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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

August 16, 2019

Council Update

Council Sets Public Hearings for Proposed Tax Rate and 2020 Budget

The State's Truth-in-Taxation law no longer requires the Council to take a record vote on a not-to-exceed tax rate. However, the law still requires calculation and publication of each taxing entity's effective tax and rollback tax rates. The effective rate, the rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for the Town from the same properties as in Fiscal Year (FY) 2019, is \$0.552371 per \$100 of valuation.

The rollback rate, the highest tax rate that the Town may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate to the rollback rate, is \$0. 0.591133 per \$100 of valuation.

The City Manager's proposed budget assumes a property tax rate of \$ 0.591133, which exceeds the FY 2020 effective tax rate of \$0.552371, but does not exceed the FY 2020 rollback rate.

At the August 13 Council Meeting, Council set the public hearings for the budget and tax rate. A Tax Rate Notice was published in the *Dallas Morning News* on Friday, August 16.

The first tax rate public hearing will be held during the August 27 City Council meeting. The second tax rate public hearing and first budget public hearing are scheduled for a Special Council Meeting on September 3 at 5pm at Town Hall. The final vote on the tax rate and adoption of the budget is scheduled for the September 10 Council meeting.

[Agendas will be posted here](#) three days prior to the meetings.

You can watch the Council's tax rate discussion [here](#) .

Council Calls for November Bond Election

At its August 13 meeting, the City Council approved an ordinance calling for a bond election for five propositions totaling \$70,620,000 on November 5, 2019.

- Proposition A - Streets (East West): \$22,900,000
- Proposition B - Streets (North South): \$33,002,000
- Proposition C - Parks, Open Spaces, and Recreation: \$6,723,000
- Proposition D - Buildings: \$7,395,000
- Proposition E - Advanced Traffic Management System: \$600,000

The \$15 million proposition recommended by the Community Bond Advisory Committee for land acquisition required approval by the Texas Attorney General's Office. The final opinion received from the Texas Attorney General is that the Town cannot use bond funds for this purpose because the Town's Charter does not include language that specifically allows it.

You can watch the Council's bond election discussion [here](#) .

Council Discusses Construction of New Customs and Airport Offices

On December 11, 2018, Council approved the issuance of \$7 million in Certificates of Obligation for the construction of new Customs and Airport offices at 4545 Jimmy Doolittle Drive on Addison Airport. At the February 7, 2019 Council Meeting, the Town rejected the bids received on January 10, 2019 because they far exceeded the architect's cost estimate for the items that were included in this bid. The project was rebid on February 14.

After the bidding process was initiated for the second time, the architectural design consultant firm, Page Southerland Page, Inc., revealed to Town staff that they had made a significant error in their estimate. This mistake, combined with current conditions in the construction market, resulted in bids that exceeded both the project estimate and budget.

The Town received six bids on May 2, 2019. Staff, together with Page Southerland Page, Inc., worked with the qualified lowest bidder to review the project looking for ways to reduce the project costs. The team also identified additional funding sources. The proposed project costs now stand at \$ 9,129,163 .

Council discussed possible options at its August 13 Work Session and plans to consider award of the construction contract at the August 27 Council Meeting.

You can watch Council's Customs discussion [here](#) .

Council Discusses Process to Evaluate Non-Profit Grant Requests

At its August 13 meeting, Council discussed its process to evaluate the various non-profit funding requests it receives each year. Currently the Council Members who serve as the Community Partner Bureau Liaisons review and evaluate requests from agencies that do not have specific Council liaisons. Council liaisons make recommendations for the organizations they represent. The recommendations are presented during the Budget Work Sessions.

Mayor Joe Chow requested that non-profits groups be offered an opportunity to also make presentations to the entire Council. The agencies requesting funding for Fiscal Year 2020

will be offered the opportunity to make a presentation at the August 27 Council Meeting.

You can watch the Council discussion on evaluating non-profit funding requests [here](#) .

Council Amends Political Signage Regulations

At its August 13 meeting, the City Council amended the Sign Ordinance to Prohibit Political Signs in the Town's right-of-way (ROW).

The changes remove the existing regulations on political signs in the ROW and replace them with new language expressly prohibiting signs in the ROW and on Town-owned property with two exceptions.

1. Signs would be allowed in the front and side yards of single-family residential properties that overlap the public ROW as long as the signs are at least three feet away from the edge of the street, or in locations with sidewalks, behind the back edge of the sidewalk without overhanging the walk way.
2. Signs would be allowed on Town-owned property that has been designated as an active polling place, but would be subject to restrictions on the location and timing of the placement of signs, as well as the size and number of signs allowed. Signs in these locations would be limited in size to no more than 18 inches x 24 inches with a maximum area of three square feet and would prohibit illuminated signs or signs with moving elements.

You can watch the Council discussion on political signage [here](#).

Upcoming Public Hearing

The following Public Hearing will take place at the August 20 Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting. Meetings are held at Town Hall, 5300 Belt Line Road and begin at 6pm. [Agendas are posted here](#) three days prior to the meeting.

