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WILLOW PARK

Fire and ice highlight council meeting

More houses on the way

By Rick Mauch

Before Tuesday, Willow Park Fire Chief Mike Lenoir could only warn his citizens of the danger of outdoor burning during a ban. Those who would not heed such a warning were in danger of paying a dangerous price.

Now, thanks to a new ordinance approved by the city council, if they don't listen to him, folks in town will have to pay a different price — the monetary kind.

The ordinance allows for enforcement of burn ban violations with fines up to \$2,000. This also includes violations such as the burning of unauthorized materials.

"It's still okay to burn, but when they post no burning in Parker County, folks have to follow it," Lenoir said. "This gives us a little more teeth to enforce more burning, to prevent loss of life or property.

"Sometimes people just don't realize the conditions. A simple spark could light off multiple acres."

Lenoir said the idea behind the ordinance isn't to get people's money, it's to help them learn the dangers of when and when not to burn. He encouraged citizens to read more information on the City of Willow Park or Parker County websites.

"Hopefully, we can help educate people so everyone can stay safe," he said. "We really want to raise awareness. We don't want to have to write a citation."

More Ice House controversy

The Parker County Ice House was once again the subject of controversy at Tuesday's meeting as a pair of citizens addressed the council concerning the noise from concerts at the venue that has been raising the ire of residents in the area.

"I like to consider myself a reasonable, considerable adult person and this is interfering with my peace," said Buddy Wright, who lives a mile from the Ice House. "In this town

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ALEDO

New city hall in the works



CITY OF ALEDO

Aledo's new planned city hall will house all city offices and will include space for a police department and council chambers for public meetings.

Facility to meet future needs of city

By Rick Mauch

With Aledo growing more than a young Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, city officials are planning on a new city hall to be a part of that growth.

The city is issuing certifications of obligation (CO) of \$17.42 million to raise funds for the project. CO bonds are typically used to fund capital improvement projects that will serve the community, such as roads, bridges and facilities.

CO Bonds are backed by the full faith and credit of the City of Aledo. This means the City is obligated to pay back the bonds by pledging its ad valorem taxing power, or in other words its ability to collect property taxes, to repay the debt.

"Like buying a house, major capital improvement projects, such as a city hall, have a long useful life, so their cost is spread out over many years and paid for by current and future citizens who use them,"

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TRANSPORTATION

TxDOT proposing four new interchanges

By Randy Keck
The Community News

The good news is that within the next five years or so, if you take the wrong split you won't have as far to go to turn around.

The bad news is: road construction.

The Texas Department of Transportation is proposing three new interchanges between FM 1187 and Markum Ranch Road on Interstate 20 and one new interchange between FM 1187 and on Interstate 30.

The projects would include reconstruction of some frontage roads in the vicinity of the interchanges as well as reconfiguring ramp configurations to Walsh Ranch Parkway. Shared-use paths for pedestrians and bicycles would also be included in the project.

All existing facilities related to the project wold be upgraded to TxDOT design criteria.

On I-20, one interchange would be just west of the I-20/I-30 split, and a proposed road would travel north to the western side of the currently-developed Walsh Ranch, and south to a proposed extension of Bankhead.

Two other interchanges would be roughly equally-spaced between the 20/30 split and Markum Ranch Road. One of those crossings would be for a proposed southern extension of Walsh Ranch Parkway. The



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TxDOT proposed interchanges are shown above. Construction could begin in 2024 or 2025. The red lines on the map are proposed future roadways which are not a part of the current project.

other would be for a proposed road that would lead north to a new interchange just west of Linkcrest.

According to TxDOT documents, right-of-way acquisition and utility relocations would begin this year, with Phase I construction anticipated to begin in 2024 or 2025.

According to TxDOT, "Any environmental documentation or studies, maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of

8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the TxDOT Fort Worth District Office, 2501 S.W. Loop 820, Fort Worth, Texas 76133, and (817) 370-6500. Project materials are also available online at www. txdot.gov. In the "Search TxDOT" box in the upper right-hand corner, enter the keyword 'I-20/I-30 Operational Improvements."



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Around Parker County

Texas Butane Co. promises safety, quality service to all customers

Founded in 1958, Texas Butane Co. is a true family-run business with deep roots in Parker County.

Co-owner Judy White — who shares the business with her husband, Morris — can recall riding to Austin with her parents Mary and V.E. Kemp Jr. for her father's TRRC exam, which certified his familiarity with gas and the safe delivery of it.

Judy and Morris, who met as some of the company's earliest employees in 1964 and married the following year, purchased the business from Judy's mother when her father passed.

The couple vowed, then, that Texas Butane Co. would continue to be recognized for its same great quality and high standards despite the change in ownership.

"One of my sons who works here once said, 'It's not a job, it's our heritage,' and that's how we all feel about it," Judy said. "We stick to ethical business practices and we think our customers recognize that."

Today, the company can store up to 150,000 gallons and has nearly a dozen delivery trucks. Judy and Morris are joined in company operations by their three sons, a daughter-in-law, two granddaughters, and many other valued employees.

"We have the greatest employees in the world," Judy said. "Everyone here is community driven. We all think it's a wonderful community to be part of, and we do everything we can to give back to Parker County and the surrounding

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The company offers a wide range of services, including the sale and lease of propane tanks, as well as tank installation. They offer propane delivery to residential homes and commercial busi-

Judy said propane is a multipurpose fuel used for several reasons: warming the house, heating swimming pools, cooking and grilling, RV travel, and

"If it's propane related, we pretty much take care of it," Judy said.

Over the last few months, Texas Butane Co. has seen increased interest in tanks for generators due to the recent

One of the only differences in company operations, since the company's inception, was the shift from butane to propane for customers' benefit. The product is more consistent and stable in the winter's cold weather.

Judy said the company's point of pride lands in their priority for safety. The first step for all customers is a complete evaluation of systems to ensure there are no potential safety issues, such

"Safety will always be our number one goal," Judy said.

The business has been awarded the Small Business Award from the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce and four consecutive Reader's Choice award for propane from 2017-21. It also received the Texas Treasure Business Award, which recognized businesses that have been owned by the same family for 50 years.



Now in its fifth generation of family, Texas Butane Co. has operated in Parker County for 64 years. Judy can date her family's history here back to her ancestors who signed the petition to create

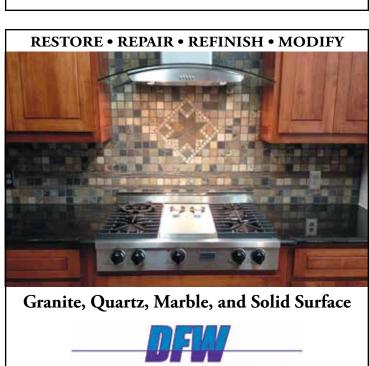
"We love Parker County," Judy said. "This is our home and where we want

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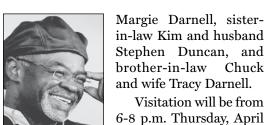
Rayfield Wright

Cowboys Dallas Legend and NFL Hallof-Famer Larry Rayfield "Big Cat" Wright passed away on Thursday, April 7, 2022, at the age of 76.

Rayfield was a great football player and earned his nickname "Big Cat" because he was quick on his feet. But what defined

him was his faith, among many other wonderful qualities. God was front and center in all he did. He was a loving husband, a devoted friend, a mentor to many, a strong leader and an outstanding community role model. At 6' 6", he was often referred to as a "gentle giant" because of his generosity, which knew no bounds.

Rayfield is survived by his devoted wife Di Wright, brother Lamar Wright, children Courtney Minor and son-in-law Dave Harrison, LaRay Wright, Anitra Hernandez, Larry Jr. Wright, Ariel Wright, beloved mother-in-law



Rayfield Wright

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"Big Cat", you were a tremendous blessing to your family and touched the lives of all who knew you. We love you and will miss you

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explained Interim City Manager Sharon Hayes.

Hayes said all CO funds will be used to design and construct the facility. This also includes all site work and parking.

She said the facility is designed to meet the needs of all city departments now and in the future. The process started with council authorizing a facility needs assessment, and part of that was looking at staffing levels now, in 2026, and

The facility also includes room for a police department and ancillary services. The council chamber will be in the building, so all city meetings will be held here. She added that technology will be greatly improved, and with improved audio video capabilities, so that the council and the audience can better understand what is being presented.

"It will better serve those who choose to listen to the meetings remotely. There is also a training room that can be used for staff training and scheduled for use by the public," she said.

The building as proposed is 33,220 square feet and is a two-story building. The downstairs will house the council chambers, all customer service functions, public works department, the training room, and the police department. The second floor will house the city manager, city secretary and support staff, finance, human resources, information technology, and the parks department

The design of the facility will take about nine months, and that process should begin in May or June, Hayes said. The construction is expected to take between 18 and 24 months with an anticipated opening in the summer of 2025.

Hayes focused on two areas where the new facility will be beneficial to the city. She noted that during the past few years, the city was actively engaged in developing a vision for the downtown area. This included citizen involvement and numerous public meetings.

The culmination was the creation of the Downtown Master Plan that was approved by council in July 2021. The plan created several downtown districts, one of which was designated the Civic Center District, and the new city hall was a key feature and catalyst.

The building will be located close to the current city hall and will also utilize the adjacent property that the city purchased in 2019. The site will also provide additional parking for public events and other amenities that will be available to the public.

The second benefit, she continued, comes from additional space for staff, the council, and the public. The existing building is more than 50 years old and was designed to accommodate less than five employees and included the council chamber. Several years ago, the city needed the additional space, and the decision was made to move all council and board meetings to the city owned community center.

"The center was never intended for that purpose and has challenges with the audio and video needs, even with upgrades," she said.

"In 2021, the city purchased a modular building to ease overcrowding at city hall. Before that time, multiple employees shared offices, and in one case shared a desk. At the current time all offices in city hall and the modular building are filled."

Haves said the new city hall will accommodate all existing employees and provide space for all positions anticipated during the next 15 years. There is also "shell" space included that can used for storage and additional future offices.

"The need for a new building has existed for many years. This is something that the council and community has thought about and discussed for approximately 20 years," Hayes said. "This building is a culmination of those meetings, a lot of discussions, and actions. It will provide the city with a facility that will be an anchor for downtown and meet the needs of the community for many decades."



First Bank President Dan Herbert teaches students how banks handle money.

Fiscal Exercise

First-graders from Coder **Elementary School recently** learned first-hand how banks handle money, where it comes from, and how it is counted. Along the way some received gift cards for answering questions correctly, and at the end everyone enjoyed hot dogs.

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Five students found room at the counter for their learning experience. They are (from left) Samuel Rodriguez, Javier Arreola Ramirez, Charlie Saenz, Jackson Chapman, and Brant Burke.

NOISE

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we take care of our neighbors. If my neighbor knocked on my door and said my music was too loud I'd turn it down. Parker County Ice House is a neighbor in our community and they should be held to community standards."

James Novak, a Fort Worth detective who lives almost a mile away from the Ice House, said his wife called him one night recently while he was working security at an event in Fort Worth. She complained that she could hear the lyrics to the song "You Shook Me All Night Long" inside their bedroom,

Novak added that after 10 years of marriage he's certain "My wife is not a big AC/DC fan, so I wondered what was going on."

"She told me she could hear the lyrics in our bedroom with the windows closed," he said.

These complaints were on the heels of several more citizens attending a previous meeting in March to also complain about the concert noise from the Ice House.

City Administrator Bryan Grimes said he would like to put the item on the next council agenda for the May 10 meeting.

"We need to get this fixed permanently," he said. "I know right now we have an ordinance, but there's no teeth behind it. Tonight, we saw an ordinance, the fire ban one, that actually has teeth behind it."

Place 1 Council Member Eric Contreras recommended the city purchase a decibel reader so authorities can confirm how loud the noise is at the time it is happening. Also, Place 4 Council Member Lea Young suggested the city look into ways to communicate with residents better at the time of the noise violation,

noting that it's happening at a time when it's difficult to communicate.

"We need to recognize what we can do at 10 p.m., at 9 p.m.," she

Grimes and officials from the city met with Ice House management recently, he said. He called the meeting "spirited" and said it ended with assurances from Ice House management that they would work with the city toward a solution.

He added that some recommendations were also made to Ice House management to help with the problem.

"I am disappointed and frustrated that the Ice House, as I can tell by the crowd here tonight, has done nothing," Grimes said. "What I plan to do is not going to be popular and it could be punitive.

"I recognize it is a business. I recognize they do provide jobs, they do provide sales tax, they do provide a benefit. I also recognize that every time they have a concert that these residents here are having issues. If it's a guy playing acoustic guitar, I don't think there's a problem."

Grimes then delivered a personal message to Ice House management.

"If you're serious about fixing the problem, we have given you some solutions to start working on it," he said. "If you're not serious, if council gives me the authority, we will fix it."

Wastewater treatment plant

As the City of Willow Park continues to move toward the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant and pipeline, the city council held a public hearing at its Tuesday meeting.

While no one from the public spoke, Derek Turner of Jacob and Martin Civil Engineers addressed the environmental impacts of the project.

Turner said the discharge will empty into Squaw Creek Reservoir No. 23, not into the Clear Fork Trinity River like the current pipeline does. He also assured the council and those in attendance that all components will be raised so as not to interfere with the flood plain.

The proposed location of the new plant is north of Interstate 20 near Crown Point Boulevard, not far from the site where Willow Park Baptist Church is building a new church. It's only a few hundred yards from the current location on the north end of the new Crown Point Development.

The city and WPBC agreed to a land swap, with the church getting property where the current treatment plant sits for development.

Turner said hopes are to begin construction late in 2022 with a time frame of approximately 12 months for completion.

More homes coming

Also at Tuesday's meeting, the council approved rezoning that will allow for the construction of nearly 300 new single-family homes in the

In an area that used to be where the now defunct Trinity Meadows Raceway used to sit, the council rezoned areas that were once thought to be going for a treatment plant (yes, the same one now going up elsewhere), an event center and green belt (park space), with some small acreage retained for green belt. This will make way for 189 single-family homes in the Wilks Development known as The Reserves at Trinity.

"I do feel like this will be a strong, positive step forward," Young said.

Also, the council rezoned another area south of Extreme Exteriors that will allow for another 98 single-family homes.









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Capital Highlights

Traffic deaths spike in highway work zones



Gary Borders

The Texas Department Transportation wants motorists to be aware of dangerous conditions in road construction zones after crashes in those zones killed 244 people last year.

The death toll is an increase of 33% over 2020 and is the highest in 40 years. The majority of those who died were drivers or their passengers, according to TxDOT.

"It's important for drivers to remember that driving conditions in work zones can be especially challenging because of extra congestion, slow-moving heavy equipment, temporary barriers and vehicles that make sudden stops," Marc Williams, TxDOT executive director, said. "That's why it's crucial for everyone to give driving their full attention and drive a safe speed in areas where construction and maintenance are underway."

Among the tips offered by the agency to cut accidents:

- Slow down and follow the posted speed
- Pay attention, put down the phone and keep your mind on the road.
- Watch out for road crews and follow flaggers' instructions.
- Don't tailgate. Allow enough room to stop safely.
- Plan for extra time to reach your destination, since road construction can slow

Traffic fines double in work zones when workers are present.

Wildfire risk continues with dry, windy conditions

The risk of more wildfires continues this week with much of the state under drought conditions.

"Critical fire weather includes above-normal temperatures, increased wind speeds and low relative humidity levels," according to a Texas A&M Forest Service news release. Wildfires that start under these conditions may be difficult to control, the agency said. The risk is nearly statewide, as virtually all of the state remains under drought conditions.

During the first week of April, the forest service and local fire departments responded to 117 wildfires that burned 23,560 acres.

Texas history instruction expanded

The State Board of Education decided last week to expand instruction in Texas history to six grade levels, meaning students in those grades will have their knowledge of the state's history tested on the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills exam.

For decades, Texas history has been taught in fourth and seventh grades. Now it will also be taught in kindergarten through second grade, and sixth and eighth grades.

"With this significant increase, students will study Texas and the people and events that define it in most grade levels prior to high school," according to an SBOE news release.

The board will consider proposed revisions to the social studies aspect of TEKS at the June meeting to include Texas history content. Final revisions are scheduled for

Please don't touch the wildlife

With the balmy weather of a Texas spring, more folks are enjoying the outdoors. Experts at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department urge people who encounter wildlife to avoid lending a helping hand.

Often, the young offspring of wild animals can be mistaken as having been abandoned. Many of these human-animal encounters are unnecessary and can be detrimental to wildlife.

Newborn fawns, for example, are often left for hours at a time by the doe as she forages for food. "During that time, people may spot a fawn lying alone in tall grass or in a brushy area. Many people interfere with the fawn, thinking it has been abandoned by its mother and needs help. This is rarely the case," according to TPWD.

TPWD experts advise folks to leave all young animals alone unless obviously injured. Spend some time observing from a distance to determine if the animal truly is injured, since the mother may not return if humans are close by.

The same principle applies to young birds. "If the bird's eyes are open, it has feathers and is hopping around, mom and dad are likely nearby. Grounded fledglings will usually be up and flying within a few days," according to TPWD.

If a wild animal is sick or injured, people are encouraged to contact a permitted wildlife rehabilitator, which can be found on the TPWD Wildlife Division website: tpwd. texas.gov/huntwild/wild/rehab/.

COVID-19 cases rise while deaths, hospitalizations decline

The number of new Texas cases of COVID-19 reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University jumped by more than 100% in the past week to 46,375, though deaths dropped to 252 during the same time period.

Lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations in Texas have dropped to 875 patients, the lowest level in months. The highly contagious subvariant of Omicron, dubbed BA.2, has become the dominant version worldwide and is accounting for the majority of new

Like the original omicron variant, this strain is more transmissible but generally has less-severe symptoms, according to health experts. The best protection continues to be getting vaccinated and getting a booster if already vaccinated, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

DSHS says unvaccinated Texans are eight times more likely to test positive for COVID-19 and 42 times more likely to die of a COVID-19 associated illness.

As of Sunday, 17.479 million Texans — or nearly 60% of the state's population — were fully vaccinated, with 6.6 million getting a booster dose.

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Thistles & Roses

Water is key to the future



Richard Henderson

It is spring 2022 in North Texas and we are experiencing drought again. Water is the key to sustainable development for all of the DFW Metroplex, both cities and unincorporated areas. It is a complex subject, but a long-term, stable water supply is the solution.

The key agency providing water to Fort Worth and surrounding areas is the Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD), created in the 1920s after a major flood. Today that agency with its non-partisan elected board operates four major reservoirs, including Bridgeport and Eagle Mountain Lakes that feed into Lake Worth. They also operate Cedar Creek Lake near Athens and Richland-Chambers Lake near Corsicana.

The TRWD used eminent domain to obtain the lands in East Texas to build these lakes. Amon Carter, the father of Fort Worth, was a shrewd man who saw that the cycle of floods and droughts had to be controlled by these lakes. No water - no Fort Worth.

You can imagine how the citizens of Corsicana felt about Tarrant County's condemnation of their farmers' land to capture water for Tarrant County. There were a lot of lawsuits to say the least. A pipeline connecting Richland-Chambers to Benbrook Lake was completed around 1998.

I invite you to look at the TRWD website to study the history. Some very forward-thinking people understood what flood control and the capture of water into reservoirs meant.

Climate changes are not the subject of this essay. The purpose here is to help our local citizens realize that even here in Parker County we need a reliable source of water to continue the phenomenal growth. Well water is not a long-term, reliable source. Hard to believe, but there can be more water captured into lakes than into subsurface aquifers.

When it rains around here, it rains hard and the reservoirs need to be there to capture the water before it flows to the Gulf of Mexico.

Aledo was the first city in this area to tie onto the TWRD water, followed by Willow Park. Others have to follow because the wells do not provide enough water for these cities.

Those of us who live in unincorporated areas, meaning part of no city, rely on personal wells. Our unincorporated areas may eventually have to form water districts to contract with TRWD for a permanent supply.

