



A G E N D A

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HIGHLAND VILLAGE CITY COUNCIL
HIGHLAND VILLAGE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
1000 HIGHLAND VILLAGE ROAD, HIGHLAND VILLAGE, TEXAS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021, at 6:00 P.M.**

Pursuant to Governor Greg Abbott's temporary suspension of various provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act and in an effort to protect the health and safety of the public, the public will not be allowed to attend the City Council meeting in person. Members of the public may view the City Council meeting live at no cost via the following Internet link: www.highlandvillage.org/HVTV.

Any person wishing to provide comments on any matter to be considered on this agenda may email such comments to the City Secretary at citysecretary@highlandvillage.org by 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 2021.

**EARLY WORK SESSION
City Council Chambers – 6:00 P.M.**

- 1. Receive an Update on Fire Department Operations**
- 2. Receive a Presentation and Discuss the City's Legislative Program for the 87th Texas Legislative Session**
- 3. Clarification of Consent or Action Items listed on the January 26, 2021 City Council Meeting Agenda**

(Items discussed during Early Work Session may be continued or moved to Open Session and/or Late Work Session if time does not permit holding or completing discussion of the item during Early Work Session.)

**CLOSED SESSION
City Council Chambers**

- 4. Hold a closed meeting in accordance with the following sections of the Texas Government Code:
(a) Section 551.071 – Consultation with City Attorney Concerning Pending or Contemplated Litigation and on any Regular Session or Work Session Agenda Item Requiring Confidential, Attorney/Client Advice Necessitated by the Deliberation or Discussion of Said Item (as needed)**

**OPEN SESSION
City Council Chambers – 7:00 P.M.**

- 5. Call Meeting to Order**

6. **Prayer led by Councilmember Jon Kixmiller**
7. **Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags led by Councilmember Jon Kixmiller: “Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.”**
8. **Visitor Comments** *(Any person wishing to provide comments on any matter to be considered on this agenda should email such comments to the City Secretary by 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 2021. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council is restricted in discussing or taking action on items not posted on the agenda. Action on your statement can only be taken at a future meeting.)*
9. **City Manager/Staff Reports**
 - **COVID-19 Update**
 - **Foodie Friday Video**
10. **Mayor and Council Reports on Items of Community Interest pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.0415 the City Council may report on the following items: (1) expression of thanks, congratulations or condolences; (2) information about holiday schedules; (3) recognition of individuals; (4) reminders about upcoming City Council events; (5) information about community events; and (6) announcements involving imminent threat to public health and safety**
 - **Swearing in Video of Police Officer Zane Bluford**

Anyone wishing to address the City Council on any item posted on the City Council agenda for possible action, including matters placed on the Consent Agenda or posted as a Public Hearing, must complete a Speakers' Request Form available at the entrance to the City Council Chambers and present it to the City Secretary prior to the Open Session being called to order. Speakers may be limited to three (3) minutes and given only one opportunity to speak on an item. Other procedures regarding speaking on matters posted for action on the City Council agenda are set forth on the Speakers' Request Form. Subject to applicable law, the City Council reserves the right to modify or waive at any time the procedures relating to members of the public speaking on matters placed the Council's agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

All of the items on the Consent Agenda are considered for approval by a single motion and vote without discussion. Each Councilmember has the option of removing an item from this agenda so that it may be considered separately and/or adding any item from the Action Agenda to be considered as part of the Consent Agenda items.

11. **Consider approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on January 12, 2021**
12. **Consider Ordinance 2021-1280 adopting Non-Substantive Amendments to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 26 “Subdivision and Site Development Regulations,” Exhibit A “Subdivision Ordinance,” relating to Subsections E and F of Section 2.7 “Replatting” to Correct Certain Scrivener Errors (2nd and final read)**
13. **Consider Resolution 2021-2927 ordering a General Municipal Election to be held on May 1, 2021 for the Purpose of Electing Councilmembers to Places 3, 5 and 7; authorizing a Joint Election with other Denton County Political Subdivisions; and authorizing a Contract for Election Services with Denton County**
14. **Consider Resolution 2021-2928 approving the City’s Legislative Program for the 87th Texas Legislative Session**

ACTION AGENDA

15. Take action, if any, on matters discussed in closed session in accordance with the following sections of the Texas Government Code:
(a) Section 551.071 – Consultation with City Attorney Concerning Pending or Contemplated Litigation and on any Regular Session or Work Session Agenda Item Requiring Confidential, Attorney/Client Advice Necessitated by the Deliberation or Discussion of Said Item (as needed)

LATE WORK SESSION

(Items may be discussed during Early Work Session, Time Permitting)

16. Status Reports on Current Projects and Discussion on Future Agenda Items (A Councilmember may inquire about a subject of which notice has not been given. A statement of specific information or the recitation of existing policy may be given. Any deliberation shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on an agenda for a subsequent meeting.)
17. Adjournment

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS NOTICE OF MEETING WAS POSTED ON THE PUBLIC BULLETIN BOARD AT THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, 1000 HIGHLAND VILLAGE ROAD, HIGHLAND VILLAGE, TEXAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE *TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 551*, ON THE 22ND DAY OF JANUARY 2021 NOT LATER THAN 6:00 P.M.



Angela Miller, City Secretary

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_____ am / pm by _____.

CITY OF HIGHLAND VILLAGE
COUNCIL BRIEFING

AGENDA# 1

MEETING DATE: 01/12/2021

SUBJECT: Receive an Update on Fire Department Operations

PREPARED BY: Mike Thomson, Fire Chief

COMMENTS

City staff will provide an update on Fire Department operations.

