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**CITY TO UNVEIL REMODELED CITY HALL**

**Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony Will Celebrate New Customer Service Facilities, Council Chambers**

Beaumont Mayor Becky Ames and the City Council will host an official ribbon-cutting celebration for the remodeled City Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 1 p.m. The public is invited.

The event celebrates the opening of the new Council Chambers, One-Stop Permitting Center, and Water Customer Service at City Hall. Refreshments will be served, and Mayor Becky Ames and members of the City Council will provide remarks. The celebration will conclude at 1:30 p.m. with the Council's first regular session in the new chambers.

"The changes to our City Hall represent a vast improvement in the way the city and its leadership wish to interact with citizens," said Mayor Ames. "We have made it a priority to provide convenient, accessible, superior customer service, something the citizens of Beaumont need and deserve."

City Hall and its amenities are conveniently accessible by public transit. New features of the remodeled facility include:

**One-Stop Permitting Center**, located on the second floor of City Hall, provides one convenient location for businesses and homeowners to get information on permitting and zoning requirements, submit forms, and resolve issues. A complete renovation of the second floor has resulted in streamlined plan review and permitting. The center's staff is also available by phone at (409) 880-3100, during regular business hours.

**Water Customer Service** recently relocated to the first floor of City Hall. Previously, customers would have to contact customer service by phone or visit the office at 1350 Langham Road to resolve issues. Now, customer service is located just steps away from

the cashier's office, which is still located on the first floor of City Hall. For more information on water customer service, call (409) 866-0023.

**City Council Chambers**, located on the first floor of City Hall, has additional seating capacity, state-of-the-art presentation equipment, and an advanced camera system for recording the proceedings each week, providing better access to citizens who cannot attend sessions in person.

**WHAT:** Grand Opening of the Remodeled Beaumont City Hall

**WHEN:** Tuesday, Oct. 27, 1 p.m.

**WHERE:** City Hall, 801 Main St., Beaumont, TX 77701

**SPEAKER:** Mayor Becky Ames