\$2,900,847	\$2,848,184	\$2,770,767
Revenues			
Governmental activities	\$512,730	\$490,243	\$798,944
Business-type activities	\$218,576	\$195,119	\$189,763
Total	\$731,306	\$685,362	\$988,707
Expenses			
Governmental activities	\$547,303	\$475,053	\$472,055
Business-type activities	\$131,340	\$132,892	\$126,554
Total	\$678,643	\$607,945	\$598,609
Infrastructure Assets (Net of Depreciation)			
Governmental activities	\$305,485	\$310,802	\$317,810
Business-type activities	\$762,875	\$760,752	\$751,538
Total	\$1,068,360	\$1,071,554	\$1,069,348
Fund Balance			
General Fund			
Nonspendable	\$1,895	\$2,314	\$2,165
Committed	-	-	-
Assigned	\$73,876	\$60,554	\$57,207
Unassigned	\$6,645	\$24,400	\$11,238
Debt Service Fund (restricted)	\$60,305	\$38,067	\$63,286
Long-Term Debt Outstanding			
Governmental activities	\$674,046	\$635,208	\$646,151
Business-type activities	\$394,689	\$392,348	\$355,879
Special purpose	\$570,486	\$569,296	\$616,494
Total	\$1,639,221	\$1,596,852	\$1,618,524
Potential Liability/Asset - TMRS			
Funded	\$1,563,081	\$1,401,065	\$1,176,741
Unfunded/(Overfunded)	(\$119,522)	(\$26,844)	\$140,590
Percent funded	108.28%	101.95%	89.33%
Other Post-Employment Benefit Liability			
Liability	\$130,293	\$132,380	\$115,630

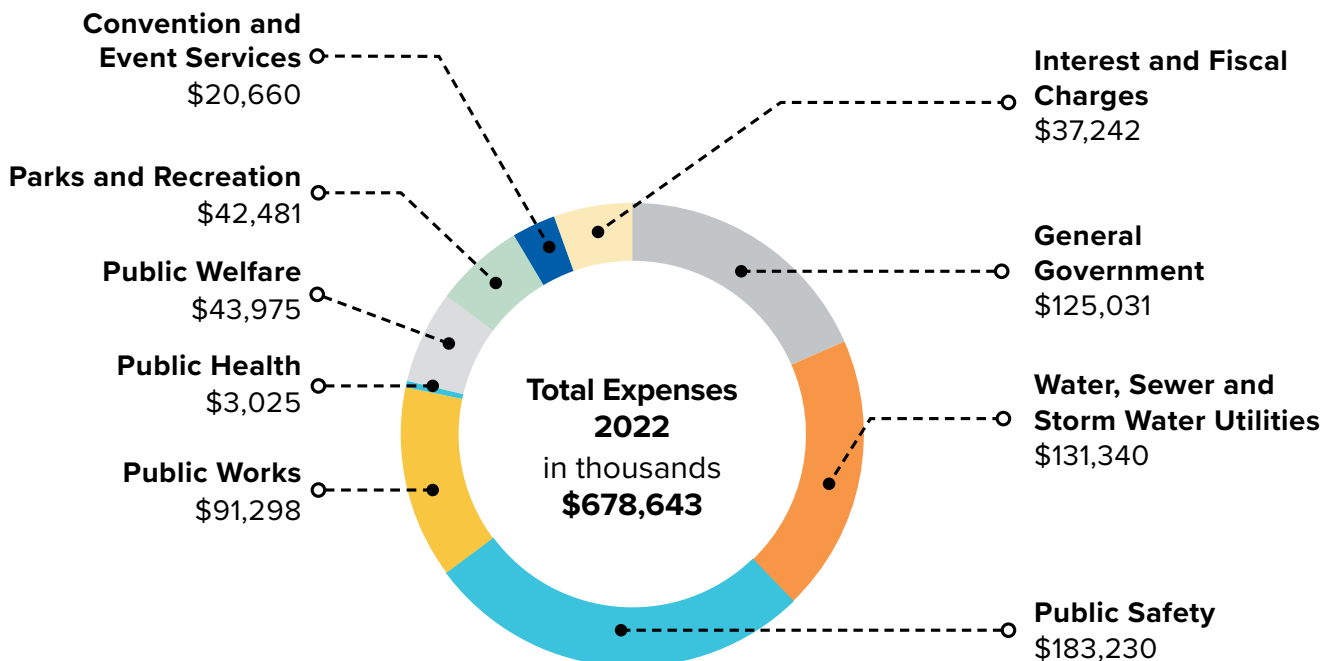
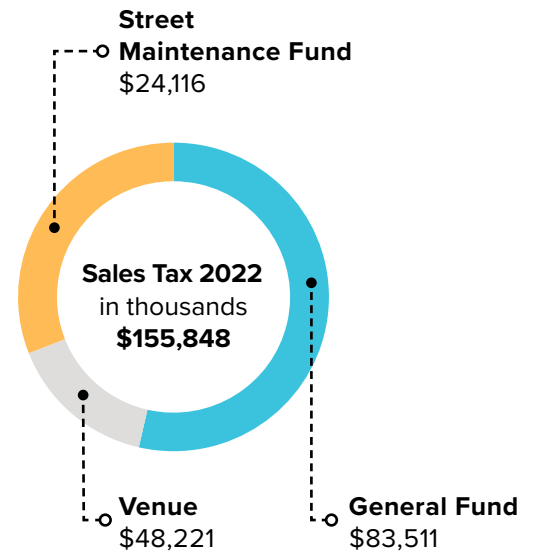
TOTAL REVENUES (in thousands)	2022
Taxes	\$364,124
Water, Sewer & Storm Water Utilities	\$214,949
Charges for Services	\$76,264
Utility Franchise Fees	\$23,193
Grants and Contributions	\$55,023
Interest Income	\$6,298
Other	(\$8,545)
Total Revenues	\$731,306

