



## FROM THE MAYOR



The City of Katy enjoys a conservative council and mayor with the same goals - to work together and embrace the exploding growth. Our job is to work in partnership with our local businesses to help their business grow and prosper; at the same time, and most importantly, we look out for the interests of our families while preserving our small town feel.

We are open to all new ideas for growth and expansion. Growth is here; it's just a matter of us properly managing it. Here are some of the things we are doing...

**City Administrator:** On April 1, 2014, long-time city administrator, Johnny Nelson, retired. He was instrumental in securing the Katy Mills Mall. This was crucial to the financial health of Katy, putting the city on a more firm financial footing. Johnny accomplished many positive changes with his forward thinking and vision for which we owe him a great debt of gratitude. Byron Hebert, our financial director for the past 14 years, was one of 20 candidates for the position of city administrator. Byron was chosen by our advisory group after careful consideration, extensive interviews and a battery of tests for job profile, aptitude and personality. We are looking forward to all the great things Byron has in store for the City of Katy.

**City Departments:** We improved and restructured several City departments to better serve the City of Katy with more expedient and efficient services. Those groups and boards are doing an excellent job in addressing the needs of our citizens, new businesses, builders and developers.

### DEVELOPMENTS

**Residential:** Cane Island Development, a 1,000-acre master planned community of approximately 2,000+ homes, is a reality. New home building will begin early next year, and this exciting project will result in jobs and opportunities for Katy families through businesses and services that are projected to develop around the area.

**Commercial:** Pro Terra Development, between I-10 and Hwy 90, is a commercial/industrial development consisting of warehouses and large buildings that are bringing jobs to our city. This development will eventually encompass 100's of acres.

**Katy Mills Mall:** The peripheral areas of Katy Mills Mall shall boast four additional hotels and several retail businesses over the next couple of years. Work is to begin this summer on a boardwalk to be built around the 80+ acre wetlands, improving the area and designating it a city park.

### INFRASTRUCTURE

**Fire & Police Departments:** The city maintained its PPC2 fire rating and restructured the department with full-time paid fire and EMS personnel. A new fire station on Kingsland Blvd will be built, providing quicker response to the mall and other areas

in the south part of our city. Your Police Department is up to date with the necessary equipment to advance the next 20-25 years. They are well trained and properly equipped to perform their roles in the community.

**Sewer Plant Expansion & Water Wells:** The city's sewer plant capacity is to be increased over the next two to three years. We are also looking into ways to capture and put to use some of the effluent water discharged daily by the plant. Another water well is planned in Waller County, and we are also working with Harris County to bring surface water from the eastern part of the county. Eventually, the city will change over to surface water, ending the subsidence that occurs from wells.

**Sidewalk:** For the safety of our school children, a 1,500-foot sidewalk was built along the west side of Katy Hockley Cut Off Rd, extending north from Town Park Blvd, giving our kids and citizens a safe place to walk other than on the busy street.

**Mobility:** The building of Cane Island Parkway and the overpass over Cane Island Parkway at I-10, widening Morton Rd, extending Franz Rd and extending Kingsland will all be developed over the next few years.

### FUTURE

**New City Hall:** An advisory group has formulated plans, after a positive response was received from the citizens, to build a new city hall. It's due to break ground later this year and will serve us for many years.

**General Reserve Fund:** Because of frugal, conservative spending, our city's financial health is in excellent condition. Your city enjoys the best financial position ever, one that allows us to pay as we go. Our bond rating rose from AA to AAA, and as the city's reserve fund continues to grow, it will allow more flexibility as projects arise.

**Property Tax Cuts & Sales Tax Revenue:** Last year we retired the Katy Mills Mall infrastructure bonds, which allowed the city to lower your property taxes last year, as well as increase the senior exemption an additional \$10,000. Sales tax revenues also lend to this effort, which could possibly allow additional property tax cuts for the next few years.

City council, the City Hall staff, and I are proud to serve you, the citizens of Katy, never forgetting that we work for you and our decisions affect your future. Your city is a safe and secure place to live and raise your families. It is also a place to worship, work and play. We shall endeavor to maintain the small-town feel that we have all come to enjoy.



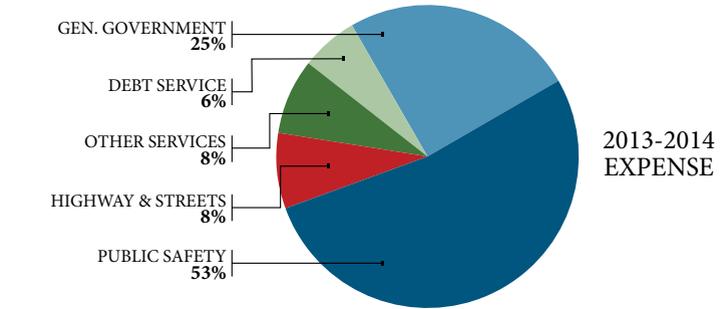
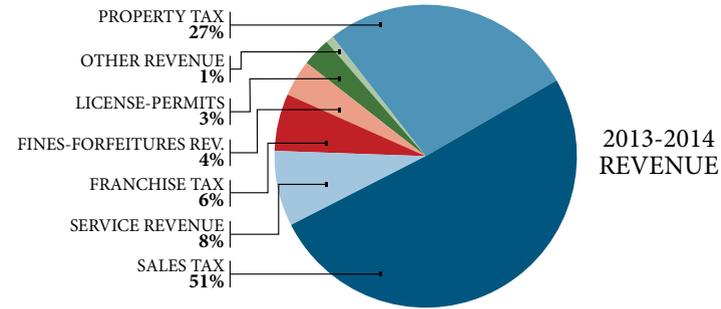
Sincerely,  
*Fabol Hughes*  
**Fabol Hughes, Mayor**

## FINANCIAL STRENGTH

Approved 2013 Tax Rate of \$0.56672, lowered \$0.02 from 2012

City of Katy Bond Quality Rating:  
 Standard & Poor's Rating AAA and Moody's Rating AA3

### City of Katy General Fund Budget Summary:



## PUBLIC SAFETY

Part-Time/Volunteer to Full-Time Fire Department

New Crimson Fire Truck

5 New Tahoe Police Vehicles

Taser Equipment and Training Program

Established an Emergency Management Coordinator



## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Cane Island Parkway: Hwy 90 Intersection	\$2,580,000
Katy Boardwalk Detention Pond	\$1,735,000
Franz Road Project	\$1,330,000
Cane Island Parkway: I-10 to Hwy 90	\$1,250,000
Cane Island Overpass	\$1,000,000
2014 Town Park Drainage Improvements Project	\$445,500
2014 Water Loop at West Ten Business Park	\$146,000
OPD Water Main Extension	\$138,700
Water Well #5	\$99,500

## PARKS AND RECREATION

Installed new public restroom at the City of Katy Dog Park  
 Performed renovations to playgrounds at Katy City Park and Woodland Park

Sent staff to the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Annual Congress for the first time

Parks and Recreation Director assumed role of Chairman of the CPRP/E Certification Committee for the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)

Added new concrete pads for the picnic tables at VFW Park and Woodland Park

Implemented changes to our special events at the City of Katy Dog Park & Harvest Plaza

Added new fitness classes to our program offerings

