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## A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

December 14, 2018

### Council Updates

#### Council Discusses Policies for License Plate Reader/ Optical Camera Pilot Program

At the December 11 Council work session, Police Chief Paul Spencer shared the guiding principles developed to govern the use of the data derived from the Licence Plate Reader and optical camera systems as part of a [new pilot program](#) that will begin this spring:

1. LPR systems should be used by the police department only for legitimate law enforcement purposes investigating hits and other circumstances in which law enforcement officers reasonably believe that the plate data are relevant to an ongoing criminal investigation.
2. The Town should not store data about innocent people for any lengthy period. Unless plate data has been flagged, retention periods should be measured in days or weeks, not months and years.
3. Citizens should be able to find out if plate data of vehicles registered to them are contained in the data base used by the police department.
4. The Town will not share plate data with non-law enforcement, third-parties. The Town will also not share data with other law enforcement agencies that do not follow proper retention and access policies or do not have clear policies in place to ensure such practices are followed.
5. The police department will report its data usage publicly and on an annual basis.
6. The Town will not collect personally identifiable information.

You can read [Chief Spencer's presentation here](#) and [watch the Council discussion on LPR and optical cameras here](#). Council is scheduled to adopt these guiding principles in January.

## Council Authorizes Issuance of \$13.1 Million in Certificates of Obligation

Council authorized the issuance of \$13.1 million in Certificates of Obligation at the December 11 Council meeting to fund the construction of a new building for U.S. Customs and Border Patrol and Airport Administrative offices and various water and wastewater capital improvement projects. Because of Addison's outstanding bond ratings and market conditions, the certificates sold at a premium with an interest rate of 3.30 percent. As a result of the premium, the City was able to reduce the amount of debt issued, but still generate the amount of money needed for the projects, which totals \$13.5 million.

Seven million dollars will be used to construct a new U.S. Customs and Border Protection Federal Inspection Station combined with the Airport Administration offices at Addison Airport. These bonds will be self-supporting and the obligation will be funded through airport operating revenues.

The remaining \$6.5 million will be used for water and wastewater capital projects to improve or maintain the existing infrastructure. These bonds will also be self-supporting and funded through utility rates. The financial impacts were included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 budget and are reflected in the FY2019 utility rates.

You can watch the [Council discussion on issuing Certificates of Obligation here](#).

## Council Appoints Members to a Bond Advisory Committee

At the December 11 Council Meeting, the Council appointed 28 people to sit on a Community Bond Advisory Committee to help prioritize projects for a possible 2019 bond election. The projects being considered impact Addison's roads, parks, and municipal buildings. Thank you in advance to these volunteers:

Mayor Chow  
Colleen Campbell  
Mary Jo Cater  
Jerry Dougan  
Denise Quintanilla

Mayor Pro Tempore Walden  
Kent Domingue  
Darren Gardner  
Brooks Haley  
Susan Halpern

Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore Braun  
Taylor Bowen  
Chris DeFrancisco  
Jimmy Niemann  
Suzann Oliver

Council Member Hughes  
Juli Branson  
Margie Gunther  
Edwin Keith  
J.T. McPherson

Council Member Quintanilla  
Bruce Arfsten  
Nancy Craig  
Jason Rivera  
Nancy Williams

Council Member Ward

Robert (Bob) Catalani

Ralph Doherty

Liz Oliphant

Virginia Wallace

Council Member Willesen

Lary Brown

Eileen Resnik

Craig Reynolds

Robert (Bob) Wright

You can watch the [Council discussion on the Bond Advisory Committee here](#).

### **Black Forest Aviation Gets Green Light for Redevelopment of Southeast Corner of Addison Airport**

Council approved a ground lease agreement and public fuel dispensing license with Black Forest Aviation at the December 11 Council Meeting paving the way for the redevelopment of the southeast corner of Addison Airport. Black Forest plans to build a 20,000 square foot Fixed Base Operator terminal, three 39,000 square foot hangars with additional lean-to office/shop space, and over 200,000 square feet of aircraft ramp and related automobile parking.

In November 2014, the Town issued a request for proposal for the redevelopment of the 16-acre airport site situated across Addison Road from Addison Circle Park. The developer selected at that time was unable to meet the terms of the agreement. After the agreement with the initial developer was terminated, several entities expressed interest in developing the site. Staff asked potential developers to submit a proposals and a selection committee of Town and Airport staff met with each one to discuss their plans. Since that time, Town, Airport, and legal staff have been negotiating the final terms of the ground lease and the companion fuel dispensing agreement for the proposed development.

Black Forest plans to begin construction in approximately six months. You can watch the [Council discussion on Black Forest Aviation here](#).

