



# News Release

## CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

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### ***Council Approves Ordinances Relating to Soliciting and Golf Carts***

On February 13, the Council approved the first read of an ordinance amending the time of day a person may operate as a peddler or solicitor in Highland Village. The ordinance changes the time a solicitor or peddler can operate in the city to 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Central Time when Standard Time is in effect and no later than 8:00 p.m. Central Time with Daylight Savings Time is in effect. The ordinance also extends the expiration date of the solicitors permit from 90 to 180 days.

Council also approved an ordinance relating to the operation of golf carts, slow moving vehicles (SMV) and neighborhood electric vehicles (NEV) on public streets in Highland Village. Current state law allows golf cart use in master planned communities, which includes the Highland Shores subdivision but no other areas of the City. The ordinance allows the operation of golf carts, SMV's and NEV's throughout the City as long as the person obtains a permit from the Highland Village Police Department and carries liability insurance on the vehicle. Regulations detailed in the ordinance include: Golf carts, SMV's and NEV's can only operate on public streets with a speed limit of 30 mph or less, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., must move to the right of the public street and yield right-of-way to faster-moving vehicles, may only cross a multi-lane federal, county or state route at an intersection controlled by an official traffic control device which stops traffic from all directions, the driver and all passengers must wear a seat belt, and the driver must be a licensed driver. The ordinance will be considered for second read at the February 27 meeting.

Highland Village parks department employee Scott Strasser was recognized for displaying City of Highland Village values of honesty and integrity when he found and returned a residents wallet.

During the Mayor and Council reports, Mayor Charlotte Wilcox recognized Briarhill Middle School for being selected by NASA to host a downlink with the International Space Station. The school has been preparing for months by studying the solar system, universe, gravitational effects on plants and animals, plotting space station coordinates, calculating distances to various planets, planning what to pack for a journey to Mars using surface and volume formulas, and using ratios/proportions to paint a life size version of the International Space Station on their football field. Briarhill 7th grade student Micah Dooley produced a video chronicling Briarhill's preparation for the event. The students will have the opportunity to speak with astronaut Joe Acaba.

The [HVTV Update](#) shared information about spring tennis classes, opportunities for residents to volunteer in Highland Village and the debut of the Factual Phil segment which informed residents of the deadline to file a homestead exemption to save on their taxes.

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](#).