

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

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City of Lakeway

Lakeway, TX

The City of Lakeway is a community that supports and loves its police force and has never “defunded” the police. However, there are times when line items and personnel funds will change depending on the situation. For instance, if the city changes its medical insurance provider and saves money from the prior year, the personnel line item will drop dramatically. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the City of Lakeway budget is related to personnel expenditures. And, as Cities grow, service delivery changes. Just 2 years ago the police department had 2 canine patrols. One retired last year and another will transition to a bike patrol. The cost decreased as there were a number of canine related costs that do not carry forward. The City built a new police station which required overlapping of services and thus redundant costs to transition from the old facility to the new one. Year 2, those costs decreased. My point being, there are many factors that can change year to year that can increase or decrease a department’s budget. Sometimes a reduction is just being fiscally responsible