### **Addison Annexes Easternmost Lane of Midway Road from Farmers Branch**

As a part of the [Farmers Branch Creek settlement](#), Council approved a boundary adjustment agreement with Farmers Branch at the December 11 Council Meeting that allowed Addison to annex the easternmost lane of Midway Road from the intersection with Spring Valley Road to just north of Beltwood Parkway. This single lane is within the city limits of Farmers Branch; however, the remainder of the six-lane roadway from the intersection of Spring Valley Road to the intersection with Keller Springs Road is in the city limits of Addison.

There are no residents or businesses that are directly affected by the change. Addison also granted Farmers Branch a utility easement for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, removing, and replacing its water and sanitary sewer lines, storm sewer and drainage structures within the easement area.

You can watch the [Council discussion regarding the Midway Road boundary adjustment here](#).

## **Business Pulse**

## Softtek Welcomes New US and Canada CEO



On December 12, Mayor Joe Chow, Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Walden, and Council Members Guillermo Quintanilla, Lori Ward, and Marlin Willesen attended Softtek's holiday party where they helped welcome Beni Lopez, Softtek's new U.S. and Canada CEO. Softtek is a global provider of process-driven IT solutions with 30 offices in North America, Latin America, Europe, and Asia. Their office in Addison serves as their corporate headquarters for the U.S. and Canada.

## Around Town

### Ribbon Cutting for Let's Play Sculpture at Spruill Dog Park



The Addison Arbor Foundation will be hosting an official ribbon cutting ceremony for the "Let's Play" sculpture that sits at the entrance to Spruill Dog Park on Saturday, December 15 at 9:30am. Artist Eliseo will be adding his signature to the sculpture at 9:15am, so grab your neighbors and join us as we celebrate this impressive public art piece.

### Last Weekend to Catch WaterTower Theatre's *The Great Distance Home*



Sunday, December 16 is the last day to catch WaterTower Theatre's latest production, *The Great Distance Home*, at the Addison Theatre Centre. Don't miss this heartwarming and nearly-wordless story of a young man's journey of discovery to life once more. [Click here for showtimes and to buy tickets.](#)

### Parks Team Sporting a New Look



Our Parks crews have a new uniform color! Green shirts have become popular with local landscape companies and we wanted to make sure that our team stands out.

### Don't Miss Vitruvian Lights



Vitruvian Park transforms into a magical holiday wonderland during Vitruvian Lights from now through Tuesday, January 1, 2019. It's free to walk or drive through the park to enjoy the lights.

The special event canceled on Saturday, December 8 has been rescheduled for Saturday December 15 from 6pm - 10pm. Don't miss a fun night with music by Top, food trucks, photos with Santa, holiday characters and a Metrocrest Services Donation Drive. The event is free, but parking is \$10. Visit [vitruvianpark.com](http://vitruvianpark.com) for more details.

### Heating and Air Conditioning Construction Beginning Soon at the Addison Athletic Club

On November 13, [Council approved the replacement of the Addison Athletic Club heating and air conditioning system](#). Work is expected to begin mid-January 2019 and take approximately five months to complete. Since the Athletic Club will remain open during this project, certain areas will be closed off for demolition and installation of the new equipment. Closure of the gymnasium & fitness wing will be limited. Staff will give 24-hours' notice via the Club's Facebook page and postings at the club prior to closures of recreational spaces. We appreciate your patience as we complete this project. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

### DART Board Makes Progress on the Cotton Belt Rail Project



At the December 11 DART Board Meeting, the DART Board approved the [Design/Build Contract](#) with Archer Western Herzog 4.0 and the [Program Manager/Owner's Representative Contract](#) with WSP/AZB for the Cotton Belt Rail Project. With approval of the final environmental impact statement and a Record of Decision from the Federal Transit Administration in November and the approval by DART of these contracts, the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing (RRIF) loan that will finance the

construction of this important project is scheduled to close on December 20, 2018. This is very big and positive news and indicates further concrete progress that the Cotton Belt will become a reality in the near future (end of 2022). You can read the *Dallas Morning News* article on these latest actions by clicking [here](#).



**Saturday, December 15**  
**"Let's Play" Ribbon Cutting**  
Spruill Dog Park  
9:30am

**Saturday, December 15**  
**Vitruvian Lights Special Event**  
Vitruvian Way  
3966 Vitruvian Way  
6pm - 10pm

**Friday, December 14 -**  
**Sunday December 16**  
**WTT Presents: *The Great Distance Home***  
Addison Theatre Centre  
15650 Addison Road  
[Showtimes and tickets.](#)

### Important Links and Numbers

**Town Hall:**  
972.450.7000

**Non-emergency Police Dispatch:**  
972.450.7156

**Missed Trash:**  
972.392.9300

**Athletic Club:**  
972.450.7048

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