You may say that the drought and flood cycles are part of nature and that things balance out. That may have been true for the past 100 years. The population growth and demand for water will eventually upset the balance of nature.

We need to calmly and deliberately plan for water for the future so that there will be water for people living here for the next 100 years to come.

Slings&Arrows

Just say 'No' to negative campaigning



Randy Keck rkeck@community-news.com

As we approach the month of May a couple of important elections are coming up. On Saturday, May 7, voters will decide the fate of a couple of amendments to the Texas Constitution at the state level, and who the next mayor of Aledo will be at the local level.

Anyone on our readership area who lives in the City of Fort Worth, and that number is increasing daily, has the opportunity to vote on a number of bond proposals (see section B).

Local elections tend to be "cleaner" than elections for offfices higher on the ladder. I would say they are cleaner because they are non-partisan, but there was a good deal of nasty campaigning going on inside the recent Republican primaries in our area, and that's among people who are

During the recent primaries our mailboxes were flooded with campaign mailers, most designed and mailed by highly-paid political consultants who do not have a clue about life in Parker County.

As the Republican primary runoff slated for May 24 approaches, our mailboxes will again be awash in campaign mailers, though not to the extent as earlier since there are fewer races to decide.

Most people find negative campaigns to be distasteful if not downright disgusting, but for some reason negative campaigning seems to work — or at least it works well enough to make a difference in some voters' minds.

The problem is that in most negative campaigning, a candidate tends to define the opponent by making accusations, using innuendo, and by labeling.

In a Republican primary, one of the worst things someone can call you is a "liberal." That word gets thrown around as an epithet. There are prople I know among Democrats who are liberal. I can tell you that, among the Republicans on the

presumably all on the same local runoff ballot, there is not a liberal in the bunch.

But that doesn't mean you won't get campaign mailers claiming otherwise.

So I'll tell you to be careful. Just because a campaign mailer says it doesn't make it so. If you are disgusted with negative political campaigning, then don't vote for the people who do it.

There is a lot at stake, especially in the race for State Representative District 60. When all has been said and done, a lot of money will be spent. Some of it will be spent on attack mailers.

I invite you to apply the Golden Rule in this situation. When you get an attack mailer, ask "what if that was me being attacked?" "What if that was my photo they are deliberately running fuzzy and granulated?"

We can make a diffference in our own small way by refusing to award that kind of election campaign. The answer is not to refuse to vote — that is often what negative campaigners want. The answer is to vote for people who run clean campaigns.

Just vote "for" - not "against."

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APRIL 18

Rotary Club of Aledo

The Rotary Club of Aledo meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Sunny Street Cafe, 229 Shops Blvd. Suite 103 in Willow Park. For more information, visit aledorotary. org.

APRIL 21

It's Not Opera...It's Sondheim

Weatherford College opera will present "It's Not Opera... It's Sondheim" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21, in the Alkek Fine Arts Center. Doors open at 7 p.m. and admission is free. This opera workshop is presented in memory of the prolific Broadway composer Stephen Sondheim. Although he never composed an opera, many of his works have been adopted and presented by opera companies around the world.

WC fine arts students will showcase duets, trios, and

large ensembles from some of his most famous showsalong with a few of his

APRIL 24

Rewind: Totally 80s

most notable solos.

The Aledo Class of 2023 **Project Celebration** Committee has announced this year's fundraising event: "Rewind: Totally 80s!" The adults-only event will take place from 6-10 p.m. on Sunday, April 24, at Studio Eighty, 500 Taylor Street in Fort Worth. For event and raffle tickets, visit: https://www. aledo2023.org Project Celebration is a nationwide program that

provides a drug-free and alcohol-free event after prom. For more information about sponsorships or the event,

email Penny Shelton at

pennyshelton@att.net.

APRIL 25

Business Women of Weatherford Luncheon Fort Worth Mayor Mattie

Parker will be the guest speaker at the kickoff luncheon for the Business Women of Weatherford from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, April 25 at the **Emerging Technologies Building at Weatherford** College.

The cost is \$20 per person or \$200 for a reserved table of eight. RSVP is required and space

To register, visit https:// www.chamberdata.net/ webforms/EvtRegistration3. aspx?dbid2=txwea&evtId=5201198

APRIL 28

is limited.

Do Well Be Well with Type 2 Diabetes

Do Well Be Well with Type 2 Diabetes classes will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon on the following Wednesdays: April 28, May 4, 18, 25, and June 1. Presented by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Parker County, classes will be at the Parker County Extension Office, 604 North Main Street in Weatherford.

To register, call the Parker County Extension Office at 817-598-6168 or email Kathy Smith at kl-smith@ tamu.edu.

The Lion King Jr

Trinity Christian Academy will present four performances of The Lion King Jr. on April 28-30 at the Scott Theater, 1300 Gendy Street in Fort Worth.

Performances will be at 7 p.m. all three days, with an additional 2 p.m. performance on Saturday, April 30.

Adult tickets are \$15, and student tickets are \$10. To order tickets, visit http://www.tcaeagles.org/.

APRIL 30

Breakfast with Friends

Lakeshore Baptist Church, in partnership with Flames Seafood Restaurant, will host a community breakfast from 8-10 a.m. on Saturday, April 30, at Flames Seafood Restaurant, 1917 Martin Drive in Weatherford. Funds from the event will help complete the restoration of the facilities at Lakeshore Baptist Church after suffering extensive water damage in the freeze of February 2021. Breakfast will include pancakes, scrambled eggs,

sausage, and a beverage: orange juice, water, or hot coffee. No substitutions or special orders.

To-go orders are available. There is a recommended minimum donation of \$10. Meals can be purchased at the door or in advance at https://onrealm.org/ Lakeshore/give/Flames. For more information, visit www.lakeshorebaptist.com/ event.

MAY 1

Sunset On The Square

Downtown Weatherford, Inc. will host the second annual Sunset on the Square outdoor dining event beginning at 5 p.m. Sunday, May 1, in downtown Weatherford. Social hour begins at 5 p.m. with appetizers served from local favorite restaurants. Guests will then enjoy an al fresco dining experience with food served by Fire Oak Grill, Zeno's on the Square, and Downtown Cantina.

Individual tickets are \$150 and include a four-course dinner (hors d'oeuvres, steak dinner with salad entree and a side, refreshments, and dessert). A full table for eight guests is \$150.

To purchase tickets, visit https://sunsetonthesquare. com/pages/buy-tickets/. For sponsorships and information, email Info@sunsetonthesquare.com or call 817-381-8796.

MAY 10

Cancer Support Group

A support group to create a space for those who have battled or are battling cancer meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Aledo United Methodist Church, 100 Pecan Dr. in Aledo. For more information, email Joan Ward at jcjkat1959@ gmail.com.

MAY 13

Parker County Women's and Newcomers' Club

The Parker County Women's and Newcomers' Club meets at 9:30 a.m. on the second Friday of every month at First United Methodist Family Life Center, 301 S. Main in Weatherford. The social hour, including Club Shop, begins at 9:30 a.m. The business meeting, including program, is at 10:30 a.m. Lunch is \$11. Please make lunch reservations by calling Shirley at 817-757-7379. For more information on the organization, visit pcwnc.org.

JUNE 3

Aledo Summer Blast

The annual Aledo Summer Blast will run from 6-10 p.m. Friday, June 3, in the Aledo High School south parking lots.

The event features numerous free activities for families and children in addition to food trucks, live music by Sonny Burgess and Jolie Holliday Burgess, and a fireworks show after dark.

JULY 9

Parker County Peach Festival

The 37th annual Parker County Peach Festival will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 9, in downtown Weatherford.

Peachy treats are always featured, including homemade peach ice cream, peach cobbler, peach pie, peach tea, peach smoothies, ice cream topped with fresh peaches, or just regular peaches.

In addition to the vendors, many antique and specialty stores will have specials throughout the day.

Two entertainment stages will feature local celebrities and entertainers.

For easy transportation to the festival, air-conditioned shuttles will run from Weatherford 9th Grade Center, Weatherford College, or Heritage Park. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 5-12, and free for younger than 5.

For more information, visit https://www.parkercountypeachfestival.org.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

In a music studio

Caileen Tallant-Adams teaches music to young and old

By Rick Mauch

Her mom made her do it. And a lot of folks are glad she did because now Caileen Tallant-Adams is sharing her musical talent with many others.

The 2012 Aledo High School graduate is the owner of Tallant Music Studio near Cincinnati, teaching piano and music to students from kindergarten to the twilight of life.

"My mom put me in lessons. I think I was 8, so yeah, basically, my mom made me do it," she said with a laugh. "I was pretty good at it as it turns out. Then I switched to private lessons."

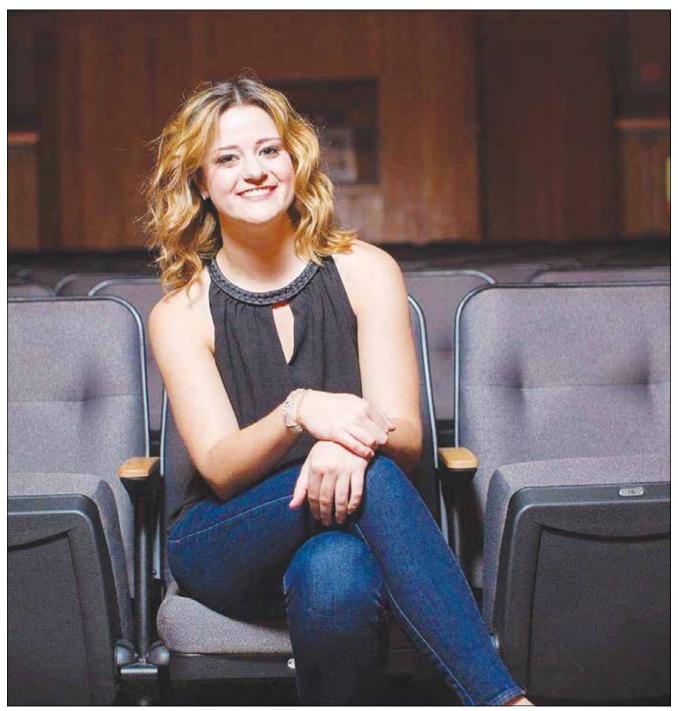
Not only was she adept at playing the piano, she also had a good voice, having sung in choir. Before she knew it she was even writing her own music.

"My piano teacher, Aaron Garmon, encouraged me," she said. "I was just interested in it and I had a knack for it. It was great that he urged me to explore all possibilities.

"Even my own students, I encourage them to push themselves with anything that interests them. They'll come in and say, 'Miss Caileen, I made something up.' I'll say, 'Let's explore that and see if we can build on it."

Her students range in age from

"They took piano when they were younger, retired and wanted to get back into it," she said of the older students. "They're pretty good."



COURTESY OF CAILEEN TALLANT-ADAMS

Caileen Tallant-Adams, a 2012 graduate of Aledo High School, now operates her own music studio in Fort Thomas,

In a bit of irony, Tallant-Adams didn't plan on becoming a professional musician. After a standout career as a basketball player for the Aledo Ladycats she went to Trinity University in San Antonio to play basketball and study to be a doctor.

However, thanks to a bit of curiosity she's playing piano instead of wearing a stethoscope for a living.

"I saw a flyer for the music department's piano studio and just thought 'I should audition for that," she said. "I got accepted and said, 'I guess I'm pretty good."

So she quit basketball and started working on a new major - a second major, in fact. She graduated Trinity in 2016 with bachelor degrees in music competition and chemistry.

"It sits on my wall," she said with a chuckle of her chemistry degree. "But if you think about it, musicians and scientists think similarly. Both solve problems and create."

Following her graduation from Trinity, Tallant-Adams surprised herself once again. She applied to and got accepted to the University of Cincinnati-College Conservatory

"When I got into CCM, one of the best conservatories in the country, I was like 'What? Oh wow, more proof," she said.

So she and her husband Nate Adams, a native of Cincinnati who she met at Trinity, made the move up north in 2018. Two years later, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, she made the courageous decision to open her studio on July

"It was a crazy time," she said. We required masks for voice lessons, we had shields made from plexiglass and PVC. We basically followed the



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schools (on closing their doors for COVID).

"We were very fortunate we didn't have an issue. We never had an outbreak in the studio. We had some teachers get COVID and they, of course, had to stay home. I've had it twice, but we were all fortunate to get vaccinated early with all the teachers so it wasn't worse."

Her studio returned to in-person instruction in January of 2021.

Were it not for the pandemic she would have likely taken over her business sooner. She was teaching in nearby Fort Thomas, Kentucky (five miles from Cincinnati), where her studio is located, and the owner announced she was retiring and closing the school.

"I said, 'Oh no, this is my main income!' She asked if I was interested in buying," she said.

Before Tallant-Adams could finish the purchase, however, the pandemic hit and the deal was pulled. Then, in June of 2020, the economic adviser for the city of Fort Thomas contacted her and said she had a space for rent. Tallant-Adams reached out to some of her teacher friends, and before she knew it she was running her own studio.

"You've got to get used to taking risks. I'm finding this out as a business owner," she said.

Since they bought a building and moved the studio. She went from renting a 900 square-foot space to owning a 3,200-square foot building. Her student enrollment has grown from 67 to 225 as well.

"It's going very well. I'm not going to get rich, but the point is to do what I love," she said.

Along with teaching music, Tallant-Adams plays and sings live music, mostly folk and country, throughout the Cincinnati and northern Kentucky area. She is often joined by her friends, one who plays mandolin and guitar and another who plays fiddle.





LEFT: Caileen Tallant-Adams is shown with her huisband, Nate Adams, and Vinnie, a Beagle mix. | Caileen Tallant-Adams said her teacher Aaron Garmon encouraged her to explore all possibilities.

well as piano.

"We're working on finding a drummer so we can do a full-on production," she said.

Her friends will also be on her album when she finishes, she noted, adding, "It's still a work in progress, but it will happen."

Tallant-Adams said she was influenced by a variety of artists growing up. As a result, her musical writing ranges from folk and country to classical.

"I grew up listening to Johnny Cash and Robert Earl Keen with my dad," she said, adding that she also frequently listened to the likes of Chopin and Beethoven.

Nowadays she has added artists such as Little Big Town, Miranda Lambert, Lake Street Dive and

Tallant-Adams can play guitar as Mumford & Sons to her repertoire of influences.

> As for high school influences, Tallant-Adams credits English teacher Myrna Sam, who is now at Fort Worth Country Day and an adjunct professor at Weatherford College.

> "She was the first one who taught me to think outside the box," Tallant-Adams said.

> Tallant-Adams said some of the greatest satisfaction she gets from teaching is when a student has a "a-ha" moment. She also said she learns from her students as well.

> "When they feel like they've done well, I feel so good," she said "Teaching is a two-way street. For one thing, they teach me patience. I have one student who is easily frustrated and when I watch her walk

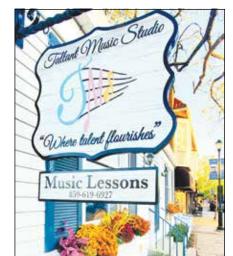
through a problem, it reminds me that we're not always going to get it the first time.

"One day I had a student come up to me and say, 'Miss Caileen, did you know Twinkle Twinkle and the alphabet song are the same?' It was definitely a wow moment for me."

But her greatest joy in life is soon to arrive in September. She and Nate are expecting their first child, expanding their family, which currently includes a beagle mix named Vinnie and a border collie named Lulu (after Emilou Harris).

As for the future?

"I just want to continue to do the best I can, balance work and being a mom - I'm a bit of a workaholic," she said. Ten years down the road I see other locations (for the studio). I'd like to start a nonprofit, bring music



to kids who might not have access to private lessons.

"It took a lot of ups and downs to get here, and I want others to benefit as well."



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Notice

Opportunity for a Public Hearing I-20/I-30 Operational Improvements Project

I-20 from FM 1187/FM 3325 to Markum Ranch Road and I-30 from I-20 to Linkcrest Drive CSJs: 0008-03-094, 0008-03-133, 0008-16-044, 1068-01-220 & 1068-05-014 **Parker and Tarrant Counties, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing operational improvements to Interstate 20 (I-20) from Farm-to-Market Road (FM) 1187/FM 3325 to Markum Ranch Road and I-30 from I-20 to Linkcrest Drive in Parker and Tarrant Counties, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT is affording an opportunity for a public hearing on the proposed project.

The proposed project would include three new interchanges on I-20 and one new interchange on I-30. Portions of the existing frontage roads along I-20 and I-30 would be reconstructed, and shared-use paths for bicycle and pedestrian accommodations would be provided. The project would also include operational improvements to existing cross streets, main lanes, ramps, and auxiliary lanes. The existing facility would be upgraded to meet current TxDOT design criteria. Additionally, the project would evaluate necessary drainage improvements. The first construction phase is anticipated to begin in 2023. Phase 1 would include two proposed interchanges on I-20, frontage road improvements, shared-use paths, and ramps reconfigurations on I-20 and on I-30 from I-20 to Walsh Ranch Parkway. Future construction phases are subject to funding

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require approximately 13.9 acres of additional right of way (ROW) and would potentially displace one non-residential structure. Phase 1 ROW would be acquired through early acquisition. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program and services and benefits for those displaced and other affected property owners, as well as information about the tentative schedule for ROW acquisition and construction, can be obtained from the TxDOT Fort Worth District Office by calling (817) 370-6696.

The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands and would involve an action in a floodplain. Any environmental documentation or studies, maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the TxDOT Fort Worth District Office, 2501 S.W. Loop 820, Fort Worth, Texas 76133, and (817) 370-6500. Project materials are also available online at www.txdot.gov. In the "Search TxDOT" box in the upper right-hand corner, enter the keyword "I-20/I-30 Operational Improvements."

The project materials are written in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to review the project materials or submit information, please contact Natnael Asfaw, P.E., PMP, Fort Worth District, at (817) 370-6603 no later than 4 p.m. CT, at least three business days before the date on which you would like to review the project materials or submit information. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Any interested person may submit a written request for a public hearing on this project. Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are also requested. Written hearing requests and comments may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Fort Worth District Office, Attention: Natnael T. Asfaw, P.E., PMP, 2501 S.W. Loop 820, Fort Worth, Texas 76133, or by email to Natnael. Asfaw@txdot.gov. All hearing requests and comments must be received on or before May 2, 2022. A hearing will be held if ten or more individuals submit timely written requests for a hearing, or if an agency with jurisdiction over the project submits a timely written request for a hearing that is supported by reasons why a hearing will be helpful. Responses to comments received will be available online at www.txdot.gov, search keywords "I-20/I-30 Operational Improvements," once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, please contact Natnael T. Asfaw, P.E., PMP, at (817) 370-6603 or at Natnael.Asfaw@txdot.gov.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

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Bearcats & Boots

The Aledo Education Foundation's annual Bearcats & Boots fundraiser was held April 8 at the Hilton in Fort Worth.

PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER AMOS.







LEFT: Monica Espinoza, Alyssa Clader, Elmi Martinez, and Leroy Martinez of Aledo. | CENTER: Gloria Gilbert, Linda Moss, and Willow Park Mayor Doyle Moss | RIGHT: Joel and Jennifer Pauly, Daniel and Alyssa Seay, Chris and Reina Bailey, and Emily and Cody Visone of Aledo







LEFT: Chris and Erin Frazier of Willow Park look at a pair of custom Aledo boots at the silent auction. | CENTER: Amanda and Matt Sudderth with Laurel and Matt Zohfeld of Aledo. | RIGHT: Deana Tillotson of Aledo looks at guitars autographed by country artists Pat Green and Eric Church in the silent auction.





