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Council Adopts New FM 2499 Speed Limit Set by TxDOT

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) performed a speed zone study on FM 2499 from FM 2181 to the Tarrant County line and determined the speed limit zones need to be changed. TxDOT is implementing the new speed limit from the northern City limit to the northern intersection of FM 2499 and Highland Shores/Castlewood Blvd. from 45 miles per hour to 50 miles per hour and the speed limit from the intersection of Highland Shores/Castlewood Blvd. to FM 407 to be changed from 40 miles per hour to 45 miles per hour. As a State highway, the speed limit on FM 2499 is set by TxDOT. The City must adopt TxDOT's posted speed limit by ordinance in order to enforce it. TxDOT anticipates installing the new speed limit signage shortly after May 29. The second read of the ordinance will be considered at the May 26 meeting.

Council member Mike Lombardo was elected Mayor Pro Tem and council member Barbara Fleming was elected Deputy Mayor Pro Tem.

Council received an update on the Kids Kastle project. The community build, originally scheduled for March 23-26 and March 31-April 5, was postponed due to COVID-19. At that time, staff was able to secure May 18-21 with Play By Design, LLC to construct Phase 1 of the project. Current status of Executive Orders from the State and County allow for Phase 1 to take place beginning on May 18, with compliance to CDC standards for construction projects. Play by Design consultants, City staff, and contract labor will complete the work for Phase 1 to set the stage for a community build of Phase 2 sometime late summer or early fall.

A resolution was approved nominating Jim Carter to the Denco Area 9-1-1 District Board of Managers. Council also approved a resolution appointing Lewisville Mayor Rudy Durham as the primary representative to the Regional Transportation Council and Mayor Charlotte Wilcox as the alternate representative.

Council extended the Declaration of Local Disaster in response to COVID-19. The declaration was originally issued on March 16 and was set to expire on May 13. The extended declaration adopts Governor Abbott's Executive Orders in an effort to harmonize with the provisions executed by Denton County and the State. The order will extend for as long as the governor continued the statewide disaster declaration and provides for incorporating any future executive orders.

Staff provided Council an update on the City's response to COVID-19. Emergency operations continues to monitor the situation through daily calls with federal, state and county partners. City offices will re-open to the public on Monday, May 18. Updates can be found at www.highlandvillage.org/coronavirus.

During Mayor and Council Announcements, Mayor Wilcox reminded residents to complete the 2020 Census. Currently a little more than 70% of Highland Village residents have completed the Census. Residents can complete the census quickly and easily at www.2020census.gov.

During the City Manager and Staff Reports, the [HVTV Update](#) informed residents of opening dates for City facilities, programs, and amenities and Phase 1 Water Conservation which prohibits landscape watering between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. A Thank You to our community from Highland Village public safety was also included.

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](#).