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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

August 30, 2019

Council Update

City Offices Closed on Monday, September 2 in Observance of Labor Day

CWD RESIDENTIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE
LABOR DAY MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2 2019

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Your service will be running on its **REGULAR SCHEDULE** for the week of Labor Day.

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Council Holds First Public Hearing on the Proposed FY2020 Property Tax Rate

The proposed property tax rate exceeds the effective tax rate of \$0.552371 but does not exceed the rollback rate. The effective tax rate is the tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenues as the previous year. The rollback tax rate is 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. This proposed rate is higher than last year's adopted rate of \$0.550000 per \$100 of valuation.

These rates were published in the August 16, 2019 edition of the *Dallas Morning News* .

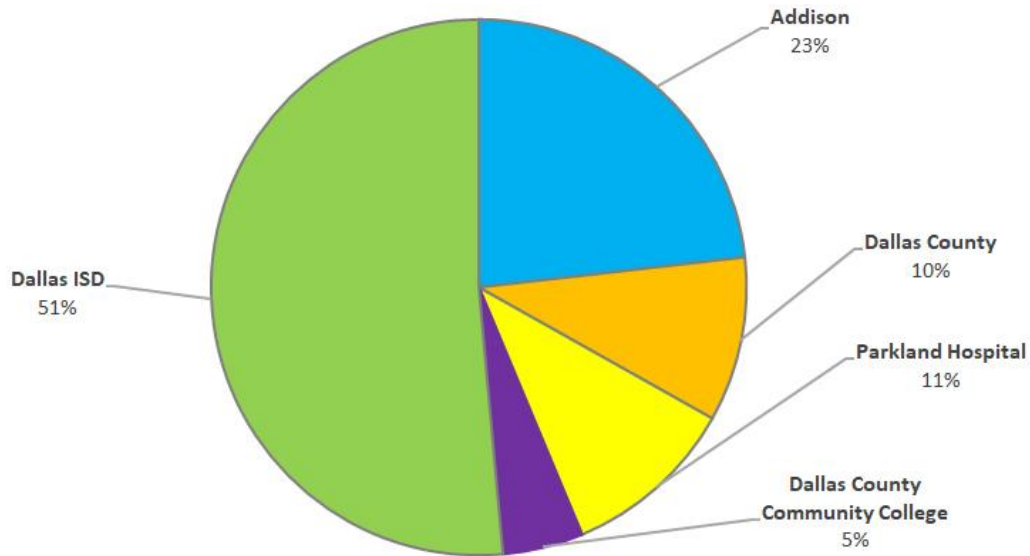
The average home value for the Town of Addison is \$331,280, which generates a city property tax bill of \$1,958.30 for a home with no exemptions. Last year, the average home value was \$319,582 which generated a city property tax bill of \$1,757.70 for a home with no exemptions. If this budget is adopted, a taxpayer with an average home value and no exemptions would pay \$200.60 more in city property taxes than last year.

Properties tax exemptions lower a property's taxable value and the corresponding tax bill. An averaged priced home with the 20% Homestead Exemption would see a \$160.48 increase in city property taxes between Fiscal Year 2019 and Fiscal Year 2020. An averaged priced home with the 20% Homestead Exemption and the Over 65 Exemption would only see a \$139.92 increase in city property taxes between Fiscal Year 2019 and Fiscal Year 2020.

The property owner's total property tax bill is impacted by the tax rates and exemptions adopted by other taxing entities such as the Dallas County, the Dallas Independent School District, the Dallas County Community College District, and Parkland Hospital. The total property tax increase for the average valued home in Addison with no exemptions is \$70.11 more than last year. The total property tax increase for the average valued home in Addison with the Homestead Exemption is \$48.20 more than last year. The total property tax increase for the average valued home in Addison with the Homestead Exemption and the Over 65 Exemption is \$80.55 more than last year.

