



# News Release

## CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

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### ***Council Calls General and Special Election to be Held on May 7***

At the February 8 meeting, Council approved a resolution calling the May 7 General Election and a Special Election. The offices of City Council Places 1 (Mayor), 2, 4 and 6 will be on the General Election ballot. Councilmember Dan Jaworski, currently serving in Place 7 whose term is set to end in May 2023, has filed to have his name on the ballot for Place 1. The City Charter directs a Special Election must be called to fill the remaining portion of the term of office for Place 7. The General Election filing period for candidates wishing to file for Places 1, 2, 4 and 6 will end on February 18. The Special Election /filing period for candidates wishing to file for Place 7 is from February 9 – March 7, 2022.

Council approved a site plan for the property located at Celebrations Village, 2444 Justin Road, to construct a 6,400 square foot building for retail use. The property owner is currently proposing three tenants for the building to include retail space, drive-thru use and restaurant with an outdoor patio area. The property is currently zoned Planned Development Retail with retail and drive-thru uses allowed.

Council also approved a resolution adding Good Friday as an official City holiday in which City offices will be closed. A recent survey of 100 cities showed 87% of the cities responding observe Good Friday as an official city holiday. Currently Highland Village employees receive paid leave for nine observed holidays, two personal days and their birthday. The Good Friday holiday will enhance the benefits Highland Village employees receive thereby bolstering the City's recruitment and retention strategy.

During the Mayor and Council Reports, Mayor Wilcox recognized Assistant City Manager and the Finance Department for receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the comprehensive annual financial report for fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. This Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting and represents a significant accomplishment by the City and its management. This is the 29<sup>th</sup> year the City has received this recognition.

During the City Manager and Staff Reports, the Village Report featured a winter weather recap and home protection tips during the winter season and an invitation to the Our Village, Our Vision open house scheduled for Wednesday, February 23 from 10:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. The come-and-go event will provide attendees the opportunity to learn about the updates being made to the City's planning documents and provide their input on the future vision of Highland Village.

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](#).