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Highland Village Police Department Receives Best Practices Recognition

On April 10, the Highland Village Police Department was presented the Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices Recognition Program Award from the Texas Police Chiefs Association. The award recognizes the department's compliance with the Police Chief's best business practices since 2009. The Program, similar to accreditation for universities, schools and hospitals, has established a set of 168 professional standards based on Texas law, contemporary best practices, and court decisions. The standards address a full range of law enforcement operations such as use of force, protection of citizen rights, property and evidence management and more. In 2009 HVPD was one of the first to become a recognized police agency. Annual reports submitted to the Texas Police Chiefs Association confirms the department continued to meet the standards. An on-site review is required every four years. Earlier this year trained assessors spent two days conducting the on-site assessment. The recognition shows the Highland Village Police Department continues to meet or exceed the best practices for professional law enforcement in Texas.

"For Highland Village, this means you have one of the best police departments in the state of Texas," stated Tom Shehan with the Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices Program.

Council received a presentation from Community Waste Disposal on their services, philosophy and proposed contract with the City. At the last meeting Council received a recommendation to contract with CWD for solid waste service in Highland Village. The recommendation to enter into the contract was tabled until the April 24 meeting to finalize the contract. The proposal from CWD provides enhanced service over the current solid waste contract, including continuation of ten bags per week of garbage collected on a weekly basis, increase to 95 gallon recycling cart, weekly compost collection, collection of large brush and bulk items twice a month, continuation of the Household Hazardous Waste at the curb program, and ability for residents to deliver material to CWD's facility at no additional charge. The monthly proposed monthly fee is \$16.24, which is the lowest fee of the three proposals. The current solid waste contract expires August 31, 2018. City staff will work with CWD to provide residents and businesses information to foster a smooth transition to Community Waste Disposal.

During the Mayor and Council reports, Police Chief Doug Reim conducted a swearing in ceremony for three new HVPD officers Michael Nelson, a former police officer with Texas Woman's University, Brandon Watson former 911 dispatcher, jailer and booking officer, and Oksana Shum, a graduate of The National University of Internal Affairs and the Lone Star College Law Enforcement Academy.

In the City Manager Report the [HVTV Update](#) informed residents of early voting dates and times, the upcoming Family Campout, and the Factual Phil segment answered questions about rules at the Highland Village Dog Park

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](#).