FY2027 COMMUNITY BUDGET SURVEY

WHAT WE HEARD FROM THE COMMUNITY

As part of the FY2027 budget process, the City of Roswell invited community members to share their views on City services, spending priorities, and opportunities for improvement. The survey report records 945 responses to its participant-identification question. The feedback offers insight into what participants value, where they see service needs, and the tradeoffs they want City leaders to consider.

WHAT RESIDENTS VALUE

- Public safety | Police and Fire services received among the strongest **importance** ratings and were also rated highly for **effectiveness**.
- Essential services | Environmental/Public Works services, including water, sanitation, recycling, and stormwater, were rated **important** by most respondents.
- Parks and Recreation | Participants placed **high importance** on parks, recreation programs, and community amenities, with generally **positive service-effectiveness** ratings.

WHERE PARTICIPANTS SEE OPPORTUNITIES

- Transportation and infrastructure | Transportation was considered important, but **effectiveness ratings were more mixed**. Written comments repeatedly raised road conditions, traffic, sidewalks, bicycle access, and pedestrian safety.
- Community development and growth | Community Development received comparatively **mixed effectiveness ratings**. Comments raised zoning, permitting, redevelopment, neighborhood character, and the effects of growth on roads and services.
- Maintaining what Roswell has | Participants called for **upkeep** of parks, recreation facilities, roads, and public spaces alongside consideration of **new projects**.

ADDITIONAL THEMES FROM WRITTEN COMMENTS

Respondents expressed differing views about downtown parking, development, historic and cultural investments, and where spending could be reduced. Other recurring concerns included East Roswell revitalization, staff and public safety resources, fiscal responsibility, and transparency in budget decisions.

HOW THE FEEDBACK INFORMS FY2027

Survey results are one input into budget discussions, alongside service demands, infrastructure needs, financial projections, and available resources. The findings help identify priorities and areas for further evaluation; they do not by themselves determine funding decisions.

Source: City of Roswell FY2027 Community Budget Survey, questions 1–6. Survey participation varied by question; results reflect respondents, not necessarily all Roswell residents.