CITY OF HIGHLAND VILLAGE
COUNCIL BRIEFING

AGENDA# 2

MEETING DATE: 01/26/2021

SUBJECT: 2021 State Legislative Program

**PREPARED BY: Paul Stevens, City Manager
Laurie Mullens, Director of Marketing and Communication**

COMMENTS:

The 87th Texas Legislature began on January 12 and is expected to consider legislation on a wide range of issues with a direct impact on municipal government in general and on Highland Village specifically. This session promises to be very unique for many reasons. There is a new Speaker of the House and the session will be conducted with COVID-19 protocols in place. Lawmakers will have to pass a budget with revenues estimated to be \$1 billion less than the last session, redraw senate and house district lines based on the results of the 2020 federal census, and address the pandemic, just to name a few of the challenges. City Staff has prepared the City's legislative program, setting the City's priorities and key issues for the 87th Texas legislative session. The Legislative Program is included in this packet for Council review and approval. Generally, Staff and Council present the City's legislative program to our legislators at Denton County Days. We will have to wait and see what form that takes due to the COVID-19 protocols and limitations to in-person meetings.

Our legislative priorities are divided into six main categories:

1. Local Authority – Public Right of Ways
2. Local Revenue Caps, Revenue Reduction and Online Sales Tax
3. Public Safety
4. Transportation and DCTA
5. Water
6. Parks Funding

The common theme to all six categories is Highland Village's belief that cities are the level of government most connected to, and thus most accountable to, the people they serve. As a result, the state should recognize and preserve local authority and support cities in their mission of providing quality local services to all Texans.

Within each broad Legislative Agenda topic, there is a list giving the City's position on multiple sub-topics, some of them very specific to legislation filed for this session or in previous sessions. Because the legislative priorities are represented by six main topics, there is flexibility to allow emerging legislative issues to be addressed through one or more of those topics.

This item is for informational purposes; there is an item on the consent agenda for formal action relating to the 2021 Legislative Program.

CITY OF HIGHLAND VILLAGE
COUNCIL BRIEFING

AGENDA# 10

MEETING DATE: 01/26/2021

SUBJECT: Mayor and Council Reports on Items of Community Interest

PREPARED BY: Karen McCoy, Executive Assistant

COMMENTS

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.0415 the City Council may report on the following items: (1) expression of thanks, congratulations or condolences; (2) information about holiday schedules; (3) recognition of individuals; (4) reminders about upcoming City Council events; (5) information about community events; and (6) announcements involving imminent threat to public health and safety.

- Swearing In Video for Police Officer Zane Bluford

CITY OF HIGHLAND VILLAGE
COUNCIL BRIEFING

AGENDA# 11

MEETING DATE: 01/26/2021

SUBJECT: Consider Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on January 12, 2021

PREPARED BY: Angela Miller, City Secretary

BACKGROUND:

Minutes are approved by a majority vote of Council at the Council meetings and listed on the Consent Agenda.

IDENTIFIED NEED/S:

Council is encouraged to call the City Secretary's Office prior to the meeting with suggested changes. Upon doing so, staff will make suggested changes and the minutes may be left on the Consent Agenda in order to contribute to a time efficient meeting. If the change is substantial in nature, a copy of the suggested change will be provided to Council for consideration prior to the vote.

OPTIONS & RESULTS:

The City Council should review and consider approval of the minutes. Council's vote and approval of the minutes reflect agreement with the accuracy of the minutes.

PROGRESS TO DATE: (if appropriate)

The City Manager has reviewed the minutes and given approval to include the minutes in this packet.

BUDGETARY IMPACT/ORDINANCE CHANGE: (if appropriate)

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on January 12, 2021.



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HIGHLAND VILLAGE CITY COUNCIL
HIGHLAND VILLAGE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
1000 HIGHLAND VILLAGE ROAD
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021**

EARLY WORK SESSION

Mayor Charlotte J. Wilcox called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and announced pursuant to Governor Greg Abbott's temporary suspension of various provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act and in an effort to protect the health and safety of the public, the meeting is being conducted using social distancing practices. Members of the public are not allowed to attend the City Council meeting in person, but may view the City Council meeting live at no cost via www.highlandvillage.org/HVTV.

In addition, she reported any person wishing to provide comments on any matter to be considered on this agenda were to email such comments to the City Secretary by 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2021.

Roll Call

Present:	Charlotte J. Wilcox	Mayor
	Jon Kixmiller	Councilmember
	Michael Lombardo	Mayor Pro Tem
	Barbara Fleming	Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
	Tom Heslep	Councilmember
	Robert A. Fiester	Councilmember
	Daniel Jaworski	Councilmember
Staff Members:	Paul Stevens	City Manager
	Kevin Laughlin	City Attorney
	Ken Heerman	Assistant City Manager
	Angela Miller	City Secretary
	Doug Reim	Chief of Police
	Mark Stewart	Assistant Police Chief
	Michael Thomson	Fire Chief
	Scott Kriston	Public Works Director
	Laurie Mullens	Marketing & Communications Director
	Andrew Boyd	Media Specialist

1. Receive an Update on Police Department Operations

Chief of Police Doug Reim provided an overview of the department's budget, initiatives, staffing level, fleet, technology, equipment and response times. The Police Department is made up of 33 full-time sworn employees, 12 full-time civilian employees, 14 part-time employees, and over 25 volunteers that serve as part of the Civilian Auxiliary program.

Chief Reim reported the department continues its community policing model and also provided a listing of the department's various awards and items of recognition. Since 2017, the department has partnered with the Highland Village Fire Department and local area Medical Director as Emergency Care Attendants (ECA), which certifies personnel to provide immediate lifesaving interventions while awaiting arrival of Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Their initiatives include technology enhancements for citizen online crime reporting and Vacation Watch requests, 911 listening capability in patrol vehicles, and video Magistrate capability in patrol vehicles.

2. Clarification of Consent or Action Items listed on the January 12, 2021 City Council Meeting Agenda

Mayor Wilcox requested clarification on Agenda Items #15 and #16 and suggested moving the items to the Consent Agenda. Relating to Agenda Item #15, City Secretary Angela Miller reported the Texas Legislature had amended the Public Information Act to allow governmental agencies to designate an approved method for delivering public information requests. Once designated by the City, a person making a written request for public information must deliver the request via the designated email, mailing address or website whereby a designated officer could receive requests. Requests for public information that are not sent through one of the designated methods will not constitute an official request and does not have to be processed by the City until delivered in the designated manner.

