

CITY OF DESOTO

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

WEEKLY UPDATE

May 8, 2020

Projects of Community Interest

DESOTO COVID-19 TOWN HALL | A Town Hall Meeting has been confirmed for Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 PM with Judge Jenkins and Dr. Huang. Meeting details continue to be finalized with the Judge's Chief of Staff. A copy of the meeting flyer is included with additional details regarding how the public can participate including submitting questions.

BULKY WASTE DROP-OFF EVENT | The City will be hosting a bulky waste drop-off event for DeSoto residents on Saturday, May 16 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM located at Grimes Park. Residents are asked to use the entrance located at 500 E. Centre Park Blvd. Residents will be required to unload their own vehicles to limit exposure to City employees. DeSoto residency is required; therefore a valid driver's license or a utility bill showing current address is required for confirmation. An event was held on May 2 and over 200 families attended and 17.08 tons of debris were collected.

ECONOMIC RECOVERY ADVISORY TASK FORCE | The first meeting of the task force was held on April 28 and a resolution establishing the task force was approved at the May 5 City Council Meeting. All subcommittees are set to meet this week, and a meeting is being organized early next week to coordinate efforts between the committee chairs and staff. Following that coordinating meeting, a detailed update will be provided to the City Council.

CHATTEY ROAD PROJECT | This project is scheduled to begin the week of May 11 in the later part of the week. The estimated construction duration is one year. The first phase of construction will occur between Lanett Drive and Belt Line Road. Communication will be sent out to the neighborhood on Monday 11 regarding upcoming construction progress.

2020 RENOVATION AND REPLACEMENT PROJECT | The construction contract for the 2020 Renovation and Replacement Project was approved by the City Council on May 5, and the contract is scheduled to begin in June. The construction will include replacement of water and sewer lines and pavement reconstruction.

Community communication will go out by mail to the affected homeowners, and general communication will be distributed through the City's website and social media platforms.



Project Updates

CITY RESPONSE TO COVID-19 | Ellis Davis and the American Airlines Center are approved to continue testing through the end of May. Testing requirements are as follow: Must have temperature or 99.6 or higher and shortness of breath or cough; or anyone 65 years old or older; or anyone with chronic health issues (diabetes, asthma, heart issues, etc); or anyone classified as a healthcare worker, first responder, transportation employee, or grocery or other essential retail worker. Dallas County continues to report that there are no positive cases in DeSoto's long-term adult care facilities. Approximated 400 tests were administered at Williamsburg Village long-term adult care facility on May 5 by the Parkland Mobile Testing Team. As of today, there are 91 identified DeSoto addresses with positive cases and 121 individual positive cases.

SALES TAX REVENUE | On May 7 the City received its Sales Taxes Revenue from taxes generated in the month of March totaling \$1,271,402.96, an increase of 2.514% over March 2019. Additional research is being conducted comparing business industry/sector data to determine why sales tax receipts increased in March 2020 compared to March 2019 given the impact of COVID-19 on the economy.

IMPACT FEE STUDY | City staff continues to work with the impact fee consultant. A draft copy of their research and recommendations is expected today. This item is scheduled for the Topical Work Session on Monday, May 18 to allow adequate discussion between the City Council, staff, and consultant.

STRATEGIC PLANNING | Staff held a phone conference this week with DeSoto ISD leadership regarding opportunities to align the City's and the School District's strategic planning processes. Consultants from each respective organization have been introduced to explore opportunity to align overarching goals and plans for both organizations. The consultants are analyzing potential timeline impacts on that effort. Staff continues to plan for social-distancing appropriate community dialogue sessions the week of June 8 and strategic planning sessions in the first half of July. The finalized Strategic

Plan is currently anticipated to be completed the week of August 17. A staff leadership survey was sent to the City Council, managing directors, mid-level supervisors, and commission and board members on April 27 and has been completed.

COMMUNITY SURVEY | The consultant, City Manager, and Mayor are working to finalize a community-wide survey document and will share the final version with the City Council. Due to current limitations and restrictions on City services, the survey will be held until after stay-at-home orders are lifted. Once the survey vendor is given notice to proceed, the company needs about three weeks to begin mailing documents.

RENTAL REGISTRATION ORDINANCE | Staff continues work to finalize a rental registration ordinance that will address landlord responsibility. This item is scheduled for the Topical Work Session on Monday, May 18 to allow adequate discussion between the City Council and staff.

BROADCASTING EQUIPMENT | The video equipment is installed in the Council Conference Room for recording and broadcasting City Council work sessions. The audio vender will be in City Hall beginning Monday, May 11 to install the microphones, the control pads that operate the microphones, and a new projector and screen. The equipment install should be completed no later than May 15.

Weekly Events & Meetings

May 12 COVID-19 Town Hall Meeting at 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM via Webinar Conference	June 2 City Council Work Session & Meeting at 6:00 PM via Video Conference
May 16 Military Appreciation Day Event. Drive through event featuring free In-N-Out burgers for DeSoto military families - City Hall south parking lot 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM	June 4 Mayor's Quarterly at 6:30 PM Bluebonnet Rooms
May 16 Bulk Waste Drop-Off event at Grimes Park, 501 E Wintergreen Rd at 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	June 15 City Council Topical Work Session at 6:00 PM via Video Conference (topics to be determined)
May 18 DeSoto Economic Development Corporation Regular Board Meeting – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	June 16 City Council Work Session & Meeting at 5:30 PM via Video Conference
May 18 City Council Topical Work Session at 6:00 PM via Video Conference (Impact Fees & Rental Registration Ordinance)	June 20 Budget Training City Council at 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM City Council Conference Room (Tentative)
May 19 City Council Work Session & Meeting at 5:30 PM via Video Conference	June 22 DeSoto Economic Development Corporation Regular Board Meeting – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

New Hires, Promotions & Recognitions

NEW HIRES

NAME	START MONTH	DEPARTMENT	POSITION
Hightower, Jaylin	May	Police	Jailer

New Businesses & City Development

SOLAR TURBINES | Solar Turbines is adding 8,000 square feet to their building located at 215 S. Centre Blvd that is currently under construction.

FIRE STATION NO.2 | The new fire station and administration building is reaching its final stages and is anticipated to be completed in the first half of June. An open house will be scheduled as soon as the completion date is finalized.

ORCHARD DEVELOPMENT | This property is located at the northeast corner of Parkerville Road and Mockingbird Lane. The developer intends to house bee hives in the orchard. This use is permitted by right in the City's Zoning Ordinance and will not require approval from the Planning and Zoning Commission nor the City Council. At this time, the developer has met with Development Services staff twice and has submitted a preliminary site plan for a basic review and to ensure compliance with the appropriate process and ordinances.