Arlington provides a full range of municipal services including police and fire protection, construction and maintenance of highways, streets and infrastructure, water and wastewater utility services, recreational activities and cultural events.

	2022	2021	2020
PROPERTY TAX BASE (in thousands)			
Personal	\$3,255,944	\$3,266,890	\$3,161,407
Real Estate	\$28,408,779	\$26,769,744	\$26,076,603
Total	\$31,664,722	\$30,036,634	\$29,238,010

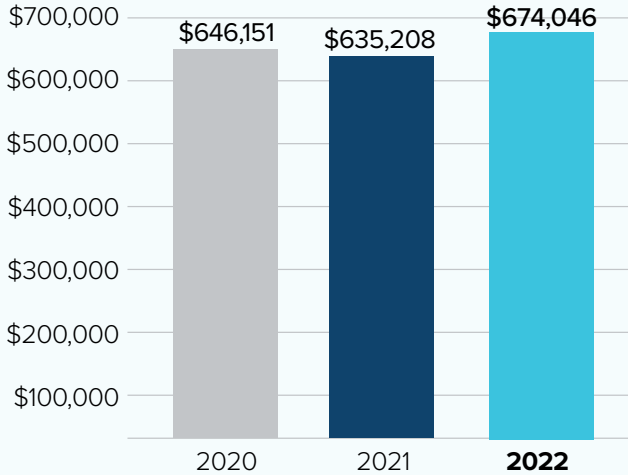
PROPERTY TAX RATE			
Operations	0.4030	0.4098	0.4085
Debt Service	0.1968	0.2100	0.2140
Total	0.5998	0.6198	0.6225

SALES TAX			
Sales Tax	\$155,848	\$135,978	\$115,098
Annual Growth (Decline)	0.146	0.181	(0.031)

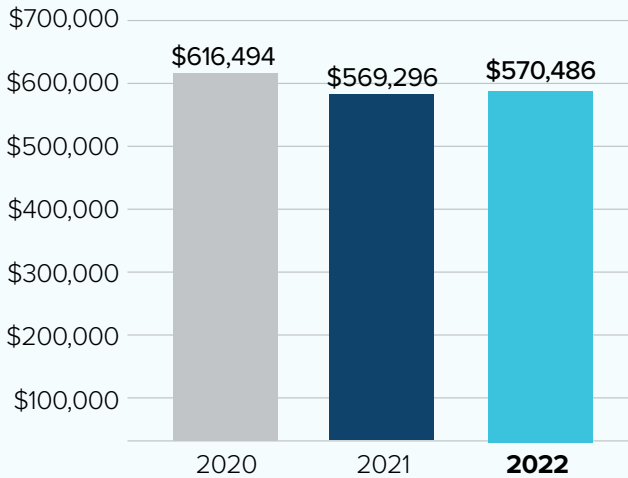


LONG-TERM DEBT OUTSTANDING 2022
(in thousands)

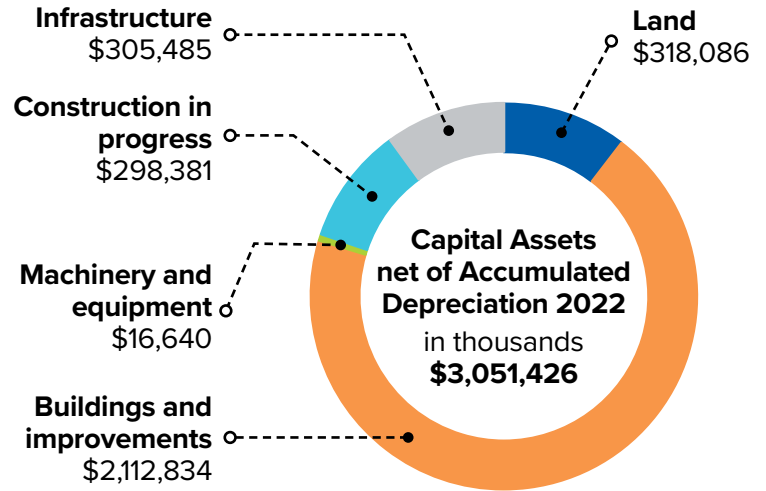
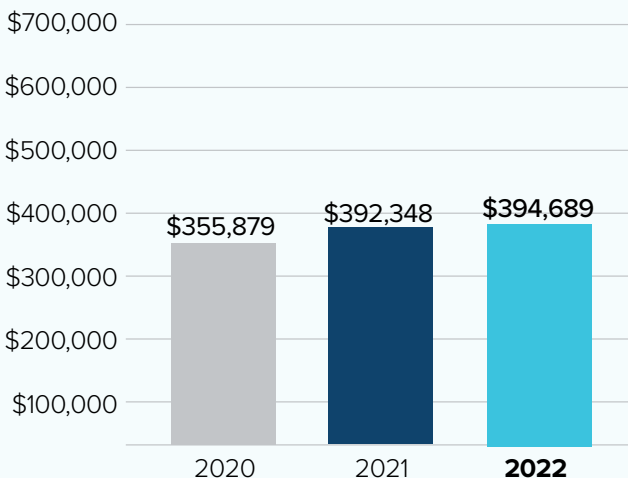
Governmental Activities