Relating to Agenda Item #16, City Attorney Kevin Laughlin reported City staff recently discovered, and he had confirmed, that some of the subsections referenced in Ordinance 2019-1268 contains errors with respect to sections that were cross-referenced, which would be confusing if left uncorrected. Mr. Laughlin stated he prepared proposed Ordinance 2021-1280 containing the recommended non-substantive amendments to correct the scrivener errors. Because the amendments merely to correct errors in the text without amending the substantive content of the regulations, no review by the Planning and Zoning Commission is required and would not require a public hearing prior to adoption.

With time remaining, Agenda Item #17 was moved up from Late Work Session. Mayor Wilcox reported February 27 was planned for holding a Council Work Session; however, after reviewing the topics for discussion with the City Manager, two meeting dates may need to be scheduled in order to have enough time for presentations and discussions. City Manager Paul Stevens presented topics that could be included in the Work Session and requested Council input. He asked Councilmembers to email any topics/suggestions to the City Secretary by end of the week.

Council discussed dates and availability for a second meeting date; consensus was as follows:
February 25 – 1st choice
February 22 – 2nd choice

Early Work Session ended at 7:01 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

- 3. Hold a closed meeting in accordance with the following sections of the Texas Government Code:**
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Council did not meet in Closed Session.

OPEN SESSION

4. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Charlotte J. Wilcox called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Present:	Charlotte J. Wilcox	Mayor
	Jon Kixmiller	Councilmember
	Michael Lombardo	Mayor Pro Tem
	Barbara Fleming	Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
	Tom Heslep	Councilmember
	Robert A. Fiester	Councilmember
	Daniel Jaworski	Councilmember
Staff Members:	Paul Stevens	City Manager
	Kevin Laughlin	City Attorney
	Ken Heerman	Assistant City Manager
	Angela Miller	City Secretary
	Michael Thomson	Fire Chief
	Jason Collier	Assistant Fire Chief
	Scott Kriston	Public Works Director
	Laurie Mullens	Marketing & Communications Director
	Andrew Boyd	Media Specialist

5. Prayer led by Mayor Charlotte J. Wilcox

Mayor Wilcox gave the invocation.

6. Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags led by Mayor Charlotte J. Wilcox

Mayor Wilcox led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags.

7. Visitor Comments

Mayor Wilcox stated any person wishing to provide comments on any matter to be considered on this agenda were to email such comments to the City Secretary by 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. City Secretary Angela Miller reported no visitor comments were received.

8. City Manager/Staff Reports

- **COVID-19 Update**

Fire Chief Mike Thomson provided daily percentage of capacity for Denton County, DFW and Texas hospitals. He also reported the department had received some of the vaccine doses from the Department of State Health Services and hosted a small vaccine clinic last week for employees that met the Phase 1A and Phase 1B criteria, as well as staff from local medical offices that met the criteria. He added that the State is moving towards a vaccination hub model where large vaccination sites or hubs are established around the state in an effort to provide more people with the vaccine.

- **HVTV Update**

The HVTV Update informed residents of the Kids Kastle #OurKastle2021 photo contest and personalized fence picket giveaway, and featured newly opened business Be Legend Gaming located in The District of Highland Village.

9. Mayor and Council Reports on Items of Community Interest pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.0415 the City Council may report on the following items: (1) expression of thanks, congratulations or condolences; (2) information about holiday schedules; (3) recognition of individuals; (4) reminders about upcoming City Council events; (5) information about community events; and (6) announcements involving imminent threat to public health and safety

Councilmember Kixmiller reported a drive-thru bone marrow registry was held at McAuliffe Elementary on Saturday, January 9. Audrey Gronberg is a Highland Village 7th grader in need of a bone marrow transplant and the event was organized to help find a match for her. He reported over 344 people participated in Saturday's event, with another 74 mail in participants. He thanked everyone that came out, including Southern Draw BBQ who donated a percentage of their sales.

- **Swearing In Ceremony - Fire Department**

Mayor Wilcox conducted a swearing in ceremony for two Highland Village Fire Department employees – Firefighter/EMT Dalton King and Firefighter/EMT Hugo Alonzo.

- **Presentation of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**

Mayor Wilcox recognized the Highland Village Finance Department. The department was awarded the GFOA Certificate of Achievement, which is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Wilcox moved Agenda Item #15 up to the Consent Agenda.

- 10. Consider approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on December 8, 2020**
- 11. Consider Resolution 2021-2925 authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with the GoodBuy Purchasing Cooperative to Participate in the Interlocal Purchasing System Purchasing Cooperative**
- 12. Receive Budget Reports for Period Ending October 31, 2020**
- 13. Receive Budget Reports for Period Ending November 30, 2020**
- 15. Consider Resolution 2021-2926 establishing a Designated Mailing Address, Email Addresses and Website for Receipt of Public Information Requests**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Fleming, seconded by Councilmember Heslep, to approve Consent Agenda Items #10 through #13, and Agenda Item #15. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA

14. Take action, if any, on matters discussed in closed session in accordance with the following sections of the Texas Government Code:
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No action was taken on this item.

15. Consider Resolution 2021-2926 establishing a Designated Mailing Address, Email Addresses and Website for Receipt of Public Information Requests

This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.

16. Consider Ordinance 2021-1280 adopting Non-Substantive Amendments to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 26 “Subdivision and Site Development Regulations,” Exhibit A “Subdivision Ordinance,” relating to Subsections E and F of Section 2.7 “Replatting” to Correct Certain Scrivener Errors (1st of two reads)
APPROVED 1ST READ (7 – 0)

City Attorney Kevin Laughlin reported it was recently discovered that Section 2.7, Subsections E and F, of Ordinance 2019-1268 contained errors with respect to sections that were cross-referenced within said subsections. Proposed Ordinance 2021-1280 contains the recommended non-substantive amendments to correct those scrivener errors.

Motion by Councilmember Jaworski, seconded by Councilmember Fiester, to approve the first read of Ordinance 2021-1280. Motion carried 7-0.