Individual taxes may increase or decrease depending on the change in the taxable value of your property.

Taxes paid by Addison homeowners to the city equal 23% of their total tax bill.



You can [watch Council's discussion on the FY2020 property tax rate here](#) and [read the presentation here](#) .

Council Gets Legislative Update

Assistant to the City Manager Bill Hawley gave Council an overview of the bills passed in the 86th Legislative Session that directly impact Addison at the August 27 work session. The new laws affect everything from property taxes and franchise fees to building materials and subdivision platting.

You can [watch Council's legislative update discussion here](#) and [read the presentation here](#).

Council Adopts Strategic Planning Pillars and Milestones for FY2020

At its August 27 meeting, Council adopted Strategic Planning Pillars and Milestones for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020. The pillars and milestones will drive not only budgetary decisions, but also set the priorities for staff in the coming year. Since 2016, the City Council has participated in an annual strategic planning session. At their July 8 strategic planning session, the Council reaffirmed the strategic pillars and [selected the priority milestones for FY2020](#) . The pillars are:

- Entrepreneurship and Business Hub
- Excellence in Asset Management
- Excellence in Transportation Systems
- Gold Standard in Customer Service
- Gold Standard in Financial Health
- Gold Standard in Public Safety
- Optimize Addison Brand

You can [watch the Council's Strategic Planning Session here](#) .

JC Commercial Awarded Contract for U.S. Customs Facility and Airport Offices at Addison Airport

At its August 27 meeting, Council awarded a contract in the amount of \$6,223,949 to JC Commercial for the construction of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection facility combined with the Addison Airport Administration offices at 4545 Jimmy Doolittle Road at Addison Airport.

On December 11, 2018, Council approved the issuance of \$7 million in Certificates of Obligation (CO) for the construction of the combined Customs and Airport offices facility. These bonds are self-supporting and the obligation will be funded through airport operating revenues.

This project was bid twice and both times, the lowest qualified bid exceeded the estimated budget. After the bidding process was initiated the second time, the architectural design consultant firm, Page Southerland Page, Inc., notified Town staff that they had made a significant error in the cost estimate for the facility. This mistake, combined with current conditions in the construction market, resulted in bids that exceeded both the project estimate and budget. Staff and their design consultant Page Southerland Page (Page) met with JC Commercial, who was the lowest qualified bidder in the second bid process, in an attempt to reduce the cost of the construction. The contract approved by Council reflects those reductions.

After subtracting the cost reductions and adding additional funding identified by staff, there is still a project deficit of \$110,939. Sunland Group, who provided cost estimating services under a contract with Page, refunded the fee of \$51,260 for their work on this project. This reimbursement will be used to help close the gap, leaving a final deficit of \$59,679 that will be closed by shifting funds from the Airport's Fiscal Year 2020 operating budget.

While the \$6,223,949 for the proposed construction contract with JC Commercial is the largest component of the U.S. Customs and Airport Administration Office project, it does not represent the total cost of the project. The total project cost is currently estimated to be \$9,182,505. Additional funding for the balance of the total project costs have been identified in the Airport Operating fund and will be brought before Council for consideration at a future meeting.

You can [watch Council's discussion on the U.S. Customs Facility Contract here](#) .

Council Member Hughes Appointed as Primary Representative to the Regional Transportation Council

The Regional Transportation Council is a 44-member independent transportation policy-making body which determines how regional transportation funds should be spent. The municipalities of Richardson and Addison share one representative and rotate the primary appointment to ensure the interests of both cities are represented.

At its August 27 meeting, the Council appointed Council Member Ivan Hughes as the primary representative and Richardson Mayor Paul Voelker as the alternate representative.

Council Hears From Non-Profit Organizations

At Council's August 27 Work Session, non-profit organizations who submitted an application for grant funding from the Town of Addison for Fiscal Year 2020 were invited to share their organization's mission and what they do to serve the Addison community.

