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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

September 13, 2019

Council Update

Council Approves 2020 Budget and Tax Rate

At its September 10 meeting, the City Council adopted the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 budget and tax rate. The FY2020 tax rate is \$0.583500 per \$100 of valuation, which is effectively a 6.13 percent increase in the tax rate. This rate exceeds the effective tax rate of \$0.552371, but is not higher than the rollback rate of \$0.591133, which is the highest rate the Town may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate to the rollback rate. The proposed tax is higher than last year's adopted tax rate of \$0.550000 per \$100 of valuation.

The FY2020 operating budget includes an appropriation of \$93.9 million plus an additional \$41.5 million for the Capital Improvement Projects budget.

Impact on Average Homeowner

(Tax calculations do not incorporate any exemptions homeowner may be entitled to take.)

	FY2019	FY2020
Average Home Value	\$319,582	\$331,280
Tax Rate	55.0000	58.3500
Annual Tax Bill	\$1,757.70	\$1,933.02

Based on the average home value of \$331,280, the average residential taxpayer would pay \$175.32 (~\$14.61 per month) more than last year.



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

Council Authorizes Issuance of \$18 Million in Certificates of Obligation

Following a public hearing at its July 9 meeting, Council officially gave notice of the Town's intention to issue \$18,000,000 in Certificates of Obligation (COs). At its September 10 meeting, Council approved an ordinance authorizing the issuance of the COs and awarding the sale.

Three million dollars is earmarked for Vitruvian-related projects including streetscape for Vitruvian West Phases two and three, well-site improvements, and roads. The remaining \$15 million will be used to fund a portion of the Midway Road Reconstruction project. The total project cost for Midway Road is estimated to be \$41 million, \$16 million of which is being supported through funds from the 2012 bond election. On [November 13, 2018](#), Council discussed issuing Certificates of Obligation for the \$25 million gap. The issuance of additional COs will be pursued to pay for the Midway Road Reconstruction project as needed.

The financial impacts of the CO issuance were included in the Fiscal Year 2020 budget. The COs were issued for 20 years with an interest rate of 2.31% (the lowest interest rate for a Town of Addison debt issuance) as well as a \$1.2 million premium which resulted in a lower issuance principal amount of \$16.9 million. After payment of bond issuance costs, the Town will still receive the \$18 million needed for the Midway Road Reconstruction and Vitruvian projects.

Standard and Poor's and Moody's have reaffirmed Addison's top bond ratings. Addison is one of only eleven cities in Texas with AAA bond ratings from both Moody's and S&P.

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

New Residential Building Permit Fees Effective Immediately

Effective on September 1, 2019, state law prohibits cities from basing residential building permit or inspection fees on the value of the dwelling or the construction cost of any proposed home improvements. Addison, along with many other cities throughout Texas, has based building permit fees on the value of the project. Therefore, we were required to adjust our fees for residential construction.

Staff reviewed the current Town expenses and permit revenue obtained from residential construction projects to develop a proposed fee structure that complies with the new law and is in line with other cities. The new permit fee ordinance was approved by Council at its September 10 meeting.

You can [view the residential building fee schedule here](#) and [watch the Council's permit fee discussion here](#) .

Council Approves Ordinance on the Regulation of Building Materials

Texas House Bill 2439, effective on September 1, 2019, preempts municipal regulation of building materials. The Town can no longer require property owners and developers to meet the masonry requirements established by the Town's zoning regulations. This will be impactful aesthetically to Addison as most of the Town's zoning districts require a significant amount of masonry materials on building elevations. The Town will now be required to permit any material that is allowed by a national model code. These codes are written based on safety, not aesthetic considerations, and allow most building materials.

At the September 10 meeting, Council approved an ordinance that does not repeal the Town's requirements related to building materials, but instructs staff to limit enforcement of these requirements in compliance with the new State law. This was done so that if the Legislature allows cities to resume regulating building materials in the future, the regulations will still be in place and the Town will not have to go through a process to readopt them.

The ordinance also allows the Town to regulate building materials based on the exceptions allowed by HB 2439. These exceptions are listed individually in the ordinance and generally relate to compliance with State and Federal programs or the regulation of building materials in areas of historical, cultural or architectural importance. Addison currently only has one building that would be eligible for such exceptions. The law requires that any newly designated areas can only be established with the property owner's consent.

Lastly, the ordinance establishes an appeals process through the Board of Zoning Adjustment in accordance with the provisions of HB 2439.

[You can watch the Council's discussion on HB 2439 here.](#)

Council Ratifies Emergency Storm Cleanup Expenditures

On the afternoon of June 9, the Town of Addison was impacted by a storm with straight line winds reaching 71 miles per hour and gusts of 145 MPH. The storm caused considerable damage throughout Town.

