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Council Approves Agreement with Winning the Fight for Drug Education Programming

At the December 12 meeting, Council approved a grant agreement with the nonprofit organization Winning the Fight for drug education programming related to the use of opioids. The City joined as a claimant in three opioid lawsuits. The lawsuits settled providing funding to states according to the allocation agreement reached among the Attorneys General of states who files the original lawsuits. The funding must be used to support any of a wide variety of strategies to fight the opioid crisis. The City has been allocated \$50,315 through one settlement and it is still unknown what the allocation will be from the other two lawsuits. To date the City has received \$15,794. Winning the Fight will provide programs and education for the LISD schools in Highland Village and Marcus High School. The programs and training comply with the Attorney General list of uses for these funds. Some of the programs include:

- Training in the use of Naloxone which is the medicine that rapidly reverses an opioid overdose
- Drug education program at Briarhill Middle School
- Financial assistance for the Revitalization Retreat for parents who have lost a child or are experiencing Post Traumatic Stress due to a loved one's substance abuse
- Hiring a part-time Program Assistant to focus on Highland Village for these programs

Council also approved a multi-year agreement with the Local Government Purchasing Cooperative BuyBoard for the purchase of police body worn and vehicle cameras, tasers, and virtual reality training system from Axon Enterprises.

During the City Manager and Staff Reports, Paul Stevens reminded residents trash collection on Christmas and New Year's will shift one day with Monday's yard waste collected on Tuesday, Tuesday's route collected on Wednesday until all routes are complete on Saturday. The Village Report included the [Experience Highland Village video](#) featuring Be Legend Gaming in Highland Village.

Mayor Jaworski congratulated the Briarhill Middle School 8th grade boys and 7th grade girls Cross Country teams who won district at the recent district championship meet.

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](#).