You can [watch the non-profit presentations here](#) .

Upcoming Public Hearings on FY2020 Budget and Tax Rate

A second public hearing on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 tax rate, as well as a public hearing on the FY2020 budget, will take place at a Special Council Meeting on September 3 at 5pm at Addison Town Hall. The [agenda will be posted here](#) three days prior to the meeting.

Business Pulse

Addison Economic Development Team Visits Elevate Credit



On Friday, August 23, Mayor Joe Chow, Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore Lori Ward, Director of Economic Development and Tourism Orlando Campos, and Economic Development Manager Wilson Kerr met with Chief Information Officer Joan Kuehl and Chief Human Resources Office Sharon Clarey at Elevate Credit. The Elevate staff greeted the Addison team with a presentation about the mission and company structure of Elevate and gave them a tour of the modern work space spanning both towers of the Spectrum Center on the Dallas North Tollway. Elevate provides lending solutions to non-prime customers, with the ultimate goal of providing their customers with a pathway to a better financial future. Addison is proud to have such an innovative company invest in the community and looks forward to Elevate Credit's extended growth in town.

Shields Legal Group Hosts Addison's Economic Development Team



On Friday, August 23, Mayor Joe Chow, Deputy City Manager John Crawford, Director of Economic Development and Tourism Orlando Campos, and Economic Development Manager Wilson Kerr met with the leadership team at Shields Legal Group, which included Jim Shields, Jennifer Stoddard, and Bart Higgins. Addison staff enjoyed a thought-provoking conversation with the Shields Legal Group about the future of business in Addison and the region. The company provides clients with years of legal expertise in the areas of corporate transactions, business and corporate litigation, and growth to exit strategies. Shields Legal Group has been headquartered in Addison for over eight years and has grown to a team of 13 attorneys. Addison is happy to have such a dynamic legal practice in town!

Around Town

Doggie Splash Day on September 7



It's the end of summer, so give your furry friend a turn at some summer fun in the pool! Bring your dog to the Addison Athletic Club outdoor pool for a dip from 9:30am - 12pm on Saturday, September 7:

Small dogs - 9:30am - 10:30am
Big dogs - 10:45am - 12pm

All dogs must have a 2019-2020 rabies tag or proof of vaccination to attend. Only dogs will be allowed in the water due to health department standards. The cost is \$5 per pet and the event is open to Addison residents only.

WaterTower Theatre Hosts One-Night-Only Party



On Friday, August 23, WaterTower Theatre hosted Ignite, a one-night-only event featuring a performance from Grammy and Emmy nominee, Steve Dorff, and special appearances by some of DFW's favorite musical talents. Mayor Pro Tempore Tom Braun, Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore Lori Ward, and Council Member Paul Walden were able to join in the fun.

Lupe Tortilla Opens in Former Macaroni Grill Location



On Wednesday, July 21, a few invited guests got a sneak peak of the Houston-based Mexican food restaurant, Lupe Tortilla. The Addison location is their first in the Metroplex. Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore Lori Ward, Council Member Ivan Hughes, and Mayor Pro Tempore Tom Braun were among the first to check out the menu. The restaurant is now open to the public at 4535 Belt Line Road, so stop by and welcome them to Addison.



Monday, September 2

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Tuesday, September 3

Special City Council Meeting

5pm
Addison Town Hall
5300 Belt Line Road
[Agendas available here three days prior to the meeting.](#)

Wednesday, September 4

Coffee with the Mayor

10am
Dunn Brothers Coffee
3725 Belt Line Road

Tuesday, September 10

City Council Meeting

7:30pm
Addison Town Hall
5300 Belt Line Road
[Agendas available here three days prior to the meeting.](#)

Important Numbers and Websites

Town Hall:

972-450-7000

Non-emergency Police Dispatch:

972-450-7156

Missed Trash:

972-392-9300 , Option 2

Athletic Club:

972-450-7048

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