Staff contacted Elite Contractors, a company with whom the Town has an inter-local agreement for tree removal and pruning services. Elite also has contracts with several neighboring cities who were impacted by the storm and indicated they could provide one crew for storm clean up efforts for each of their clients. Based on the amount of storm debris in Addison, it was estimated that one crew would take eight months or longer to complete Addison's storm clean up. Staff realized time was of the essence and

began securing other tree removal and pruning contractors to provide clean-up services.

Under normal circumstances, the Town would have formally bid these services and brought them to Council for approval prior to authorizing contractors to proceed. However, the Texas Local Government Code Chapter 252.022 allows for emergency expenditures in the following situations to preserve public property and to preserve or protect the public health or safety. Staff determined that fallen or split trees, hanging branches and debris needed immediate attention as they constituted an immediate safety threat to the general public. Additionally, fallen trees and other debris constituted a need for immediate removal due to the potential for flooding of clogged waterways and the attraction of snakes, rodents and other undesirable wildlife in the community

Staff supplemented the Elite Contractors crews with clean up crews from five additional companies. The total amount for the work performed by from all six companies totaled just over \$425,000. At its September 10 meeting, Council officially declared the need for emergency storm cleanup expenditures and ratified the expenditures.

[You can watch the Council's storm cleanup discussion here.](#)

2020 Board and Commission Applications Now Available

If you are interested in applying for a position on the Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Zoning Adjustment, Census Complete Count Committee, and/or Charter Review Commission, please [fill out this application](#) . You can [find more information on each body here](#) . Applications will be accepted until Friday, October 4. The Council will begin to discuss appointments at the October 29 meeting. Please direct any questions to City Secretary Irma Parker at 972-450-7017 or iparker@addisontx.gov .

Winnwood Park Gazebo and Town Hall Bridge to Get Facelift

At its September 10 meeting, Council approved a contract with North Rock Construction, LLC for nearly \$254,000 to replace the gazebo and bridge at Winnwood Park and to replace the pedestrian bridge at Town Hall. Work on the projects will begin in October. However, please keep in mind that initial work consists of preparing shop drawings and fabricating the gazebo and elements off-site. Visible work at these locations will come later.

Public Safety

Addison Police Department to Host Community Meetings

The Addison Police Department is planning several neighborhood-focused community meetings to foster communication between the Addison Police Department (APD) and the community. Come learn about APD's continuing efforts to keep Addison safe and hear crime prevention tips that you can use at home. Community safety is a partnership so we invite you to join us for these important opportunities to discover how we can work together to keep Addison safe.

Winnwood/Oaks North Neighborhoods

Monday, September 30 at 6:30pm
Addison Conference Centre
15650 Addison Road

Midway Meadows/Les Lacs/ Vitruvian Neighborhoods

Tuesday, October 1 at 6:30pm

Addison Treehouse
14681 Midway Road

Addison Circle Neighborhood Meeting to be announced

Even though some of the information presented at these meetings is specific to a neighborhood, they are all open the public. The presentations will include:

1. Crime-related statistics for each neighborhood relative to the overall activity for the Town
2. License plate reader pilot project update
3. Crime prevention tips
4. Questions and answers

9/11 Memorial Ceremony



Wednesday, September 11 marked the 18th anniversary of the the tragic events that took place during a terrorist attack on the United States on September 11, 2001. The Addison Fire Department hosted a memorial at Fire Station 1, as it has for the past 17 years, to recognize the anniversary and honor the sacrifices made by our civilians and first responders that day. Many thanks to the AFD for helping us all to never forget.

Mark Your Calendars for Saturday, October 5!



PUBLIC SAFETY OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 5, 2019
11am - 2pm



Come meet Addison's finest Fire and Police personnel!
Enjoy popcorn, cotton candy, glitter tattoos, a bounce house,
demonstrations, tours, and more!
Fire Station One & Police Headquarters

Business Pulse

NTCAR Expo



On Thursday, September 5, Director of Development Services Charles Goff, Economic Development Manager Wilson Kerr, and Economic Development Coordinator Kimberly Bettis represented Addison at the North Texas Commercial Association of Realtors and Real Estate Professionals (NTCAR) Annual Expo. The Addison team presented real estate professionals with an overview of the Town and described new development projects that the Town is working on, including the Inwood Road Enhancement Zone and the Addison Circle Special Area Study.

Addison Recognized at the DFW Asian-American Citizens Council Gala



On Saturday, September 7, the Town of Addison was recognized as the 2019 City of the Year at the DFW Asian-American Citizens Council Gala. Mayor Joe Chow, Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore Tom Braun, and Council Members Ivan Hughes, Paul Walden, Guillermo Quintanilla, and Deputy City Manager John Crawford attended and represented Addison.

