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City Administrator's Update

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Keeping Our Community Informed

Updates on Safety Measures, an Opportunity for Input, and Weather Update for Tonight

Dear Highland Haven Residents,

As we move into the summer months, I wanted to share a few updates on recent City actions and upcoming opportunities for community input. Keeping residents informed and involved remains an important part of how we serve the community, and I appreciate everyone who takes the time to stay engaged.

Community Safety Cameras at the City Entrance
Recently, the City installed two Flock license plate reader cameras at the community entrance to replace older security cameras that were no longer reliable. These cameras are limited to our single entrance and exit and are intended to improve community safety by providing useful information if a serious incident occurs.

We understand that residents may have questions about this technology. The information collected by these cameras belongs to the City. Flock does not sell this information and cannot view or access it on its own. Any search of the system must be authorized by City staff, and every search creates a record that can be reviewed and audited. The cameras do not identify people, do not use facial recognition, and do not track where residents go throughout the day.

If you have specific questions or would like to talk with me in more detail about this system, please feel free to reach out. I am always happy to discuss how the City is using this technology and how we are working to protect resident privacy.

Upcoming Community Survey on Signs and Decorative Displays
The City is continuing work on updating its sign ordinance to improve clarity, consistency, and alignment with current state law. Before moving forward, we want to hear from the community.

In the coming weeks, residents will receive a short survey asking for input on signs and decorative displays in Highland Haven. The survey focuses on overall preferences — such as comfort levels with different types of signs, decorative wall art, murals, and temporary event signage — rather than technical or enforcement details. Your responses will help guide the Planning & Zoning Commission and Board of Aldermen as they review potential updates. Community input is an important part of this process, and we encourage everyone to participate when the survey is released.

Weather Update: Potential for Heavy Rain This Evening
The City has received notice from the National Weather Service regarding the potential for heavy rain Friday evening through Friday night (tonight). Forecasts indicate slow-moving showers and thunderstorms may develop across the area, with the possibility of heavy rainfall in short periods of time. Because the ground is already saturated from recent rains, there is an increased risk for localized flooding and excessive runoff.

A Flood Watch has been issued for much of Central Texas, including Burnet County, through early Saturday morning. Residents are encouraged to stay weather-aware, avoid driving through flooded roadways, and monitor local forecasts as conditions develop.

As always, stay informed, stay involved, and please don't hesitate to contact City Hall if you have questions or concerns.

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Next BOA Meeting

The Board of Aldermen will have a budget workshop at 5 p.m. and their regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday June 16, at the Community Center.

A copy of the agendas will be available online, as well as the packets.

Next P&Z Meeting

The next regular Planning and Zoning Commission meeting will take place at 6 p.m. on Thursday June 11, at the Community Center.

A copy of the agenda will be available online, as well as the packet.

Budget Preparation Timeline

We're preparing the City's next fiscal year budget (Oct. 1, 2026 – Sept. 30, 2027) using a clear, phased approach: starting with the General Fund (core operations funded largely by property taxes), then the Water Fund, Solid Waste Fund, and finally tying everything together into a balanced whole.

This fund-by-fund process keeps discussions focused and efficient, complies with state law, and prioritizes:

- Stable, city-controlled revenues (like property taxes and transfers) to cover essentials first
- Conservative estimates (e.g., water charges based on lowest recent usage year)
- Fixed/mandated costs before variable/operational items

Public input is welcome and encouraged at every step—attend meetings, workshops, or reach out anytime!

Key Meeting Dates & Focus (All at 7 p.m. unless noted; workshops at 5 p.m.)

- ~~March 3: Introduce budget calendar, format, key dates, and tax concepts~~
- ~~March 17: Review current-year budget; approve any needed adjustments~~
- **April — General Fund**
  - ~~April 7: Present draft (revenues, expenses, new projects)~~
  - ~~April 21: 5 p.m. Workshop to refine; 7 p.m. updated draft + public input~~
- **May — Water Fund**
  - ~~May 5: Present draft (charges, expenses, transfers, possible rate changes, projects)~~
  - ~~May 19: 5 p.m. Workshop to refine; 7 p.m. updated draft + public input~~
- **June — Solid Waste Fund & Full Balanced Budget**
  - ~~June 2: Present full draft (including Solid Waste options, updated funds, tax/levy scenarios)~~
  - June 16: 5 p.m. Workshop to refine; 7 p.m. updated full draft + public input; finalize for filing
- **July — Filing & Final Prep**
  - July 7: Review filed proposed budget (adjustments limited after filing)
  - July 21: Final tweaks, set public hearing dates, more public feedback
- **August — Adoption**
  - August 4: Public hearing on budget and tax rate; possible adoption
  - August 18: Backup date for hearings/adoption if needed

We aim to file the proposed budget with the City Secretary in early July and adopt by mid-August (targeting our August 4 or 18 meeting) to meet state deadlines, including the certified appraisal roll around July 25 and required public notices/hearings.

Your ideas help shape priorities for services, projects, and rates—please join us at these meetings or contact me with thoughts!

Stay in the Loop & Reach Out!

We appreciate you taking the time to stay informed about what's happening in Highland Haven. If you have any questions, concerns, or just want to chat about city matters, we're always happy to hear from you! Feel free to reach out, and we'll do our best to provide answers and keep you in the know.

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Stay engaged, stay involved, and thank you for being a part of what makes Highland Haven a great place to live!