Special Purpose



Business-Type Activities



GLOSSARY OF ACCOUNTING TERMINOLOGY

- General Fund:** The chief operating fund of the City
- Enterprise Funds:** Water, sewer and storm water utilities that are funded by fees charged to users
- Capital Outlay:** Funds spent to purchase or construct buildings, machinery, vehicles, etc.
- Total Fund Balance:** Difference between a fund's assets and deferred outflow of resources and liabilities and deferred inflow of resources
- Nonspendable Fund Balance:** Portion that cannot be spent because the underlying resources are not in spendable form
- Restricted Fund Balance:** Portion subject to externally enforceable constraints
- Committed Fund Balance:** Portion subject to legally binding constraints imposed by the City
- Assigned Fund Balance:** Portion set aside for a particular purpose
- Unassigned Fund Balance:** Remaining balance after subtracting the other types of fund balance
- Infrastructure Assets:** Stationary City assets that include streets, sidewalks, water, sewer and drainage systems
- Net Pension Liability/Asset:** Total pension liability less the assets set aside in a trust and restricted to paying benefits to current employees, retirees and their beneficiaries
- Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) Liability:** Benefits other than pensions that state and local governments provide their retired employees not funded.
- Net Position:** Difference between assets and deferred outflow of resources and liabilities and deferred inflow of resources
- TMRS:** Texas Municipal Retirement System

LOOKING Forward

The City Council's six strategic priorities, Build Unity, Champion Great Neighborhoods, Enhance Regional Mobility, Invest in Our Economy, Leverage Technology, and Support Youth and Families, remain unchanged for FY23. Each year, projects are planned, and funding is allocated with the goal of ultimately achieving these Council Priorities.



In FY23, the City continues its commitment to implementing the recommendations of the Unity Council. In July 2022, the City hired its first Chief Equity Officer; this role is essential in advancing the work to eliminate disparity in Arlington. The planned projects address a broad range of topics such as affordable housing, food availability, internet access and police relations.

Great neighborhoods contribute to a higher quality of life and greater investment in our economy. In FY23, the City will focus on increasing community engagement and volunteer support – engaged communities are strong communities. Work will continue in developing a sense of space in downtown Arlington as the Rotary Dream Park will begin Phase I in FY23. The masterplan of the new park will allow for an interactive experience and a gathering point for residents and visitors to Downtown Arlington.

Arlington recognizes the importance of providing adequate roadway, bicycle, pedestrian and aviation infrastructure to ensure residents and visitors can travel safely and efficiently. Beginning in FY23, the City will shift from its previous “Worst First” street condition philosophy to a prevention-based philosophy that will emphasize the maintenance of “yellow” streets – those streets with a rating 50-69 – as well as continuing to address the “red” streets through the Capital Improvement Program. With an additional focus on preventative maintenance, the target is to reduce the FY22 baseline to prolong the life of the roadways and achieve a more balanced network.

Economic development plays an important role in the vitality of Arlington’s economy. The City will continue to pursue economic development efforts that aim to bring employment, entertainment and educational opportunities to our community while reducing the tax burden for our homeowners.

Leveraging technology continues to be an area of focus for the city. Technology touches all parts of the city life - our organization, residents and businesses. Significant investments in the management of the city’s data, implementation of new technology and increasing convenience for the customer are planned for FY23. New projects include a Police Department Law Enforcement Internal Records and Performance Solution and Public Works Storm Drain Hydrology.



The Arlington City Council supports youth and families as essential building blocks for the future of the American Dream City. A successful community requires a variety of support systems and an environment that enables our residents to flourish and grow. In FY23, the Arlington Housing Authority hopes to increase enrollment in its Family Self-Sufficiency program.

In addition, with the support of grant funding, the Arlington Public Library will enhance its tutoring and homework help services to assist students on a one-to-one basis with math, reading and other subjects.

Looking forward to FY23 and beyond, the City of Arlington will continue seeking opportunities to innovate, improve and spark new private investment to ensure our community is one where our residents and businesses can thrive and achieve their American dreams.

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Subject: Letter of Invitation from Changchun

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Hello, Sandra,

We haven't contacted for a long time. This is an invitation letter from Changchun. Now the entry-exit traffic has become smooth. We welcome all means such as online meetings and offline visits to strengthen the communication between Changchun and Windsor in various fields. We would appreciate it if you could help us get in touch with the city's all related official and people-to people communication channels. We are looking forward to your reply!

