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Council Approves the Our Village Our Vision Comprehensive Plan; Renews US Army Corps of Engineers Lease for Copperas Branch Park and Pilot Knoll Park

At the February 28 meeting, Council approved the final read of the Comprehensive Plan by a vote of 5 to 2. Over a year ago, the City contracted with McAdams and began the "Our Village Our Vision" process to update the plans. Many meetings have been held with the public, property owners, focus groups, Park Board, Planning & Zoning Commission and City Council. The plan includes updates to the Comprehensive Plan; Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan; Trail System Master Plan Update; Opportunity Areas; and the FM 407 Trail Corridor and Amenity Plan. The current Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 1995 with amendments adopted in 1996 and 1997. The Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan was adopted in 2008 and the Comprehensive Trail System Master Plan in 2011. Many factors have changed since that time necessitating updates; it is critical to have updated park and trail plans in order to seek grant funding for future capital projects. A large component of the plan update is the FM 407 Corridor and Amenity Plan. The intent is to expand the trail system to include the FM 407 corridor with multi-modal uses (pedestrian, bicycles, golf carts) and connectivity between residential and commercial areas. The idea behind the plan is to create more visibility and activation of existing commercial centers (create a sense of place), which would attract people to various retail areas. Enhanced streetscapes and public spaces with experiential elements would be included.

Council approved a resolution for a lease agreement with the United States Army Corps of Engineers for Pilot Knoll Park and Copperas Branch Park. Copperas Branch Park is approximately 171 acres and Pilot Knoll Park is approximately 107 acres. The agreement term is 25 years with two extension periods; the first extension period is 15 years and the second is 10 years making the agreement a 50-year lease. Additional parkland included is Lakeside Community Park, Wichita Forest Park and parts of Doubletree Ranch Park.

During City Manager's Report the [2023 State of the City](#) video was shared. The video gives a glimpse into the year ahead and accomplishments from the previous year. In honor of Highland Village's 60th anniversary, Mayor Jaworski looks back to the formation of Highland Village and recognizes the City's history and what has been accomplished in the past 60 years.

The City Council early work session and regular session is available on HVTV (Frontier 43), via website live streaming at www.highlandvillage.org/hvtv and on the City's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/highlandvillagetx. The meetings are also available for on-demand viewing on the city [website](#).