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City Council Calls Bond Election for Street and Park Improvements

On August 14 the City Council held a special meeting to call a bond election totaling \$7,150,000 for street and park improvements. The approval of these proposed propositions will not require a tax increase as a reduction in debt service starting in 2017 has provided a window to consider new debt issuance. Two propositions will be placed on the November 7 ballot. The first proposition, totaling \$2.86M, is for the full reconstruction of streets that have reached the end of their life cycle. The streets targeted are Rosedale Street, Ranier Court, Catesby Place, Rockland Drive, Hickory Ridge Drive, Oak Forest Drive, Winding Creek Drive, Dickinson Drive, South Clearwater Drive, Scenic Drive, North Clearwater Drive, Springway Drive, Mockingbird Drive, Post Oak Drive, Pecan, Raintree Drive, Greensprings Street, Duvall, Baird Circle, Donna Circle, Savanna Drive, and Arbor Court.

The second proposition, totaling \$4.29M, is for park and recreation improvements. Specifically, several improvements to the City's only community park, Unity Park. The play area, Kids Kastle, is at the end of its useful life and in need of replacement with new recycled plastic materials that will provide increased safety and less maintenance. The ponds at Unity Park require dredging to remove the accumulated silt and improvements to address drainage considerations. A drainage study conducted in 2017 recommended making improvements to accommodate a 50-year flood which will also benefit the surrounding area. A section of the park will be redeveloped to add an additional softball field to complement the existing baseball fields. The Unity Park improvements total \$2.54M.

Other park projects included are the extension of the Brazos Park parking lot, in the amount of \$353,000. Several years ago a parking lot was built at this park to alleviate parking on adjacent streets. Popularity of the fields has prompted the need to increase the size of the parking area. The development of Sunset Park, which is classified as a mini park and serves local residents as a neighborhood park site and provides water access to Lewisville Lake, comes in at an estimated cost of \$162,700. The development will address erosion issues and safety concerns along with enhanced roadway completion to facilitate emergency vehicle access and turn around capabilities. Public input was solicited on the design for the park in the spring of 2017 and was approved by Council. Resurfacing the walking track at Victoria Park to remove cracked and uneven pavement which can be a tripping hazard to patrons is included at an estimated cost of \$198,000. Finally, construction of the trail segment on Highland Village Road from the Municipal Complex to Sellmeyer Lane is included at an estimated cost of \$922,300. A large number of residents adjacent to this section have no access to the City trail system to connect to Lions Club Park, Lakeside Community Park, and Doubletree Ranch Park. This presents a potential safety issue as people walk the two-lane Highland Village Road to access these amenities.

The City Council will hold a Town Hall Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 14 to provide information on the propositions considered for this bond election as well as information

on the upcoming utility rate increase. The meeting will take place at the Highland Village Municipal Complex.