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Council Approves Contract for Planning Documents Update; Issues Notice of Intention to Issue Certificates of Obligation

At the September 28 meeting, Council approved the contract with McAdams to update the City's Comprehensive Plan; Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan; Trail System Master Plan; Thoroughfare Master Plan; and the FM 407 Corridor Amenity Plan Study. The city is approaching buildout, and with only 78 acres of undeveloped land, the plans will help make sure the City maximizes the economic benefit from their development and further enhances the quality of life of the residents. The planning documents have not been updated in over ten years and many factors have changed since that time. Additionally, updated plans are needed to seek grant funding for future capital projects. The City initiated a request for proposals in April 2021 and received proposals from six firms. McAdams was selected unanimously by the staff committee at a negotiated fee of \$465,017 for the plan updates. The process to update the plans will take approximately 12 months and will include multiple opportunities for public input from residents and the business community, both in-person and online.

Council approved a resolution notifying of the City's intent to issue Certificates of Obligation (CO) for specific purposes. During the budget process, the Capital Improvement Program identified projects to address Parks and Streets projects totaling \$15.75M, including the issuance cost. The Certificates of Obligation will coincide with expiring debt and therefore have no impact to the City's ad valorem tax rate. The CO's would fund \$8.85M for street and drainage capital projects and \$6.413M for park improvements. Anticipated projects included in this issuance are:

Street and Drainage - \$8.85M:

- Reconstruction Projects
 - Highland Shores Blvd (Briarhill to Twin Coves-engineering only with anticipation of inclusion in a future Denton County bond program to fund construction)
 - Highland Village Rd (Brazos to KCS RR - engineering only with anticipation of inclusion in a future Denton County bond program to fund construction))
 - Various (28 streets meeting criteria)
- Overlay Projects
 - Sellmeyer Lane (Foggy Glen to Brazos)
 - Sellmeyer Lane (Brazos to Victoria)
 - Highland Shores Blvd (HV Rd to Briarhill)
- Traffic Control
 - Traffic signal Imp. Brazos / HV Rd
 - Pedestrian crossing HS Blvd. at Community Center Dr.
- Drainage Projects
 - Wal-Mart pond dredge
 - Quail Cove pond dredge
 - Turpin Dr / Sellmeyer Lane drainage Improve
 - Silverthorne Park creek bank stabilization
 - Highland Shores Blvd. underdrain

Park Improvements - \$6.413M:

- Highland Village Tennis Center Improvements
 - LED lighting upgrades and Musco controls
- Pilot Knoll Improvements
 - Campground / Shelters improvements
 - Replace gatehouse
 - Boat Ramp improvements
 - Expand camping options with rental cabins (16) – also providing ongoing revenue stream for US Army Corps of Engineers parks
- Unity Park Improvements
 - Tennis court resurfacing
 - Lighted basketball courts
 - Field renovations
 - Replace portion of turf in Dog Park with synthetic grass
 - Replace baseball fencing
 - Add backstop netting
- Other Parks
 - Sellmeyer tennis fencing / windscreen replacement
 - Lions Club Park parking lot
 - Village Park fishing pier renovation
 - Brazos Park field renovation
 - Sellmeyer Park playground replacement

The issuance of Certificates of Obligation do not require voter authorization and are approved by City Ordinance. The notice of intent to issue CO's must identify the projects to be financed, the not-to-exceed cost for the project and be published twice in the local paper of record. The next steps after the publication of the notice of intent on October 1 and October 8 is Council consideration and approval of the ordinance on November 9, Council approval of the ordinance authorizing the issuance of the CO's on December 14 and the closing of the CO bond and funds received by the City on December 30.

Council appointed members to the City's Board of Ethics, Highland Village Community Development Corporation, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The appointments are made on an annual basis and the members will serve two-year terms.

Dianne Costa was reappointed as the City's representative on DCTA and city manager Paul Stevens was appointed as alternate.

In the Mayor and Council Reports, a proclamation was given recognizing Fire Prevention Week and a swearing in ceremony was held for HVPD Officer Jessie Allen.

During the City Manager and Staff Reports, the HV Report featured the Foodie Friday video for A La Sweet in Highland Village and informed of the National Night Out Event and final Concert in the Park on Saturday, Oct. 2 at Doubletree Ranch Park.

The City Council early work session and regular session is available on HVTV (Spectrum 16; Frontier 43) and via website live streaming at www.highlandvillage.org/hvtv. The meetings are also available for on-demand viewing on the city [website](#).