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Council Honors Jane Ponder for 30 Years of Service to the City of Highland Village

At the June 26 meeting, Council honored Highland Village employee Jane Ponder for 30 years of service. Jane began her career with the City of Highland Village in June 1988 as a bookkeeper, was promoted to senior accounting technician in 1997 and accounting specialist in 2004. Jane has been responsible for the City payroll and accounting.

“Jane has provided exemplary service to this city and our employees. Her knowledge, wisdom and mentorship has been invaluable to the finance department and all city employees. We appreciate her dedication and wish her well in her retirement,” stated Mayor Charlotte Wilcox.

Council began discussion of the FY 2018-2019 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. Budget discussions will continue at each meeting through July and August.

The purchase and installation of shade structures were approved for Unity Park Dog Park, Lions Club Park, Turpin Park and Lower Sellmeyer Park. A donation from the Highland Village Lions Club will fund the shade structures at the Unity Park Dog Park.

Council approved a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute a task order with BW2 Engineers for design services for the FM 2499 water line extension service plan and design. The agreement includes investigation of receiving the Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) from the Public Utility Commission, obtaining the permit to cross Poindexter Branch from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and working with TxDOT to obtain the permit to locate a water line in their utility corridor.

Also at this meeting the Council approved a zoning change for the properties located at 2250, 2260, and 2280 Highland Village Road. The property is divided into three lots, one of which has no direct street frontage, but all three of which are developed with office buildings. The current ordinance did not allow signage for the lot with no direct street frontage. This planned development is designed to provide a master sign plan for the entire development, which, among other things, will allow signs installed along the Highland Village Road frontage to include tenant information for the rear lot to the extent provided in the ordinance.

Council appointed Mike Lombardo to the Council Representative position on the Highland Village Community Development Corporation.

During the Mayor and Council comments the Highland Village Lions Club recognized the poster contest winners. The winners, students at Highland Village schools, submitted poster drawings depicting the 31st Annual Balloon Festival. The festival will take place the weekend of August 17-19 at Unity Park in Highland Village. Event details can be found at lionsballoonfest.com.

In the City Manager Report the [HVTV Update](#) debuted the Shopping Saturday series which highlighted the new Painted Tree Marketplace in the Highland Village Town Center. The update also informed residents the Highland Village police will be selling the Fallen Officer Memorial T-Shirts at the upcoming Concerts in the Park. Proceeds from the sale of the shirts go directly to the Texas Police Chiefs Association's Fallen Officer Fund which provides monetary assistance to the families of Texas police officers killed in the line of duty.

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](#).