If friends from all walks of life in Windsor want to know more about Changchun, they can visit our official website:

<http://en.changchun.gov.cn/>

Kind Regards,

John

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Address:3066 South Ring Road, Nanguan District, Changchun City,Jilin Province, P.R.China.

Letter of Invitation

This invitation is from Changchun, China. We were previously hampered by the global COVID-19 pandemic, but now that the situation for travel and entry has greatly improved. We can now see that travel between China and other countries has been largely smooth.

Changchun is the capital of northeast China's Jilin Province. Changchun is a well-known film, automobile, sculpture, science and education city. Changchun has a wealth of resources in higher education, culture, art, tourism, industrial manufacturing, agriculture, advanced and cutting-edge technology, and biomedicine. Changchun has several advantages in terms of development and cooperation.

Changchun has a long history and tradition of foreign exchange and communication. Changchun has many foreign sister cities and friendly cooperative cities. Changchun has also been keen to participate in various international activities to promote China and foreign countries' cooperation and exchanges.

We sincerely invite the foreign cities to strengthen cooperation and communication with Changchun, and to send delegations to visit each other when the time is right, and to promote the formation and implementation of cooperation projects in economy and trade, culture, education, science and technology, manufacturing, tourism, agriculture, and so on.

We eagerly await your enthusiastic response!

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P.R.China.

Draft programme – subject to change

International Conference of Twin Cities & Ceremonial Opening of the Garden of the Twin Cities in Mannheim

Thursday, May 4, 2023

Arrival	Arrival of the delegations from the twin cities in Mannheim
Throughout the day	The participants from the twin cities will arrive throughout the day. A transfer service will take official participants to the hotel either from Frankfurt Airport or from Mannheim Central Station. ⇒ <i>Reminder: Please inform us about the details of your arrival:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Time and place of arrival</i> ○ <i>flight or train numbers</i> ○ <i>and a mobile phone number for contact on-site</i> <p>Check-in at the Mercure Hotel Mannheim Am Friedensplatz Am Friedensplatz. 1, 68165 Mannheim</p>
Evening	Informal get-together and dinner at the hotel Dinner at the hotel restaurant

Friday, May 5, 2023

6:30-8:15 am	Breakfast at the hotel
8:30 am	Pick-up at the hotel by Mannheim team and transfer to the conference venue by climate-efficient public transport with the tram

International Conference of Twin Cities: The Contribution of Cities to Environmental and Climate Protection, Resource-Efficient Energy Production and Sustainable Food Security
Council Chambers ("Ratssal") at Stadthaus N1, 68161 Mannheim (open to the public)

9:00 am	Arrival at the conference venue - registration Official welcome by Mayor Peter Kurz Three thematic sessions to present and discuss best-practices from the twin cities and Mannheim (inputs of 10 min each followed by a discussion) ⇒ <i>The political representative of each participating city will provide a 10-minute (maximum) contribution on one of the chosen topics. All speakers are asked to prepare their presentation (PPT-slides) in English and to hand them in <u>by 26 April</u>, even if the presentation may be given in another language.</i>
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Session 1 - Resource-Efficient Energy Production (SDG 7):

Inputs (10 min each) by Mannheim, Berlin and Bydgoszcz (tbc) & Discussion

12:00-1:30 pm Networking lunch at City Hall

Session 2 - Environmental Protection (SDGs 11, 12, 14, 15):

Inputs (10 min each) by Mannheim, Toulon and Zhenjiang & Discussion

Session 3 - Climate Protection and Sustainable Food Production (SDGs 12, 13):

Inputs (10 min each) by Mannheim, Bydgoszcz (tbc), Riesa, Swansea and Windsor & Discussion

Conclusions from the event

4:30 pm **Transfer** to the hotel

6:30 pm **Pick up** at the hotel and **transfer** to the cocktail reception (by taxi)

Cocktail reception and formal dinner

Skyline Restaurant, Hans-Reschke-Ufer 2, 68165 Mannheim

Cocktail reception hosted by Mayor Peter Kurz, including a moment for the visiting political representatives to sign the Golden Book of the City of Mannheim. During the signing ceremony, Mayor Kurz will present each political representative with a gift. If the political representative would like, they may use this opportunity to say a few words about the partnership between their cities (no more than 3 minutes). We have received some inquiries about bringing a gift for Mayor Kurz. If your political representative would like to present a gift, they may do so at this time.

Formal dinner: At a height of 125 meters, the restaurant offers a magnificent panoramic view as well as a first glimpse of the BUGA grounds and the Luisenpark, the site where the Garden of Twin Cities is located.