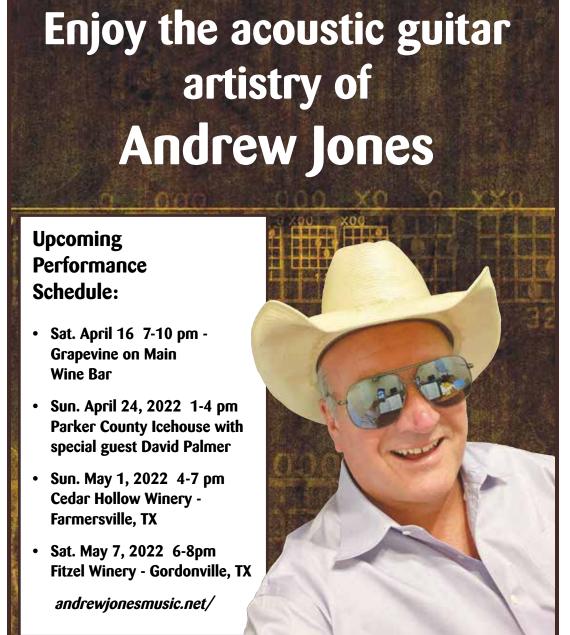


LEFT: Kelli Knox-Thompson and Amy Parnell with Beth and Matt Richter, all of Aledo | Bearcats N Boots event charwoman Stefny Nance receives a gift from Aledo Education Foundation director Shawn Callaway. | RIGHT: Featured entertainer Neal McCoy









Last of Laughleys plays for Ladycats, but legend will live on

By Rick Mauch

Beginning in 2012 the Laughley sisters gave Aledo Ladycats soccer opponents nothing to laugh about and the home fans plenty of reasons to smile.

And now that the last of the trio has played her final game, it's bittersweet for Ashlyn Laughley, her older sisters Sydney and Peyton, and the Ladycats faithful.

"It's going to be different. There's been a Laughley in this program for a long time. I haven't really thought about it coming to an end. I didn't want to think about it," Ladycats head coach Bryan Johnson said.

"Soccer is not about just winning and losing for these girls. All were in leadership roles, captains. I love these girls like they were my own daughters. Very special family."

Ashlyn, a senior, played her final game as a Ladycat when they were ousted 4-0 in bi-district by Colleyville Heritage. It was a rare early exit from the playoffs for the program that has, with a great boost from the Laughley sisters, become renowned.

Sydney is a 2015 graduate. Peyton graduated in 2017, and Ashlyn will graduate this year. In their time playing for Aledo the Ladycats posted a record of 177-60-25. They were five-time district champs and five-time runners-up.

"I looked up to them growing up. I was always at their games. I definitely wish I would have played with them. They set a standard," Ashlyn said of her older siblings.

"Growing up, I was always motivated to play soccer when I watched my older sister, Sydney, play. I tried to carry that torch and be a role model for Ashlyn, too," Peyton said.



COURTESY OF THE LAUGHLEY FAMILY

Ashlyn Laughley is shown with coach Bryan Johnson. The is the last of three sisters to play soccer in Aledo.

"It has been immeasurably special to share a passion like soccer with my sisters," Sydney said. "Being the oldest, I always only ever wanted my siblings to do what makes them happy, and it has been such a special journey getting to share soccer as a passion with my sisters.

"Ever since we were little, we have been able to cheer each other on along the sidelines, and as we got older it was even more memorable to grow up with one another on and off the field. Soccer has bonded us for life."

Ashlyn leaves with a team-record 115 career goals, along with 48

assists. Peyton registered 72 career goals and 36 assists, while Sydney scored 26 career goals with 38 assists. In all, they tallied 213 goals and 122 assists as Ladycats.

"I always wanted to be number one. I remember my junior year when I broke Peyton's goal-scoring record (for the family) I called her that night and apologized," Ashlyn said with a smile. "We are all really close."

Other career highlights include Peyton leading the 2017 Ladycats to the 5A state championship game. Ashlyn was a member of the 2019 regional finalists.

"I loved being an Aledo Ladycat. One of my favorite games I've ever played in was beating Leander Rouse in the state semifinal," Peyton said.

Though they didn't win state, the Ladycats' 5-3 loss to Highland Park in the title game saw them score more than any other team all season against the Lady Scots, who posted 18 shutouts and had surrendered just 10 goals previously. Peyton scored one of those goals in the state final.

And, of course, the Ladycats were playoff regulars during their entire tenure.

In addition to leading the Ladycats to much success, they each played for their father, Charles Laughley, in club soccer and enjoyed great success there as well.

"Their dad is a pretty important part of their life," Johnson said. "They're an amazing group of people."

Johnson said Ashlyn continued in the footsteps of her older sisters in leading by example, which she said is the only way she knows how to lead because "It's the best way people can learn."

So when Ashlyn broke Ally Swft's record of 106 career goals, he wasn't surprised.

"I knew coming in she was going to break the record," he said. "Her statement was, 'I wanna break it to where no one can break mine.'

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Mayor Kit Marshall Endorses Dr. Glenn Rogers

After much candidate research and a firm belief that what happens at the local level is an important priority, I am endorsing Glenn Rogers in the runoff for HD 60. He will listen, communicate, and work to find solutions on issues that impact us.

-Aledo Mayor Kit Marshall





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-Dr. Glenn Rogers



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"But she's unselfish. She's not afraid to give the ball to someone

Along with their play on the field, other individual accomplishments include:

- Sydney was a two-time firstteam all-district selection and two time second-team all-district;
- Peyton was a four-year firstteam all-district choice, and in 2017 she was selected to all-state, along with being chosen to play in the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches All-Star Game, which Johnson coached and in which she scored a goal. She was also named an All-American;
- Ashlyn is a two-time district MVP and in her freshman season was selected as Offensive Newcomer. She has been selected three times as an all-state player.
- "I would assume she will be selected for a fourth time this season, which hasn't been accomplished in Aledo," Johnson said excitedly.

There is actually a younger sister, Karly, a junior at Aledo High, but she has opted to go the gymnastics route — and successfully so, Ashlyn said. She added that Karly, who is also a varsity cheerleader, was very good when she did play soccer at a younger age.

All three have been named academic all-state, signifying their success in the classroom is just as important to them as what they do on the field. Sydney graduated from Texas A&M and is a training coordinator for Dell, now living in Houston. Peyton, a graduate of Arkansas-Little Rock, lives in Dallas and codes programs for a healthcare company.

"It was such a special experience, especially getting to share the field with Peyton. Then to watch Ashlyn grow up into this beautiful young woman and one heck of a soccer player," Sydney said. "It means so much that we are able to share the bond of Aledo Ladycat Soccer."

Peyton also had a successful playing career in college. Sydney opted not to play past high school and Ashlyn, who is going to attend Texas Tech, has also chosen not to play at the next level.

"It was on my mind for a while. I did some camps, but ultimately







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From left: Peyton, Sydney, and Ashlyn Laughley

I decided I want to be a student," Ashlyn said.

Ashlyn said she is going to take over the family business following college, Laughley Bridge & Construction.

As she says goodbye to that chapter in her life, Ashlyn reflected on her favorite memory of being a Ladycat.

"Playing with my teammates since second grade. A bunch of us played on a team called the Little Ladycats in Fort Worth," she said.

"Now that it is over, it's a wonderful time in my life that I love to look back on. My sisters make me so proud and I loved every minute I got to watch them play. Our mutual love for the sport has brought us even closer as siblings," Peyton said.

"There really are no words to describe how proud I am to have watched my younger sisters accomplish so much in their soccer careers. Whether they know it or not, they have taught me so much, on and off the field," Sydney said.

"It has been an incredible journey. Throughout all the wins and all the losses, I am grateful for all the memories. As this chapter closes, I am excited to see what the future holds and all that is to come."



COURTESY OF THE LAUGHLEY FAMILY

RODEO

Area hopefuls throughout NTHSRA standings

By Rick Mauch

A plethora of area athletes, including several from Aledo, find themselves in position to advance to the finals of the North Texas High School Rodeo Association as the regular season heads into the final few weeks.

The top 15 in each event will earn a berth in the finals May 13-15 in Saginaw.

Poised for a finals berth in saddle bronc is Aledo's Mason McElroy, who is in fifth place with 224 points (1,011.5 leads). Also in the top five in his event from Aledo is Tyson Douglas in chute dogging with 406 points (553 leads).

Among the girls, Aledo's Ashtyn Coufal is sixth in walk-up goat tying with 329 points (1,036 leads).

Aledo has three barrel racers in contention for a spot in the finals, led by Adrianna Ruckteschler in eighth place with 329 points (784 leads). Ashlyn Coufal is 11th with 196 and Nicole Altieri is 15th with 140.

Here is a complete list of Area competitors in the top 15 in their respective events:

Calf roping (938 leads): 9. Clayton Praytor, Weatherford, 385; 13. Haiden Smith, Weatherford, 70.

Breakaway roping (546): 4. Lilly Hamilton, Weatherford, 441; 7. Reagan High, Weatherford, 350. Saddle bronc (1,011.5): 5. Mason McElroy, Aledo, 224.

Ribbon roping (889): 7. Clayton Praytor, Weatherford, 399; 15. Haiden Smith, Weatherford, 98. Walk-up goat tying (1,036): 6. Ashtyn Coufal, Aledo, 448.

Steer wrestling (945): 4. Caden Farrell, Weatherford, 469.

Barrel racing (784): 8. Adrianna Ruckteschler, Aledo, 329; Ashlyn Coufal, Aledo, 196; 15. Nicole Altieri, Aledo, 140.

Chute Dogging (700): 4. Cade Farrell, Weatherford, 462; 5. Tyson Douglas, Aledo, 406; 14. Caleb Smith, Aledo, 182.

Poles (756): 2. Savannah Letson, Weatherford, 721.

Bull riding (623): 3. Carter High, Weatherford, 294.

Teams: 5. Weatherford, 4,131; 11. Aledo, 2,023.

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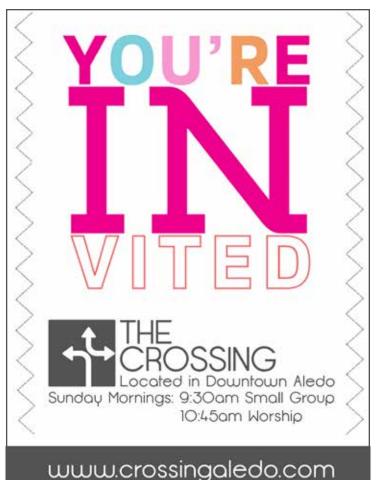
Karly, Peyton, Ashlyn, and Sydney

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Remembering Rayfield

By Randy Keck The Community News

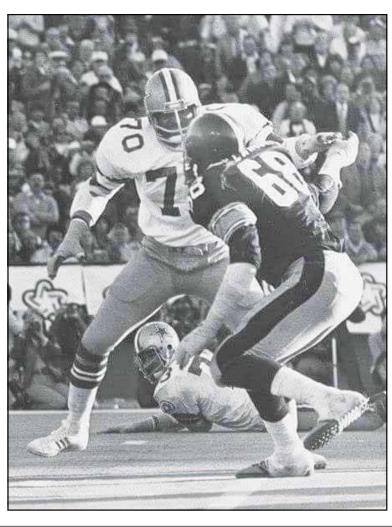
It's difficult to reconcile the Rayfield Wright that faced off against Deacon Jones on the offensive line for the Dallas Cowboys with the gentle giant who who moved to Willow Park almost 20 years ago.

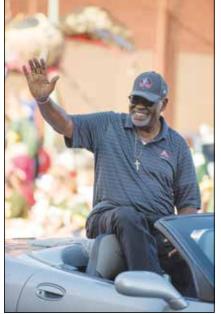
A legend even before being named to the NFL Hall of Fame, Rayfield never flaunted his celebrity status. Instead, he leveraged it for the good of the community. He couldn't help but know he was "famous." He just didn't act like it.

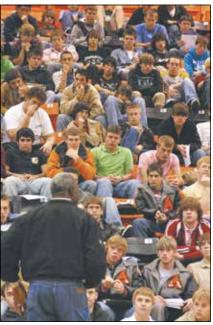
He somehow managed to keep a low profile while at the same time taking time to speak to Aledo High School athletes, speak at a local church, or participate in a United Way Celebrity Dinner.

At that particular dinner, my brother and I played the parts of Eli and Peyton Manning, Joe Tison was Tom Landry, and Rayfield Wright was — well, he was Rayfield Wright.

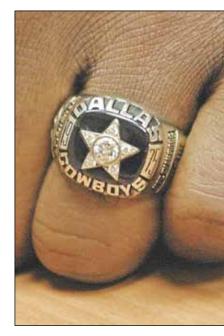
Along the way, he was inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame, leading to a unique thought. How

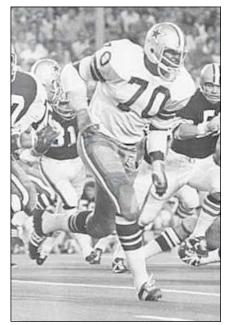












SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Wright pulls outside to block for Calvin Hill.



RANDY KECK/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Dallas Cowboys Hall of Famer Rayfield Wright presented a check for \$54,335 to Willow Park Fire Chief Mike LeNoir and Police Chief Carrie West from the inaugural Rayfield Wright Celebrity Golf Tournament.

many small communities are there who could have the headline, "Local resident inducted into NFL Hall of

Fame?"

In 2007 he was named Man of the Year by the East Parker County Chamber of Commerce. He sat at a table with our staff, and while dinner was going on, he passed one of his Super Bowl rings around the

I don't think any of us realized how much that thing weighed, or how big it was. I think my thoughts were along the lines of, "how could anyone have fingers that big?"

But they were big fingers that belonged to a big man, and he put his hands and his mind and his actions to work to benefit this community.

Back in 2006 he furnished a weekly column for this newspaper. One of my favorites was about "Big Mama." It was published Dec. 22,

2006, and is reprinted on the next

In 2011 he provided five scholarships of \$1,500 each to local area high school seniors. He was quoted as saying, "When I was growing up, there were often times when we didn't even have money for food so a college education was never on my radar. Yet there was one person, one person, out there who believed in me. That's how I got into college. That's why we do what we do."

Then, in 2019, he brought a whole slew of NFL greats and others to Willow Park for the first Rayfield Wright Celebrity Golf Tournament to benefit the Willow Park Police and Fire Departments, raising \$54,000 the first time out.

Rayfield Wright was a gentleman in the truest sense of the word. He gave of his talent and resources. "Big Cat" was a big man — he had big hands, he had a big heart, and he leaves big shoes to fill.

In My Eyes

Rayfield Wright and the road less traveled



Nolan Ruth

As I sat down this past week and mourned the loss of one of the greatest men I have ever known, I was struck with something that does not happen often — I was at a loss for words.

Willow Park resident and former Dallas Cowboys Hall of Fame

offensive tackle Rayfield Wright passed away at the age of 76.

I wish I could do his legacy justice, but what else am I to say about a man who let all of his actions do the talking? He was a man who came from such humble beginnings to end up one of the greatest offensive linemen to ever live. Still, though, he never lost his humbleness.

All too often, successful athletes tend to get "big heads" and become egotistical. They forget about the humble backgrounds from which they came, and they trade it all for the glamor of a celebrity lifestyle.

But not Rayfield.

Every honor, every accolade, every dollar he ever earned, he made certain to give it all back to

his community. From his time in Georgia, to Arizona, and back to Texas, he knew what was really important.

Even in his playing career where he won two Super Bowls with the Cowboys and appeared in three more, his humbleness stood out to his teammates. As I read what his colleagues had to say in the wake of his passing, it confirmed everything that made Rayfield a great man.

He held onto his principles until his final breath, but the words he spoke in his 2006 Pro Football Hall of Fame induction will continue to echo as long as his legacy lives on:

"I learned of a poem in the eighth grade entitled, 'The Road Not Taken.' It's about two roads.

One was well traveled. The other one was grassy and wanted wear. Through the poem, I discovered that life would give me choices. It was recognizing those choices that proved to be the greatest challenge.

"Success didn't come my way instantly. In fact, I went out for football in high school, and I couldn't make the team in my first three years.

"I've had many mentors in my life who always said 'Let honor and success come to you only if it's deserved, not because it's sought after.'

"I wish to tip my hat to the Dallas Cowboys fans, especially the ones who remember my playing days and America's Team of the 70's. "Now, parents, teach your children well. Encourage them with your faith and leadership. Remember that you are the windows through which your children see this world.

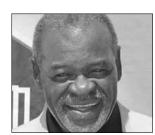
"To every young athlete within the sound of my voice, it takes courage to dream your dream. Don't let them sit in the locker room. Take a leap of faith. Listen to your parents and respect your elders. Learn from your successes and your losses.

"Be satisfied you gave the game everything you had and remember this: Don't be afraid to travel the road less traveled, because Larry Rayfield Wright did, and you can, too."

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Rayfield Writes

Remembering Big Mama



Rayfield Wright

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My grandmother, Miss Prentice Williams, would have celebrated her 114th birthday this week. She was born December 23, 1892. Because she stood 6 feet tall, we called her "Big Mama".

You've heard me refer to Big Mama on several occasions. Since this is the holiday season and because 2006 has been such a momentous year for me, I really want to capture the essence of what she stood for and the powerful role she played in my life.

Big Mama was a strong, healthy lady. She knew the meaning of hard work and carried out her daily domestic chores in a highly energized manner. As a child, I can't recall her ever having a sniffle or spending one day in bed with the flu or any other ailment.

In September 1981, I returned home from my job at the National Bank of Commerce in Dallas to find a message on my answering machine. "Larry," my sister Earline exclaimed, "call home immediately!" Frantically I dialed the number to my mother's house in Griffin, Ga., but there

was no answer. That was odd because there was always someone at home. I quickly called my Aunt Myrtice's where my cousin answered the phone. She tearfully said "Big Mama has had a stroke! She's at the hospital in Griffin"

Without giving it a second thought, I called the airlines and book the first available flight to Atlanta. Sitting on that plane was the most desperate experience of my life. I think I relived every moment between me and Big Mama that ever existed.

I remembered how she taught me to pray and the power of those prayers. As a child, I knelt beside her every morning and listened to her pray. She was always praising God and thanking Him and asking Him to help others.

I could see the twinkle in her big brown eyes.

I could hear her voice and she was singing. Big Mama always had a song in her heart and was constantly singing. Whatever she was doing, dishes, laundry, sweeping, picking cotton or walking to the market, there was a joyful song coming from her mouth. Amazing Grace. Take My Hand Precious Lord. Sometimes she composed her own melody and the words to go with it. The memories made me smile and cry at the same time.

I recalled how she would put pennies and small change in the collection plate at church, even when we didn't have enough money for a loaf of bread. "The Lord will provide," she reassured me.

I relived all the times when she spanked me because I needed one

I could see her white, frayed apron strings and the old black shoes she wore every day.

Her strength amazed me when my grandfather, a Baptist minister named Judge Williams, passed away in 1950. I was just five years old. It was Big Mama who picked up the mantle of our family. Back in Georgia, folks would say that she "covered our house."

Her soul, her spirit and her passion for life were all so beautiful

As the flight touched down in Atlanta, I dried my tears and raced my rental car toward Griffin. Reaching the hospital, I bypassed the elevators and sprinted up the stairs to the second floor. The hallway was filled with family members and friends. Earline met me with an unyielding hug which told me that Big Mama's condition was grave.

Inside the hospital room, I found my mother, my aunt, Reverend Stinson and Mary Ann, a nurse and family friend. "Big Mama isn't expected to make it," they told me.

For the next three days I stayed by her side praying to God; asking Him to keep her with us and pleading with Him to let me talk with her just one more time. I held her hand constantly and placed numerous kisses on her hands, her cheeks and her forehead.

On the third night, I saw the bed sheet move by her right leg. "Big Mama?" I asked. Her eyes blinked once and then opened. Incredibly, her eyes were as blue as the sky. After a few seconds, she blinked again and her then brown eyes focused on mine.

"Larry, why are you crying?" she asked. "Everything's going to be alright." I was laughing through my tears.

"By the way," she added, "you've sure been giving me lots of kisses!"

"Welcome back, Big Mama," I softly said to her.