Case 1787-Z/Village on the Parkway. Public hearing on a recommendation regarding an ordinance changing the zoning on a 31-acre property located at Village on the Parkway at 5100 Belt Line Road, which is currently zoned PD, Planned Development, through Ordinance O12-001, by allowing residential uses and approving development plans for a new 31,006 square foot office building with retail ground floor, a new 269,875 square foot, 239-unit multifamily building with retail ground floor and structured parking, and 66,792 square foot expansion of existing structured parking garage.

Business Pulse

Methodist Hospital for Surgery Designated Orthopedic Center for Excellence



On Wednesday, August 14, Mayor Joe Chow, Council Members Ivan Hughes and Marlin Willesen, as well as Addison staff joined in congratulating Methodist Hospital for Surgery on becoming an Orthopedic Center for Excellence as designated by DNV GL Healthcare. This designation affirms Methodist Hospital's excellence in the provision of diagnostic services, surgical services, and therapies related to orthopedic care. Addison is proud to be home to one of the best orthopedic hospitals in the country and looks forward to seeing its outstanding reputation continue to grow!

Around Town

Water Testing Scam Alert



There were recent Facebook posts that make it appear Addison's water is unsafe in order to convince residents to sign up for a free water test. These types of companies use free tests as a gimmick to get into your home and sell you a water treatment device - whether you need it or not.

Addison tests its water on a regular basis and shares the results on our website. The [2018 Water Quality Report](#) confirms that the water Addison delivers to the community exceeds all Environmental Protection Agency requirements. Your safety is our top priority.

If you have any questions about your water quality, please feel free to contact Phil Kagarice, Utilities Manager - Water Quality, at pkagarice@addisontx.gov or 972-450-2860.

George Bush Elementary School Appreciation Breakfast



On Tuesday, August 13, the Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce held an appreciation breakfast for the teachers and administrators at George Bush Elementary School, the only public school located within the Town of Addison. Abilene Christian University hosted the event at their Addison campus at 16633 Dallas Parkway. Director of Economic Development and Tourism Orlando Campos and Abilene Christian University Director of Partner Engagement and Recruitment Cris Manning shared their personal stories on the educators who shaped the way they are today, and Metrocrest Services Chief Executive Officer Tracy Eubanks also shared resources available for students and their families. Mayor Pro Tempore Tom Braun and Council Member Ivan Hughes were joined by numerous Town of Addison staff to show their support for these educators as they begin their new school year.

Addison After Dark: Pints and Pups on August 17



Grab your furry friends for a fun night in Addison Circle Park for Addison After Dark's Pints and Pups on Saturday, August 17 from 7pm - 11pm! Enjoy classic rock tunes and sip beverages in our beer garden where you can sample various breweries, while supplies last. Save room for a dinner by In-N-Out Burger® who will be serving free hamburgers while supplies last. Pets can show off their speed and let their fur fly as they dash through our race lanes. Be sure to take advantage of services available for your pups on site. For more information, visit www.AddisonAfterDark.com.

It's Time to Clear the Shelters



Get ready for Clear the Shelters 2019 on Saturday, August 17 from 9:30am to 5pm! Clear the Shelters is a nationwide pet adoption drive where shelters across the country, including Addison, waive adoption fees, hoping to clear out shelters. The Town of Addison Animal Control Department has been highlighting one of their adoptable animals each day, so be sure to check out their [Facebook page](#)! Stop by the pavilion at Addison Circle Park on Saturday and take home your furever friend.

Vitruvian Salsa Festival



Bring your dancing shoes to Vitruvian Park on Saturday, August 17 and Saturday, August 24 for the Vitruvian Salsa Festival. Enjoy live bands, DJs, salsa lessons, food trucks, and more from 6pm - 10pm. Salsa lessons will take place from 6:30pm - 7pm. For event parking information, visit the [Facebook event page](#).

Ignite! A One-Night Party for WaterTower Theatre



Tickets are available for Ignite! A One-Night-Only Party for WaterTower Theatre on Friday, August 23 from 8pm - 10pm at the Addison Theatre Centre. Expect a performance from Grammy and Emmy nominee, Steve Dorff, and special appearances by some of DFW's favorite musical talents featuring songs made famous by Barbra Streisand, The Carpenters, Whitney Houston, Dolly Parton, George Strait, and more. [Get your tickets here](#) or call 972-450-6232 to purchase a VIP ticket.



Saturday, August 17

Addison After Dark: Pints and Pups

7pm - 11pm
Addison Circle Park
4970 Addison Circle

Vitruvian Salsa Festival

6pm - 10pm
Vitruvian Park
3966 Vitruvian Way

Friday, August 23

Ignite! A One-Night Party for WaterTower Theatre

8pm - 10pm
Addison Theatre Centre
15650 Addison Road
[Get your tickets here!](#)

Important Numbers and Websites

Town Hall:
972-450-7000

Non-emergency Police Dispatch:
972-450-7156

Missed Trash:
972-392-9300 , Option 2

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