

# Fiction

The library and community center satisfy the needs of the City.

The City will imminently demolish existing buildings.

The costs of addressing the facility needs of the City are being hidden from residents.

Citizens were prevented from voting on the new library and community center until a petition delivered to the City placed the project on the ballot.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant requires urgent repairs or residents will be put at risk.

# Fact

Only if you are satisfied with a library among the oldest and smallest in all of Harris County. A professional assessment in 2022 recommended the replacement of the library and community center. Group reading events are held in the Scout House due to space constraints, and the library electrical system shorts out from the load of multiple active appliances.

The City will address its facility needs through multiple years of forthcoming town halls and input to Council, which will result in public votes in the years to come.

Only if you disregard years of public meetings and town halls presenting estimates of the facilities' costs, which are currently publicly available on the City's website.

Actually, the City Council voted 3-0, with one absent, and one abstaining, to place the library and community center on the ballot as Prop D, and no petition was ever delivered to the City.

Each professional employee and engineer involved in the project advised the Council to undertake upgrades and improvements over a period of years, and that no existing risk exists.

**The City was negligent not to accept a solo bid from ITX to address upgrades to its Wastewater Treatment Plant.**

**The City rejected the ITX bid to ensure that it was getting the best price for the project, with the benefit of the Plant's substantial excess capacity providing time to get the project right.**

**The City's rejection of the ITX bid will lead to increased costs to taxpayers.**

**The Council this spring approved a bid for Phase I of Wastewater Treatment Plant repairs that included a competing bid from ITX for the same work. The City saved over \$1 million in its selected bid relative to the competing ITX bid.**

**The City must make a choice between addressing facility needs in its civic center and undertaking infrastructure projects around the City.**

**The City has the financial and management capacity to undertake multiple major projects simultaneously, and currently does so in the ordinary course of business.**

**The City is facing a debt crisis.**

**The West U debt level is the lowest, relative to its tax base, in modern history, and the City can address all of its infrastructure needs while maintaining its investment grade credit rating.**

**Municipalities like West U can sustain their infrastructure and facilities without raising residents' taxes.**

**Municipalities fund their basic facilities and infrastructure through ad valorem taxes, and the projects generally have a beneficial effect on property values, creating wealth for residents and relaxing long-term tax rates.**