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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

August 14, 2020

Council Update

COVID-19 Update



As of August 13, Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) is reporting 641 additional confirmed cases of COVID-19, bringing the total confirmed case count in Dallas County to 56,428 confirmed cases, including 807 confirmed deaths.

As a reminder, the [Executive Order](#) issued by Governor Greg Abbott on July 2 requiring all Texans to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth in public spaces remains in effect. Please continue to also follow these preventative measures to help reduce the spread of COVID-19:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and help young children do the same. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve (not your hands).

As of August 13, Addison had a total of 185 confirmed COVID-19 cases and no deaths according to Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS). DCHHS releases new numbers every Tuesday and Friday and [reports can be found on their website here](#).

For more Addison COVID-19 updates, please visit www.addisontexas.net/covid19.

Council Discusses Annual Trash/Recycling Contract

In November of 2015, the Town began a five-year contract with Community Waste Disposal (CWD) to provide residential trash, recycling, and household hazardous waste services. This contract can be extended for successive five-year terms at the Town's option with Council's approval. The current contract term expires on October 31, 2020.

During the City Council's [May 12 work session](#), Council directed staff to go out for bid on trash and recycling services and to include alternates for bulk trash and brush collection.

At the August 11 work session, Public Works and Engineering Director Shannon Hicks shared the results of the Request for Proposal (RFP) and that staff recommended awarding the bid for trash and recycling to CWD.

Mr. Hicks also shared that CWD submitted an annual price of \$107,040 for bulk and unbundled brush collection as part of the RFP process. This service is currently being performed by street maintenance staff at an estimated annual cost of \$172,000.

Council discussed outsourcing this service, continuing to use street crews to perform the task, or hiring additional employees. The Council asked staff for additional information related to bulk trash pick up which will be provided and discussed at a future meeting.

Additionally, the Town's facilities refuse and recycling contract needed to be renewed and was included in the RFP. Staff recommended using CWD for this service at an estimated annual cost of \$66,428.21. This contract will be formally adopted at a future meeting.

You can [watch Council's trash and recycling RFP discussion here](#) and [read the presentation here](#).

Council Authorizes Issuance of General Obligations Bonds

On November 5, 2019, the Town of Addison had five bond propositions approved by voters totaling \$70,620,000. At its August 11 meeting, the City Council authorized the sale of General Obligation Bonds to generate \$15,135,000 in project funds from the following authorizations:

- \$14,030,000 from the authorized \$22,300,000 from Proposition A for street improvements. This would fund the design costs associated with the Keller Springs Road and Airport Parkway reconstruction projects, to which contracts have been awarded by Council. The funds also include proceeds for the construction phase of Keller Springs Road.
- \$365,000 of the authorized \$6,723,000 from Proposition C for parks and recreation improvements and facilities. This would fund the design of improvements to the Addison Athletic Club, including locker room reconfiguration, gymnasium and track improvements, and pool modernization.
- \$140,000 from the authorized \$7,395,000 from Proposition D for improvements to existing municipal buildings. This would fund the design of the Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning and roof at the Addison Athletic Club as well as the boiler replacement, for which the Council has approved a reimbursement resolution and the project is completed.
- \$600,000 from the authorized \$600,000 from Proposition E for traffic control systems for which a contract has been awarded by Council.

Because of Addison's outstanding bond ratings and current market conditions, the bonds sold at a premium with a true interest cost of 1.41 percent. As a result of the premium, the Town was able to reduce the amount of debt issued, but still generate the amount of money needed for the projects.

At the August 11 meeting, Council also approved the issuance of 2020 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series. Estimates provided at the June 9 Council meeting were that the refunding would create \$795,088, or 6.50%, in Net Present Value savings over the remaining life of the debt. Since the Town was able to secure a true interest cost of 1.11%, the sale will actually result in a savings of just over \$2,000,000.