About 9:45 pm **Transfer** back to the hotel (by taxi)

Saturday, May 6, 2023

7:00-9:30 am Breakfast at the hotel

9:45 am Pick-up at the hotel and short walk to the entrance of the Luisenpark
⇒ ***Important note: please wear sturdy shoes, as we will be walking on the BUGA exhibition grounds/park for several hours.***

10:00 am **Welcome** at the BUGA entry of the Luisenpark and walk to the Garden of Twin Cities

Ceremonial Opening of the Garden of Twin Cities in the Luisenpark Mannheim

Garden of Twin Cities, Luisenpark Mannheim, Theodor-Heuss-Anlage 2, 68165 Mannheim

10:30 am	Welcome speeches
	Opening of the Garden and joint planting of a willow (officials only) on the Square of Twin Cities – Group Photo
	Guided walk through the Garden of Twin Cities
	Unveiling of the artwork “One World” of the City of Mannheim Twining Association
12:15 pm	Walk to the cable car station and cable car ride to “Spinelli” (the main grounds of the BUGA23)
1:00 pm	Lunch in the exhibition hall of the BUGA23 at the exhibition booth of the City of Mannheim with time for networking
2:00 pm	Guided tour of the BUGA23 area (exhibition hall, Spinelli area)
4:00 pm	Transfer back to the hotel

5:15 pm Meeting at the hotel reception hall

5:30 pm **Pick up** at the hotel and **bus transfer** to the winery “Wolf”

Evening programme in the Palatinate Wine Region hosted by the City of Mannheim Twining Association

6:30 pm	Wine-tasting at the winery “Wolf”
8:00 pm	Dinner <i>Wine restaurant „Honigsäckel“ in the Palatinate region Kirchstr. 28, 67098 Bad Dürkheim-Ungestein</i>
10:00 pm	Transfer back to the hotel by bus

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Departure Throughout the day	Departure of the delegations from the twin cities in Mannheim The participants from the twin cities will depart throughout the day. A shuttle service will ensure the transfer for the official participants from the hotel either to Frankfurt Airport or the Central Station. ⇒ <i>Reminder: Please inform us about the details of your departure:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Time and place of departure</i>○ <i>flight or train numbers</i>○ <i>and a mobile phone number for contact on-site</i>
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Additional information on the Conference of Twin Cities:

Objective

The conference takes up the German Federal Garden Show's (BUGA) guiding themes and highlights the role of cities in environmental and climate protection, resource-efficient energy production and sustainable food security. The objective of the Conference is to stimulate an exchange on best practices regarding the BUGA themes through the lens of a municipal perspective and in the context of urban transformation processes.

The thematic sessions

In three thematic sessions, Mannheim and its twin cities will tackle the four topics (climate protection, environmental protection, resource-efficient energy production, sustainable food security) by providing insights on local problems and local approaches that might be transferable to other cities. **The political representative of each participating city will provide a 10-minute (maximum) contribution on one of the chosen topics. All speakers are asked to prepare their presentation (PPT-slides) in English and to hand them in by 26 April, even if the presentation may be given in another language.** Each session consists of 3-4 inputs from city representatives, followed by a discussion.

Setting

As the event is open to the public, local politicians, citizens and other stakeholders are invited to attend the conference. Approximately 70-80 participants and guests are expected. Speakers and invited guests will sit in the council hall at the councillors' tables. The conference language will be German. The following languages will receive simultaneous interpretation:

- English
 - French
 - Mandarin
 - If needed: Ukrainian or Russian
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Organisational information for your stay:

Accommodation

All official participants will stay at:
Mercure Hotel Mannheim Am Friedensplatz
Am Friedensplatz. 1, 68165 Mannheim
+49 621 976700

Transfer

A shuttle service will ensure the transfer for the official participants to the hotel either from Frankfurt Airport or from the Central Station

- For the transfer from Frankfurt International Airport, further information will follow in due time.
- For the transfer from Mannheim Central Station, upon arrival in Mannheim, please make your way to the Railway Station Hall near the Information Counter.

For the return trip, a transfer is organised from the hotel either to Frankfurt Airport or to the train station. Please note that the times of pick-up will have to be arranged individually.

Gifts

We have received some inquiries about bringing a gift for Mayor Kurz. If your city would like to bring a gift to Mayor Kurz, the cocktail reception on Friday evening is the appropriate opportunity to do so. During the cocktail reception, the political representatives of Mannheim's twin cities will be given the floor and have the opportunity to make a short statement (max. 3 minutes).

Attire

There is no strict dress code to follow during your stay. However, if you would like guidance, we can recommend the following:

5 May - Conference: business attire

5 May – Cocktail reception + formal dinner: festive or business attire

6 May - Opening Garden: business attire (but this day we will be outdoors, so more relaxed clothing is appropriate). **Important note:** please wear **sturdy shoes**, as we will be walking on the BUGA exhibition grounds/park for several hours

6 May - Dinner in the Palatinate: business casual

Internet

You will have free access to Wi-Fi in the hotel.

Public Wi-Fi: "MA-WLAN" is the official Wi-Fi service of the City of Mannheim, available in numerous public places, also at the conference venue. Regardless of your device, you can use the internet "MA-WLAN" free of charge without time or volume limits. To use it, you must register once connected to "MA-WLAN" or via this [link](#).

Contact person during your stay and for the coordination beforehand

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Additional information required – please reply to our team by 12 April:

Information on dietary and food preferences:

Please inform us about the dietary requirements of your delegation members by sharing the following information:

Name of participant: vegetarian or vegan? Intolerances or allergies?

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Personal details for conference booklet:

If you have already sent this information, you can ignore this section.