"Larry," she exclaimed, "I've been to the valley and I've talked to Judge! But I didn't see Mary Ann." I remember thinking what an amazing testimonial that was. I understood why she mentioned Judge, her husband, but the only Mary Ann we knew was the nurse who would be back on duty the next morning.

"Let me call Mama and let her know you're awake," I said.

"No, son, you can call her in the morning. She needs her rest," she replied. "Let's just you and I talk for a while."

And so it was. We talked for hours. Laughing. Crying. Singing. Praying. It was such a beautiful night.

Around 6 o'clock the next morning there was a loud commotion in the hallway. Big Mama asked me to check and see what it was all about. Arriving at the nurse's station, I discovered that Mary Ann, the nurse and family friend, had just been brought in to the hospital with a gunshot wound. She passed away within the hour.

The Lord answered my prayers for Big Mama and our family. She was with us for the next five months... full of spirit and with a song in her heart. On January 15, 1982 my grandmother passed away, peacefully, in her sleep.

As you know, I try to convey a message with each story I tell and this one is no exception. If you *have* parents or grandparents in your life, love them with all your heart. Talk with them, listen to them and learn something new about them. And if you *are* a parent or a grandparent, spend some time with your child. Express the joy inside your heart. Love them, hold them close and teach them well.

Most importantly, remember that we celebrate the **greatest** birth of all this week. Keep the reason of this season in front of you and your family.

I hope your Christmas is filled with love, laughter and a joyful song.

And to you, Big Mama, happy birthday. I love you and I miss

Rayfield would like to answer questions from his fans, friends and neighbors. E-mail your questions about football or life in general to bigcat@rayfieldwright. com. Please put "Question" in the subject line. Your inquiry may be

answered in an upcoming issue of

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TRINITY CRISTIAN ACADEMY

Seven tennis players compete at state

The Trinity Christian Academy tennis team competed in the district tournament March 28-29 in Midland, and emerged with seven out of 12 players qualifying for state,

The girls finished in third place as a team, and the boys won district, TCA's second district championship in a row.

Macy Prestwood and Faith Rodgers finished third in girls doubles .

Lauren and Jordan Nachlinger finished fifth in girls doubles.

Micah Breisch finished fifth in

Bo Blauser finished second in

boys singles.

Teegan Thomas finished fifth in

boys singles.

At the state tournament in Waco on April 4-5, Bo Blauser made it past the first round but fell short in

in the state as a freshman.

Macy Prestwood and Faith
Rodgers competed in the first round
at state. They lost the first set but

the second, placing in the top eight

fought hard to win the second set and force a third set tiebreaker. They just fell short 6-10.

Baseball

TCA baseball traveled to Lubbock for a district matchup with the Lubbock Trinity Lions. The Eagles came up short in both games, losing 12-2 and 19-4.

Softball

The Lady Eagles hosted Lubbock Trinity Friday and Saturday in White Settlement. The Lady Eagles dropped two games 17-2 and 19-0. The young and inexperienced squad continues to grow and develop as the year progresses. Paige Bull led the Eagles on Friday going 1 for 1 with a double and a walk. Karter Kelley continues to build confidence on the mound and is building her consistency while also driving in two runs on a single. The Lady Eagles were unable to push a run across on Saturday but took great strides on the defensive side of the ball.



TRINITY CHRISTIAN ACADEM

Shown are the TCA state tennis qualifiers (from left) Coach Culberhouse, Lauren Nachlinger, Jordan Nachlinger, Faith Rodgers, Micah Breisch, Bo Blauser, Teegan Thomas, and Macy Prestwood.

GOLF

Aledo teams seek return to state

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Over the past 12 years the only thing that kept the Aledo golf program from having a team at the UIL State Tournament was a worldwide pandemic that prevented the tournament from even taking place in 2020

Otherwise, either the Bearcats or Ladycats have competed in Austin annually since 2011. Both teams were represented on four occasions, either as a whole or with an individual competing.

"It's really the expectation and the norm with Aledo golf," Ladycats head coach James Mullins said. "Golfers new to the program immediately learn of the previous success of the program and they want to have the same success and carry on the winning tradition. The success of the program itself is inspiring."

The Ladycats have previously qualified as a team in 2012 (seventh), 2013 (10th), 2014 (fourth, with now LPGA golfer Cheyenne Knight winning individually), 2015 (second, Knight repeated as champion), 2016 (12th), 2017 (10th, 2018 (fourth) and 2021 (10th).

The Bearcats qualified as a team in 2011 (fourth), 2015 (12th), 2017

(10th) and 2019 (12th). They also sent individuals in 2012 (Logan Lambert), 2014 (Lambert) and 2018 (Evan Pennington).

In 2017 both complete teams qualified for state, something they are hoping to duplicate next week at the Rawls Golf Course at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. The Bearcats compete Monday and Tuesday, April 18-19, while the Ladycats take to the course Wednesday and Thursday, April 20-21.

The top three teams and top three individuals not on those teams will advance to their respective Class 5A State Tournament at White Wing Golf Club in Georgetown. For the boys, it's May 9-10 and the girls will compete May 16-17.

Boys

Bearcats head coach Joe Roquemore believes his team has some unfinished business at regionals this year, and it's like returners Braylon Mahanay, Jett Moore and Jake Phillips do as well.

"We did not play well last year at regionals. Some of it was due to terrible weather and some of it was our inexperience," Roquemore said. "There were three freshman and one sophomore on last year's team. We finished in seventh place, 28 shots out of a spot in the state tournament. When you play that out over 36 holes and five players, 28 shots is not a lot of strokes to make up."

And once again the field is strong. Not only are Aledo Black and Granbury Purple competing, but so are other always tough programs, such as returning state qualifiers Canyon Randall, Burleson Centennial and Lubbock Cooper. Other strong competitors include Abilene Wylie and Amarillo Tascosa.

Rounding out the field are El Paso High, El Paso Chapin, El Paso Bel Air, El Paso Hanks, Grapevine, Denton, Arlington Heights, Saginaw and Mansfield Legacy.

The Bearcats' are coming in with back-to-back victories in their District 5-5A Preview Tournament and the actual district tournament itself. They also have one other tournament championship, playing a rigorous schedule.

"We have played against some of the best 5A and 6A teams in the state and have held our own," Roquemore said.

"We are looking to peak on April 18-19," he continued. "The game of golf is hard and full of ups and

downs. We are planning to be our best at the right time."

Girls

Mullins returns all but one player from last season's squad, including Aly Saunders, Mallory Miller, Sanaa Lemen and Madison Warner. Also, Kyla Morales was an alternate last year so she has seen the course.

This year's alternate is freshman Reagan Gilliland, who Mullins said has a great opportunity to possibly play the course next year.

As for the teams to beat in Lubbock, along with his own, Mullins said, "Grapevine will always show up with a solid team and performance. We never count them out. Coach Humphries does an excellent job with that program's success.

"Last year Amarillo was the team to beat, so they have become a force that we feel will show up this year as well with some solid scores. I have heard that Mansfield Legacy is the team to beat at regionals this year. It wouldn't surprise me, with the talent Mansfield has in many athletic programs, that they can put together a winning team.

"I honestly try not to focus on the teams to beat because it will all

come down to us versus the course on those days."

Also in the field are Granbury (District 5-5A runner-up behind Aledo) El Paso Burges, El Paso High, El Paso El Dorado, El Paso Del Valle, Lubbock Cooper, Lubbock High, Lake Dallas, Fort Worth Arlington Heights, Saginaw, and Burleson Centennial.

The Ladycats ran away with both the District 5-5A Tournament and the district preview a week earlier. They also won a third at Cross Timbers in Azle in February, along with runner-up finishes at Harbor Lakes in Granbury in September (won by perennial state power Mansfield) and March (Oklahoma power Jenks won).

"The scores have been slowly improving this spring. I would say that the Ladycats are peaking physically and mentally in their golf game at the right time," Mullins said. "The regional tournament should be a very competitive field and will require all golfers to play their best to get out to state. I'm confident in the team to put together two days of solid golf to make the top three teams at regionals."

TENNIS

Siddons, Posey bring home bronze from regional

By Andrea Garnett
Special to The Community News

Aledo High School girls doubles team Katie Siddons and Georgia Posey brought home third place medals from the UIL Regional Tennis Tournament held in Lubbock on April 11-12.

Coach Joe McCoy took two teams to Regionals this year, boys doubles duo Jax Joiner and Hogan Posey and girls doubles Siddons and Posey. Both teams won first place at the qualifying district tournament two weeks prior.

Joiner and Hogan Posey had to play the fourth seeded team from Canyon Randall High School and lost (3-6)(1-6), eliminating them in the first round.

Siddons and Georgia Posey, who were seeded third, beat Colleyville Heritage (6-1)(6-1) in round 1. In round 2 they faced Arlington Heights, winning (6-2)(6-3) and this advanced them into the semifinals where they faced the number 2 seeded team from Amarillo High School. The RacquetCats lost (4-6) (5-7) in a very competitive match holding their own throughout.

Tuesday morning the duo played for third place against Randall where they split sets (6-3)(2-6) and went into a third set tie breaker for the nail-biter victory, winning it (7-6)8-6. This win set them up for a playback chance to advance to State if they could beat the number 1 seeded Abilene Wylie team that lost in the finals to number 2 Amarillo High in an upset match. Unfortunately, the girls lost that match (2-6)(3-6) but retained their third place finish.

Siddons, Georgia Posey, and Joiner are all seniors while Hogan

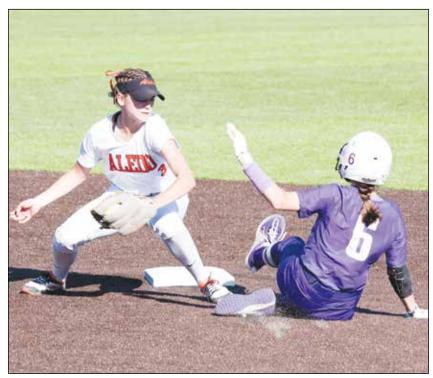


ANDREA GARNETT

Katie Siddons and Georgia Posey brought home bronze medals from the regional tennis tournament.

Posey will be returning as a senior next year for the RacquetCats. This coming fall Katie Siddons will attend Texas Christian University,

Georgia Posey will attend the University of Texas, and Jax Joiner will attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University.



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Reagan Davis tags a runner on second base for an out during Friday Night's game against Granbury

SOFTBALL

Ladycats continue dominance

By Nolan Ruth

The Aledo Ladycats softball team expected to have a big year after a memorable run in 2021. The expectations have been met as Aledo (20-2 overall, 8-0 in league) completed two more sweeps in District 5-5A play with wins over Granbury and Azle.

Granbury

On Friday, April 8, sophomore standout Brenlee Gonzales stepped into the circle to pitch against Granbury (9-10-2, 3-4). Gonzales had a stellar night as she pitched five innings, only allowing one hit and one walk while striking out 10.

Chole Cox started the scoring in the third inning when she took home plate on an error. Two batters later, Marissa Powell singled in Reagan Davis to make it a 2-0 lead for the Ladycats.

In the bottom of the fifth, Aledo walked it off by scoring eight runs to end the game by run-rule. Powell drove in four more runs in the inning, driving in the first run to start the inning, and tripling with the bases loaded for the final three runs. Madysen Boutwell also drove in two with a home run to left field. The Ladycats took the game by a score of 10-0.

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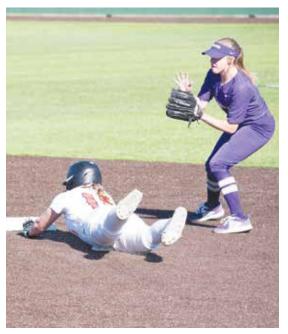
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Marissa Powell slides safe into second base first inning of Friday Night's game against

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Azle

Just days later, despite a massive storm pushing through the area, Aledo traveled north to Azle on Tuesday, April 12. After a delay stopped the game after the first inning for nearly two hours, Azle (14-10-1, 5-3) jumped out to an early lead with a run in the second.

The Ladycats immediately responded with a seven-run third inning. However, Azle would not back down easily and scored three more runs in the bottom of the third to make the score 7-4.

Boutwell made it a four-run game again in the fourth inning with a solo home run. In the sixth, she singled to left field, scoring Powell and Maddy Jarvis. Azle managed to score two more runs, but Aledo also added two more of its own for good measure to secure a 12-6 victory.

The Ladycats will travel to Wichita Falls on Thursday, April 14, to take on Rider High School, before closing out the regular season with Wichita Falls High on Tuesday, April 19. BASEBALL

Bearcats split non-district contests

By Nolan Ruth
The Community News

Due to a gap in the baseball schedule, the Aledo Bearcats got a week off from District 5-5A play, but filled the gap with two non-district series. After falling to the Southlake Carroll Dragons 6-0 at home, the Bearcats(15-8 overall, 3-1 in district) traveled to Southlake for the rubber match on Friday, April 8.

The game was all it was hyped up to be and more. Carroll (18-8) got out to a 3-0 lead after the first three innings. Down to their final out, the Bearcats scored three quick runs in the seventh to tie the game and send it into extra innings.

After scoreless eighth and ninth innings, Estevan Flores broke the stalemate with a sacrifice fly to score David Jones. Adrian Guzman took the mound in the bottom of the inning and called the game as he retired all three batters he faced.

Euless Trinity

The following day, April 9, Aledo played host to Euless Trinity (10-11-1) for a double-header. The Trojans are a familiar opponent for the Bearcats as they have faced off in each of the past two years.

Three early runs for Aledo proved to be the difference as Penner Unruh and Matthew Clark held Trinity at a distance. Despite two late runs for the Trojans, it was not enough and the Bearcats held on to win 3-2.



KIRSTEN GALLON

Centerfielder Max Belyeu slides safely into third on a steal from second base against Azle on Wednesday.

The following game proved to be very different as the teams combined for 15 runs. Trinity jumped out early with a three-run first inning, followed by a three run second inning for Aledo.

Both scored three runs in the third inning, and traded runs in the fourth making the score 7-7. However the pitchers took over from there and Trinity scored the only other run in the sixth inning

Both scored three runs in the to claim the win 8-7 and split the rd inning, and traded runs in doubleheader.

The Bearcats continue district play against the Azle Hornets (12-1, 4-0) at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 13 at Azle High School.

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INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Invitation to Bid on construction for the City of Aledo, Parker County, Texas on: 2022 Paving Improvements. The work is to include furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment, and performing all work necessary for the construction and other associated improvements detailed in the contract documents and specifications.

Sealed bids addressed to Ms. Deana McMullen, City Secretary, City of Aledo City Hall, 200 Old Annetta Road, Aledo, Texas 76008 will be received until 2:00 P.M., May 6, 2022 at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud and retained by the City for tabulation, checking, and evaluation.

Bids shall be submitted upon the blank form of proposal furnished. Sealed bids shall be marked "BID FOR 2022 PAVING IMPROVEMENTS. DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 2:00 P.M., May 6, 2022."

Prebid Conference Date: Friday, April 29, 2022.

Plans and Contract Documents will be available beginning at 8:00 a.m. on April 15, 2022. Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, will be on file at that time at the Aledo City Hall and may be examined without charge. Copies may be obtained from the City of Aledo, 200 Old Annetta Road, Aledo, Texas 76008, Attention: Public Works, for a non-refundable deposit of forty dollars (\$40.00) per set. Submit check, cashier check or money order for payment. Cash will not be accepted. Questions related to the procurement of the project should be directed to Ms. Gretchen Vazquez, P.E. at 817-441-7016 or publicworksdirector@aledotx.gov or Kristian Sugrim at 817-441-7016 or adofpublicworks@aledotx.gov.

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A prebid conference may be held at 2:00 PM on April 29, 2022 in the Aledo Community Center located at 104 Robinson Court, Aledo, Texas.

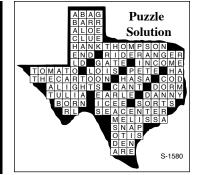
A certified check or bank draft, payable to the City of Aledo, negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (at par value), or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and payable to the City of Aledo in an amount equal to at least five percent (5%) of the total amount of the proposal must accompany each Bid as a guaranty that if the proposal is accepted, the Bidder will execute the contract and furnish the required performance, payment, and maintenance bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price.

No bids may be withdrawn within (90) days after date on which the bids are opened. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating proposal prices, the City reserves the right to adopt the proposal that provided for the most advantageous contract and pricing for the City. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder; however, the City reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The low bidder shall be prepared to submit such evidence as the City may reasonably require to establish their experience, possession of such equipment, qualification of personnel, and financial responsibility necessary to complete the work on this project in an expeditious, safe, and satisfactory manner.

Deana McMullen, City Secretary, City of Aledo, Texas

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Aledo Independent School District Special Education Department will conduct an evaluation to identify children with disabilities or developmental delays who may need special services and reside in the Aledo Independent School District.

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Distrito Escolar Independiente de Aledo **BÚSQUEDA DE NIÑOS**

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Costo: Sin Cargo *Llame para más información: (817) 441-5199

El Departamento de Educación Especial del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Aledo realizará una evaluación para identificar a los niños con discapacidades o retrasos en el desarrollo que pueden necesitar servicios especiales y residan en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de

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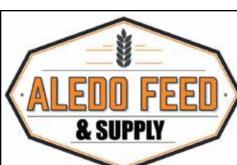
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Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed in "Exhibit A-1" will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Saturday, May 7, 2022, for voting in a special election to vote on the issuance of Ad Valorem Tax supported public securities for the 2022 General Obligation listed in Exhibit A-3 and to vote on the adoption of amendments to the City Charter listed in Exhibit

Por la presente se notifica que los centros de votación enumerados en el "ANEXO A-1" abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. del día sábado 7 de mayo de 2022 para votar en una elección especial para votar sobre la emisión de valores públicos apoyados en el impuesto ad valorem para la obligación general de 2022, que se enumeran en el ANEXO A-3; y para votar sobre la implementación de enmiendas a la Carta Constitucional, enumeradas en el ANEXO A-4.

EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE will be conducted each weekday at locations and during the times listed in Exhibit A-2:

LA VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA EN PERSONA se realizará los días de semana en los lugares y horarios indicados en el Anexo A-2:

Applications for a Ballot by Mail must be submitted between by January 1, 2022 and April 26, 2022 by mail, fax or email to:

(Las solicitudes de boletas por correo deben presentarse entre el 1.º de enero y el 26 de abril de 2022 por correo postal, fax o correo electrónico

Jenise "Crickett" Miller, Parker County Elections Administrator (Administrador Electoral)

Mailing Address (Dirección postal): Early Voting Clerk, 1112 Santa Fe Drive, Weatherford, Texas, 76086

Express Courier Delivery (Entrega por mensajería express): Early Voting Clerk, 1112 Santa Fe Drive, Weatherford, Texas, 76086

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EXHIBIT A-1 (ANEXO A-1)

7:00AM-7:00PM

secretary/elections;

ELECTION DAY SITES

Election Day sites for voting by personal appearance for the GENERAL/ SPECIAL ELECTION to be held on MAY 7, 2022 as conducted by Parker County, Texas are as follows:

Sitios del dia de las elecciones

Los lugares del Dia de las Elecciones para votar en persona para la ELECCIÓN GENERAL/ESPECIAL que se llevara a cabo el 7 de MAYO de 2022 segun lo realizado por el Condado de Parker, Texas son los siguientes:

Silver Creek United Methodist Church 2200 Church Rd, Azle 76020 Fellowship Hall 100/105

Azle City Hall, 505 W Main St, Azle 76020 Community Room 110/111 Reno City Hall, 195 W Reno Rd, Azle 76020 Community Center 115 Springtown Senior Center, 1070 N Main St, Springtown 76082 Community Room 120

Harburger Hill Community Center, 701 Narrow St, Weatherford 76086 Large Room 200/250

Poolville Methodist Church, 230 North Church, Poolville 76487 Fellowship Hall 210

Peaster ISD Rock Gym, 8512 FM RD 920, Peaster 76088 Back Room of

Adell Whitt Fire Department, 4312 N FM RD 52, Whitt 76490 Training

Room 220 Bethesda United Methodist Church, 6657 FM RD 113 N, Weatherford

76088 Johnson Room 225 Hudson Oaks City Hall, 210 Hudson Oaks Dr, Hudson Oaks 76087

Council Chambers 260/265

Santa Fe Drive Baptist Church, 1502 Santa Fe Dr, Weatherford 76086 Family Life Center 310/315

Weatherford College, 225 College Park Dr, Weatherford 76086 Work Force WC

Millsap Community Center, 102 Fannin St, Millsap 76066 Community Room 320

Harmony Baptist Church, 242 Harmony Rd, Weatherford 76087 Gym 325 Parker County PCT Barn # 3, 1111 FM RD 1189, Brock 76087 Break Room 335

Greenwood Fire Department, 1418 Greenwood Cut-Off Rd, Weatherford 76087 Training Room 350

Morningstar Amenity Center, 128 Heather Wind Ln, Aledo 76008 Main Room 400

First Baptist Willow Park, 601 Ranch House Rd, Willow Park 76087 Welcome Center 410/415

City of Aledo Community Center, 104 Robinson Ct, Aledo 76008 Main Room 430

Aledo ISD Admin Building, 1008 Bailey Ranch Rd, Aledo 76008 Louden Room 435

Town of Annetta, 450 Thunder Head Ln, Aledo 76008 Main Building Central Community Fire Station # 1, 4100 Old Agnes Rd, Weatherford 76088 Main Room

Central Community Fire Station # 2, 3641 N FM RD 51, Weatherford 76088 Main Room

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS MAY VOTE AT ANY OF THESE LOCATIONS
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EXHIBIT A-2 (ANEXO A-2)

EARLY VOTING SITES AND HOURS / SITIOS Y HORARIOS DE VATACION ANTICIPADA

Early Voting sites and hours for voting by personal appearance for the GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION to be held on MAY 7, 2022 as conducted by Parker County, Texas are as follows:

Los lugares para la votación anticipada y el horario para la votación en persona para la ELECCIÓN GENERAL/ESPECIAL que se llevara a cabo el 7 de MAYO de 2022, según lo llevara a cabo el condado de Parker, Texas, son los siguientes:

Main Voting Site / Sitio principal de votacion

Parker County Courthouse Annex, Annex Kitchen, 1112 Santa Fe Dr, Weatherford TX

Branch Voting Sites / Sitios de votacion de sucursales

Springtown Senior Center, Community Room, 1070 N. Main Street, Springtown, TX Peaster ISD Rock Gym, Back Room of Gym, 8512 FM RD 920, Peaster,

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Aledo ISD Admin Building, Louden Room, 1008 Bailey Ranch Rd, Aledo, TX

Hudson Oaks City Hall, Council Chambers, 201 Hudson Oaks Dr, Hudson Oaks. TX

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022 AVISO DE ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL SÁBADO 7 DE MAYO DE 2022

PARKER COUNTY CITY OF FORT WORTH VOTERS: VOTANTES DE LA CIUDAD DE FORT WORTH EN EL CONDADO DE PARKER:

Azle City Hall, Community Room, 505 W. Main St, Azle, TX
PCT 3 County Barn, Break Room, 1111 FM RD 1189, Brock, TX
Millsap Community Center, Community Room, 102 Fannin St., Millsap, TX
Poolville ISD Technology Building, Main Room, 16025 RM RD 920,
Poolville, TX

Regular Early Voting Hours and Days

Monday April 25, 2022 8:00AM-5:00PM Tuesday April 26, 2022 8:00AM-5:00PM Wednesday April 27, 2022 8:00AM-5:00PM

Thursday April 28, 2022 8:00AM-5:00PM Friday April 29, 2022 8:00AM-5:00PM

Saturday April 30, 2022 CLOSED

Sunday May 1, 2022 CLOSED

Monday May 2, 2022 7:00AM-7:00PM

Tuesday May 3, 2022 7:00AM-7:00PM

Horas y dias regulares de votacion anticipada Lunes 25 de Abril de 2022 8:00AM-5:00PM

Martes 26 de Abril de 2022 8:00AM-5:00PM

Miercoles 27 de Abril de 2022 8:00AM-5:00PM

Jueves 28 de Abril de 2022 8:00AM-5:00PM Viernes 29 de Abril de 2022 8:00AM-5:00PM

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Applications for Ballot by Mail may be obtained by calling (817) 598-6185 Applications for ballots by mail must be received by the Early Voting Clerk NO later than the close of business day on Tuesday April 26, 2022 Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Las solicitudes de boletas por correo deben ser recibidas por el Secretario de Voatcion Anticipada No mas tarde que el cierre del dia habil el Martes 26 de Abril de 2022 Las solicitudes de bolete electoral por correo se enviaran por correo a

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EXHIBIT A-3 (ANEXO A-3)

ORDINANCE NO. 25326-02-2022

An ordinance ordering an election by the qualified voters of the City of Fort Worth, Texas, on May 7, 2022, on the question of issuance of Ad Valorem Tax supported public securities for the 2022 General Obligation Debt Program

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Fort Worth, Texas:

Election ordered

That the City Council hereby orders that an election be held on Saturday, May 7, 2022. The City Council hereby finds that the date at which said election shall be held is not less than seventy-eight (78) days nor more than ninety (90) days from the date this Ordinance is adopted.

Propositions

That at said election, the following propositions shall be submitted in

accordance with law: FORT WORTH PROPOSITION A

Shall the City Council of the City of Fort Worth be authorized to issue the public securities of said City as authorized by law at the time of issuance, in one or more series or issues, in the aggregate principal amount of \$369,218,300, with said public securities of each such series or issue, respectively, to mature at the date or dates specified in the issuing instruments, with no such date to exceed forty years from the date of such issuance, and to be sold at such prices and bear interest at such rates as shall be determined by the City Council, for the following streets and mobility infrastructure related purposes in said City, to-wit: designing and constructing permanent street and drainage improvements; designing, reconstructing, rehabilitating, restructuring, and extending the streets, thoroughfares, intersections, park roads and parking lots, sidewalks, bridges, pedestrian ways, bicycle ways, streetscapes, collectors, signalization, signage, other traffic and signal controls, street lighting, and median improvements, and the acquisition of land therefor; and improvements related to all of the foregoing; and/or contributing toward the funding of any or all of the foregoing; and shall said City Council be authorized to levy and cause to be assessed and collected annual ad valorem taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the annual interest on said public securities and provide a sinking fund to pay said public securities at maturity?

FORT WORTH PROPOSITION B

Shall the City Council of the City of Fort Worth be authorized to issue the public securities of said City as authorized by law at the time of issuance, in one or more series or issues, in the aggregate principal amount of \$123,955,500, with said public securities of each such series or issue, respectively, to mature at the date or dates specified in the issuing instruments, with no such date to exceed forty years from the date of such issuance, and to be sold at such prices and bear interest at such rates as shall be determined by the City Council, for the following park and recreation purposes in said City, to-wit: designing and constructing park, recreation, and community center facilities; constructing new or replacement facilities; renovating existing facilities; enlarging other such facilities; making improvements to land; constructing, renovating, or enlarging playgrounds, roadways, parking, drainage, or other supportive infrastructure facilities at or integrated into park and recreation facilities; and the acquisition of land therefor; and improvements related to all of the foregoing; and/ or contributing toward the funding of any or all of the foregoing; and shall said City Council be authorized to levy and cause to be assessed and collected annual ad valorem taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the annual interest on said public securities and provide a sinking fund to pay said public securities at maturity?

FORT WORTH PROPOSITION C

Shall the City Council of the City of Fort Worth be authorized to issue the public securities of said City as authorized by law at the time of issuance, in one or more series or issues, in the aggregate principal amount of \$12,505,200, with said public securities of each such series or issue, respectively, to mature at the date or dates specified in the issuing instruments, with no such date to exceed forty years from the date of such issuance, and to be sold at such prices and bear interest at such rates as shall be determined by the City Council, for the following public library related purposes in said City, to-wit: expanding the City's library system by designing, constructing, and equipping new library facilities; renovating and/or expanding existing library facilities; and the acquisition of land therefor; and improvements related to all of the foregoing; and/or contributing toward the funding of any or all of the foregoing; and shall said City Council be authorized to levy and cause to be assessed and collected annual ad valorem taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the annual interest on said public securities and provide a sinking fund to pay said public securities at maturity?

FORT WORTH PROPOSITION D

Shall the City Council of the City of Fort Worth be authorized to issue the public securities of said City as authorized by law at the time of issuance, in one or more series or issues, in the aggregate principal amount of \$39,321,000, with said public securities of each such series or issue, respectively, to mature at the date or dates specified in the issuing instruments, with no such date to exceed forty years from the date of such issuance, and to be sold at such prices and bear interest at such rates as shall be determined by the City Council, for the following public safety facility related purposes in said City, to-wit: designing, constructing, and equipping new or replacement police and/or fire facilities; renovating and/ or expanding existing police and/or fire facilities; and the acquisition of land therefor; and improvements related to all of the foregoing; and/or contributing toward the funding of any or all of the foregoing; and shall said City Council be authorized to levy and cause to be assessed and collected annual ad valorem taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the annual interest on said public securities and provide a sinking fund to pay said public securities at maturity?

FORT WORTH PROPOSITION E

Shall the City Council of the City of Fort Worth be authorized to issue the public securities of said City as authorized by law at the time of issuance, in one or more series or issues, in the aggregate principal amount of \$15,000,000, with said public securities of each such series or issue, respectively, to mature at the date or dates specified in the issuing instruments, with no such date to exceed forty years from the date of such issuance, and to be sold at such prices and bear interest at such rates as shall be determined by the City Council, for the following open space public purposes in said City, to-wit: designing, acquiring land or permanent easements therein, conducting site preparation work, constructing, and installing improvements and facilities for natural area and open space lands to enhance air and water quality, facilitate other environmental benefits, control erosion, mitigate flooding concerns, provide passive recreational opportunities, and facilitate future economic development; and/ or contributing toward the funding of any or all of the foregoing; and shall said City Council be authorized to levy and cause to be assessed and collected annual ad valorem taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the annual interest on said public securities and provide a sinking fund to pay said public securities at maturity?

Ballot

That the official ballots to be used in such election shall be prepared in accordance with Sections 52.072 and 52.073 of the Texas Election Code, as amended. The ballots shall permit the electors to vote "For" or "Against" the aforesaid issuance of public securities and shall be set forth in substantially the following form:

FORT WORTH PROPOSITION A

The issuance of \$369,218,300 of public securities for streets and mobility infrastructure improvements and the imposition of taxes sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the public securities

FORT WORTH PROPOSITION B

improvements and the imposition of taxes sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the public securities

FORT WORTH PROPOSITION C

The issuance of \$123,955,500 of public securities for park and recreation

The issuance of \$12,505,200 of public securities for public library improvements and the imposition of taxes sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the public securities

FORT WORTH PROPOSITION DThe issuance of \$39,321,000 of public securities for police and fire public safety improvements and the imposition of taxes sufficient to pay the prin-

cipal and interest on the public securities FORT WORTH PROPOSITION E

The issuance of \$15,000,000 of public securities for acquisition, site preparation, and accessibility enhancements for natural area and open space improvements and the imposition of taxes sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the public securities

Public art

- (a) In respect to Fort Worth Proposition A (Streets and Mobility Infrastructure) submitted to the voters, it shall be a part of the contract with the voters that should the proposition be approved at said election, the City Council may determine to expend up to 1% of the aggregate proceeds of the public securities authorized and sold for projects approved by the voters as described in such proposition for public art/enhanced design specifically related to transportation and mobility infrastructure, consistent with the public art ordinance approved by the City Council and in effect at the time of the expenditure, and to the extent permitted by law.
- (b) In respect to Propositions B through D submitted to the voters, it shall be a part of the contract with the voters that should any of the propositions be approved at said election, the City Council may determine to expend up to 2% of the aggregate proceeds of the public securities authorized and sold for projects approved by the voters as described in each such proposition for public art/enhanced design specifically related to one or more of the projects described in such proposition, consistent with the public art ordinance approved by the City Council and in effect at the time of the expenditure, and to the extent permitted by law.
- (c) In respect to Fort Worth Proposition E (Open Space) submitted to the voters, it shall be a part of the contract with the voters that should the proposition be approved at said election, the City Council shall not use any proceeds of the public securities authorized and sold for the projects approved by the voters as described in such proposition for public art/enhanced design

Additional tax and financial information

That the following statements are made in accordance with Section 3.009(b) of the Texas Election Code and provide the information required under that Section that is not otherwise addressed in this ordinance:

- (a) Taxes sufficient to pay the annual principal of and interest on the debt obligations may be imposed.
- (b) Based upon the bond market conditions on the date this Ordinance is approved, the maximum interest rate for any series of the debt obligations authorized to be sold by the voters is estimated to be 5%, as calculated in accordance with applicable law. Such estimate takes into account a number of factors, including the timing of the issuance of debt obligations approved by the voters, the maturity schedule for debt obligations issued by the City, and the expected credit ratings of the proposed debt obligations. The estimated maximum interest rate is provided as a matter of information, but is not a limitation on the interest rate at which the debt obligations, or any series thereof, may
- (c) As of the beginning of the City's current fiscal year (October 1, 2021), the aggregate amount of outstanding principal of the City's ad valorem supported obligations is \$857,075,000.00.
- (d) As of the beginning of the City's current fiscal year (October 1, 2021), the aggregate amount of outstanding interest on the City's ad valorem supported obligations is \$200,741.379.00.
- e) As of the date of this Ordinance, the ad valorem debt service tax rate of the City of Fort Worth is \$0.1475 per \$ 100.00 valuation of taxable property.

Voting system and joint election

An electronic voting system, as defined in Chapter 121 of the Texas Election Code, shall be used for voting at the regular polling places for said election and for counting the ballots and the tabulation of the results. The conduct of the election and the use of the electronic voting system shall be in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

The election shall be held as a Joint Election pursuant to a Joint Election Agreements and Contracts For Election Services by and between the City of Fort Worth and the Tarrant County Elections Administrator; the City of Fort Worth and the Denton County Elections Administrator; the City of Fort Worth and the Parker County Elections Administrator; and other political subdivisions located in those counties. Pursuant to the above-mentioned Joint Election Agreements, the Tarrant County Elections Administrator shall serve as the Elections Administrator for the election held in Tarrant County, the Denton County Elections Administrator shall serve as the Elections Administrator for the election held in Denton County, and the Parker County Elections Administrator shall serve as the Elections Administrator for the election held in Parker County. Presiding Election Judges and Alternate Presiding Election Judges appointed to serve at said polling places listed in the Joint Election Agreements shall be those election officials furnished by the Elections Administrators selected pursuant to the terms of the Joint Election Agreements. An Early Voting Ballot Board is hereby created pursuant to Section 87.001 of the Texas Election Code. The Early Voting Ballot Board shall be made up of members appointed in the manner stated in the Joint Election Agreements, and the Presiding Judges and the Alternate Presiding Judges of the Early Voting Ballot Boards shall be the elections officials listed in the Joint Election Agreements.

Notice and publication

- (a) That a substantial copy of this Ordinance, in English, Spanish and, in Tarrant County, Vietnamese translations, shall serve as proper notice of said election, which notice shall be given as follows:
 - substantial copies of this Ordinance shall be published on the same day in each of two (2) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the City, the date of the first publication to be not less than fourteen (14) days nor more than thirty (30) days prior to the date of said election;
 - substantial copies of this Ordinance and the Voter Information Documents (as defined below) shall be posted on the bulletin board at the City Hall of the City of Fort Worth used for the posting of notices of meetings of the City Council of the City and at three (3) other public places within the City not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to the date upon which said election is to be held;
 - no later than the twenty-first (21st) day before the election, a complete copy of this Ordinance, the Voter Information Documents, and any sample ballot prepared for the election, shall be posted on the City's official website together with the notice of the election and the contents of the Propositions and shall remain so posted through the date of the election; and
 - iv. a complete copy of this Ordinance and the Voter Information Documents shall be posted on election day and during early voting by personal appearance in a prominent location at each polling place at which this election is conducted.
- (b) The City Secretary is directed to certify compliance with subsections (a)(i) - (iii) and to obtain certification from the relevant election authorities regarding compliance with subsection (a)(iv).
- (c) Copies of the voter information documents pertaining to each proposition to be voted on are attached as Exhibit "A" (the "Voter Information Documents"). Notice of the Voter Information Documents shall be given in the manner required by Section 1251.052(b) of the Texas Government Code.
- (d) The City's website is https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/Home. ORDINANCE EXHIBIT A

The following information is provided regarding City of Fort Worth Proposition A (Streets and Mobility Infrastructure) in accordance with Section 1251.052(b) of the Texas Government Code.

Language that will appear on ballot:

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS SPECIAL ELECTION CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS PROPOSITION A

)	THE ISSUANCE OF \$369,218,300 OF PUBLIC SECURITIES FOR STREETS
FOR)	AND MOBILITY INFRASTRUCTURE
)	IMPROVEMENTS AND THE IMPOSITION
AGAINST)	OF TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE
)	PUBLIC SECURITIES

Principal amount of debt obligations to be authorized:	\$369,218,300
Estimated interest for the debt obligations to be authorized, presuming an interest rate of 5%:	\$189,224,266.25
Estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full the debt obligations to be amortized over 20 years:	\$558,442,566.25
As of the date the election was ordered (February 8, 2022):	
The principal amount of all outstanding City debt obligations:	\$857,075,000.00
The estimated remaining interest amount on all outstanding City debt obligations:	\$200,741,378.24
The estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full all outstanding City debt obligations, amortized over 20 years:	\$1,057,816,378.24

Property Impact on Average Homestead:

Based on the City's financial assumptions, repayment of these public securities, if approved, would impose an estimated maximum annual increase of \$0.00 in the amount of taxes on a residence homestead in the City with an appraised value of \$100,000.

Additional Information (City Financial Assumptions):

The above-quoted figures do not reflect payments made on existing debt or additional debt issued after February 8, 2022 and assume the following: the amortization of the City's debt obligations, including outstanding debt obligations and the proposed debt obligations; changes in estimated future appraised values within the City based on a growth of the City's taxable assessed valuation at a rate of 4% in 2022 through 2028, 2% in 2029 through 2033, 1% in 2034 through 2038, and 0% thereafter; and the assumed interest rate on the proposed debt obligations of five percent.

The following information is provided regarding City of Fort Worth Proposition B (Park and Recreation Improvements) in accordance with Section 1251.052(b) of the Texas Government Code.

Language that will appear on ballot:

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS SPECIAL ELECTION CITY OF FORT WORTH. TEXAS PROPOSITION B

FOR	PUBLIC Recrea	UANCE OF \$123,955,500 OF SECURITIES FOR PARK AND TION IMPROVEMENTS AND THE TION OF TAXES SUFFICIENT TO
AGAINST		PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON BLIC SECURITIES

Principal amount of debt obligations to be authorized:	\$123,955,500
Estimated interest for the debt obligations to be authorized, presuming an interest rate of 5%:	\$63,527,081.25
Estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full the debt obligations to be amortized over 20 years:	\$187,482,581.25
As of the date the election was ordered (February 8, 2022):	
The principal amount of all outstanding City debt obligations:	\$857,075,000.00
The estimated remaining interest amount on all outstanding City debt obligations:	\$200,741,378.24
The estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full all outstanding City debt obligations, amortized over 20 years:	\$1,057,816,378.24

Property Impact on Average Homestead:

Based on the City's financial assumptions, repayment of these public securities, if approved, would impose an estimated maximum annual increase of \$0.00 in the amount of taxes on a residence homestead in the City with an appraised value of \$100,000.