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

Council Discusses Public Safety Concerns within the Oaks North Neighborhood

Addison Police Chief Paul Spencer presented a statistical overview regarding crime in Oaks North at the August 11 City Council work session. The Oaks North Homeowners Association recently requested the Town install additional street lighting, optical cameras, and signage alerting persons entering the area of camera usage within their neighborhood and Celestial Park.

You can [watch the Oaks North discussion here](#) and [read the presentation here](#).

Special Charter Election to Take Place in November 2020

The City Council adopted Ordinance O20-04 on February 13, 2020 ordering that a Special Election be held on May 2, 2020 for the purpose of considering twenty-six propositions to amend the Town's Home Rule Charter. In March, Governor Greg Abbott issued a Proclamation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic allowing political subdivisions within Texas to move general and special elections scheduled in May to November 3, 2020. In response to the Governor's Proclamation, the Addison City Council voted to postpone the Special Election to a date to be determined.

At the meeting on July 14, 2020, the City Council discussed options for holding the election on either November 3, 2020 or May 1, 2021. There was discussion about whether or not the Town is required to hold the election on November 3, 2020 or if the Special Election could wait until May 2021. At the August 11 meeting, Council voted to hold the election on November 3, 2020. You can find information about the propositions [here](#) and a voters guide will be mailed out prior to the election.

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

Council Approves US Customs Facility Change Orders

On August 27, 2019, the Addison City Council approved a contract with JC Commercial, Inc. for the construction of the U.S Customs and Border Protection and Airport Administration facility at Addison Airport in the amount of \$6,223,949.

At its August 11 meeting, Council approved a change order to the project. Change Order #2 included items totalling \$141,881.10 that were not anticipated or known at the time of the original contract including additional concrete pier depths for the building foundation and changes in the erection of steel for the elevator, among others. Staff determined that it was prudent, efficient, and effective to address these issues as part of the on-going work:

Change Order #1, which approved a cost increase of \$22,215.16, included North Texas Tollway Authority irrigation modifications, an Oncor utility relocation, the installation of bollards around the Customs and Border Protection generators, and the removal of an abandoned water line. Change order #1 was not taken to Council because the amount was less than \$50,000 and less than 25% of the contract price.

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

Pie Tap Headed for Village on the Parkway

The City Council approved a special use permit at its August 11 meeting paving the way for Pie Tap to open a new location in Village on the Parkway. [Pie Tap](#) prides itself on “honest, artisan, and house-crafted” food and drink, with a focus on food without artificial ingredients, preservatives, fillers, or additives. Its menu offers house-crafted pizzas, sandwiches, salads, and rotisserie chicken. There are currently three locations in DFW, two in downtown Dallas and one in Plano. Founded by Rich Hicks, the Pie Tap brand is affiliated with such other ventures as Tin Star, MOOYAH, and Ojos Locos Sports Cantina.

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

Council Approves Amended Oncor Franchise Agreement

The Town's current franchise with Oncor, which was set to expire on July 31, 2019, was extended on June 24, 2019 because of possible regulatory and statutory changes that were taking place that could have impacted details of the franchise. The new franchise currently being proposed for consideration accounts for the regulatory and statutory changes that were enacted.

Town Charter Section 6.02 requires all Ordinances granting, renewing, amending, or extending franchises for public utilities to be read at two separate regular meetings of the City Council. The first required reading took place at the June 23 Council meeting and the second, which must be held at least 30 days after the first, took place during the Council Meeting on August 11. The Charter also requires the full text of the Ordinance be published for four consecutive weeks in the *Dallas Morning News*, the Town's official newspaper. Following the second reading, the Council approved the agreement.

Below is a summary of the changes in the Ordinance:

- Any references to TXU were changed to Oncor.
- Language was updated to comply with statutory and regulatory changes.
- Indemnification language was updated.
- Language was incorporated to protect the Town's ability to regulate ancillary uses on Oncor's system (in accordance with applicable laws and regulations).
- Payment schedules were updated.
- Language was added to match Addison's Charter requirements.