Governor's Small Business Forum



We are excited to announce the Governor's Small Business Forum will take place on Thursday, September 26 from 8am - 12pm in Addison at the Crowne Plaza Dallas Galleria. This event provides small business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs with private and public small business resources on how to start, operate, grow, and sustain their businesses. It is also an opportunity to network with other entrepreneurs, business owners, managers, and business-oriented non-profits, as well as local, regional, state and federal agencies. You can find details and the agenda at gov.texas.gov.

Around Town

[Get Ready to Prost at Addison Oktoberfest, September 19 - 22](#)



Join us on Thursday, September 19 through Sunday, September 22 as we host the most authentic Oktoberfest festival outside of Germany! From German food to kid-friendly snacks, a 30,000 sq. ft. air-conditioned Partyhalle, live music and dancing, ice cold beer, and exciting programming for all ages for four full days, you don't want to miss this Bavarian-themed festival.

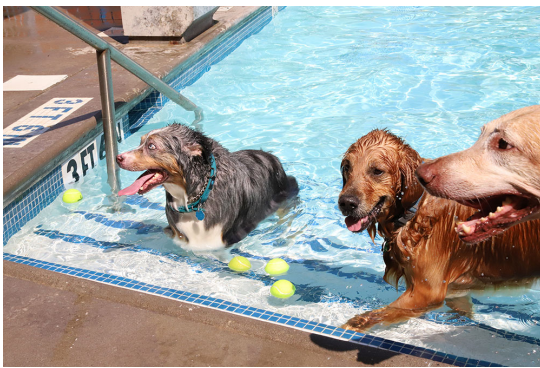
Ticket Pakets (German word for "packet") : If you plan on coming on Friday, September 20 or Saturday, September 21, check out one of our [three fantastic ticket pakets](#) for kids and adults! Admission is FREE for everyone on Thursday and Sunday. Kids under 10 get in free all weekend.

Corporate Night and Social Night: Enjoy an evening of polka, pretzels, and pints in the Paulaner Partyhalle with a reserved table, commemorative stein and your first round of beer on us! Find details on what the reservations include [here](#).

Chamberlain's Brau Haus: Enjoy a three-course upscale Bavarian dining experience from [Chamberlain's Brau Haus](#) ! Limited seating is available at the Brau Haus located in the Paulaner Partyhalle on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evening. Each ticket includes:

a single-day admission ticket, .5 liter commemorative stein, and a \$25 Chamberlain's gift card.

Doggie Splash Day



About 80 dogs came out to Doggie Splash Day at the Athletic Club on Saturday, September 7 to beat the heat. Hope you and your furry friends enjoyed the party and we'll see you next year!

Wheels & Warbirds at the Cavanaugh Flight Museum



One of the biggest events at Cavanaugh Flight Museum is back! Wheels and Warbirds will take place on Saturday, September 21 through Sunday, September 22 from 10am - 5pm. Enjoy classic biplane and warbird rides, warbird flying displays, muscle and classic car show, as well as WWII tank demonstrations. \$12 adults, and \$6 ages 4 - 12. For more information, visit www.cavflight.org.

September 19 is North Texas Giving Day



Communities Foundation of Texas' North Texas Giving Day is an 18-hour online giving event on Thursday, September 19 that is designed to empower every person to give back to their community by supporting local nonprofits and causes they care about in one easy-to-use platform. Several non-profit organizations who support the Addison community and received grants from the Town in Fiscal Year 2019 are participating in North Texas Giving Day: Addison Arbor Foundation, The Cavanaugh Flight Museum, The Family Place, Metrocrest Services, WaterTower Theatre, and World Affairs Council.

The Addison Arbor Foundation is dedicating all proceeds from North Texas Giving Day to help replace trees lost in Addison during the storms in June. Addison lost close to 300 trees and the Parks Department has identified 160 trees that need to be replaced throughout the Town to restore our park areas. The Addison Arbor Foundation is donating \$10,000 towards this effort and also will match all cash donations up to another \$10,000.

Please consider supporting these Addison partners on Thursday, September 19!
[Donations can be made here](#) .

Building Assessment Survey

The Town of Addison is in the process of conducting a building assessment and we need the community's input. We want to know which Town buildings you visit and hear about your experiences. Please help us by filling out [this short survey](#) .



**Thursday, September 19 -
 Sunday, September 22**
Addison Oktoberfest
 Addison Circle Park
 4970 Addison Circle

[Event dates, hours, and tickets available here.](#)

**Saturday, September 21 -
 Sunday, September 22**
Wheels & Warbirds
 Cavanaugh Flight Museum
 4572 Claire Chennault Street
[For more information, click here.](#)

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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