LATE WORK SESSION

17. Status Reports on Current Projects and Discussion on Future Agenda Items (A Councilmember may inquire about a subject of which notice has not been given. A statement of specific information or the recitation of existing policy may be given. Any deliberation shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on an agenda for a subsequent meeting.)
- **Discuss Content, Format and Scheduling for a City Council Work/Planning Session**

With time remaining, this item was moved up for discussion during Early Work Session.

18. **Adjournment**

Mayor Wilcox adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Charlotte J. Wilcox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela Miller, City Secretary

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CITY OF HIGHLAND VILLAGE
COUNCIL BRIEFING

AGENDA# 12

MEETING DATE: 01/26/2021

SUBJECT: Consider Final Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-1280 Adopting Non-Substantive Amendments to Code of Ordinances Chapter 26 “Subdivision and Site Development Regulations,” Exhibit A “Subdivision Ordinance,” by Adopting Non-Substantive Amendments to Subsections E and F of Section 2.7 “Replatting” to Correct Certain Scrivener Errors

PREPARED BY: Angela Miller, City Secretary

BACKGROUND:

On December 10, 2019, the City Council enacted Ordinance No. 2019-1268 amending in their entirety Sections 1 and 2 of the City’s Subdivision Ordinance relating largely to the purchase and procedures governing the subdivision of property within the City. City staff recently discovered, and the City Attorney confirmed, that in drafting Section 2.7 relating to the procedures for replatting property within the City, Subsections E and F contained errors with respect to sections that were cross-referenced within said subsections. Subsections E and F referred to certain notices being provided to, and actions being taken by, the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the approval of replats. However, in view of the fact that the Subdivision Ordinance places the final authority for the approval of replats (other than minor plats) with the City Council, it is clear that such references to the Planning and Zoning Commission were erroneous. If left uncorrected, the application of Subsections E and F by applicants for replats and City staff would be confusion in the required process for approval and who is required to conduct a public hearing when public hearings are required.

IDENTIFIED NEED/S:

Amend Subsections E and F of Section 2.7 of the Subdivision Ordinance to correct the scrivener errors contained in the original ordinance.

PROGRESS TO DATE: (if appropriate)

The City Attorney has prepared a draft of Ordinance No. 2021-1280 containing the recommended non-substantive amendments to correct the scrivener errors. Because the amendments merely correct errors in the text without amending the substantive content of the regulations, no review by the Planning and Zoning Commission is required. Further, the non-substantive nature of the amendments does not require a public hearing prior to adoption.

City Council approved the first read of Ordinance No. 2021-1280 at their January 12, 2021 meeting.

BUDGETARY IMPACT/ORDINANCE CHANGE: (if appropriate)

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Ordinance No. 2021-1280 on Final Reading as presented.

CITY OF HIGHLAND VILLAGE, TEXAS

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-1280

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND VILLAGE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 26 "SUBDIVISION AND SITE DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS," EXHIBIT A "SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE," BY ADOPTING NON-SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENTS TO SUBSECTIONS E AND F OF SECTION 2.7 "REPLATTING" TO CORRECT SCRIVENER ERRORS CONTAINED IN ORDINANCE NO. 2019-1268 ADOPTING SUCH PROVISIONS; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS RESOLUTION CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2000.00); AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has determined that in the drafting of Ordinance No. 2019-1268 enacted on December 10, 2019, which adopted certain amendments to the City's subdivision regulations, certain errors were made in the drafting of Subsections E and F to Section 2.7 of the City Subdivision Ordinance that resulted in incorrect or non-existent cross-references to section numbers and references to delivery of certain notices and conducting of public hearings by the Planning and Zoning Commission should, in the context of said Section 2.7, refer to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, upon recommendation of the City Attorney, and to avoid confusion to developers and City staff regarding the interpretation and application of said Section 2.7, the City Council of the City of Highland Village finds it to be in the public interest to adopt certain non-substantive amendments to correct the above-described scrivener errors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND VILLAGE, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The Highland Village Subdivision Ordinance, published as Exhibit A to Chapter 26 "Subdivision and Site Development Regulations," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Highland Village is amended by amending Subsections E and F to Section 2.7 "Replatting" to read as follows:

E. If the conditions described in Subsection D. of this Section exist, then the following is required:

1. Notice of the hearing shall be given 15 days before the day of the hearing by:

a. Publication in the City's officially designated newspaper;
and

b. By written notice, with a copy of the specific language contained in the following Subsection (b) attached thereto, forwarded by the Commission to the owners of property in the original subdivision located within 200 feet of the property upon which the replat is requested, as such owners are indicated on the

most recently approved City tax roll or, in the case of a subdivision within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City, the most recently approved county tax roll. The written notice may be delivered by depositing the notice, properly addressed with the postage prepaid, in a post office or postal depository within the municipal boundaries of the City.

2. If the proposed replat requires a variance and is protested in accordance with this Subsection E, the proposed replat must receive, in order to be approved, the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the members of the City Council present and voting. For a legal protest, written instruments signed by the owners of at least 20 percent of the area of the lots or land immediately adjoining the area covered by the proposed replat and extending 200 feet from that area, but within the original subdivision, must be filed with the City Council prior to the close of the public hearing.

3. In computing the percentage of land area under Subsection E.2. of this Section, the area of streets and alleys shall be included.

4. Compliance with Subsections E.2. and E.3. of this Section is not required for approval of a replat of part of a preceding plat if the area to be replatted was designated or reserved for other than single or duplex family residential use by notation on the last legally recorded plat or in the legally recorded restrictions applicable to the plat.

F. If a proposed replat described by Subsection C of this Section does not require a variance or exception, not later than the 15th day after the date the replat is approved, written notice by mail of the approval of the replat will be provided to each owner of a lot in the original subdivision that is within 200 feet of the lots to be replatted according to the most recent City or county tax roll. This Subsection does not apply to a proposed replat if the Commission or City Council holds a public hearing and gives notice of the hearing in the manner provided by Subsection E.

SECTION 2. All provisions of the ordinances of the City of Highland Village in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance be, and the same are hereby, repealed, and all other provisions of the ordinances of the City of Highland Village not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. Should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this Ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole, or any part or provision thereof other than the part so decided to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, and shall not affect the validity of the Code of Ordinances as a whole.