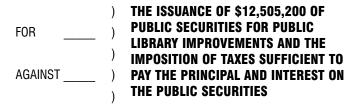
Additional Information (City Financial Assumptions):

The above-quoted figures do not reflect payments made on existing debt or additional debt issued after February 8, 2022 and assume the following: the amortization of the City's debt obligations, including outstanding debt obligations and the proposed debt obligations; changes in estimated future appraised values within the City based on a growth of the City's taxable assessed valuation at a rate of 4% in 2022 through 2028, 2% in 2029 through 2033, 1% in 2034 through 2038, and 0% thereafter; and the assumed interest rate on the proposed debt obligations of five percent.

The following information is provided regarding City of Fort Worth Proposition C (Public Library Improvements) in accordance with Section 1251.052(b) of the Texas Government Code.

Language that will appear on ballot:

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS SPECIAL ELECTION CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS PROPOSITION C



Principal amount of debt obligations to be authorized:	\$12,505,200
Estimated interest for the debt obligations to be authorized, presuming an interest rate of 5%:	\$6,408,735
Estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full the debt obligations to be amortized over 20 years:	\$18,913,935
As of the date the election was ordered (February 8, 2022):	
The principal amount of all outstanding City debt obligations:	\$857,075,000.00
The estimated remaining interest amount on all outstanding City debt obligations:	\$200,741,378.24
The estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full all outstanding City debt obligations, amortized over 20 years:	\$1,057,816,378.24

Property Impact on Average Homestead:

Based on the City's financial assumptions, repayment of these public securities, if approved, would impose an estimated maximum annual increase of \$0.00 in the amount of taxes on a residence homestead in the City with an appraised value of \$100,000.

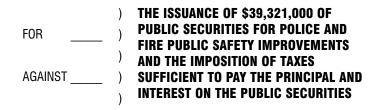
Additional Information (City Financial Assumptions):

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The following information is provided regarding City of Fort Worth Proposition D (Police and Fire Public Safety Improvements) in accordance with Section 1251.052(b) of the Texas Government Code.

Language that will appear on ballot:

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS SPECIAL ELECTION CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS PROPOSITION D



Principal amount of debt obligations to be authorized:	\$39,321,000
Estimated interest for the debt obligations to be authorized, presuming an interest rate of 5%:	\$20,151,812.50
Estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full the debt obligations to be amortized over 20 years:	\$59,472,812.50
As of the date the election was ordered (February 8, 2022):	
The principal amount of all outstanding City debt obligations:	\$857,075,000.00
The estimated remaining interest amount on all outstanding City debt obligations:	\$200,741,378.24
The estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full all outstanding City debt obligations, amortized over 20 years:	\$1,057,816,378.24

Property Impact on Average Homestead:

Based on the City's financial assumptions, repayment of these public securities, if approved, would impose an estimated maximum annual increase of \$0.00 in the amount of taxes on a residence homestead in the City with an appraised value of \$100,000.

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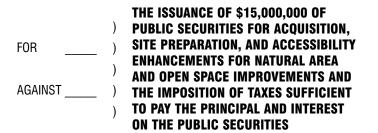
Additional Information (City Financial Assumptions):

The above-quoted figures do not reflect payments made on existing debt or additional debt issued after February 8, 2022 and assume the following: the amortization of the City's debt obligations, including outstanding debt obligations and the proposed debt obligations; changes in estimated future appraised values within the City based on a growth of the City's taxable assessed valuation at a rate of 4% in 2022 through 2028, 2% in 2029 through 2033, 1% in 2034 through 2038, and 0% thereafter; and the assumed interest rate on the proposed debt obligations of five percent.

The following information is provided regarding City of Fort Worth Proposition E (Natural Area and Open Space Improvements) in accordance with Section 1251.052(b) of the Texas Government Code.

Language that will appear on ballot:

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS SPECIAL ELECTION CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS PROPOSITION E



Principal amount of debt obligations to be authorized:	\$15,000,000
Estimated interest for the debt obligations to be authorized, presuming an interest rate of 5%:	\$7,687,500
Estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full the debt obligations to be amortized over 20 years:	\$22,687,500
As of the date the election was ordered (February 8, 2022):	
The principal amount of all outstanding City debt obligations:	\$857,075,000.00
The estimated remaining interest amount on all outstanding City debt obligations:	\$200,741,378.24
The estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full all outstanding City debt obligations, amortized over 20 years:	\$1,057,816,378.24

Property Impact on Average Homestead:

Based on the City's financial assumptions, repayment of these public securities, if approved, would impose an estimated maximum annual increase of \$0.00 in the amount of taxes on a residence homestead in the City with an appraised value of \$100,000.

Additional Information (City Financial Assumptions):

The above-quoted figures do not reflect payments made on existing debt or additional debt issued after February 8, 2022 and assume the following: the amortization of the City's debt obligations, including outstanding debt obligations and the proposed debt obligations; changes in estimated future appraised values within the City based on a growth of the City's taxable assessed valuation at a rate of 4% in 2022 through 2028, 2% in 2029 through 2033, 1% in 2034 through 2038, and 0% thereafter; and the assumed interest rate on the proposed debt obligations of five percent.

ANEXO A-3

ORDENANZA nro 25326-02-2022

Una Ordenanza que decretal una elección de votantes calificados de la cuidad de Fort Worth, Texas, el 7 de mayo de 2022 sobre la emisión de valores públicos apoyados en impuestos Ad Valorem para el Programa General De Obligaciones de Deuda

El ayuntamiento de la ciudad de Fort Worth, Texas, ordena lo siquiente:

Orden de realizar una elección

Por el presente, el Ayuntamiento ordena que se lleve a cabo una elección el sábado 7 de mayo de 2022. Por el presente, el Ayuntamiento considera que la fecha en la que se llevará a cabo dicha elección deberá ser no menos de setenta y ocho (78) días después ni más de noventa (90) días después de la fecha de promulgación de esta Ordenanza.

Propuestas

En esa elección, se presentarán las propuestas siguientes de acuerdo con la lev:

PROPUESTA "A" DE FORT WORTH

¿Debe autorizarse al Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad de Fort Worth a emitir valores públicos de dicha Ciudad según lo autorizado por la ley en el momento de la emisión, en una o más series de emisiones, por un monto principal total de \$369,218,300, con los vencimientos de dichos valores públicos de cada serie o emisión, respectivamente, en las fechas especificadas en los instrumentos emisores, fechas que no podrán exceder cuarenta años desde la fecha de dicha emisión, para venderse a los precios y devengar intereses a las tasas que determine el Ayuntamiento, para los siguientes propósitos relativos a infraestructura vial y de movilidad: construir mejoras permanentes en calles y drenajes; reconstruir, rehabilitar, reestructurar y extender calles, vías públicas, intersecciones, calles de parques y estacionamientos, aceras, puentes, vías peatonales, bicisendas, paisajes urbanos, colectoras, señalización, cartelería, otros controles de tráfico y señales, alumbrado público y mejoras medianas, y la adquisición de tierras para las mismas en dicha Ciudad; y mejoras relacionadas con todo lo anterior; o contribuir al financiamiento de todo lo anterior, y debe autorizarse a dicho Ayuntamiento a imponer y hacer que se evalúen y cobren impuestos ad valorem anuales en un monto suficiente para pagar los intereses anuales de dichos valores públicos y proveer un fondo de amortización para pagar dichos valores públicos al vencimiento?

PROPUESTA "B" DE FORT WORTH

¿Debe autorizarse al Ayuntamiento de la ciudad de Fort Worth a emitir valores públicos de dicha ciudad según lo autorizado por la ley en el momento de la emisión, en una o más series o emisiones, por un monto principal total de \$123,955,500, con los vencimientos de dichos valores públicos de cada serie o emisión, respectivamente, en las fechas especificadas en los instrumentos emisores, fechas que no podrán exceder los cuarenta años desde la fecha de dicha emisión, y para venderse a los precios y devengar intereses a las tasas que determine el Ayuntamiento, para los siguientes propósitos relativos a parques y recreación en dicha ciudad, a saber: diseñar y construir instalaciones de parques, recreación y centros comunitarios; construir instalaciones nuevas o de reemplazo; renovar las instalaciones existentes; ampliar otras instalaciones similares; mejorar la tierra; construir, renovar o agrandar parques infantiles, caminos, estacionamientos, desagües u otras instalaciones de infraestructura de apoyo en instalaciones de parques y recreación, o integrados en estos; adquirir tierras para ellos en dicha ciudad, y mejoras relacionadas con todo lo anterior; o contribuir a la financiación de todo lo anterior, y se debe autorizar a dicho Ayuntamiento a gravar, imponer y recaudar impuestos ad valorem anuales en un monto suficiente para pagar los intereses anuales de dichos valores públicos y proveer un fondo de amortización para pagar dichos valores públicos al vencimiento?

PROPUESTA "C" DE FORT WORTH

¿Debe autorizarse al Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad de Fort Worth a emitir valores públicos de dicha Ciudad según lo autorizado por la ley en el momento de la emisión, en una o más series de emisiones, por un monto principal total de \$12,505,200, con los vencimientos de dichos valores públicos de cada serie o emisión, respectivamente, en las fechas especificadas en los instrumentos emisores, fechas que no podrán exceder cuarenta años desde la fecha de dicha emisión, y para venderse a los precios y devengar intereses a las tasas que determine el Ayuntamiento, para los siguientes propósitos relativos a bibliotecas públicas: expandir el sistema de bibliotecas de la Ciudad mediante la construcción y equipamiento de nuevas instalaciones de bibliotecas; renovar o ampliar las instalaciones existentes de bibliotecas; adquirir tierras para ellos en dicha Ciudad, y mejoras relacionadas con todo lo anterior; o contribuir a la financiación de todo lo anterior, y se debe autorizar a dicho Ayuntamiento a imponer y hacer que se evalúen y cobren impuestos ad valorem anuales en un monto suficiente para pagar los intereses anuales de dichos valores públicos y proveer un fondo de amortización para pagar dichos valores públicos al vencimiento?

PROPUESTA "D" DE FORT WORTH

¿Debe autorizarse al Ayuntamiento de la ciudad de Fort Worth a emitir valores públicos de dicha ciudad según lo autorizado por la ley en el momento de la emisión, en una o más series o emisiones, por un monto principal total de \$39,321,000, con dichos valores públicos de cada serie o emisión, respectivamente, que vencerán en las fechas especificadas en el instrumento de emisión, fechas que no podrán exceder los cuarenta años desde la fecha de dicha emisión, y para venderse a los precios y devengar intereses a las tasas que determine el Ayuntamiento, para los siguientes propósitos relativos a instalaciones de seguridad pública en dicha ciudad, a saber: diseñar, construir y equipar instalaciones policiales o de bomberos nuevas o de reemplazo; renovar o ampliar las instalaciones policiales o de bomberos existentes; adquirir tierras para ellos en dicha ciudad, y mejoras relacionadas con todo lo anterior; o contribuir a la financiación de todo lo anterior, y se debe autorizar a dicho Ayuntamiento a gravar, imponer y recaudar impuestos ad valorem anuales en un monto suficiente para pagar los intereses anuales de dichos valores públicos y proveer un fondo de amortización para pagar dichos valores públicos al vencimiento?

PROPUESTA "E" DE FORT WORTH

¿Debe autorizarse al Ayuntamiento de la ciudad de Fort Worth a emitir valores públicos de dicha ciudad según lo autorizado por la ley en el momento de la emisión, en una o más series o emisiones, por un monto principal total de \$15,000,000, con los vencimientos de dichos valores públicos de cada serie o emisión, respectivamente, en las fechas especificadas en los instrumentos emisores, fechas que no podrán exceder los cuarenta años desde la fecha de dicha emisión, y para venderse a los precios y devengar intereses a las tasas que determine el Ayuntamiento, para los siguientes propósitos públicos de espacios abiertos en dicha ciudad, a saber: diseñar, adquirir la tierra o servidumbres de paso permanentes en esa ciudad; realizar trabajos de preparación en el lugar, construir e instalar mejoras e instalaciones para tierras de áreas naturales y espacios abiertos para mejorar la calidad del aire y del agua; facilitar otros beneficios ambientales, controlar la erosión, mitigar las preocupaciones de que haya inundaciones, brindar oportunidades recreativas pasivas y facilitar el desarrollo económico futuro; o contribuir a la financiación de todo lo anterior, y se debe autorizar a dicho Ayuntamiento a gravar, imponer y recaudar impuestos ad valorem anuales en un monto suficiente para pagar los intereses anuales de dichos valores públicos y proveer un fondo de amortización para pagar dichos valores públicos al vencimiento?

Sección 3. Boletas

Las boletas oficiales que se usen en esa elección deberán prepararse de acuerdo con las Secciones 52.072 y 52.073 del Código Electoral de Texas con sus modificaciones. Las boletas deberán permitir que los electores voten "A favor" o "En contra" de la mencionada emisión de valores públicos y estarán redactadas, básicamente, de la siguiente manera:

Propuesta "A" de Fort Worth

La emisión de valores públicos por un monto de \$369,218,300 para mejoras de la infraestructura vial y de movilidad y la imposición de impuestos suficientes para pagar el capital y los intereses de los valores públicos

Propuesta "B" de Fort Worth

La emisión de valores públicos por un monto de \$123,955,500 para mejoras de parques y recreación y la imposición de impuestos suficientes para pagar el capital y los intereses de los valores públicos

Propuesta "C" de Fort Worth

La emisión de valores públicos por un monto de \$12,505,200 para mejoras de bibliotecas públicas y la imposición de impuestos suficientes para pagar el capital y los intereses de los valores públicos

Propuesta "D" de Fort Worth

La emisión de valores públicos por un monto de \$39,321,000 para mejoras de la seguridad pública a través de la policía y los bomberos y la imposición de impuestos suficientes para pagar el capital y los intereses de los valores públicos

Propuesta "E" de Fort Worth

La emisión de valores públicos por un monto de \$15,000,000 para adquisición, preparación del lugar y mejoramiento de la accesibilidad para mejoras de las áreas naturales y los espacios abiertos y la imposición de impuestos suficientes para pagar el capital y los intereses de los valores públicos

Arte público

- (a) Respecto de la Propuesta "A" de Fort Worth (de infraestructura vial y de movilidad) enviada a los votantes, esta formará parte del contrato con los votantes de que, en caso de que la propuesta se apruebe en dicha elección, el Ayuntamiento podrá determinar un gasto de hasta el 1 % del producto total de los valores públicos autorizados y vendidos en proyectos aprobados por los votantes y descritos en tal propuesta de arte público/mejoras de diseños específicamente relacionados con infraestructura de transporte y movilidad, en consonancia con la ordenanza pública de arte aprobada por el Ayuntamiento, en vigencia en el momento del gasto y en la medida permitida por la ley.
- (b) Respecto de las Propuestas "B" a "D" enviadas a los votantes, estas formarán parte del contrato con los votantes de que, si una o más de las propuestas fuese aprobada en dicha elección, el Ayuntamiento podrá determinar un gasto de hasta el 2 % del producto total de los valores públicos autorizados y vendidos en proyectos aprobados por los votantes y descritos en cada una de esas propuestas de arte público/mejoras de diseño específicamente relacionados con uno o más de los proyectos descritos en dicha propuesta, en consonancia con la ordenanza de arte público aprobada por el Ayuntamiento, en vigencia en el momento del gasto y en la medida permitida por la ley.
- (c) En relación con la Propuesta "E" de Fort Worth (espacios abiertos) presentada a los votantes, deberá formar parte del compromiso con estos últimos que si la propuesta se aprueba en dicha elección, el Ayuntamiento no usará ninguna ganancia de los valores públicos autorizados y vendidos para los proyectos aprobados por los votantes como se describe en dicha propuesta para arte público o diseño mejorado.

Información adicional impositiva y financiera

Las declaraciones siguientes se hacen conforme a la Sección 3.009(b) del Código Electoral de Texas y brindan la información requerida en virtud de esa Sección que no se aborda en esta ordenanza:

- (a) Podrán imponerse impuestos suficientes para pagar el capital anual y los intereses de las obligaciones de la deuda.
- (b) De acuerdo con las condiciones del mercado de bonos en la fecha de aprobación de esta Ordenanza, la tasa de interés máxima para cualquier serie de obligaciones de deuda autorizadas a ser vendidas por los votantes se estima en un 5 %, calculada de acuerdo con

- la ley aplicable. En dicha estimación se tienen en cuenta diversos factores, incluido el calendario de emisiones de las obligaciones de deuda aprobadas por los votantes, el calendario de vencimientos de las obligaciones de deuda emitidas por la Ciudad y las calificaciones crediticias esperadas de las obligaciones de deuda propuestas. La tasa de interés máxima estimada se provee con fines informativos, pero no es una limitación de la tasa de interés a la que se pueden vender las obligaciones de deuda, o cualquier serie de las mismas.
- (c) Al comienzo del año fiscal actual de la Ciudad (1 de octubre de 2021), el monto total de capital pendiente de las obligaciones respaldadas ad valorem de la Ciudad es de \$857,075,000.00.
- (d) Al comienzo del año fiscal actual de la Ciudad (1 de octubre de 2021), el monto total de intereses pendientes de las obligaciones respaldadas ad valorem de la Ciudad es de \$200,741.379.00.
- (e) En la fecha de esta Ordenanza, la tasa del impuesto ad valorem sobre el servicio de la deuda de la Ciudad de Fort Worth es de \$0.1475 por cada \$ 100.00 de valoración de los bienes gravables.

Sistema de votación y elección conjunta

Se utilizará un sistema de votación electrónica, tal como se define en el Capítulo 121 del Código Electoral de Texas, para emitir el voto en los lugares de votación regulares para dicha elección, así como para contar las boletas y tabular los resultados. La realización de las elecciones y el uso del sistema de votación electrónica se harán de acuerdo con el Código Electoral de Texas.

La elección se celebrará como una elección conjunta de conformidad con un acuerdo de elección conjunto y un contrato de servicios electorales entre la ciudad de Fort Worth y el Administrador de Elecciones del condado de Tarrant; la ciudad de Fort Worth y el administrador de elecciones del condado de Denton; la ciudad de Fort Worth y el administrador de elecciones del condado de Parker, y otras subdivisiones políticas de esos condados. De conformidad con los acuerdos de elección conjuntos mencionados anteriormente, el administrador de elecciones del condado de Tarrant se desempeñará como administrador de elecciones para la elección celebrada en el condado de Tarrant, el administrador de elecciones del condado de Denton se desempeñará como administrador de elecciones para la elección celebrada en el condado de Denton y el administrador de elecciones del condado de Parker se desempeñará como administrador de elecciones para la elección celebrada en el condado de Parker. Los jueces electorales presidentes y los jueces electorales presidentes alternos que se designen para prestar servicios en tales lugares de votación, listados en los acuerdos electorales conjuntos, serán los funcionarios electorales nombrados por los administradores electorales seleccionados de conformidad con los términos de los acuerdos electorales conjuntos. Por el presente documento, se crea una Junta de Votación Anticipada de conformidad con la Sección 87.001 del Código Electoral de Texas. La Junta de Votación Anticipada estará compuesta por miembros designados de la manera establecida en los acuerdos electorales conjuntos, y los jueces presidentes y jueces presidentes alternos de las Juntas de Votación Anticipada serán los funcionarios electorales listados en los acuerdos electorales conjuntos.

