

CITY OF DESOTO

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

WEEKLY UPDATE

July 2, 2020

Projects of Community Interest

GRIMES PARK RENOVATIONS | Grimes Park soccer renovations are scheduled to be completed by July 15. Baseball World Series completed their tournament play on Wednesday July 1. COVID-19 guidelines were implemented. However, future tournaments have been postponed.





POLICE BODY WORN CAMERA REPLACEMENT | The Police Department is proposing to replace the current body worn camera system with an Axon Camera System. This new system has several advantages over the current models including backend upload enhancements and improved performance on officers. If approved by the City Council, deployment of the Axon System is anticipated to start on August 1.

SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM | The City accepted small business grant applications and a total of 88 applications were received. This week, the Small Business Grant Scoring Committee completed scoring the applications. Staff is contacting the pre-approved businesses to supply all required documentation. HUD approval has been granted authorizing payments to begin once all documentation has been received.

Project Updates

CITY RESPONSE TO COVID-19 | Ellis Davis will be administering up to 1,000 tests daily through the end of July with the collaboration of the DeSoto Fire Department. The American Airline Center mobile

testing units was relocated to the University of Dallas. Walmart is offering drive through testing daily 7:00 AM through 9:00 AM. DC3 Church will remain open for testing every Wednesday 9:00 AM through 12:00 PM. Methodist Charlton drive through testing is by appointment only Monday through Friday 9:00 AM through 1:00 PM.

STRATEGIC PLANNING | Staff completed the DeSoto's environmental data scan that will be utilized as part of the strategic plan development and has forwarded this information to the consultant. The next step is the strategic planning sessions with the City Council starting on July 9. Meeting invites will be sent to the City Council and other participants, tentatively for July 9, 14, 18, and 22.

RENTAL REGISTRATION ORDINANCE | Based on City Council input received at the May 18 Topical Work Session, staff is finalizing the rental registration ordinance. A public meeting is set for July 16 to provide an opportunity for community feedback prior to consideration of the ordinance. Staff is currently investigating options for conducting this meeting virtually due to increases in COVID-19 numbers. The ordinance is anticipated to be considered at an August City Council Meeting.

Weekly Events & Meetings

July 7 City Council Work Session & Meeting at 6:00 PM (Video Conference)	July 24 Fourth Friday Concert – Gospel Review – virtual 8:00 PM
July 9 Strategic Planning Sessions 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM (Video Conference)	July 27 DeSoto Economic Development Corporation Regular Board Meeting – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Video Conference)
July 14 Strategic Planning Sessions 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM (Tentative)	August 4 City Council Work Session & Meeting at 6:00 PM (TBD)
July 18 Strategic Planning Sessions 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (Tentative)	August 07 City Council Summer Retreat 7:30 AM-5:00 PM (DeSoto ISD Admin Building – ISC Board Room)
July 20 City Council Topical Work Session at 6:00 PM (Video Conference) Topics: Women and Minority Owned Business Enterprise Policy, Council Pay & Summer Retreat Preparation	August 8 City Council Summer Retreat 7:30 AM-5:00 PM (DeSoto ISD Admin Building – ISC Board Room)
July 21 City Council Work Session & Meeting at 5:30 PM (Video Conference)	August 17 City Council Topical Work Session at 6:00 PM (TBD)
July 22 Strategic Planning Sessions 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM (Tentative)	August 18 City Council Work Session & Meeting at 5:30 PM (TBD)
July 23 City Council Budget Workshop 6:00 PM (Video Conference)	August 22 Household Hazardous Waste Event 7:00 PM to 11:00 AM (Westmoreland Pump Station)
July 24 City Council Budget Workshop 9:00 AM (Video Conference)	August 28 Fourth Friday Concert – 8:00 PM (Performer TBA)

Upcoming Work Session Time Schedule

1. REVIEW OF MASTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS & SPECIAL MEETINGS
| **6:00 PM TO 6:05 PM**
2. REVIEW OF REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS | **6:05 PM TO 6:10 PM**
3. UPDATE REGARDING ACTION TAKEN BY THE CITY AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND ANY FUTURE MEASURES THAT MAY BE NECESSARY INCLUDING CITY OPERATIONS, PUBLIC SAFETY, BUSINESS COORDINATION, AND WORKFORCE NEEDS | **6:10 PM TO 6:15 PM**
4. DISCUSSION REGARDING POTENTIAL CHANGES TO IMPROVE TRANSPARENCY AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN POLICE DEPARTMENT MATTERS INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CITIZENS POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, REVIEW OF SELECT POLICE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVES, MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE SERVICES, PUBLIC ART, AND OTHER OPERATIONAL AND POLICY RELATED CHANGES | **6:15 PM TO 6:50 PM**

New Hires, Promotions & Recognitions

The DeSoto Human Resource Department received the Innovation in Municipal Human Resources Management Award for the State of Texas, and HR Director Kathleen Shields received the TMHRA Memorial Award. This award is given to professionals who exhibit the qualities of former TMHRA members for lifetime achievements.