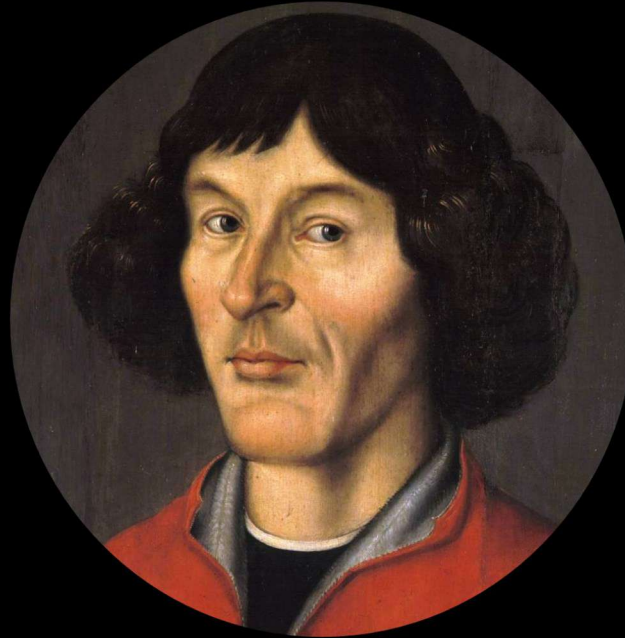
For those delegations that did not yet provide this information: To facilitate networking between all participants, we will prepare a conference booklet introducing the official delegation members of our twin cities. Therefore, we would like to ask you to send us the following items for all of your participants

- Picture
- Current position (official function)
- Contact details (tel./email)



Nicolaus Copernicus

Born February 19, 1473, Died May 21, 1543



Pictorial Report

**The National Inauguration of the Copernicus Jubilee
(550) in Canada on Friday, February 17, 2023,
Windsor, Ontario, Canada**

11:30 a.m., Unveiling Copernicus St.

The gathering to unveil Copernicus Street took place on the northwest corner of Beverly Glen St. at Icewater Avenue in Windsor.



From left: Drew Dilkens, Mayor of Windsor and Witold Dzielski, Ambassador of Poland to Canada, unveiling Copernicus Street.



From left: Angelo Marignani, Councillor, Ward 7, Vanessa Udron, Taty Song and Dance Ensemble, Jerry Barycki, President, Polish Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor, Drew Dilkens, Mayor of Windsor, Witold Dzielski, Ambassador of Poland to Canada, Mikolaj Wojewnik, Taty Song and Dance Ensemble and Janusz Tomczak, President, Canadian Polish Congress.



12:30 p.m., Astrolabium and Sundial, Jackson Park, 125 Tecumseh Rd. E.

Gathering at the Copernicus Astrolabium and Sundial, built in 1954 by the Polish Community in Windsor as a tribute to Nicolaus Copernicus. The Polish Community representatives and guests laid flowers.



VIPs with members of the Polish Community, Tatry” Song and Dance Ensemble and local scout groups.



1:30 p.m., National Inauguration, Leddy Library, University of Windsor, 401 Sunset Ave.

The official National Inauguration of Copernicus Jubilee (550) in Canada, including the Copernicus Display, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, took place in the Leddy Library, University of Windsor.



The Leddy Library, University of Windsor.



The Copernicus display at the Leddy Library, University of Windsor.



Suzie Sawicki, Master of Ceremonies, and Dr. Vincent Georgie, Vice President, External, University of Windsor.

Witold Dzielski, Ambassador of Poland to Canada.



Dominik Roszak, Vice Chair, World Polonia Council, and Janusz Tomczak, President, Canadian Polish Congress.

Dr. Robin Swainson, representing Lisa Gretzky, MPP Windsor West, Farah El Hajj, representing Brian Masse, MP Windsor West, and Renaldo Agostino, Councillor Ward 3, City of Windsor.



Dr. Guy Lazure, Associate Professor of History, University of Windsor.



Selinda Berg, University Librarian, University of Windsor.





Ribbon cutting ceremony, from left: Mikolaj Wojewnik, Adriana Rota, Tatry Song and Dance Ensemble, Selinda Berg, University Librarian, University of Windsor, Renaldo Agostino, Councillor Ward 3, Dr. Vincent Georgie, Vice President, External, University of Windsor, Witold Dzielski, Ambassador of Poland to Canada, Janusz Tomczak, President, Canadian Polish Congress, Dominik Roszak, Vice Chair, World Polonia Council, Jerry Barycki, President, Polish Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor, Maria Zalewski and Matthew Rudnicki, Tatry” Song and Dance Ensemble.

During the official National Inauguration of Copernicus Jubilee (550) in Canada, the Copernicus Medallion was presented to patrons, sponsors and special supporters.



From left: Adam Kaim, Tatry Song and Dance Ensemble, Witold Dzielski, Ambassador of Poland to Canada, Dr. Vincent Georgie, Vice President, External, University of Windsor, Dominik Roszak, Vice Chair, World Polonia Council, Jerry Barycki, President, Polish Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor, Janusz Tomczak, President, Canadian Polish Congress, Gerry Koski, President, Polonia Centre (Windsor) Inc., Greg Matjaszewski, Manager, Global Maintenance Inc., Mark Niec, CD President, Polish Canadian Centre Association of Windsor, Ania Barycka, President, AskAnia Media, Renaldo Agostino, Councillor Ward 3, Frank Simpson, Professor Emeritus, University of Windsor, Pascal Calarco, Librarian, Leddy Library and Polonia Liaison Librarian, University of Windsor, and Vanessa Udron, Tatry” Song and Dance Ensemble.

