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Council and Staff Bid Farewell to Councilman Fred Busche

Mayor Pro Tem Fred Busche participated in his last City Council meeting on April 23, 2019. Mayor Pro Tem Busche has served our community for many years and has been a strong advocate for Highland Village. He was elected to City Council in May of 2012 after previously serving on Council from 2001 to 2007. During his recent tenure on Council, he has also served on the Highland Village Community Development Corporation and more recently, the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee. Prior to serving on Council, Busche served on the Highland Village Planning and Zoning Commission and was the County appointed board member to the Denton County Transportation Authority. He was an advocate of the City developing a GIS system, which has been a tremendous benefit to Highland Village in planning and infrastructure projects. Busche also contributes his time to serving on the Highland Village Rotary Club and has been involved for many years with the Greyhound Adoption League of Texas, which assists in finding forever homes for retired greyhounds.

"With Fred's background in earth sciences, including a Master of Science in Volcanology and a Doctor of Philosophy in geochemistry, he brought a unique perspective to Council." Stated Mayor Charlotte Wilcox. "Fred has worked hard for the betterment of our community and his insight and dedication will be greatly missed!"

Corporal Travis Flowers, Pablo Escobedo, Gregory Lomason, and Junior Defreitas received the Life Saving Award at this meeting. On March 25, 2019, Cpl. Flowers, Escobedo, Lomason, and Defreitas were at a fitness club in Highland Village when a man collapsed during a workout. He was unconscious, not breathing and had no pulse. Cpl. Flowers took action, with the assistance of others, to start cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and apply an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). The AED analyzed his condition and provided the necessary shock to re-establish an effective cardiac rhythm. CPR was continued until signs of life appeared and the he began to breathe on his own with a strong pulse. These actions prevented serious injury and certain death. It provided the needed time for emergency medical personnel to arrive and offer additional assistance.

Two employees from the fire department were also recognized at this meeting. Captain Tony Sorsby was recognized for completing the National Fire Academy's Managing Officer Program. The program is a two-year curriculum that introduces emerging emergency services leaders to personal and professional skills in the areas of change management, risk reduction, and adaptive leadership and includes all four elements of professional development: education, training, experience, and continuing education. Application for the Managing Officer Program is an arduous process that requires a candidate to attend a minimum of five regionally delivered pre-requisite courses in management and/or leadership, hold at minimum an Associate's Degree from an accredited institution of higher education, have advanced level Officer and Instructor certifications through the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, have multiple advanced Incident Command System certificates through FEMA, and a letter from the Fire Chief supporting their admission. Over the course of two years, Captain Tony Sorsby spent five weeks at the NFA

campus in Emmitsburg, Maryland completing ten additional leadership courses as well as a community-based capstone project that focused on cancer mitigation within the fire service. “We are very proud of Captain Sorsby and this great accomplishment,” stated Fire Chief Michael Thomson.

A swearing in and promotional ceremony was held for Firefighter/Paramedic Derek Doyle to Fire Equipment Operator. Derek Doyle started his career as a Firefighter/Paramedic with the Highland Village Fire Department in February of 2011. He was promoted last March to his current rank as a Driver/Paramedic. Prior to his promotion, he served as a Field Training Paramedic in the EMS Division. He is certified as a Paramedic through the Texas Department of State Health Services and holds an Intermediate Firefighter, Intermediate Wildland Firefighter, Driver/Operator-Pumper, Instructor I and Fire Officer I certifications from the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. Derek is an instructor at NCTC’s firefighter academy. Derek has also been nominated and won both the “Rookie of the Year” award in 2012 and “Firefighter of the Year” award in 2013.

During the City Manager and Staff Reports, the [HVTV Update](#) included the Foodie Friday segment featuring Shoal Creek Tavern in Highland Village, information on Paper Shredding Day for Highland Village residents only on Saturday, April 27 from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Pilot Knoll Park, and the upcoming Highland Village Art Festival scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 4 at The Shops at Highland Village.

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](#).