MILLAGE RATE MAINTAINED

The City of Tallahassee has maintained a millage rate of 4.1 for six years, lower than many of its peers across Florida and other Leon county governments. A millage rate keeps the cost of homeownership affordable while still providing high-quality services.

MUNICIPAL COST COMPARISON

As a full-service municipality, the City provides electric, water, gas, sewer, and stormwater utilities for its citizens and customers outside its limits. Each year, its rates are very competitive with peer cities’ across Florida. The City Commission has kept the costs of delivering top-notch utilities low and passes the savings on to customers.
The total proposed FY22-26 Five Year CIP budget is $1 billion, with $262.4 million proposed for FY22. The plan provides significant investment in facilities and infrastructure for including funding for the new Public Safety Campus, a new Fire Station on Lake Bradford Road, road maintenance, improvements, Airport improvements and the new Senior Center. It also funds capital maintenance and improvements to the City's utility systems.

**CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provides $46.2 million to the City to mitigate revenue losses incurred, and ongoing, due to the economic impacts of COVID-19. On November 6, Congress passed the $1 trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIAJA), providing the opportunity to invest in the City's water and wastewater systems, roads and streets, airport, StarMetro, and our commitment to transition Tallahassee to a 100% clean, renewable energy future by 2050. To meet this challenge, the Commission has already developed the City's Strategic Plan that provides the big vision and the specific priorities and objectives, a blueprint for action that is already in place. This positions the organization to act swiftly and accelerate plans already in motion. With this direction, the City is poised to transform these opportunities into reality in the next several years and realize the full promise of our vision.