SECTION 4. An offense committed before the effective date of this Ordinance is governed by prior law and the provisions of the Code of Ordinance, as amended, in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for this purpose.

SECTION 5. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions or terms of this Ordinance shall be subject to the same penalty as provided for in the Code of Ordinances of the

City of Highland Village as heretofore amended and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000.00) for each offense, and each and every day such violation shall continue shall be deemed and constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final approval of this Ordinance and publication as required by charter and state law but shall be applicable only to applications for a plat or plan received on or after the effective date of this Ordinance.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND VILLAGE, TEXAS, ON FIRST READING ON THIS THE 12th DAY OF JANUARY 2021.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND VILLAGE, TEXAS, ON SECOND READING ON THIS THE 26^h DAY OF JANUARY 2021.

APPROVED:

Charlotte J. Wilcox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela Miller, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Kevin B. Laughlin, City Attorney

(kbl:1/6/21:119963)

CITY OF HIGHLAND VILLAGE
COUNCIL BRIEFING

AGENDA# 13

MEETING DATE: 01/26/2021

SUBJECT: Consider Resolution 2021-2927 calling a General Election to be held on May 1, 2021 for the Purpose of Electing Council Members to Places 3, 5 and 7; and Authorizing a Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with Denton County

PREPARED BY: Angela Miller, City Secretary

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to the City Charter and Texas Election Code, the City's General Election is held on the uniform election date on the first Saturday in May. The Charter further requires that the offices of Council Member Places 3, 5 and 7 be elected at the General Election in even-numbered years. All members shall be elected under the place system, at large, for two (2) year terms. A candidate for an elected office shall have been a resident of the City for a period of twelve (12) months prior to the date of the election and a qualified voter of the State of Texas.

The City Secretary's Office is responsible for conducting municipal elections as prescribed by the Texas Election Code. In accordance with the Texas Election Code, the City's election will be conducted jointly with other political subdivisions of Denton County. The proposed resolution calls for the May 1, 2021 general election, provides for the appointment of election officials, provides for early voting and election day procedures, authorizes a joint election agreement and contract for election services with Denton County.

The proposed resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement for a joint election and contract for election services with Denton County.

IDENTIFIED NEED/S:

The Council is required to call an election no later than 78 days prior to Election Day.

OPTIONS & RESULTS:

N/A

PROGRESS TO DATE: (if appropriate)

Denton County Elections Administrator Frank Phillips will serve as the administrator of the Joint Election, with each participating entity remaining responsible for decisions and actions as required by law.

The contract provides for the following:

- Denton County will coordinate, supervise and conduct the Joint Election pursuant to provisions of the Texas Election Code;
- All election officials, including the Early Voting Clerk, shall be officials appointed by Denton County;
- Denton County will procure, prepare and distribute supplies and equipment for Early Voting and Election Day;
- Denton County shall be responsible for appointment of presiding judge and alternate judge for each polling location;
- Early Voting will be conducted jointly with all participating entities beginning April 19, 2021 and concluding April 27, 2021 at the locations and times established by the County. Highland Village voters may vote early at any joint early voting location;
- Denton County shall be responsible for releasing unofficial cumulative totals and precinct returns from the election to joint participants, candidates, press and general public;
- Denton County is the general custodian of voted ballots and all records of the Joint Election;
- Runoff election, if needed, will be conducted on Saturday, June 5, 2021.

In accordance with Texas Election Code 2.051-2.053, the City may cancel the General Election if Places 3, 5 and 7 are unopposed.

BUDGETARY IMPACT/ORDINANCE CHANGE: (if appropriate)

The City's General Election is funded in the fiscal year 2020-2021 budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve Resolution No. 2021-2927.

CITY OF HIGHLAND VILLAGE

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-2927

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 1, 2021 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING PERSONS TO THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBERS PLACES 3, 5 AND 7; AUTHORIZING A JOINT ELECTION WITH OTHER DENTON COUNTY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS; AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES WITH DENTON COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR A RUNOFF DATE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the general election for the City of Highland Village, as set forth by the Texas Election Code, is required to be held on May 1, 2021, at which time the voters will elect persons to City Councilmember Places 3, 5 and 7; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 271.002 of the Texas Election Code, the City election will be conducted jointly with other political subdivisions of Denton County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Highland Village finds it to be in the public interest to call the foregoing election and to enter into a contract with Denton County to conduct said election jointly with other Denton County government entities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND VILLAGE, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. A general municipal election is hereby ordered to be held on the 1st day of May, 2021 for the purpose of allowing the qualified voters of the City of Highland Village to elect a person to serve in the offices of Councilmember Places 3, 5, and 7.

Section 2. The election will be conducted jointly with other political subdivisions in Denton County on May 1, 2021, pursuant to Chapters 31 and 271, Texas Election Code.

Section 3. The election precinct and voting place of said elections shall be as follows:

City Voting Precinct

Highland Village Municipal Complex
1000 Highland Village Road
(Includes County voting precincts 3002, 3003, 3004, and 3005)

Election polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Section 4. All election officials, including the Early Voting Clerk shall be the officials appointed to such positions by Denton County and to the extent required by law, are hereby so appointed.

Section 5. Early voting by personal appearance will be held jointly with other Denton County public entities at Denton County's Main Early Voting Site located at the Denton County Elections Office, 701 Kimberly Drive, Suite A111, Denton, Texas 76208 beginning on April 19, 2021 and continuing through April 27, 2021 at the times set forth below:

Early Election Dates

Times When Polls Are Open

Monday through Saturday
April 19 – April 24, 2021

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Monday and Tuesday
April 26 – April 27, 2021

7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

In addition, all qualified and registered voters may vote by early appearance at the following location during the dates and times set forth below:

**Highland Village Municipal Complex
PD Training Room
1000 Highland Village Road
Highland Village, TX 75077**

Early Election Dates

Times When Polls Are Open

Monday through Saturday
April 19 – April 24, 2021

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Monday and Tuesday
April 26 – April 27, 2021

7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Section 6. Additional early voting locations will be determined in accordance with the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with the Denton County Election Administrator.

