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City Council Receives Capital Improvement Program Budget for FY 17-18

At the June 27 meeting, Council began discussion of the FY 2017-2018 budget with the Capital Improvement Program which is a five-year outlook of the capital budget. This provides the framework for consideration of the current year's budget and resulting tax rate. Projects considered for FY 17-18 will potentially be part of a future bond election totaling \$6M. These include street reconstruction projects, improvements to the pond, softball/baseball fields and Kids Kastle at Unity, the development of Sunset, and improvements to the walking track at Victoria Park.

During the Mayor and Council reports, Mayor Wilcox presented Fallen Officer Bike Race Committee with the 2017 TAMI Award in the Recurring Special Event Category for cities with a population of 100,000 and less. The award was given by the Texas Association of Municipal Information Officers (TAMIO). For the last 9 years the City of Highland Village Police Department has held the Fallen Officer Bike Race and 5K Run to raise funds for the families of officers killed in the line of duty and to bring awareness of the officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Mayor Wilcox also presented Andrew Boyd, Multi-Media Specialist, and Crystal Babcock, Public Affairs Administrative Specialist, with the TAMIO Award of Excellence in the Special One-Time Video category for the Journey to Dream Non-Profit of the Year finalist video. Highland Village, Flower Mound, and Lewisville come together each year to highlight area non-profits at the Unity in Communities luncheon. The non-profit organizations apply to be selected as the non-profit of the year. Three finalists are selected and the winner is announced at the luncheon. To add value for the non-profits and further showcase the services of the three finalists, the City offered to produce a video to be shown at the Unity in Communities luncheon.

City Manager Michael Leavitt provided an update on the I-35E project regarding signage for Highland Village Road and the opening of the Texas U-Turn at Oak Drive. Highland Village's corporate city limits does not encompass any portion of the I-35E corridor. For a city street or highway to have signage on an interstate highway the centerline of the intersecting street must cross the centerline of the interstate. Highland Village Road does not. Highland Village Road starts at the west right-of-way line of I-35E. The ultimate build out or phase two of the I-35E project, Highland Village Road is proposed to be constructed as an underpass of I-35E at a signalized intersection and tie into the northbound Frontage Road on the east side of I-35E, which will provide direct access to both north and southbound frontage lanes of I-35E. Interstate signage would be added at that time. There is no timetable when funding of phase two may occur. The past two-way service road located on the west side of the old I-35E configuration from Garden Ridge to Copperas Branch Park was removed due to Federal Highway Administration Rules and Guidelines. At the City's request to Denton County Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell a request was made to TXDOT for a Texas U-turn at the Oak Drive/Lake Dallas intersection, which they approved and added to the project to help Highland Village. The Texas U-turn at Oak Drive is scheduled to open after the 4th of July holiday.

The [HVTV Update](#) provided guidelines for selecting a roofing contractor and passing city inspection, the WaterMyYard.org water scheduling program.

The City Council early work session and regular session is available on HVTV (Spectrum 16; Frontier 43) and via website streaming by searching HVTV. The meetings are also available for on-demand viewing on the city [website](#).