



# The View from the Heights

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## Message from the Mayor: Suzanne de Leon

I have many updates to share with you – the first being that David Harris, our City Administrator since 2015, has resigned his position effective August 26, 2022. We are fortunate that he will continue as a consultant to us for the next month. The City Council is in the process of interviewing to hire an Interim City Administrator while we explore and hire a full-time City Administrator.

*Mr. Harris stated, "I am grateful for the many opportunities that working in Balcones Heights has provided and I will always value the time spent here. It is time to pursue new opportunities and perhaps head in a new direction."*

"David's contributions to the City have positively changed the landscape of Balcones Heights and we are extremely appreciative for his leadership and guidance-

City Council approved the Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Annual Budget at the August 22 City Council meeting. We appreciate the hard work of our Finance Director, Floyd Messick and Finance Administrative Coordinator, Lisa Merlo for all their hard work preparing the balanced budget and the many presentation workshops held prior to Council accepting the budget. The City is in a good financial position.

Council also approved the Property Tax Rate for the 2022 tax at \$0.583 per \$100 valuation. The City's Property Tax Rate has not increased over the past five years. The approved rate will see an additional \$151, 801 in revenue

**New construction is underway as six new townhomes are in the process of being built on Gentleman Road, directly behind the Chick-fil-A. These new homes will greatly improve our housing stock in Balcones Heights and we look forward to more new housing being built in the future.**

**The Siesta Motel on Fredericksburg Road was recently sold to a local developer. Plans for the property include a Club Car Wash with a Coffee kiosk. Because this property is situated on the Old Spanish Trail, and it is one of the last "motor hotels" along the route, we will ensure-the appropriate recognition to the Siesta Motel will be created on the property to memorialize this fact.**

**01 Farmers Market is coming to Balcones Heights and will be located on the Wonderland property between Denny's and the parking garage on Fredericksburg Road. This has been a long-term goal of**

**the Council and we are very excited about this Market coming to Balcones Heights and offering local produce as well as many items to enhance health and well-being.**

**As we move into the fall season and hopefully cooler weather will be here soon, I wish you all good health and happiness.**

**Suzanne**