Section 7. The Denton County Election Administrator is hereby appointed to serve as the Early Voting Clerk and the Election Administrator's permanent county employees are appointed as deputy early voting clerks.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Frank Phillips, Early Voting Clerk
Denton County Elections
P.O. Box 1720
Denton, TX 76202

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

Section 8. The election shall be conducted pursuant to the election laws of the State of Texas.

Section 9. Should a runoff election be required following the canvass of the May 1, 2021, election for any of the offices to be elected in the foregoing election, the Council hereby orders that a runoff election be held with respect to said office(s) on Saturday, June 5, 2021. The polling place on Election Day for the runoff election shall be held at the Highland Village Municipal Complex at 1000 Highland Village Road, Highland Village, Texas, 75077 and the hours of voting shall be between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Should a runoff election be necessary, early voting by personal appearance shall be held at the same locations set out in Sections 5 and 6 hereof at the dates and times set forth below:

Early Voting Dates

Time when Polls Are Open

Tuesday through Saturday
May 25, 2021 through May 29, 2021

8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Monday and Tuesday
May 31, 2021 and June 1, 2021

7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Section 10. This resolution shall be construed with any action of the Denton County Commissioners Court providing for the conduct of a joint election with other public entities as herein contemplated.

Section 11. The City Manager is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute a contract for a joint election and election services with Denton County as the authorized representative of the City.

Section 12. The City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to file, publish and/or post, in the time and manner prescribed by law, all notices required to be so filed, published and/or posted in connection with the conduct of this election.

Section 13. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 26th day of January, 2021.

APPROVED:

Charlotte J. Wilcox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela Miller, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Kevin B. Laughlin, City Attorney

(kbl:1/19/21:120165)

CITY OF HIGHLAND VILLAGE
COUNCIL BRIEFING

AGENDA# 14

MEETING DATE: 01/26/2021

SUBJECT: Consider Resolution 2021-2928 approving the City's Legislative Program for the 87th Texas Legislative Session

**PREPARED BY: Paul Stevens, City Manager
Laurie Mullens, Director of Marketing & Communication**

BACKGROUND:

The 87th Texas Legislature began on January 12 and is expected to consider legislation on a wide range of issues with a direct impact on municipal government in general and on Highland Village. This session promises to be very unique for many reasons. There is a new Speaker of the House and the session will be conducted with COVID-19 protocols in place. Lawmakers will have to pass a budget with revenues estimated to be \$1 billion less than the last session, redraw senate and house district lines based on the results of the 2020 federal census, and address the pandemic, just to name a few of the challenges. City Staff has prepared the City's legislative program, setting the City's priorities and key issues for the 87th Texas legislative session. The Legislative Program is included in this packet for Council review and approval. Generally, Staff and Council present the City's legislative program to our legislators at Denton County Days. We will have to wait and see what form that takes due to the COVID-19 protocols and limitations to in-person meetings.

IDENTIFIED NEED/S:

Our legislative priorities are divided into six main categories:

1. Local Authority – Public Right of Ways
2. Local Revenue Caps, Revenue Reduction and Online Sales Tax
3. Public Safety
4. Transportation and DCTA
5. Water
6. Parks Funding

The common theme to all six categories is Highland Village's belief that cities are the level of government most connected to, and thus most accountable to, the people they serve. As a result, the state should recognize and preserve local authority and support cities in their mission of providing quality local services to all Texans.

OPTIONS & RESULTS:

Within each broad Legislative Agenda topic, there is a list giving the City's position on multiple sub-topics, some of them very specific to legislation filed for this session or in previous sessions. Because the legislative priorities are represented by six main topics, there is

flexibility to allow emerging legislative issues to be addressed through one or more of those topics.

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve Resolution 2021-2928 as presented.

CITY OF HIGHLAND VILLAGE, TEXAS

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-2928

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND VILLAGE, TEXAS APPROVING THE CITY'S LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE 87TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the 87th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature convened on January 12, 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that many legislative issues affecting local government, including the City of Highland Village, will be considered by the legislature; and

WHEREAS, City staff has prepared a proposed 2021 Legislative Agenda review and consideration by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is of the opinion that such 2021 Legislative Agenda is in the best interest of the City and the Highland Village community, is consistent with the mission and vision of the City, and should be adopted and forwarded for consideration by the Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND VILLAGE, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The City of Highland Village's 2021 Legislative Program for the 87th Texas Legislature, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference, is adopted and approved.

SECTION 2. The Mayor, City Councilmembers, City Manager, and their designees are authorized to communicate the items included in the City's Legislative Program to the members of the Texas Legislature.

SECTION 3. The Mayor and City Manager are authorized to sign any and all letters, petitions, and/or other documents on behalf of the City in order to promote the City's Legislative Program.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 26th day of January, 2021.

APPROVED:

Charlotte J. Wilcox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela Miller, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Kevin B. Laughlin, City Attorney

(kbl:1/21/2021:120212)

CITY OF HIGHLAND VILLAGE, TEXAS
LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM AND PRIORITIES FOR THE
87TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE

The legislative priorities of the City of Highland Village (“City”) for the 87th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature are divided into six main categories: 1. Local Authority – Public Rights-of-Way, 2. Local Revenue Caps, Revenue Reduction and Online Sales Tax, 3. Public Safety, 4. Transportation & DCTA, 5. Water, and 6. Parks Funding. The common theme to all six categories is the City’s belief that cities are the level of government most connected to, and thus most accountable to, the people they serve. As a result, the state should recognize and preserve local authority and support cities in their mission of providing quality local services to all Texans.

Within each broad Legislative Agenda topic, there is a list setting forth the City’s position on multiple sub-topics, some of which are very specific, to legislation filed for consideration this session or in previous sessions. Because the City’s legislative priorities are represented by six main topics, there is flexibility to allow emerging legislative issues to be addressed through one or more of those topics.

Local Authority – Public Right of Ways

Cities are the level of government that is closest to the people it serves, and, therefore, are the level of government best able to identify the needs of a community and appropriate means to address those needs. While state government should be a resource for cities, decision-making authority should be placed at the municipal level whenever reasonable.

