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Department of Water and Sewerage host series of Community Meetings on Rate Increase

Following our initial announcement of community meetings to discuss the proposed increase in water and sewer rates, the Department of Water and Sewerage has added additional sessions to ensure widespread participation and engagement from residents.

The proposed increase, advocated by Mayor Tom Arceneaux, is set at 10% and aims to address the rising costs associated with maintaining and supporting the city's essential water and sewer system. These adjustments are critical for ensuring the sustainability and efficiency of the city's infrastructure, as well as facilitating future improvements.

The newly added meetings are as follows:

- **Thursday, February 22, 2024:**
 - 12:00 pm at A.B. Palmer Recreation Center
 - 5:30 pm at Southern University - Jackson Building Auditorium
 - 7:00 pm at Bill Cockrell Community Center
- **Monday, February 26, 2024:**
 - 12:00 pm at Valencia Park Community Center
 - 5:30 pm at Lakeside Community Center
 - 7:00 pm at Holy Angels
- **Tuesday, February 27, 2024:**
 - 12:00 pm at Airport Park Community Center
- **Thursday, March 7, 2024:**
 - 5 pm at The Highland Center

These meetings will provide residents with comprehensive information about the proposed changes and offer them an opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns directly to city officials.

Residents are strongly encouraged to attend these meetings to learn more about the proposed rate increase and provide valuable feedback.

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