Aviso y publicación

- (a) Una copia considerable de esta Ordenanza en inglés, español y, en el condado de Tarrant, traducida al vietnamita, se servirá como un aviso adecuado de dicha elección, el cual se enviará de la siguiente manera:
 - i. Las copias considerables de esta Ordenanza se publicarán el mismo día en cada una de las dos (2) semanas consecutivas en un periódico de difusión general de la ciudad, y la fecha de la primera publicación no deberá ser menor de catorce (14) días ni mayor de treinta (30) días antes de la fecha de dicha elección.
 - ii. Las copias considerables de esta Ordenanza y de los Documentos informativos del votante (como se definen a continuación) se publicarán en la cartelera de anuncios del Ayuntamiento de la ciudad de Fort Worth que se usa para publicar avisos de reuniones en el Ayuntamiento de dicha ciudad y en otros tres (3) lugares públicos de la ciudad a más tardar veintiún (21) días antes de la fecha en que se celebrará dicha
 - iii. A más tardar veintiún (21) días antes de la elección, se publicará una copia completa de la presente Ordenanza, los Documentos informativos del votante y las boletas de muestra preparadas para la elección en el sitio web oficial de la ciudad junto con el aviso de la elección y los contenidos de las Propuestas, y se mantendrá así hasta la fecha de la elección.
- iv. Se publicará una copia completa de la presente Ordenanza y de los Documentos informativos del votante el día de la elección y durante la votación anticipada presencial en un sitio destacado de cada lugar de votación en el que se lleve a cabo esta elección.
- (b) El secretario del Ayuntamiento debe certificar el cumplimiento de los incisos (a)(i) -(iii) y obtener la certificación de las autoridades electorales pertinentes con respecto al cumplimiento del inciso (a)(iv).
- (c) Se adjuntan copias de los documentos informativos del votante de cada propuesta que debe votarse como Anexo "A" (en lo sucesivo, los "Documentos informativos del votante"). Se debe enviar una notificación sobre los Documentos informativos del votante, tal y como lo exige el Artículo 1251.052(b) del Código Gubernamental de Texas.
- (d) El sitio web de la ciudad es https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/Home.

ORDENANZA ANEXO A

Se brinda la siguiente información sobre la Propuesta "A" de la ciudad de Fort Worth (Infraestructura vial y de movilidad) de acuerdo con el Artículo 1251.052(b) del Código Gubernamental de Texas.

Texto que aparecerá en la boleta:

ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL DE LA CIUDAD DE FORT WORTH, TEXAS PROPUESTA "A" DE LA CIUDAD DE FORT WORTH, TEXAS

A FAVOR

O

LA EMISIÓN DE VALORES PÚBLICOS
POR UN MONTO DE \$369,218,300 PARA

MEJORAS DE LA INFRAESTRUCTURA

VIAL Y DE MOVILIDAD Y LA IMPOSICIÓN
DE IMPUESTOS SUFICIENTES PARA
PAGAR EL CAPITAL Y LOS INTERESES DE
LOS VALORES PÚBLICOS

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Monto principal de las obligaciones de duda que se debe autorizar:	\$369,218,300
Intereses estimados para las obligaciones de deuda que se deben autorizar si se asume una tasa de interés del 5 %:	\$189,224,266.25
Combinación estimada de capital e intereses para pagar a tiempo y de manera total las obligaciones de deuda que se amortizarán a lo largo de 20 años:	\$558,442,566.25
A la fecha en la que se ordenó la elección (8 de febrero de 2022):	
El monto principal de todas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes de la ciudad:	\$857,075,000.00
El monto estimado de los demás intereses sobre todas las obligaciones de deuda pen- dientes de la ciudad:	\$200,741,378.24

Combinación estimada de capital e intere- ses para pagar a tiempo y de manera total las obligaciones de deuda pendientes de la ciudad que se amortizarán a lo largo de 20 años:	\$1,057,816,378.24

Impacto inmobiliario en la vivienda promedio:

En función de las suposiciones financieras de la ciudad, el reembolso de estos valores públicos, si se aprueba, impondría un aumento estimado anual máximo de \$0.00 en el monto de los impuestos a las viviendas residenciales de la ciudad con un valor de tasación de \$100,000.

Información adicional (suposiciones financieras de la ciudad): Las cifras antes mencionadas no reflejan los pagos realizados de deudas existentes o adicionales emitidas después del 8 de febrero de 2022, las cuales asumen lo siguiente: la amortización de las obligaciones de deuda de la ciudad, incluidas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes y las propuestas; los cambios en los valores de tasación estimados futuros dentro de la ciudad en función de un crecimiento de la valuación calculada imponible de la ciudad a una alícuota del 4 % en 2022 y hasta 2028, un 2 % en 2029 y hasta 2033, un 1 % en 2034 y hasta 2038 y 0 % posteriormente; y una tasa de interés asumida del 5 % sobre las obligaciones de deuda propuestas.

Se brinda la siguiente información sobre la Propuesta "B" de la ciudad de Fort Worth (Mejoras de parques y recreación) de acuerdo con el Artículo 1251.052(b) del Código Gubernamental de Texas.

Texto que aparecerá en la boleta:

ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL DE LA CIUDAD DE FORT WORTH, TEXAS PROPUESTA "B" DE LA CIUDAD DE FORT WORTH, TEXAS

A FAVOR

---POR UN MONTO DE \$123,955,500 PARA

MEJORAS DE PARQUES Y RECREACIÓN
Y LA IMPOSICIÓN DE IMPUESTOS
SUFICIENTES PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL
Y LOS INTERESES DE LOS VALORES
PÚBLICOS

Monto principal de los obligaciones de duda	¢122 055 500
Monto principal de las obligaciones de duda que se debe autorizar:	\$123,955,500
Intereses estimados para las obligaciones de deuda que se deben autorizar si se asume una tasa de interés del 5 %:	\$63,527,081.25
Combinación estimada de capital e intereses para pagar a tiempo y de manera total las obligaciones de deuda que se amortizarán a lo largo de 20 años:	\$187,482,581.25
A la fecha en la que se ordenó la elección (8 de febrero de 2022):	
El monto principal de todas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes de la ciudad:	\$857,075,000.00
El monto estimado de los demás intereses sobre todas las obligaciones de deuda pen- dientes de la ciudad:	\$200,741,378.24
Combinación estimada de capital e intereses para pagar a tiempo y de manera total las obligaciones de deuda pendientes de la ciudad que se amortizarán a lo largo de 20 años:	\$1,057,816,378.24

Impacto inmobiliario en la vivienda promedio:

En función de las suposiciones financieras de la ciudad, el reembolso de estos valores públicos, si se aprueba, impondría un aumento estimado anual máximo de \$0.00 en el monto de los impuestos a las viviendas residenciales de la ciudad con un valor de tasación de \$100,000.

Información adicional (suposiciones financieras de la ciudad):
Las cifras antes mencionadas no reflejan los pagos realizados de deudas existentes o adicionales emitidas después del 8 de febrero de 2022, las cuales asumen lo siguiente: la amortización de las obligaciones de deuda de la ciudad, incluidas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes y las propuestas; los cambios en los valores de tasación estimados futuros dentro de la ciudad en función de un crecimiento de la valuación calculada imponible de la ciudad a una alícuota del 4 % en 2022 y hasta 2028, un 2 % en 2029 y hasta 2033, un 1 % en 2034 y hasta 2038 y 0 % posteriormente; y una tasa de interés asumida del 5 % sobre las obligaciones

Se brinda la siguiente información sobre la Propuesta "C" de la ciudad de Fort Worth (Mejoras de bibliotecas públicas) de acuerdo con el Artículo 1251.052(b) del Código Gubernamental de Texas.

Texto que aparecerá en la boleta:

de deuda propuestas.

ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL DE LA CIUDAD DE FORT WORTH, TEXAS PROPUESTA "C" DE LA CIUDAD DE FORT WORTH, TEXAS

A FAVOR

POR UN MONTO DE \$12,505,200 PARA

MEJORAS DE BIBLIOTECAS PÚBLICAS

Y LA IMPOSICIÓN DE IMPUESTOS

SUFICIENTES PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL
Y LOS INTERESES DE LOS VALORES

PÚBLICOS

Monto principal de las obligaciones de duda que se debe autorizar:	\$12,505,200
Intereses estimados para las obligaciones de deuda que se deben autorizar si se asume una tasa de interés del 5 %:	\$6,408,735
Combinación estimada de capital e intereses para pagar a tiempo y de manera total las obligaciones de deuda que se amortizarán a lo largo de 20 años:	\$18,913,935
A la fecha en la que se ordenó la elección (8 de febrero de 2022):	
El monto principal de todas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes de la ciudad:	\$857,075,000.00
El monto estimado de los demás intereses sobre todas las obligaciones de deuda pen- dientes de la ciudad:	\$200,741,378.24
Combinación estimada de capital e intere- ses para pagar a tiempo y de manera total las obligaciones de deuda pendientes de la ciudad que se amortizarán a lo largo de 20 años:	\$1,057,816,378.24

Impacto inmobiliario en la vivienda promedio:

En función de las suposiciones financieras de la ciudad, el reembolso de estos valores públicos, si se aprueba, impondría un aumento estimado anual máximo de \$0.00 en el monto de los impuestos a las viviendas residenciales de la ciudad con un valor de tasación de \$100,000.

Información adicional (suposiciones financieras de la ciudad):

Las cifras antes mencionadas no reflejan los pagos realizados de deudas existentes o adicionales emitidas después del 8 de febrero de 2022, las cuales asumen lo siguiente: la amortización de las obligaciones de deuda de la ciudad, incluidas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes y las propuestas; los cambios en los valores de tasación estimados futuros dentro de la ciudad en función de un crecimiento de la valuación calculada imponible de la ciudad a una alícuota del 4 % en 2022 y hasta 2028, un 2 % en 2029 y hasta 2033, un 1 % en 2034 y hasta 2038 y 0 % poste-

riormente; y una tasa de interés asumida del 5 % sobre las obligaciones de deuda propuestas.

Se brinda la siguiente información sobre la Propuesta "D" de la ciudad de Fort Worth (Mejoras de la seguridad pública a través de la policía y los bomberos) de acuerdo con el Artículo 1251.052(b) del Código Gubernamental de Texas.

Texto que aparecerá en la boleta:

ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL DE LA CIUDAD DE FORT WORTH. TEXAS PROPUESTA "D" DE LA CIUDAD DE FORT WORTH, TEXAS

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Monto principal de las obligaciones de duda que se debe autorizar:	\$39,321,000
Intereses estimados para las obligaciones de deuda que se deben autorizar si se asume una tasa de interés del 5 %:	\$20,151,812.50
Combinación estimada de capital e intereses para pagar a tiempo y de manera total las obligaciones de deuda que se amortizarán a lo largo de 20 años:	\$59,472,812.50
A la fecha en la que se ordenó la elección (8 de febrero de 2022):	
El monto principal de todas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes de la ciudad:	\$857,075,000.00
El monto estimado de los demás intereses sobre todas las obligaciones de deuda pen- dientes de la ciudad:	\$200,741,378.24
Combinación estimada de capital e intere- ses para pagar a tiempo y de manera total las obligaciones de deuda pendientes de la ciudad que se amortizarán a lo largo de 20 años:	\$1,057,816,378.24

<u>Impacto inmobiliario en la vivienda promedio:</u>

En función de las suposiciones financieras de la ciudad, el reembolso de estos valores públicos, si se aprueba, impondría un aumento estimado anual máximo de \$0.00 en el monto de los impuestos a las viviendas residenciales de la ciudad con un valor de tasación de \$100,000.

<u>Información adicional (suposiciones financieras de la ciudad):</u>

Las cifras antes mencionadas no reflejan los pagos realizados de deudas existentes o adicionales emitidas después del 8 de febrero de 2022, las cuales asumen lo siguiente: la amortización de las obligaciones de deuda de la ciudad, incluidas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes y las propuestas; los cambios en los valores de tasación estimados futuros dentro de la ciudad en función de un crecimiento de la valuación calculada imponible de la ciudad a una alícuota del 4 % en 2022 y hasta 2028, un 2 % en 2029 y hasta 2033, un 1 % en 2034 y hasta 2038 y 0 % posteriormente; y una tasa de interés asumida del 5 % sobre las obligaciones de deuda propuestas.

Se brinda la siguiente información sobre la Propuesta "E" de la ciudad de Fort Worth (Mejoras de áreas naturales y espacios abiertos) de acuerdo con el Artículo 1251.052(b) del Código Gubernamental de Texas.

LA EMISIÓN DE VALORES PÚBLICOS

Texto que aparecerá en la boleta:

ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL DE LA CIUDAD DE FORT WORTH, TEXAS PROPUESTA "E" DE LA CIUDAD DE FORT WORTH, TEXAS

	POR UN MONTO DE \$15,000,000
A FAVOR) PARA ADQUISICIÓN, PREPARACIÓN
) DEL LUGAR Y MEJORAMIENTO DE LA
	ACCESIBILIDAD PARA MEJORAS DE LAS
	ÁREAS NATURALES Y LOS ESPACIOS
EN CONTRA) ABIERTOS Y LA IMPOSICIÓN DE
) IMPUESTOS SUFICIENTES PARA PAGAR
	EL CAPITAL Y LOS INTERESES DE LOS
	VALORES PÚBLICOS

Monto principal de las obligaciones de duda que se debe autorizar:	\$15,000,000
Intereses estimados para las obligaciones de deuda que se deben autorizar si se asume una tasa de interés del 5 %:	\$7,687,500
Combinación estimada de capital e intereses para pagar a tiempo y de manera total las obligaciones de deuda que se amortizarán a lo largo de 20 años:	\$22,687,500
A la fecha en la que se ordenó la elección (8 de febrero de 2022):	
El monto principal de todas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes de la ciudad:	\$857,075,000.00
El monto estimado de los demás intereses sobre todas las obligaciones de deuda pen- dientes de la ciudad:	\$200,741,378.24
Combinación estimada de capital e intere- ses para pagar a tiempo y de manera total las obligaciones de deuda pendientes de la ciudad que se amortizarán a lo largo de 20 años:	\$1,057,816,378.24

Impacto inmobiliario en la vivienda promedio:

En función de las suposiciones financieras de la ciudad, el reembolso de estos valores públicos, si se aprueba, impondría un aumento estimado anual máximo de \$0.00 en el monto de los impuestos a las viviendas residenciales de la ciudad con un valor de tasación de \$100,000.

Información adicional (suposiciones financieras de la ciudad):

Las cifras antes mencionadas no reflejan los pagos realizados de deudas existentes o adicionales emitidas después del 8 de febrero de 2022, las cuales asumen lo siguiente: la amortización de las obligaciones de deuda de la ciudad, incluidas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes y las propuestas; los cambios en los valores de tasación estimados futuros dentro de la ciudad en función de un crecimiento de la valuación calculada imponible de la ciudad a una alícuota del 4 % en 2022 y hasta 2028, un 2 % en 2029 y hasta 2033, un 1 % en 2034 y hasta 2038 y 0 % posteriormente; y una tasa de interés asumida del 5 % sobre las obligaciones de deuda propuestas.

ORDINANCE NO.25328-02-2022

An ordinance ordering a Special Election by the qualified voters of the City of Fort Worth, Texas, on May 7, 2022, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of said city, for adoption or rejection, thirteen (13) proposed amendments to the existing charter of the City of Fort Worth and ordaining related matters.

Section 1. Special election ordered

In compliance with the Charter of the City of Fort Worth and in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and more particularly Chapter 9 of the Texas Local Government Code relating to the amendment of city charters by home rule cities having more than five thousand (5.000) inhabitants, the City Council hereby orders that a special election. hereinafter "election," be held on Saturday, May 7, 2022, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Fort Worth, for adoption or rejection, the proposed amendments as shown in detail in Exhibit "A" to the existing Charter of the City of Fort Worth.

Section 2. Propositions to be on ballots

The official ballots to be used in said election shall be prepared in accordance with Sections 52.072 and 52.073 of the Election Code of the State of Texas, and shall have printed thereon the following PROPOSITIONS to be expressed substantially as follows:

CITY CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Place an 'X' in the square beside the statement indicating the way you wish to vote.

Fort Worth Proposition F

Shall Section 3 of Chapter III of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to provide that the mayor's annual pay shall be half of the average annual base-rate salary for all City department heads and that the other city council members' annual pay shall be half of the average annual base-rate salary for all City assistant department heads starting October 1, 2022?

Fort Worth Proposition G

Shall Section 3 of Chapter IV of the Fort Worth City Charter be revised to add language explicitly stating that metes and bounds descriptions are not necessary when the city council district boundaries are revised due to population changes based on recent census data?

Fort Worth Proposition H

Shall Sections 1 and 3 of Chapter V, Section 4 of Chapter VI, and Section 3 of Chapter XXVIII of the Fort Worth City Charter be revised to delete references to certain appointees and employees having the option to request a City Council public hearing regarding their removal?

Fort Worth Proposition I

Shall Section 1 of Chapter XIX and Section 3 of Chapter XX of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to increase the city secretary's time for reviewing voter-submitted petitions from ten (10) days to twenty-five (25) days?

Fort Worth Proposition J

Shall Section 1 of Chapter IX of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to remove the assessment and collection of taxes as a duty of the department of finance to reflect that the current practice of assessing and collecting all taxes, including special assessments, is performed by the county?

Fort Worth Proposition K

Shall Chapter XV of the Fort Worth City Charter be deleted in its entirety since the functions of a health department are performed by Tarrant County instead of the city?

Fort Worth Proposition L

Shall Section 5 of Chapter XXI of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to reduce the required newspaper publications for the sale of certain property from once-a-week for four weeks to one time with a requirement that notice also be placed and remain on the city's webpage for the four weeks preceding the sale?

Fort Worth Proposition M

Shall Section 4 of Chapter XXII of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to clarify that the city is not required to assess owners of abutting property for the cost of construction of sidewalks and curbs and that the city may directly pay such costs itself?

Fort Worth Proposition N

Shall Section 1 of Chapter XXIV of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to provide that the tax assessor-collector shall provide a list of assessments of real and personal property to the City Council in accordance with deadlines established under state law?

Fort Worth Proposition O

Shall Section 6 of Chapter XXVI of the Fort Worth City Charter, which requires public service corporations to file an annual report, be deleted in its entirety?

Fort Worth Proposition P

Shall Section 17 of Chapter XXVII of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to allow the official advertising contract to have a term longer than one year?

Fort Worth Proposition Q

Shall Section 3 of Chapter I of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to delete outdated language and to reflect that an annexation election will be called and conducted in accordance with state law and may be conducted directly by the city or by county election officials contracted by the city with voters to mark ballot to indicate their selection?

Fort Worth Proposition R

Shall Section 11 of Chapter X of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to clarify that the independent auditor's duties consist of auditing records and expressing an opinion on the annual comprehensive financial report and single audit and to remove requirement for physically printed copies?

The City Secretary of the City of Fort Worth shall ensure that ballots are prepared to be used in said election, on which ballots shall be printed the propositions to be voted on in the election. The ballots shall be printed in English, Spanish and Vietnamese for use in said election. Each proposed charter amendment in Exhibit "A" shall be separate and distinct so that voters shall pass upon each one separately and apart from another and so

that each voter may voter "For" or "Against" on each said amendment.

Effective date of amendments

The proposed amendments in Exhibit "A," if approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting upon said amendments, shall become a part of the City Charter of the City of Fort Worth as soon as an official order has been entered on the Council Minutes of said City by the City Council thereof, declaring the same adopted.

Voting system and joint election

An electronic voting system, as defined in Chapter 121 of the Texas Election Code, shall be used for voting at the regular polling places for said election and for counting the ballots and the tabulation of the results. The conduct of the election and the use of the electronic voting system shall be in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

The election shall be held as a Joint Election pursuant to a Joint Election Agreements and Contracts For Election Services by and between the City of Fort Worth and the Tarrant County Elections Administrator; the City of Fort Worth and the Denton County Elections Administrator; the City of Fort Worth and the Parker County Elections Administrator; and other political subdivisions located in those counties. Pursuant to the above-mentioned Joint Election Agreements, the Tarrant County Elections Administrator shall serve as the Elections Administrator for the election held in Tarrant County, the Denton County Elections Administrator shall serve as the Elections Administrator for the election held in Denton County, and the Parker County Elections Administrator shall serve as the Elections Administrator for the election held in Parker County. Presiding Election Judges and Alternate Presiding Election Judges appointed to serve at said polling places listed in the Joint Election Agreements shall be those election officials furnished by the Elections Administrators selected pursuant to the terms of the Joint Election Agreements. An Early Voting Ballot Board is hereby created pursuant to Section 87.001 of the Texas Election Code. The Early Voting Ballot Board shall be made up of members appointed in the manner stated in the Joint Election Agreements, and the Presiding Judges and the Alternate Presiding Judges of the Early Voting Ballot Boards shall be the elections officials listed in the Joint Election Agreements.

