



# News Release

## CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

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### ***Council Begins FY 2020-2021 General Fund Budget Discussion***

Council began discussion of the FY 2020-21 Budget with a presentation from staff on year end projections and the proposed General Fund Budget along with Supplemental Requests. The current fiscal year is expected to come only slightly under projections with sales tax revenue holding near budgeted amount, coupled with a cost savings in cancellation of special events, training, and travel, the receipt of CARES funding is also an important factor to achieve a solid year end. Council received the proposed General Fund Budget and Supplemental Requests. Further budget discussions will take place through July and August.

Council approved the interlocal cooperation agreement with Denton County for the CARES Act funding. The County has established a COVID-19 municipality funding program from the U.S. Department of the Treasury Coronavirus Relief Fund to assist with expenditures incurred due to the effects of COVID-19. The City of Highland Village can receive up to \$909,535 which is \$55.00 per capita. Highland Village submitted for payroll expenses for the Fire and Police departments between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020, cost of security upgrades to all Municipal facilities, and PPE, disinfectant and total supplies spent to address COVID-19.

Council received an update on the Kids Kastle project. The Phase 2 community build that was scheduled for July 20-25 has been cancelled due to the current state of COVID-19 in North Texas and the recent Executive Orders issued by Governor Abbott. Since the completion of Phase 1 much progress has been made on the Kids Kastle project. Work will continue with small volunteer groups to focus on several small projects. Parks staff will work to reduce the footprint of the fenced area to provide more space for the community to enjoy the park. Parks and Recreation Director Phil Lozano is working on plans to keep the project moving forward in a safe manner, including obtaining a cost for a turn-key project.

Staff provided Council an update on the City's response to COVID-19. Emergency operations continues to monitor the situation through daily calls with federal, state and county partners. Updates can be found at [www.highlandvillage.org/coronavirus](http://www.highlandvillage.org/coronavirus).

During the City Manager and Staff Reports, the [HVTV Update](#) provided information on how to and who should wear a mask and the Foodie Friday segment which featured Delhi6.

The City Council early work session and regular session is available on HVTV (Spectrum 15; Frontier 43) and via website streaming at [www.highlandvillage.org/hvtv](http://www.highlandvillage.org/hvtv). The meetings are also available for on-demand viewing on the city [website](#).