You can [watch the Council's Oncor franchise discussion here](#).

Upcoming Public Hearings

The following public hearing will take place at the August 18 Planning and Zoning Meeting, which will be held virtually beginning at 6pm. The agenda will be posted [here](#) three days prior to the meeting. If you would like to comment during the public hearing, you can either email your statement to Charles Goff at cgoff@addisontx.gov by 3pm the day of the meeting or [follow the instructions listed here](#) to participate by audio conferencing.

Case 1809-Z/Baumann Building. Public hearing on a recommendation regarding an ordinance changing the zoning on a .57-acre property located at 4901 Arapaho Road, which is currently zoned PD, Planned Development, through Ordinance O04-048, by approving a new PD district.

Case 1817-Z/UDR Fiori. Public hearing on a recommendation regarding an ordinance changing the zoning on a 4.40-acre property located at 3990 Vitruvian Way, which is currently zoned PD, Planned Development, through Ordinance O07-034, as previously amended by ordinances O13-026, O16-017, and O19-06, by changing the density of the residential development.

Business Pulse

Addison CARES Lease/Mortgage Assistance Grant Program Eligibility Requirements Broadened for Second Round of Funding



The Town of Addison has opened a second round of applications for the Addison CARES Lease/Mortgage Assistance Grant Program with broader eligibility requirements. The purpose of the grant program is to provide financial support to small businesses that have been financially distressed by the COVID-19 pandemic with the goal of improving the sustainability and longevity of small businesses who maintain operations in Addison.

The Town of Addison has established a fund in the amount of \$500,000 through the CARES Act to provide grant assistance. Each grant is valued at 75% of a business' gross lease or mortgage for two months for a maximum grant award of up to \$10,000 per company.

If you answer yes to all the following questions, you may be eligible for the program:

- Is your company located in Addison?
- Did you have less than 75 employees prior to March 1, 2020?
- Did you have annual revenues below \$10 million in 2018 and 2019?
- Did you receive less than \$50,000 in Paycheck Protection Program, Economic Injury Disaster Loans, or any other COVID-19 related funding support programs combined?
- Did your business experience a 25% loss in revenue for two consecutive months between March 1, 2020 through August 1, 2020 due to COVID-19.
- If your landlord or bank provided any lease or mortgage concessions, were they equal to less than two months payment?

If you previously applied for the first round you will not need to reapply. Your application will be reconsidered for Round 2. Applications must be postmarked no later than Friday, August 28. Eligible companies will be placed in a random lottery process until funds are exhausted. [Eligibility criteria and the grant application can be found here.](#)

Around Addison

DART Silver Line Quarterly Community Meeting



On Thursday, August 13, DART hosted a virtual quarterly community meeting to review the progress of the Silver Line Regional Rail Project. DART and the Design-Build Contractor were on hand to outline the latest developments and answer questions. If you missed the meeting, you can find the presentation [here](#).

See You at Addison Weekend Drive-In



Join us tonight and Saturday night for live outdoor concerts at Addison Weekend Drive-In! Enjoy the shows from the comfort of your vehicle while enjoying tunes from Extended PLAY (Friday) and Joseph Veazie (Saturday). Music will be transmitted via both speaker system and FM radio, providing excellent audio quality no matter where you are parked. Band performance will start at 8:30pm and the lot will open at 7:30pm.

Admission is free for all ages. Only vehicles will be admitted into the event site, no pedestrian access. There will not be food vendors on-site; attendees are encouraged to support Addison restaurants via dine-in or takeout before the show!

Find more information and FAQs at [VisitAddison.com/drivein](https://www.visitaddison.com/drivein).

Don't Miss Doggie Splash Days



Doggie Splash Days are back this year at the Athletic Club, but will look a little different than how it was in the past. In order to allow for social distancing, the Club is offering several opportunities for your furry friend to swim, but each session is limited to 10 spaces.

