



## Fiscally Responsible

Local government officials are custodians of the public trust in ways that should maximize the benefit of taxpayer dollars to its residents and visitors, as well as the corporate and small business partners that make up the commercial entities that reside in our City. Operating a fiscally-responsible government entity involves operating by a general principles of accountability and transparency within our system of decision-making. The sense of “public trust” prevails over the individual interests of a system’s professionals, executives or elected officials. The amalgamation of checks, balances, and controls provides the expectations for public stewardship and reinforces the City’s commitment to continuous improvement.

The ultimate measure of success for Pearland should be how well we account for the use of public funds, and what returns on investment our citizens realize over time. Planting seeds for the future means creating “an environment of quality growth,” as stated in the transmittal documents used to submit the 2014 - 15 City of Pearland Budget for adoption by City Council. The theme of “planting seeds for the future” is a sound way to describe how our system of government must conduct business in order to achieve a perfect level of responsibility for our actions. “Building Momentum”, the theme for the 2015 – 2016 Budget, underlines the next step in the process; leveraging effective investments to move our organization and our community forward. It means investing our resources wisely, prioritizing our community and its citizens, making effective personnel management a priority, and making decisions from a “best practices” standpoint whenever possible.

