



# News Release

## CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

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### ***Council Begins Budget Discussions, Receives Capital Improvement Program***

At their June 28 meeting, Council began discussion of the FY 2016-2017 budget with the Capital Improvement Program which is a five-year outlook of the capital budget. This provides the framework for consideration of the current year's budget and resulting tax rate. Projects considered for FY 16/17 are related to the General Fund, Capital Projects Fund, and the Highland Village Community Development Corporation and include improvements to Pilot Knoll Park and the development of Sunset Park in fiscal year 2017. Long range planning includes street reconstruction projects, trail segments and park improvements. The primary emphasis of the five-year outlook is to control on-going operating costs in a context of sustainability within the anticipated revenue base. Budget discussions will continue throughout the summer with final read scheduled for September.

Council also approved the first read of the ordinance relating to applications and permits for the sale and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages at special events. The review of the ordinance was prompted by the upcoming opening of Doubletree Ranch Park. The revised ordinance changes the age requirement of the applicant from 18 to 21 years or older and removes the requirement that an applicant be a Highland Village resident. Council will consider the second read of the ordinance at their meeting on July 12.

Council also approved a resolution for a parking license agreement with the Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA.) The agreement allows DCTA the use of the Brazos Park parking lot as a pick up location and a parking area for those utilizing DCTA services. In April DCTA launched Connect Shuttle and Community On-Demand services in Highland Village. Connect Shuttle offers peak period shuttle service to connect riders to other DCTA services. The Brazos Park parking lot is a pick up/drop off and parking location for the Connect Shuttle service.

The [HVTV Update](#) informed residents of the dangers of texting and driving, summer and 4<sup>th</sup> of July safety tips, and the request for applications for those interested in serving on a Council appointed Board or Commission.

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.