Please register at the Athletic Club front desk to reserve your spot. The fee is \$5 per dog, you can only register for one date, and proof of updated shots is required. Masks (for the owners!) are required.

Tuesday, 9/8 from 4pm - 5pm
Wednesday, 9/9 from 4pm - 5pm
Thursday, 9/10 from 4pm - 5pm
Saturday, 9/12 from 10am - 11am
Saturday, 9/12 from 11am - 12pm

If you have any questions, please contact the Addison Athletic Club at athleticclub@addisontx.gov or 972-450-7048.

Belt Line Road 1.5 Project Update



Vertical elements for the Belt Line 1.5 project are beginning to show up on the project site and the project is starting to look like the vision that was developed by the Consultant Pacheco Koch. The designer's vision was based on guidance from the Project Advisory Committee and the community. Those elements include bus shelters, benches, planters, and bike racks which complement the decorative pedestrian pavers installed in focal areas of the project. You can view the Belt Line 1.5 Master Plan and Enhancements Report [here](#).

The master plan includes bus shelters that were identified as a Town standard in the Quorum pedestrian connectivity plans. An example of the finished shelter can be seen at the AMLI development on Quorum road. This project was the first to implement the new bus shelter standard for Addison.

The Belt Line 1.5 project was slated to be complete July 2, but the contractor has had numerous delays in acquiring materials due to COVID-19. Several of the manufacturers and subcontractors have had to cease operations for a period of time due to executive orders in their state or region and some have had to close due to illness. The current schedule shows the project being finished the first week of September, but this is dependent on no future delays related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2020 Census Deadline Extended



There's still time to be counted in the 2020 Census. The deadline to submit your response has been extended to September 30 due to the pandemic. Completing the Census is quick, easy, and important! While you are practicing social distancing at home, please take a few minutes to fill out your Census. Once you receive your invitation, you can respond by mail, telephone, or online at my2020census.gov.

How to Stay Informed

Addison shares information with the community in a number of different ways. Here are some ways you can stay updated on the latest news:

Website:

- www.addisontexas.net: Find alerts and updates on the homepage and department specific updates on department pages
- www.addisontexas.net/covid19: Find specific COVID-19 updates and resources

Social Media:

- [Addison Facebook](#)
- [Visit Addison Facebook](#)
- [Addison Twitter](#)
- [Visit Addison Twitter](#)
- [NextDoor](#)

Addison Weekly Digital Newsletter: Emails are sent weekly, or more frequently as needed.

If you have specific questions, please contact Addison's Marketing Department at marketing@addisontx.gov.

Follow CDC Social Distancing Guidelines



The Town of Addison is taking action to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We would like to encourage everyone to join us. The CDC has encouraged the community to practice social distancing, but also to follow these steps to minimize the spread of any disease:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and help young children do the same. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve (not your hands).

Below are some symptoms to be aware of:

CORONAVIRUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FEVER ● COUGH ● SHORTNESS OF BREATH ● SYMPTOMS APPEAR 2-14 DAYS AFTER EXPOSURE
FLU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FEVER ● COUGH ● SORE THROAT ● HEADACHES ● FATIGUE (TIREDNESS) ● MUSCLE OR BODY ACHES ● RUNNY OR STUFFY NOSE
ALLERGIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SNEEZING ● ITCHY, RUNNY OR BLOCKED NOSE ● ITCHY, RED, WATERING EYES

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact Dallas County directly at 972-692-2780 (Hours: 9am - 3:30pm, Monday - Friday).

For additional resources, visit the [Town's website here](#).

Important Numbers and Websites

Town Hall:
972-450-7000

[Volunteer](#)

Non-emergency Police Dispatch:

972-450-7156

Missed Trash:

972-392-9300, Option 2

Athletic Club:

972-450-7048

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