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Council Gives First Read Approval to Changes to the Southern Common Area at The Shops at Highland Village

At the August 22 meeting, Council received a presentation from KPS Development Partners representing The Shops at Highland Village requesting amendments to the existing concept plan ordinance. The Shops requested amendments to allow the removal of the southern common area for an additional 20 parking spaces, a gateway arch, a stage area, benches, new seating, tables with umbrellas, string lighting and revise the parking spaces on the north side of the common area in front of the future Cheesecake Factory. Currently there are 25 parking spaces within the northern side of the common area, 17 of which will be temporarily removed during construction. At the completion of construction there will be 32 spaces on the northern side of the central aisle and 20 new parking spaces within the new central aisle, giving a total of 52 parking spaces which is an increase of 27 spaces. The Shops will have the ability to close the area eight times a year for special events, like the Highland Village Art Festival. The Our Village Glows event will be moved to the northern common area. Council held a public hearing and approved the amendments by a vote of 6 to 1 with the addition of the following:

- Adding two ornamental trees on the east side,
- The installation of a landscape barrier between Lambeau's American Kitchen and Taps and the head-in parking, and
- Re-purposing the existing bollards for use at the two entrances when the parking area is closed for events.

Council will consider the second read of the ordinance on September 14.

Parks Director Phil Lozano presented the community survey results regarding the conversion of Unity Tennis Courts into Pickleball Courts. There were 533 respondents to the survey with 80% in favor of the conversion. Council requested staff consider leaving the option for Pickleball courts at Sellmeyer Tennis and gauge community use. The conversion of Unity Tennis to Pickleball will be included as a supplemental request in the FY 23-24 budget.

Council received a presentation from Newway Insight on the Highland Village Business Association research results. The survey, which received nearly 1500 responses, focused on resident's perception of Highland Village businesses as well as what they like least and most about shopping and dining in Highland Village. Overall, Highland Village residents feel a strong sense of pride in Highland Village; and would like to see more variety in the retail and restaurant options, are frustrated with the amount of traffic and would like to see additional parking options.

The City Council early work session and regular session is available on HVTV (Frontier 43) and 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](#).