



# News Release

## CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

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### ***Council Approves Funding for Area Nonprofit Organizations***

At the October 23 meeting, the City Council approved funding for area non-profit organizations. Each year the council allocates funds to support the non-profit organizations providing essential services to the residents of Highland Village. City Ordinance 03-919 sets out guidelines non-profit applicants must meet in order to request funding for community services provided to the residents of the city of Highland Village. The organization's services must be of economic benefit to the community or contribute to the quality of life in Highland Village by serving a municipal public purpose, they must be provided to the citizens of Highland Village on an equal basis and they must enter into a written contract with the City for the provision of services. The following are the organizations receiving funding and the amount allocated: Family Service Organizations: Special Abilities of North Texas - \$2500; Denton County Friends of the Family, Inc. - \$2500; Youth and Family Counseling - \$3500; Christian Community Action (CCA) - \$2000; WTF-Winning the Fight - \$2500; Chisholm Trail RSVP - \$2000; Salvation Army - Lewisville - \$2500; Children's Service Organizations: CASA of Denton County, Inc. - \$2000; Communities in Schools of North Texas - \$2500; PediPlace - \$2500; LISD Education Foundation - \$4,500; Journey to Dream - \$2500; Community Service Organizations: Friends of the Flower Mound Library - \$500; Highland Village Lions Club - \$3500; Lewisville Lake Symphony - \$3000; Studio B Performing Arts Center - \$3000; Greater Lewisville Community Theater - \$500.

Council held a public hearing and approved an ordinance amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to reduce the minimum acreage for a Planned Development district from three acres to two acres. The request was submitted by Foremost Investments specifically for property located at 1400 Highland Village Road. The approved amendment reduces the minimum acreage for the creation of a Planned Development for the entire City.

Council approved a resolution supporting the findings and recommendations for the Lake Ralph Hall Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The resolution of support will be read into record at the US Army Corps of Engineers public hearing on Thursday, October 25. UTRWD proposes to construct Lake Ralph Hall (including principal and emergency spillways, dam, and reservoir) with a conservation pool storage capacity of approximately 160,235 Acre Feet. The Project will also include construction of a new 32.9-mile raw water pipeline, pump station and a 4.5-acre balancing reservoir. Raw water will be conveyed from Lake Ralph Hall directly to the Tom Harpool Water Treatment Plant adjacent to Lewisville Lake and the Tom Taylor Water Treatment Plant through discharge to Lewisville Lake via a proposed raw water transfer pipeline. The purpose of the Project is to provide additional firm annual yield to UTRWD's 20 water providers and communities needed to address anticipated water demands associated with projected growth within the UTRWD's service area.

The first read of an ordinance amending Emergency Medical Service fees was also approved. The amendments for residents include only billing the patients insurance, Medicare / Medicaid and write-off any remaining balance instead of seeking payment from the patient. Secondly, the

fees were increased to reflect the market rates for resident and non-residents. The second read of the ordinance will be considered at the November 13 Council meeting.

A resolution was approved for the agreement with La Terra Studio for the master planning of Copperas Branch Park. The park was closed in 2013 to allow TxDOT to use the park for construction staging of the I-35E expansion project. Approximately 6.4 acres of parkland was used for the new I-35E bridge and a new entrance into the park. The City of Highland Village and Lewisville modified their corporate boundaries along the western portion of I-35E North and the an additional 61 acres of parkland including a body of water and land south of Highland Village Road were annexed into Highland Village. The master planning will provide a comprehensive vision for approximately 105 acres of Copperas Branch Park including recreation opportunities, camping, water recreation, connectivity, concessions and amenities that will enhance the community and visitor's experience.

In the City Manager Report, the [HVTV Update](#) informed residents of the Salute Our Veterans Luncheon to be held on November 9, the Fall Festival Honoring Veterans scheduled for November 3 at Unity Park, and the Tri-Town Amazing Race planned for November 10.

During the Mayor and Council presentations several proclamations were given. Highland Village utility billing coordinator Carolyn Britton received a proclamation honoring her service with the City of Highland Village. Ms. Britton is retiring after 21 years of service to the citizens of Highland Village. Mayor Wilcox recognized Tate Dodson as Mayor for the Day. Mr. Dodson assisted Mayor Wilcox throughout the Council meeting. An Art Month proclamation was given celebrating November as Art Month in Highland Village as part of the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Cross Timbers Artists' Guild Studio Tour scheduled for November 10-11. A proclamation was given recognizing Red Ribbon Week promoting family and individual responsibility for living healthy, drug-free lifestyles.

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](#).