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Council Approves Copperas Branch Master Plan; Recognizes Bill Aycock

At the February 23 meeting, the City Council approved the Copperas Branch Park Master Plan. The [Master Plan](#) is a long-term vision for Copperas Branch Park which will take advantage of the exceptional qualities of the site and extend the recreational offerings available to residents and visitors of Highland Village. The park was returned to the City in August 2018 after being used as staging area for the 35Express project. In April 2019 the City kicked off the public input period for the master planning of Copperas Branch Park. la terra studio consultants led the process of gathering input at a kick off meeting and at a Walk the Park event. Additionally online input was gathered through SpeakUpHV.com with 360 photos available of each of the areas of Copperas Branch Park and the opportunity for the community to share their ideas for each area. Based on the feedback received la terra studio and City staff developed the Master Plan which was presented to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and City Council.

During the Mayor and Council Reports a proclamation was presented celebrating Bill Aycock Day in Highland Village. Bill Aycock is set to retire on February 26 after 21 years of service to the residents of Highland Village. Aycock began working for the City in the Public Works Department as an animal control officer and code enforcement officer. In 2001 he moved to the Parks and Recreation Department where he made a huge impact on the look and feel of all city properties through his expertise in horticulture and wild flowers. Aycock received numerous compliments from citizens for his excellent customer service.

“Bill has done an amazing job planting and maintaining the wildflower areas throughout the City, making our community a prettier place. He has made an impact on our residents and employees through his horticulture knowledge and his willingness to provide stellar customer service. We thank him for his service and wish him well in his retirement,” stated Mayor Charlotte Wilcox.

Fire Chief Mike Thomson provided an update on COVID-19 in Denton County and Highland Village. An update on the Denton County Health Department's vaccination process was also provided and residents were encouraged to sign up on the [Vaccine Interest List](#). Those wishing to receive the vaccine should regularly check the Department of State Health Services [website](#) for area vaccine providers. Updated information on the vaccine and the virus can be found at www.highlandvillage.org/COVID.

The City Council early work session and regular session is available on HVTV (Spectrum 15; Frontier 43) and via website streaming live and on demand at www.highlandvillage.org/HVTV.