



# News Release

## CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

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### ***Council Authorizes Purchase of New Public Safety Radio System***

At the April 12 meeting, the Council approved the purchase of a public safety radio system from Motorola Solutions and a dispatch console system from Watson Furniture for \$788,480.81. A 2015 assessment by Mission Critical Partners determined the current public safety radio systems are outdated and approaching end of service life. The new system includes three dispatch consoles and radio systems, 26 police/fire department mobile radios and 72 police/fire department portable radios. The system was included in the FY2016 budget, with the purchase of the radios phased throughout three years. A cost savings in the contract for the FM 2499 landscape maintenance contract and FEMA reimbursement for the repairs to Canyon Creek drainage project have made funds available to purchase the entire system this fiscal year. The new digital radios will provide better performance and connection with the Denton County system. The new radio system is anticipated to go live in August 2016.

Council approved an ordinance abandoning the right-of-way for a portion of Sellmeyer Lane. The roadway curve at Sellmeyer Lane has been relocated, softened and widened to a 31-foot wide concrete paved road with curb and gutter. The right-of-way is no longer needed for public use as a public street and has been abandoned as a public street. Completion of Sellmeyer Lane is anticipated for early June.

During the Mayor's Comments, Mayor Wilcox recognized Kyndall Bowen as Mayor for the Day. Ms. Bowen, a student at Highland Village Elementary, assisted Mayor Wilcox throughout the Council meeting. Also in Mayor's Comments, proclamations were given for Child Abuse Prevention Month, National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week and Wildfire Community Preparedness Day.

The [HVTV Update](#) informed residents of the Wildfire Community Preparedness Day scheduled for Saturday, May 7, the Highland Village Art Festival set to take place at The Shops at Highland Village on Saturday, May 7, the May Movies in the Park, severe weather tips and the Paper Shredding Day for Highland Village residents only scheduled for Saturday, April 16.

The City Council early work session and regular session is available on HVTV (Time Warner 16; Verizon 43) and via the website streaming by clicking [HVTV](#). The meetings are also available for on-demand viewing on the city [website](#).