Some corporate interests continue to seek exemptions from local control over public rights-of-way. Highland Village will fight at the state and federal levels to preserve municipal authority to manage and maintain public rights-of-way, including the right to seek adequate compensation for their use. The public should not be asked to subsidize for-profit businesses by allowing those business free use of public property (including rights-of-way) to generate their profit. Access charges for using a public right-of-way are, in essence, a rental payment for property, similar to rent a business might pay for office space or lease payments for major equipment. It is an expected cost of doing business and should be treated as such. Reducing the ability of cities to maintain rights-of-way, or to collect reasonable payments for commercial use of rights-of-way, transfers an unfair economic burden to taxpayers in violation of long-standing Texas legal standards.

- Opposing any legislation that would erode local authority over land uses
- Opposing any legislation that would erode or invalidate a city’s ability to establish and enforce reasonable business regulations
- Supporting continuation of existing eminent domain authority and related tools used for planning and development of projects serving a valid public purpose

- Opposing any legislation that would change the current two dates per year on which local elections can be held, unless it is to give cities additional flexibility
- Preserving municipal authority to manage and maintain public rights-of-way, including the right to seek adequate compensation for their use
- Maintaining the ability of municipal governments to participate in utility rate cases on behalf of their residents
- *New* - Opposing any legislation that would further erode local control related to retirement issues for municipal employees
- *New* - Support legislation protecting the ability of local government officials to use public funds to communicate with legislators and state agencies on matters of public interest, as well as pay membership dues to organizations that hire lobbyists
- *New* - Support the repeal of HB-2439, enacted during the 2019 Legislature, which excessively and arbitrarily prohibited cities from regulating building products, materials, or methods used in the construction of residential and commercial structures
- *New* - Support legislation that would amend state requirements to create a more efficient and reasonable schedule for developing the city budget, including provisions that would hold appraisal districts accountable for reporting deadlines

Local Revenue Caps, Revenue Reduction & Online Sales Tax

Highland Village has operated in a fiscally conservative manner for many years. In 2017, a Community Service Survey was conducted. We found overall the residents in the City of Highland Village have a very good appreciation and high level of satisfaction towards the many services and amenities the City provides. Respondents expressed high levels of satisfaction with the service provided by different departments, especially from the Police t, Parks and Recreation, and Fire Departments. More than half of the respondents (65%) are satisfied with the level of City services received in return for what residents are paying in property taxes. Applying an arbitrary statewide solution to a perceived problem that is not typical of the majority of Texas cities would go against the stated desires of Highland Village residents.

Cities provide the majority of government services that impact millions of Texans every day; yet, unlike other parts of the country, Texas cities receive minimal funding from the federal and state government. As such, cities should not be expected to provide a wide range of important services and also serve as a fund-raising arm for the state. To the extent possible, local revenue should primarily benefit local taxpayers. Highland Village opposes any measure that would re-direct existing local revenue to the state or impose unfunded mandates that create additional work for cities without new off-setting funding. This includes opposing any new or expanded fees that would be collected by local municipal courts on behalf of the state.

Certificates of Obligations (“CO's”) provide cities and counties the flexibility to issue debt on a shorter timeline to fund the construction and/or repair of public facilities. This enables cities to take advantage of favorable interest rates or an opportunity to acquire a property, to make emergency repairs after a disaster, or to address a critical public need without having to wait for the next uniform election date on the calendar. Because current law allows voters the right to petition for an election to determine whether CO’s should be issued for a particular project, sufficient accountability to city residents already exists if there is local opposition of issuing debt for such projects without voter approval . Furthermore, the bar is presently set relatively low for the petition requirements to call an election. The process for issuing debt, by law, has extraordinary levels of transparency and accountability. Because every city has different needs and resources, Texas cities need to maintain flexibility in financing public improvements.

Assessing sales and use taxes on both physical and online retailers creates a level playing field for the businesses within the state. Exempting certain types of businesses from those levies would give them an unfair competitive advantage with long-term negative impacts on commercial properties across Texas. The original reasons for exempting online purchases from sales tax are no longer valid because online retail sales have become a well-established and thriving marketplace that no longer needs a public subsidy. For these and other reasons, the 2018 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that sanctioned online sales tax collection should be honored and no effort should be made to permanently eliminate the payment and collection of sales taxes for online transactions. We call on the State Comptroller to work with cities on a fair and equitable way to distribute the local share of online sales taxes collected. We also ask the Comptroller to review the excessive fees currently being charged to cities for processing of sales tax collections and seek to adopt a fee structure that better reflects the cost of the service being provided.

- Opposing any measure that would re-direct existing local revenue to the state
- Opposing any legislation that would increase or expand appraisal caps
- Opposing any legislation that would erode local taxing authority, including measures that would create new obstacles to funding sources or that would restrict the use of existing revenue streams
- Opposing any legislation that would erode the concept of “true market” appraisals
- Supporting legislation that would close the “dark box” loophole being used by some large retailers to artificially devalue commercial properties for tax purposes
- Opposing any increased state fees, or reallocation of existing fees, on municipal court fines and proceedings, or any legislation that would have the effect of requiring municipal courts to collect revenue for the state
- Opposing any legislation that would permanently eliminate the payment and collection of sales and use taxes for online transactions

- Opposing any legislation that would create new sales tax exemptions, expand current exemptions, or expand the annual “sales tax holiday”
- Supporting measures that would expand allowable uses of PEG fee revenue
- Maintain Certificates of Obligations (CO's) as a viable financing mechanism

Public Safety

Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services are among the most important services a city provides its residents. Those services often represent the majority of a municipality’s budget. State agencies and resources can be valuable but should not be applied in a way that interferes with local efforts.