Thank you to all present.



“Tatry” Song and Dance Ensemble

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French version Polish Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor.

Many thanks to everyone involved in Canada and Poland.

Note: We have received requests from various Polish organizations in Ontario to rent the Copernicus display. We will offer the display on the basis of our own logistics and finances and the order, in which requests are received. We will offer our displays in electronic form to accommodate the needs of other Polish, Canadian and international organizations.

The National Copernicus (550) Jubilee Committee of the Canadian Polish Congress: Jerry Barycki (Chair), John Tomczak, Dominic Roszak, Barbara Stadnik Felinczak and Grażyna Gałżowska.



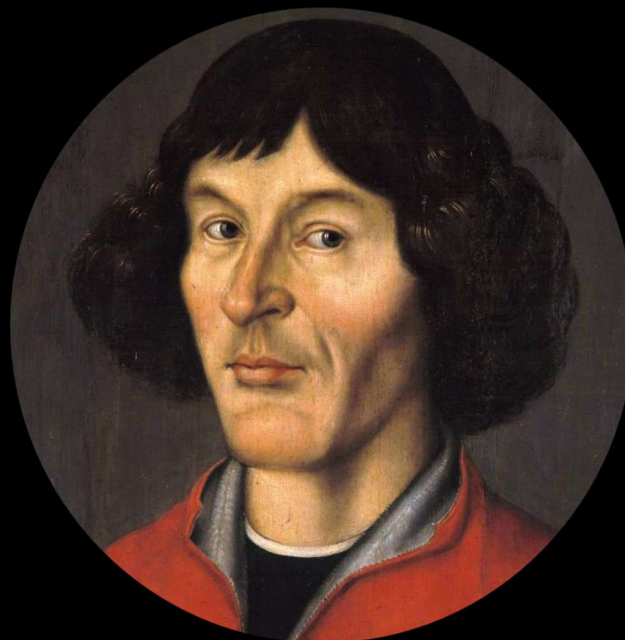
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Nicolaus Copernicus

Born February 19, 1473, Died May 21, 1543



Pictorial Report

The Copernicus Jubilee (550) in Poland

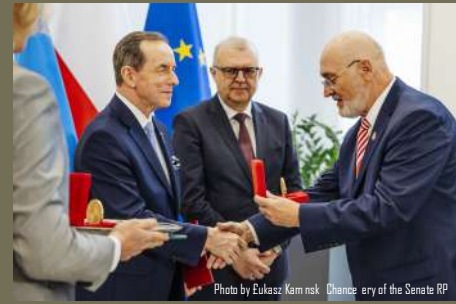
February-March, 2023

PART 1/2023

Opening of the Canadian-Polonia display, "Jubilee of Nicolaus Copernicus on the 550th anniversary of his birth", at the Senate of the Republic of Poland, 21.02.2023



Presentation by the Speaker of Senate RP Prof. Tomasz Grodzki



From the left: Prof. Tomasz Grodzki, the Speaker of Senate, Prof. Kazimierz Ujazdowski, Senator RP and Jerzy Barycki, creator of the display, presenting Copernicus Medallions.



From the left: Dawid Makarczyk, Jerzy Barycki, Prof. Marek Konarzewski, President of PAN, Prof. Tomasz Grodzki, Ania Barycka, and Prof. Jacek Popiel, Rector of Jagiellonian University.



Above: Dawid Makarczyk, in the role of Copernicus. On the right: group of participants in meeting.

On February 28, the Copernicus Display was in the Main Hall- the Cloister of the Warsaw University of Technology.



#1 Prof. Robert Zalewski presented the welcome speech; next to him is Prof. Andrzej Jakubiak. #2 Jerry Barycki presented the introduction speech. #3 Prof. Robert Zalewski presented to Jerzy Barycki the Centennial Medallion of PW for service to his *alma mater*. #4 Jerry Barycki presented the commemorative Copernicus Medallion to Prof. Andrzej Jakubiak and Prof. Robert Zalewski.

Distinguished guests at the celebratory opening of the display included the Deputy Director of the Department of Cooperation with the Polish Diaspora and Poles Abroad, Aleksandra Kucy, the President of the Polish Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor, Jerry Barycki, the President of the Association of Graduates and Friends of the Warsaw University of Technology, Prof. Andrzej Jakubiak, and also employees and students from the institution, among them the Deans of Faculties. The official opening of the exhibition took place with the participation of the PW Vice Rector for Student Affairs, Prof. Robert Zalewski. The display was prepared by the Polish Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor with the assistance of organizations in Poland and Canada and its originator was Jerry Barycki, a graduate of the Warsaw University of Technology. The display was shown at the university, thanks to the collaboration of the Polish Canadian Business and Professional Association and the Association of Graduates and Friends of PW.

Source: Archive of the Warsaw University of Technology.



