The existing City Hall was built with 10-40% extra space for future growth; The building was anticipated to meet the growth of city operations until around 1990 (Mayor Dan Matkin interview transcript, January 22, 1986). The current Irving City Hall met operational capacity in 1986, four years earlier than anticipated.

The population of Irving has more than doubled since the building opened in 1976.

- 1976 – 113,600 population
- 2022 – 254,715 population

The number of full-time, General Fund City employees has more than doubled since the building opened in 1976 (based on Fiscal Year 1975-76 & Fiscal Year 2023-24 adopted budgets).

- 1976 – 665 employees
- 2024 – 1,668 employees

The existing City Hall requires increasing costs for maintenance, repairs and updates due to its age.

- Approximately 500 maintenance requests submitted each year.
- Estimated cost to renovate the building and build a 14,000 square foot annex to add additional space is $106,000,000.
- Recently (2022-2023) spent $712,011 on parking garage improvements and anticipate $250,000 more in repairs in 2024.

Based on a study commissioned by the City, the cost of construction of the new proposed City Hall Complex would increase approximately 12% or $24,000,000 annually.

The existing City Hall does not have the space to accommodate all current departmental staff.

- The current City Hall is 110,000 square feet and 190,000 square feet is the projected necessary square footage to accommodate current operations plus 10% for future growth.
- Parks & Recreation Department recently relocated to the Huffman building to make space for other employees.
- Other departments that are off-site due to space limitations include Fire Administration, Library Administration, Purchasing, Communications and City Secretary’s Office employees.
- Currently, 290 employees work at the existing City Hall. About 100 additional employees would be moved into the new City Hall if the bond election passes.

The current City Hall was built before the passage of the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) and does not meet current accessibility standards in certain areas, including, for example, the City Council Chambers.

The city’s general municipal election for City Council Districts 4, 6 and 8 will be held on May 4, 2024.

The ballot will also include a proposition for the issuance of $200 million in bonds for a City Hall Complex project. If approved by voters and based on current assumptions, there will be a property tax increase of about 1.81 cents, which would impact the taxes owed on the average single-family home (with a taxable value of $279,704) with a 20% Homestead Exemption by $40.50 per year. If approved by voters, these numbers may change based on interest rates at the time debt is anticipated to be sold in 2024 and 2025.