



# News Release

## CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

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### ***Council Approves Issuance of \$15.75M in Certificates of Obligation for Park and Street Improvements***

At the December 14 meeting, Council approved an ordinance authorizing the issuance of Certificates of Obligation totaling \$15.75M for street and drainage and park improvements. The Certificates of Obligation will coincide with expiring debt and therefore have no impact to the City's ad valorem tax rate. During the budget process, the Capital Improvement Program identified projects to be included in this issuance, including \$8.85M for street and drainage capital projects and \$6.413M for park improvements. Anticipated projects included in this issuance are:

#### **Street and Drainage - \$8.85M:**

- Reconstruction Projects
  - Highland Shores Blvd (Briarhill to Twin Coves-engineering only with anticipation of inclusion in a future Denton County bond program to fund construction)
  - Highland Village Rd (Brazos to KCS RR - engineering only with anticipation of inclusion in a future Denton County bond program to fund construction))
  - Various (28 streets meeting criteria)
- Overlay Projects
  - Sellmeyer Lane (Foggy Glen to Brazos)
  - Sellmeyer Lane (Brazos to Victoria)
  - Highland Shores Blvd (HV Rd to Briarhill)
- Traffic Control
  - Traffic signal Imp. Brazos / HV Rd
  - Pedestrian crossing HS Blvd. at Community Center Dr.
- Drainage Projects
  - Walmart pond dredge
  - Quail Cove pond dredge
  - Turpin Dr / Sellmeyer Lane drainage improvement
  - Silverthorne Park creek bank stabilization
  - Highland Shores Blvd. underdrain

#### **Park Improvements - \$6.413M:**

- Highland Village Tennis Center Improvements
  - LED lighting and control upgrades
- Pilot Knoll Improvements
  - Campground / Shelters improvements
  - Replace gatehouse
  - Boat Ramp improvements
  - Expand camping options with rental cabins (16) – also providing ongoing revenue stream for US Army Corps of Engineers parks
- Unity Park Improvements
  - Tennis court resurfacing
  - Lighted basketball courts

- Field renovations
- Replace portion of turf in Dog Park with synthetic grass
- Replace baseball fencing
- Add backstop netting
- Other Parks
  - Sellmeyer tennis fencing / windscreen replacement
  - Lions Club Park parking lot
  - Village Park fishing pier renovation
  - Brazos Park field renovation
  - Sellmeyer Park playground replacement

Council approved, by a vote of 6-1, a site plan for Retail Use for the property located at 2150 Village Parkway in The Marketplace at Highland Village. Council approved a site plan for this property in October 2017 but that site plan expired as building did not begin within one year of approval. The applicant revised the site plan to increase the number of parking spaces and reduce the area of the proposed building from 13,994 sq. ft. to 12,203 sq. ft. The building will be home to five different retail spaces.

The Council received a presentation on the City's redesigned website. The site was redesigned to provide a better user experience by making the most requested information easily accessible. A Help Center gives users easy access to ways to do business with the City. A maps and data portal was created to give users access to all Highland Village maps, apps, data, and floodplain information. The police, fire, and parks and recreation departments each have specific branded pages to better share department news and events.

In the Mayor and Council Reports, a swearing in ceremony was held for Police Officer Donievin Oliver.

Council voted to fill an unexpired term on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Kelli Green was appointed to Place 1 and Lou Ann Surratt was appointed to Alternate Place 3.

During the City Manager and Staff Reports, the [Village Report](#) informed the Fire Department driving Santa through Highland Village neighborhoods, holiday safety tips to not let the Grinch steal your Christmas, and a Christmas wish from City staff.

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](http://www.highlandvillage.org/hvtv). The meetings are also available for on-demand viewing on the city [website](#). Those interested in receiving notification of public meeting agendas can sign up at the [Stay Notified](#) link on the city website.