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Council Holds Public Hearing and Approves First Read of the Comprehensive Plan

At the February 14 meeting, Council held a public hearing and approved the first read of the Comprehensive Plan by a vote of 5 to 2. Over a year ago, the City contracted with McAdams and began the “Our Village Our Vision” process to update the plans. Many meetings have been held with the public, property owners, focus groups, Park Board, Planning & Zoning Commission and City Council. The plan includes updates to the Comprehensive Plan; Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan; Trail System Master Plan Update; Opportunity Areas; and the FM 407 Trail Corridor and Amenity Plan. The current Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 1995 with amendments adopted in 1996 and 1997. The Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan was adopted in 2008 and the Comprehensive Trail System Master Plan in 2011. Many factors have changed since that time necessitating updates; it is critical to have updated park and trail plans in order to seek grant funding for future capital projects. A large component of the plan update is the FM 407 Corridor and Amenity Plan. The intent is to expand the trail system to include the FM 407 corridor with multi-modal uses (pedestrian, bicycles, golf carts) and connectivity between residential and commercial areas. The idea behind the plan is to create more visibility and activation of existing commercial centers (create a sense of place), which would attract people to various retail areas. Enhanced streetscapes and public spaces with experiential elements would be included. Council will consider the final approval of the plan at their meeting on February 28.

Council received the Highland Village Police Department's Racial Profiling Annual Compliance Report. The Police Department is required by law to submit a report containing the information compiled identifying and responding to concerns regarding biased-based profiling practices relating to motor vehicle stops in which citations are issued and/or arrests are made. The department has policies, education and training programs in place. The required data has been captured electronically and the racial profiling training and local report has been completed.

During the Mayor and Council Reports, Mayor Jaworski presented a proclamation to Odilon Benitez celebrating his retirement after 27 years of service to the City of Highland Village as a Street Technician III. Mayor Jaworski also presented a proclamation recognizing the City of Highland Village's 60th Anniversary. Many Highland Park residents had built weekend homes on the lake and decided to make this their permanent home. On February 14, 1963, an election was held to incorporate the territories composed of Lakewood, Highland Lake, Holiday and Clearwater Additions, to be known as Highland Village. The final vote favored incorporation with 53 votes “for” and 7 votes “opposed.” The City will commemorate the 60th Anniversary throughout the year with several campaigns. Residents are asked to share any photos they have from the last 60 years that tells the story of Highland Village by emailing them to info@highlandvillage.org. Photos will be shared on the City's social media and other outlets. The City will share 60 facts about Highland Village throughout the year and Mayor Jaworski will post a monthly video with some historical facts and fun trivia.

The City Council early work session and regular session is available on HVTV (Frontier 43), via website live streaming at www.highlandvillage.org/hvtv and on the City's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/highlandvillagetx. The meetings are also available for on-demand viewing on the city [website](#).