# Meeting Summary: City of Salinas Budget and Department Updates

1. **Finance**  
   The City of Celina passed a balanced budget for 2024 with projected revenues of $50 million and expenses of $61.15 million. The city managed to reduce its debt from $6.4 million to $4.14 million by the end of the year.

* The city successfully reduced its debt and maintained financial stability.

1. **Celina Municipal Utilities**  
   Celina Municipal Utilities, which includes wastewater, water treatment, stormwater, and electric distribution, accounts for 68% of the city's budget. The wastewater treatment plant achieved high pollutant removal efficiencies.
2. **Water Treatment**  
   The water treatment plant had expenses of $4.03 million in 2024. Infrastructure improvements included new water mains and lead mapping services.
3. **Electric Department**  
   The electric department's expenses were $25.6 million, representing 42% of the city's budget. They maintain a large distribution area with numerous customers and infrastructure.
4. **Recreation Department**  
   The Recreation Department offers programs for youth and had expenses of $607,000 in 2024. Community involvement includes sponsorships and volunteer efforts.
5. **Income Tax**  
   The income tax department collected $8.2 million in 2024, a 4.4% increase from 2023. They manage over 8,000 active tax accounts.
6. **Police Department**  
   The Police Department faced staffing challenges due to retirements and resignations. They implemented a pilot program to hire student trainees.
7. **Public Works**  
   Public Works had expenses of over $1 million and managed projects like the Mill Street Reconstruction. They also handle trash collection and maintenance.
8. **Fire Department**  
   The Fire Department faced staffing shortages but received additional funding to hire more personnel. They responded to over 2,300 calls in 2024.
9. **Engineering**  
   The Engineering Department managed various construction projects, including road resurfacing and new sidewalks, with significant investments in infrastructure.
10. **New Businesses**  
    Several new businesses opened in Salina in 2024, contributing to the local economy and community development.
11. **Municipal Court**  
    The Municipal Court handled over 3,400 cases in 2024, a decrease from the previous year, and manages cases throughout the county.
12. **City Auditor**  
    The City Auditor ensures financial compliance and manages the city's financial records, working closely with the City Treasurer.
13. **Law Director**  
    The Law Director manages legal records and defends the city in legal matters, ensuring compliance with legal standards.