

CITY OF DESOTO CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE WEEKLY UPDATE

April 10, 2020

Projects of Community Interest

BULKY WASTE PICK-UP | Republic suspended service starting April 6 in an effort to reduce coronavirus exposure for sanitation workers. Regular trash picked up continues twice a week. Brush collection is temporarily limited to 10-cubic yards per week. Administration is developing a plan to provide alternative bulky waste solutions for residents should the suspension continue for an extended period of time.

BELT LINE ROAD SIGNAL LIGHT IMPROVEMENTS | Beginning Saturday, Texas Department of Transportation will start signal light improvements along Belt Line Road. Improvements will include flashing yellow arrows, some mast arm replacements, wiring replacement, and general equipment in the signal cabinets.

Project Updates

CITY RESPONSE TO COVID-19 | As of today, 43 DeSoto residences have positive cases. Fortunately, none of the long-term adult care facilities have any positive cases. The Fire and Police Departments continue to partner with these facilities to coordinate PPE procurement. The Ellis Davis testing site has administered more than 2,500 tests. Dallas County recently received a large shipment of hand sanitizer. As the City Council is aware, the new disaster leave policies were made effective April 6. Five employees have applied for leave consistent with the policy.

FY 2021 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT | Staff is organizing the City Council Budget Kickoff Meeting for Thursday, April 23 at 6:00 pm, pending Council availability.

WILDWOOD DEVELOPMENT UPDATE | The next step in the PID/TIRZ approval process involves determining the costs of authorized PID improvements and levying assessments. Staff is organizing a Special City Council Work Session on Thursday, April 16 at 6:00 pm, subject to Council availability, to provide an update on these next steps. Staff, together with hired consultants, are interviewing and reviewing three underwriting firms for the PID bond issuance.

Staff is awaiting updates regarding the Bolton Boone Zone Water Evaluation report. This report is critical to understanding the impact of future development in the area including the Wildwood residential and commercial developments.

STRATEGIC PLANNING | The City previously hired a consultant to assist in gathering community, staff, and Council input for the

Strategic Plan. Due to current orders preventing groups from gathering together, the community dialogue portion of this project has been delayed. A revised timeline is being developed for this project to complete the Strategic Plan prior to FY 2021 Budget adoption. The April 25 Special City Council Meeting will be rescheduled according to the revised timeline.

2020 PARKS MASTER PLAN UPDATE | As directed by the Council on April 7, the 2020 Parks Master Plan Update will be presented again to the City Council at the April 21 Council Work Session. Based on discussion during that meeting, staff anticipates bringing the plan forward for Council consideration at the May 5 City Council Meeting.

Weekly Events & Meetings

April 16 City Council Work Session at 6:00 pm via Video Conference (pending confirmation of quorum)	April 27 DEDC Regular Board Meeting at 9:00 am via Teleconference
April 17 Star Transit Monthly Meeting at 10:00 am via Teleconference	May 5 City Council Work Session & Meeting at 6:00 pm via Video Conference
April 21 City Council Work Session & Meeting at 5:30 pm via Video Conference	May 19 City Council Work Session & Meeting at 5:30 pm via Video Conference
April 23 City Council Work Session at 6:00 pm via Video Conference (pending confirmation of quorum)	

New Hires, Promotions & Recognitions

NEW HIRES

NAME	START MONTH	DEPARTMENT	POSITION
Christensen, Sarah	March	SWRCC	Emergency Dispatcher
Solis, Jeanluca	March	Library	Library Assistant
Savannah, Edward	March	Utilities	Meter Technician
Wilson, Cameron	March	Parks and Rec	Senior Recreation Attendant
Valdez, Lupe	March	Police	Police Officer Reserve
Wright, Brandon	March	Administration	City Manager

SERVICE AWARD PAY APPROVAL | On April 1, City Manager Wright approved the 2020 Service Award Pay of \$400 for all full-time employees hired before October 2019. Service Award Pay recognizes the significant contribution DeSoto's employees make to the community.

New Businesses & City Development

EI NUEVO SABOR RESTAURANT | Opened on February 21 at 209 E Pleasant Run Road. This restaurant offers traditional Mexican food.

THE CHEESESTEAK HOUSE | Opened on March 5 at 209 E Pleasant Run Road #141. This restaurant offers beef cheesesteaks, deli sandwiches, and burgers.