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Council Continues Budget Discussion; Approves Updated Animal Control Ordinance

At the August 24 meeting, Council continued FY 2021-22 Budget discussions with a presentation from staff on the proposed General Fund Budget, Supplemental Requests, Capital Improvement Projects, and potential future Bond Projects. Council will have a public hearing and the presentation of the City Manager's Recommended Budget at the September 14 meeting.

Council approved the first read of an ordinance amending the Animal Control Ordinance as it relates to the Regulation of the Care and Keeping of Animals within the city limits. The animal control regulations have not been reviewed and updated since 1999. The ordinance was in need of review to comply with state laws, current operational practices of the City's Animal Care Services, and consistency in terms and wording for better understanding and enforceability. The comprehensive review began in September 2020 with numerous internal reviews and meetings, two work session discussions with City Council, and review and updates provided by the City Attorney. The second read of the ordinance will be considered by Council at the September 14 meeting.

In the Mayor and Council Reports several proclamations were given. The first celebrated Mayor for the Day, William Brasher, a student at McAuliffe Elementary School. A proclamation was also given celebrating September as Live United Month in recognition of the efforts of United Way of Denton County. The final proclamation honored the 20th anniversary of Patriot Day and Day of Service and Remembrance in memory of the nearly 3,000 men, women, and children who died that day and the heroic sacrifices of our firefighters, rescue and law enforcement personnel, military and other citizens.

During the City Manager and Staff Reports, the [Village Report](#) included information on sponsoring the TXFallenPD Tribute Event which will be held on October 16 at The Shops at Highland Village, the call for applications to recognize a local veteran on the City's Veterans Monument, and the September 18 Concert in the Park at Doubletree Ranch Park featuring Infinite Journey.

The City Council early work session and regular session is available on HVTV (Spectrum 16; Frontier 43) and via website live streaming at www.highlandvillage.org/hvtv. The meetings are also available for on-demand viewing on the city [website](#).