Dawid Makarczyk, a talented student and young Polonia action taker, appeared in the role of Copernicus, reading parts of his letters to Pope Paul III.

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The visit to the birthplace of Copernicus – Toruń, March 5-7, 2023 – had many dimensions in promotion of the Great Jubilee of the 550th Anniversary of His Birth, the father of modern astronomy, Nicolaus Copernicus.



In the Copernicus Library



On March 6, in Toruń, there was a special event to thank all of the people, who had assisted in the acquisition of documents for the creation of the display about Nicolaus Copernicus on the 550th anniversary of his birth. From the left, receiving souvenir medallions: Michał Kłosiński, Krzysztof Mikulski, the Rector of UMC, Andrzej Sokala, Aleksandra Męczekalska, Małgorzata Czupajło (Frombork), Magdalena Walkuska (Olsztyn), Michał Targowski, and Jolanta Juzkow (not present). Presentations by Jerzy Barycki, PCBPAAW President.



On the left, the fine group of promoters of the Copernicus Jubilee on the 550th anniversary of his birth, from the left: K. Mikulski, M. Chachaj, W. Jaskólski, the Vice Rector of UMC, J. Barycki, and M. Kłosiński, in front of the most famous portrait of Copernicus at the Toruń District Museum.



A meeting with the authorities of the City of Toruń, Zbigniew Fiderewicz, the Deputy Mayor (center), and Marcin Czyżniewski, the Chair of the Council (left), was an opportunity to thank the city authorities and to discuss the city partnership with Canada.



Meeting with author, Marian Chachaj, about Copernicus, run by Michał Kłosiński, at the Toruń District Museum.

This visual interpretation of the discovery by Copernicus in Copernicus House is an interesting attraction of the Museum.



A visit to the impressive complex of the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń, a monument to the heritage of Copernicus.

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Opening of the Canadian-Polonia Display, "Nicolaus Copernicus Jubilee on the 550th Anniversary of His Birth", at the I. Szewinski High School, in Pułtusk, 08.03.2023



Presenting display to students. Photographs: Jerry Barycki.



From right: Krzysztof Łachmański, the School Principal, Jerzy Barycki, PCBPAW President and Dawid Makarczyk.



Dawid Makarczyk, in the role of Copernicus.

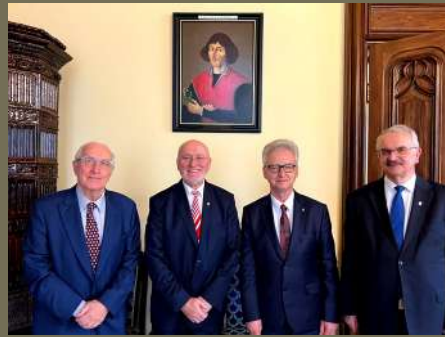


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The inauguration of the display, "Nicolaus Copernicus Jubilee on the 550th Anniversary of His Birth", in the Collegium Novum, Jagiellonian University in Kraków, March 13, 2023



Collegium Novum



From the left: Prof. Aleksander Skotnicki, Prof. Jerry (Jerzy) Barycki, Prof. Jacek Popiel, the Honourable Rector of the Jagiellonian University, and Jarosław Górniak, Vice Rector. These representatives of the Jagiellonian University received souvenir Copernicus Medallions.



The inauguration of the display, "Nicolaus Copernicus Jubilee on the 550th Anniversary of His Birth", in the Collegium Novum, Jagiellonian University in Kraków, March 15, 2023, had special significance, because Copernicus, the father of modern astronomy, studied at the Kraków Academy.

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Nicolaus Copernicus

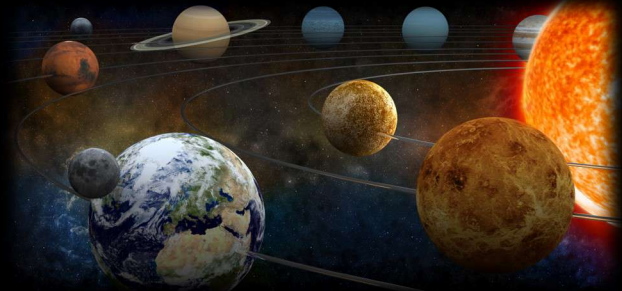
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Copernicus Jubilee (550) in Canada 2023



Nicolaus Copernicus. Unknown artist, ca. 1580. Toruń Old Town Hall, Poland. Reproduction by Piotr Bednarski, 2000. Source: Jerry Baryek Collection.



The Solar System. Source: Stock, permission no. 2074445022

Proposed Schedule of Events in Canada, 2023

Presentations of Copernicus Display

Friday, February 17

Inauguration of Copernicus Jubilee (550), University of Windsor, Windsor

Saturday, May 6

90th Anniversary CPC Banquet, Brampton

Tuesday, May 30

Copernicus Jubilee, Queen's Park, Toronto

Saturday-Sunday, September 16-17

Roncesvalles Polish Festival, Toronto

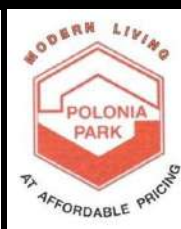
October (to be confirmed)

Copernicus Jubilee, Parliament Hill, Ottawa

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