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El Cenizo, Texas – September 26, 2024 – Mayor Carina Hernandez announced today the filing of the City of El Cenizo’s proposed budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025. The budget focuses on strengthening public safety, improving infrastructure, and enhancing essential services for the community. With a total projected revenue of **\$705,962.19** and expenditures amounting to **\$671,253.76**, the city expects to maintain a healthy financial position with a surplus of **\$34,708.43**.

"This proposed budget reflects our commitment to investing in the well-being and safety of our residents while continuing to enhance the city's infrastructure and services," said Mayor Hernandez. **"By prioritizing key areas like public safety, waste management, and capital improvements, we are building a stronger, more resilient El Cenizo."**

Key Highlights:

1. **General Government Operations:** The largest allocation, with **\$263,256.08**, covering essential services such as professional services, utilities, and facilities maintenance.
2. **Public Safety:** The El Cenizo Police Department and Volunteer Fire Department are allocated a combined **\$45,000**, ensuring public safety remains a priority.
3. **Solid Waste Department:** With **\$167,257.68**, this department will continue to provide essential services efficiently.
4. **Capital Improvement Projects:** We have allocated **\$127,700.00** to support crucial infrastructure upgrades, including land improvements and vehicle expenses.

Despite rising costs and inflation, the city has managed to maintain a **projected surplus of \$34,708.43**, which will be allocated to the city’s reserves, bringing the **total reserve fund to \$128,168** by the end of the fiscal year.

The budget is designed to ensure financial sustainability and prepare the city for future needs, without burdening taxpayers.

For more information, please contact City Secretary, Noemi Perez, at 956-724-5919.