- Enacting a statewide prohibition on holding or operating a phone or electronic communications device while operating a motor vehicle
- Providing adequate funding of state law enforcement agencies on public lakes
- Discontinuing the redirection of dedicated telephone taxes to purposes other than 911 services
- Opposing efforts to legalize recreational use of marijuana in Texas
- Making it an offense for a person to post on a publicly accessible website the residence address or telephone number of an individual the actor knows is a public servant or a member of a public servant’s family or household
- Seeking assistance from the state in the form of opt-in programs to help local governments protect electronic data bases from criminal breach, including state funding mechanisms to assist with cybersecurity priorities
- Opposing proposed state and federal regulations that would increase the maximum size of long-haul trucks on public highways
- Opposing legislation that would permit first responders other than certified peace officers to carry a firearm while on the job
- *New* - Support legislation that would revise Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 143, to remove barriers to holding unfit officers accountable while maintaining their due process rights
- *New* - Support new direct or grant funding from the state for crisis intervention, de-escalation, and implicit bias training for certified peace officers
- *New* - Support new direct or grant funding from the state for multi-disciplinary crisis response teams
- *New* - Support legislation that would standardize “Use of Force” policies in Texas using the Texas Best Practices Recognition program as a model

- *New* - Support legislation that would amend worker's compensation insurance coverage for public safety personnel to include COVID-19 as a compensable illness when the illness is contracted in the line of duty

Transportation & DCTA

Transportation is a key factor in the future viability of our community. Roads provide a vital network that connects Highland Village to the region and the state. Effective public transit options represent a responsible and reliable way to provide workers with access to employment centers.

Interstate 35E through Dallas and Denton counties is one of the most congested highways in Texas, causing delays that negatively impact tens of thousands of Texas commuters and have a dampening impact on current and prospective business development. A comprehensive reconstruction of I-35E is planned, but only the smaller first phase has been funded. That work was completed in early 2017. The larger second phase has not been scheduled nor funded at this time. The economic vitality of communities along I-35E, including Highland Village, relies on an interstate with sufficient capacity and safety measures. Full funding for the second phase of I-35E reconstruction should be considered a top priority.

- Identifying and securing full and timely funding for the second phase of Interstate 35E reconstruction
- Supporting implementation of the Texas Bullet Train High-Speed Rail Project connecting Dallas-Fort Worth with Houston
- Providing increased and consistent state funding to build and maintain a high-quality, efficient highway system
- Ending the diversion of transportation revenues to non-transportation purposes
- Increasing state investment in public transit, including regional rail service
- Providing greater flexibility for cities to fund local transportation projects, including potential new state funding sources for important local and regional roads
- Preserving municipal authority to manage and maintain public rights-of-way, including the right to seek adequate compensation for their use
- Opposing legislation that impedes local authorities from adopting, implementing, or considering ordinances that regulate traffic controls and safety in their communities
- *New* - Seek introduction and passage of legislation that would explicitly authorize DCTA to enter into public-private partnerships to encourage private investment in developments around transit projects on land adjacent to or owned by DCTA.

- *New* - Support efforts that would enhance the ability of transit authorities and metropolitan planning organizations to leverage new and evolving technologies, implement innovative mobility solutions, and improve connectivity to meet the changing transportation needs and demands of Denton County, north Texas and residents statewide.

Water

Future viability requires the ability to provide for the long-term water supply needs of residents and businesses in Highland Village, North Texas and statewide. This must include both maintaining current water supplies and developing new water sources.

- Opposing any legislation that would undermine city original jurisdiction, and oppose any efforts to make local water rates subject to approval by any state agency
- Establishing and enforcing water conservation standards at the local level, not at the state or federal level unless adequate ongoing funding is provided
- Opposing state “tap fees” or other state fees on municipal water systems
- Fully funding the State Water Plan, and creating future state funding sources
- Opposing any legislation that might restrict Highland Village’s ability to continue providing a safe and reliable local water supply
- Working with the state, regional partners and other cities to identify and secure options for new water sources

Park Funding

Public parks are popular recreation options for Texans, but multiple studies also have shown that a well-maintained park system has positive economic impact on a community and on a state. Reduced state funding of parks not only threatens the viability of state parks, it has a direct negative impact on local parks that Texans value and love.

- Encouraging the state to adequately fund maintenance and operation of state parks, recreation areas, natural areas and monuments; and ensuring those facilities are widely and readily available to the public
- Expanding state and federal funding to assist with creating, maintaining and operating local parks. Dedicating sporting goods sales tax revenues for use in state and local parks that would directly benefit parks, recreation, open space, trails and tourism
- Ensuring that parks and recreation agencies are included as eligible partners and beneficiaries in any strategy or guideline aimed at benefiting healthy lifestyles, increasing physical activity, conservation, or preservation
- Restoring full funding to the Local Park Grant Program

- Expanding options for parks, recreation, open space and trails on utility corridors, to include waiving all liability for those purposes to the utilities

CITY OF HIGHLAND VILLAGE
COUNCIL BRIEFING

AGENDA# 16

MEETING DATE: 01/26/2021

**SUBJECT: Status Reports on Current Projects and Discussion on Future
Agenda Items**

PREPARED BY: Karen McCoy, Executive Assistant

COMMENTS

This item is on the agenda to allow a Councilmember to inquire about a subject of which notice has not been given. A statement of specific factual information or the recitation of existing policy may be given. Any deliberation shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on an agenda for a subsequent meeting.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 26, 2021	Regular City Council Meeting - 7:00 pm
February 4, 2021	Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting - 6:00 pm
February 9, 2021	Regular City Council Meeting - 7:00 pm
February 15, 2021	Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting – 6:00 pm
February 16, 2021	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting – 7:00 pm
February 23, 2021	Regular City Council Meeting - 7:00 pm
March 4, 2021	Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting - 6:00 pm
March 9, 2021	Regular City Council Meeting - 7:00 pm
March 15, 2021	Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting – 6:00 pm
March 16, 2021	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting – 7:00 pm
March 23, 2021	Regular City Council Meeting - 7:00 pm
April 1, 2021	Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting - 6:00 pm
April 13, 2021	Regular City Council Meeting - 7:00 pm

Note – The Zoning Board of Adjustment, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, and the Planning & Zoning Commission meetings are held monthly, IF NEEDED. Please visit www.highlandvillage.org or the City Hall bulletin board for the latest meeting additions and updates.

By: Karen McCoy, Executive Assistant – City of Highland Village