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Council Approves Issuance of Bonds for Voter Approved Street and Park Projects

On January 23, the Council approves the issuance of bonds totaling \$7.1M for the voter approved street improvement projects and parks and recreation projects. In November voters approved two propositions relating to streets and parks projects. Proposition 1 included reconstruction of 23 identified streets and Proposition 2 included improvements to the ponds, softball field and Kids Kastle at Unity Park, an extension of the Brazos Park parking lot, re-surfacing the Victoria Park walking trail, construction of a sidewalk on Highland Village Road from the Municipal Complex to Sellmeyer Lane and improvements to Sunset Point Park. Also included is the issuance of certificates of obligation in the amount of \$2.85M for utility capital projects which include water and sewer line replacements and painting of the Southwood Ground Storage Tank. There is no tax increase associated with this debt issuance as a reduction in debt service has provided a window to consider new debt issuance.

Council approved a resolution calling a general election to be held on Saturday, May 5 to elect Council members to Places 1 (Mayor), 2, 4 and 6 and authorizing a contract for election services with Denton County. The Highland Village City Charter requires all members to be elected under the place system, at large, for two-year terms. A candidate for an elected office must have been a resident of the City for a period of 12 months prior to the date of the election and a qualified voter of the State of Texas. Denton County Elections Administrator Frank Phillips will serve as the administrator of the joint election.

Council also approved the contract with Joe Goddard Enterprises, LLC for the Storm Warning Siren Project in the amount of \$49,642.23. Upgrades to the City's outdoor warning siren system are the result of an evaluation of the City's current system by graduate students from the University of Texas Arlington working on their capstone project. The current system is functional however the upgrades will provide added security and reliability. The contract includes upgrading system boards to incorporate 256k security to prevent unauthorized access, install secondary monitoring and activation console in the EOC, implement two-way communications to allow daily status monitoring, upgrade four sirens to solar charging to protect from electrical power loss and install software to enable automatic siren activation by National Weather Service warning. Goddard Enterprises is the current maintenance provider of the City's sirens and is an authorized Federal Signal vendor.

During the Mayor and Council reports, Mayor Charlotte Wilcox informed residents the intersection of Garden Ridge Boulevard and the I-35E frontage road will soon have flashing red lights for traffic flow. The signal lights were installed by AGL but the required study did not warrant activating the signal lights. Mayor Wilcox contacted Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell and requested the lights be set at flashing red in all directions to improve safety at the intersection. Commissioner Mitchell informed us TxDOT approved the request and the lights will be set to flashing red soon.

The [HVTV Update](#) shared the HVBA and Foodie Friday segment featuring Bistecca – An Italian Steakhouse and their plans for Valentine’s Day dining and informed residents of the opportunity to take a trip with the Senior All-Stars to the .

The City Council early work session and regular session is available on HVTV (Spectrum 15; Frontier 43) and via website streaming by searching HVTV. The meetings are also available for on-demand viewing on the city [website](#).