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Council Approves Ordinance Relating to Golf Carts

On February 27, the Council approved an ordinance relating to the operation of golf carts, slow moving vehicles (SMV) and neighborhood electric vehicles (NEV) on public streets in Highland Village by a vote of 5 to 2. Current state law allows golf cart use in master planned communities, which includes the Highland Shores subdivision but no other areas of the City. The ordinance allows the operation of golf carts, SMV's and NEV's throughout the City as long as the person obtains a permit from the Highland Village Police Department and carries liability insurance on the vehicle. Regulations detailed in the ordinance include: Golf carts, SMV's and NEV's can only operate on public streets with a speed limit of 30 mph or less, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., must move to the right of the public street and yield right-of-way to faster-moving vehicles, may only cross a multi-lane federal, county or state route at an intersection controlled by an official traffic control device which stops traffic from all directions, the driver and all passengers must wear a seat belt, and the driver must be a licensed driver.

Council appointed Christine Sherry from Alternate 2 to Place 2 and appointed Janet Gershenfeld to fill the Alternate 2 position on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

During the Mayor and Council reports, the Council and City Manager Michael Leavitt recognized Thomas Taylor for his years of service with the Upper Trinity Regional Water District. Mr. Taylor, executive director with UTRWD, initiated the formation of the UTRWD in the late 1980's when Highland Village and many other cities were facing water shortages. Since that time, Taylor has helped the UTRWD grow to six regional plants serving communities throughout North Texas, including Highland Village. Under Taylor's leadership the UTRWD has planned for the future with water rights in perpetuity for Lake Ralph Hall, the first new water supply lake authorized for Texas in 25 years.

In the City Manager Report the 2017 State of the City video presentation was shown. The video, [The Mayor Wilcox Show](#), highlights the accomplishments over the last year in a talk-show format.

The City Council early work session and regular session is available on HVTV (Spectrum 15; Frontier 43) and via website streaming by searching HVTV. The meetings are also available for on-demand viewing on the city [website](#).