Statement of fiscal impact

Pursuant to Section 9.004(c)(2) of the Texas Local Government Code, (requiring a statement of the anticipated fiscal impact to the City if the proposed amendments are approved), the City asserts it is difficult to accurately account for the fiscal impact of the proposed amendments in light of the particular unknown effect upon the actual operation of the City government; however if the proposed amendments are approved an overall

analysis reflects that there should be no immediate fiscal impact upon the probable economic cost to the City other than if Proposition F is approved, approximately Four Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Nine dollars (\$484,469.00) beginning in Fiscal Year 2023 for the increase in compensation for Mayor and Council Members.

Notice of said election shall be given by publishing a Notice of Election, in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese, at least once, not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day before election day in a newspaper published in said City. A copy of the Notice of Election, in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese shall be posted on the City's board used for posting notices of the meeting of the Fort Worth City Council not later than the 21st day before election day.

The way and manner of holding said election, the notice to be given therefor, the polling places, the personnel and the officers who are to hold same, and all details connected with the holding of the election shall be provided for and arranged by the City Secretary. The proper notice and publication of this notice, proclamation, call and ordinance shall be only cumulative of and in addition to the statutory notice of said election as herein provided. Any omission or irregularity in this notice or in the publication or posting of this notice, proclamation, call and ordinance, or in the signing of same, shall not in any way affect or invalidate such election.

ORDENANZA nro 25328-02-2022

Una ordenanza que decreta una elección especial de los votantes calificados de la ciudad de fort worth, texas, el 7 de mayo de 2022 a los fines de presentar a dichos votantes calificados de esa ciudad, para su adopción o rechazo, trece (13) modificaciones propuestas a la carta constitucional de la ciudad de fort worth y al ordenamiento de los asuntos relacionados.

Orden de realizar una elección especial

Conforme a la Carta Constitucional de la ciudad de Fort Worth y de acuerdo con la Constitución y las leyes del estado de Texas, y, de manera más específica, el Capítulo 9 del Código Gubernamental Local de Texas sobre la modificación de las cartas constitucionales por parte de ciudades autónomas que tienen más de cinco mil (5000) habitantes, por el presente, el Ayuntamiento decreta que se llevará a cabo una elección especial (en lo sucesivo, la "elección") el sábado 7 de mayo de 2022 a los fines de presentar a los votantes calificados de la ciudad de Fort Worth, para su aprobación o rechazo, las modificaciones propuestas como aparecen detalladas en el Anexo "A" de la Carta Constitucional existente de la ciudad de Fort Worth.

Propuestas que estarán en las boletas

Las boletas oficiales que se usarán en dicha elección que se elaborarán de acuerdo con los Artículos 52.072 y 52.073 del Código Electoral del estado de Texas y tendrán impresas las siguientes PROPUESTAS que básicamente deberán redactarse de la siguiente manera:

Modificaciones a la carta constitucional

Coloque una "X" en la casilla junto al enunciado que indica la forma en la que desea votar.

Propuesta "F" de Fort Worth

¿Se debe modificar el Artículo 3 del Capítulo III de la Carta Constitucional de la ciudad de Fort Worth para que se establezca que el salario anual del alcalde sea la mitad del salario base anual promedio para todos los directores de departamentos de la ciudad y que el salario anual de los demás miembros del ayuntamiento sea la mitad del salario base anual promedio para todos los subdirectores de departamento de la ciudad a partir del 1 de octubre de 2022?

Propuesta "G" de Fort Worth

¿Se debe modificar el Artículo 3 del Capítulo IV de la Carta Constitucional de Fort Worth para agregar una redacción donde explícitamente se establezca que las descripciones de las medidas y los límites no son necesarias cuando los límites distritales del ayuntamiento se revisan debido a cambios poblacionales en función de los datos de un censo

Propuesta "H" de Fort Worth

¿Se deben revisar los Artículos 1 y 3 del Capítulo V, el Artículo 4 del Capítulo VI y el Artículo 3 del Capítulo XXVIII de la Carta Constitucional de Fort Worth para eliminar las referencias a ciertas personas nombradas y empleados que tienen la opción de solicitar una audiencia pública de Ayuntamiento sobre su remoción?

Propuesta "I" de Fort Worth

¿Se deben modificar el Artículo 1 del Capítulo XIX y el Artículo 3 del Capítulo XX de la Carta Constitucional de Fort Worth para aumentar el tiempo que tiene el secretario de la ciudad para revisar las peticiones presentadas por los votantes de diez (10) días a veinticinco (25) días?

Propuesta "J" de Fort Worth

¿Se debe modificar el Artículo 1 del Capítulo IX de la Carta Constitucional de Fort Worth para eliminar la imposición y la recaudación de impuestos como un deber del departamento de finanzas a fin de reflejar que la práctica actual de imponer y recaudar todos los impuestos, incluidas las tasas especiales, la lleve a cabo el condado? Propuesta "K" de Fort Worth

¿Se debe eliminar el Capítulo XV de la Carta Constitucional de Fort Worth en su totalidad, ya que las funciones de un departamento de salud las lleva a cabo el condado de Tarrant y no la ciudad?

Propuesta "L" de Fort Worth

¿Se debe modificar el Artículo 5 del Capítulo XXI de la Carta Constitucional de Fort Worth para reducir las publicaciones en periódicos exigidas para la venta de ciertos bienes inmuebles de una vez a la semana durante cuatro semanas a una vez con un requisito de que el aviso también se coloque en el sitio web de la ciudad y permanezca allí durante las cuatro semanas anteriores a la venta?

Propuesta "M" de Fort Worth

¿Se debe modificar el Artículo 4 del Capítulo XXII de la Carta Constitucional de Fort Worth para aclarar que la ciudad no debe gravar a los dueños de propiedades colindantes por el costo de construir aceras y bordillos, y que la propia ciudad puede pagar directamente dicho costo?

Propuesta "N" de Fort Worth

¿Se debe modificar el Artículo 1 del Capítulo XXIV de la Carta Constitucional de Fort Worth para que se establezca que quien impone y recauda impuestos debe proporcionar una lista de las valoraciones de bienes inmuebles y personales al Ayuntamiento de acuerdo con los plazos establecidos en virtud de la legislación estatal?

Propuesta "O" de Fort Worth

¿Se debe eliminar en su totalidad el Artículo 6 del Capítulo XXVI de la Carta Constitucional de Fort Worth que exige que las empresas de servicios públicos presenten un informe anual?

Propuesta "P" de Fort Worth

¿Se debe modificar el Artículo 17 del Capítulo XXVII de la Carta Constitucional de Fort Worth para que permita que el contrato de publicidad oficial tenga una duración mayor a un año?

Propuesta "Q" de Fort Worth

¿Se debe modificar el Artículo 3 del Capítulo I de la Carta Constitucional de Fort Worth para eliminar el texto obsoleto y que refleje que se convocará y realizará una elección sobre anexión conforme a la legislación estatal, y que la pueden llevar a cabo directamente los funcionarios electorales de la ciudad o el condado que la ciudad contrate y que los votantes marquen la boleta para indicar su selección?

Propuesta "R" de Fort Worth

¿Se debe modificar el Artículo 11 del Capítulo X de la Carta Constitucional de Fort Worth para aclarar que los deberes del auditor independiente consisten en auditar los registros y formular una opinión en el informe anual financiero integral y auditorías individuales, así como para eliminar el requisito de que haya copias físicas impresas?

Boletas

El secretario de la ciudad de Fort Worth garantizará que las boletas se

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preparen para que se utilicen en dicha elección, y dichas boletas tendrás impresas las propuestas que se votarán en la elección. Las boletas para utilizar en esa elección se imprimirán en inglés, español y vietnamita. Cada modificación propuesta a la carta constitucional que figura en el Anexo "A" debe estar separada y ser clara para que los votantes puedan pasar cada una de forma separada de las demás y para que cada votante pueda votar "A favor" o "En contra" de cada modificación.

Fecha de entrada en vigor de las modificaciones

Las modificaciones propuestas que figuran en el Anexo "A", si las aprueba la mayoría de los votantes calificados que voten dichas modificaciones, pasarán a formar parte de la Carta Constitucional de la ciudad de Fort Worth no bien el Ayuntamiento ingrese una orden oficial en las Actas del Ayuntamiento de dicha ciudad, en la que se declare que la modificación se aprobó.

Sistema de votación y elección conjunta

Se utilizará un sistema de votación electrónica, tal como se define en el Capítulo 121 del Código Electoral de Texas, para emitir el voto en los lugares de votación regulares para dicha elección, así como para contar las boletas y tabular los resultados. La realización de las elecciones y el uso del sistema de votación electrónica se harán de acuerdo con el Código Electoral de Texas.

La elección se celebrará como una elección conjunta de conformidad con un acuerdo de elección conjunto y un contrato de servicios electorales entre la ciudad de Fort Worth y el Administrador de Elecciones del condado de Tarrant; la ciudad de Fort Worth y el administrador de elecciones del condado de Denton; la ciudad de Fort Worth y el administrador de elecciones del condado de Parker, y otras subdivisiones políticas de esos condados. De conformidad con los acuerdos de elección conjuntos mencionados anteriormente, el administrador de elecciones del condado de Tarrant se desempeñará como administrador de elecciones para la elección celebrada en el condado de Tarrant, el administrador de elecciones del condado de Denton se desempeñará como administrador de elecciones para la elección celebrada en el condado de Denton y el administrador de elecciones del condado de Parker se desempeñará como administrador de elecciones para la elección celebrada en el condado de Parker. Los jueces electorales presidentes y los jueces electorales presidentes alternos que se designen para prestar servicios en tales lugares de votación, listados en los acuerdos electorales conjuntos, serán los funcionarios electorales nombrados por los administradores electorales seleccionados de conformidad con los términos de los acuerdos electorales conjuntos. Por el presente documento, se crea una Junta de Votación Anticipada de conformidad con la Sección 87.001 del Código Electoral de Texas. La Junta de Votación Anticipada estará compuesta por miembros designados de la manera establecida en los acuerdos electorales conjuntos, y los jueces presidentes y jueces presidentes alternos de las Juntas de Votación Anticipada serán los funcionarios electorales listados en los acuerdos electorales conjuntos.

Declaración de impacto fiscal

En virtud del Artículo 9.004(c)(2) del Código Gubernamental Local de Texas (que exige una declaración del impacto fiscal anticipado a la ciudad si se aprueban las modificaciones propuestas), la ciudad afirma que es difícil dar cuenta de manera precisa del impacto fiscal de las modificaciones propuestas a la luz del efecto desconocido particular en las operaciones reales del gobierno de la ciudad; sin embargo, si se aprueban las modificaciones propuestas, un análisis general refleja que no debería haber un impacto fiscal inmediato en el costo económico probable para la ciudad, excepto aproximadamente cuatrocientos ochenta y cuatro mil cuatrocientos sesenta y nueve dólares (\$484,469.00) a comienzos del ejercicio de 2023 para el aumento de la remuneración del alcalde y los miembros del Ayuntamiento si se aprueba la Propuesta "F".

Promulgación

El aviso de dicha elección se hará mediante la publicación de un Aviso de Elección en inglés, español y vietnamita, al menos una vez entre los días 30 y 10 previos al día de la elección, en un periódico publicado en la Ciudad de Fort Worth. Una copia del Aviso de Elección, en inglés, español y vietnamita, deberá publicarse en el tablón de anuncios utilizado por la Ciudad para publicar avisos de las reuniones del Concejo Municipal de Fort Worth, al menos 21 días antes del día de la elección.

Aviso

La forma y manera de celebrar dicha elección, el aviso correspondiente a la elección, los lugares de votación, el personal y los funcionarios que deban organizarla y todos los detalles relacionados con la celebración de tal elección serán proporcionados y organizados por el secretario de la Ciudad. El aviso correspondiente y su publicación, la promulgación, la convocatoria y la ordenanza solo serán acumulativas y adicionales al aviso de dicha elección de conformidad con la ley, tal como se establece en este documento. Cualquier omisión o irregularidad en este aviso o en la publicación o divulgación de este aviso, promulgación, convocatoria y ordenanza, o en las firmas correspondientes, no afectará ni invalidará de ninguna manera dicha elección.

EXHIBIT "A"

A special election will be held on May 7, 2022, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of allowing voters to determine whether to amend the Fort Worth City Charter. Persons interested in voting on these issues may contact the Fort Worth City Secretary's Office for information about polling places and other information pertaining to the election or may visit the City's website at www.fortworthtexas.gov.

If the proposed Propositions are adopted by the qualified voters of the City of Fort Worth, the following Charter provisions will be amended by adding the underscored words and deleting those struck through. The bracketed italicized language indicates where another proposed Proposition will amend the Charter language within that section if passed. The proposed amendments will read in their entirety as follows:

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Amendment Number 1 (Proposition F).

CHAPTER III: THE CITY COUNCIL

§3 COMPENSATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

Commencing on October 1, 2006 October 1, 2022, each member of the City Council, except the mayor, shall receive as compensation annual pay for such member's services as an elected official, the sum of twenty-five-thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) per annum an amount that is equal to one-half of the average annual base rate salary for all city assistant department directors, and the mayor shall receive as compensation annual pay for the mayor's service as an elected official, the sum of twenty-nine thousand-dollars (\$29,000.00) per annum an amount that is equal to one-half of the average annual base rate salary for all city department directors. In addition to the above, all necessary expenses incurred by the City Council in performance of their official duties shall be paid by the city. Nothing herein shall prohibit a council member from waiving the right to all or any part of such compensation pay or payment of expenses.

Amendment Number 2 (Proposition G)

CHAPTER IV: METHOD OF NOMINATING AND ELECTING MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

§3. [COUNCILPERSONS TO BE ELECTED FROM DISTRICTS].

With the exception of Place No. 1 to be held by the mayor as provided for in section 2 of Chapter III of this Charter, the City Council shall provide by ordinance for ten (10) single member districts so that with the exception of the mayor, one (1) member of the City Council shall be elected from each of such defined districts by the voters residing therein, and each candidate therefrom shall be a qualified elector of the city and shall have continuously resided in the Council District for which he or she seeks election for 180 days before the first allowed filing date for the election. The first allowed filing date shall not be included in calculating the 180 days.

The City Council shall, as often as census data is available, determine as nearly as practicable the population of the respective districts and shall, by

ordinance, revise the boundaries of any or all of said districts to maintain a substantial equality of population in each, <u>provided, however, that such boundaries need not be described by reference to metes and bounds.</u>
Within sixty (60) days after passage of this amendment, the City Council shall, by ordinance, designate the original district limits.

Amendment Number 3 (Proposition H). CHAPTER V: THE CITY MANAGER

§ 1 [APPOINTMENT; QUALIFICATIONS; REMOVAL; ABSENCE OR DISABILITY; COMPENSATION; RESIDENCY].

The council shall appoint the city manager, who shall be the chief administrative and executive officer of the city. He shall be chosen solely upon the basis of his executive and administrative training, experience, and ability, and without regard to political consideration. Qualifications being equal, preference shall be given in the selection of a resident citizen of Fort Worth for this position. No member of the council shall be chosen as city manager. The city manager shall not be appointed for a definite fixed time, but shall be removable at the will and pleasure of the council, by a vote of the majority of the entire council. If removed after serving six (6) months, he may demand written charges and the right to be heard thereon at a public meeting of the council prior to the date on which his final removal shall take effect; but pending such hearing the council may suspend him from office. The action of the council in suspending or removing the city manager shall be final. In case of the absence or disability of the city manager, the council may designate some qualified person to perform the duties of the office. The city manager shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by the council prior to the appointment. During this term of office, the city manager shall be a resident citizen within the City of Fort Worth.

§ 3 [SAME-PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF CITY AFFAIRS; APPOINTMENT, REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES; ADHERENCE TO CIVIL SERVICE REGULATIONS].

The city manager shall be responsible to the council for the proper administration of all the city affairs placed in his hands, and shall to that end appoint and employ all directors of departments and other employees not otherwise provided for in this Charter or by ordinance. Appointments made by him shall be on the basis of executive and administrative experience and ability and of training, fitness and efficiency of such appointees in the work which they are to administer. All such directors of departments shall be immediately responsible to the city manager and may be removed by him at any time. In case of removal after six (6) months' service, if the director removed so demands, a written statement shall be made by the city manager of the reason of his removal, and the director shall, if he so demands, be given a public hearing by the council before the order of removal is made final. The statement of the manager and any written reply of the director thereto shall be filed as a public record in the office of the secretary of the council.

In filling positions coming within the classified service list, he shall do so according to the rules and regulations that may be adopted by the civil service board, if such are available. He shall have the right to discharge any of the subordinate employees of his departments in accordance with the provisions of the civil service sections of this Charter.

CHAPTER VI: THE CITY ATTORNEY

 \S 4 [TERM, REMOVAL, ABSENCE OR DISABILITY OF CITY ATTORNEY].

The city attorney shall not be appointed for a definite fixed time, but shall be removable at the will and pleasure of the council by a vote of not less than a majority of the entire council. If removed after serving six-(6) months, he may demand written charges and the right to be heard thereon at a public meeting of the council prior to the date on which hisfinal removal shall take effect; but pending such hearing the council may suspend him from office. The action of the council in suspending or removing the city attorney shall be final. In case of the absence or disability of the city attorney, the council may designate some qualified person to perform the duties of the office.

CHAPTER XXVIII: DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDIT

§ 3 TERM, REMOVAL, ABSENCE OR DISABILITY OF CITY INTERNAL AUDITOR.

The city internal auditor shall not be appointed for a definite fixed time but shall be removable at the will and pleasure of the City Council by a vote of not less than a majority of the entire council. If removed after serving six-(6) months, the city internal auditor may demand written charges and the right to be heard thereon at a public meeting of the City Council prior to the date on which the city internal auditor's final removal shall take effect, but pending such hearing the City Council may suspend the city internal auditor from office. The action of the City Council in suspending or removing the city internal auditor shall be final. In case of the absence or disability of the city internal auditor, the City Council may designate some qualified person to perform the duties of the office.

Amendment Number 4 (Proposition I).

CHAPTER XIX: THE CITY COUNCIL

§ 1 RECALL OF COUNCILPERSONS; PROCEDURE; ELECTION OF SUCCESSORS.

Any councilperson of this city may be recalled and removed from office by the electors qualified to vote for a successor of such incumbent as herein provided. The procedure to remove councilpersons shall be as follows:

A petition signed by the qualified voters entitled to vote for a successor to the councilperson sought to be removed, equal in number to at least twenty (20) percentum of the entire number of persons entitled to vote for a successor to said councilperson at said time, demanding the recall of said councilperson shall be filed with the city secretary, provided that such petition shall contain a general statement of the grounds for which the removal is sought. The signatures to the petition need not all be appended to one paper, but each signer shall add to his signature his place of residence, giving the street and number. One of the signers to each of such papers shall make oath before an officer competent to administer oaths that each signature is that of the person whose name it purports to be. Within ten (10) twenty-five (25) days from the filing of such petition, the city secretary shall examine the same and from the list of qualified voters ascertain whether or not said petition is signed by the requisite number of qualified voters, and, if necessary, the council shall allow him extra help for that purpose, and he shall attach to said petition a certificate showing the result of such examination. If, by the secretary's certificate, the petition is shown to be insufficient, it may be amended within ten (10) days from the date of said certificate. The secretary shall within ten (10) twenty-five (25) days after such amendment is filed, if any is so filed with him, make like examination of the said amended petition, and if his certificate shall show same to be insufficient, it shall be returned to the person filing same without prejudice, however, to the filing of a new petition based upon new and different grounds, but not upon the same grounds.

If the petition be found sufficient, the secretary shall submit the same to the City Council without delay. If an election is to be held within the city for any other purpose within sixty (60) days from the date of said certificate, then the said recall election shall be held on the same day. If the councilperson in question resigns, no election shall be necessary and the vacancy shall be filled as in other cases of vacancies.

The provisions regulating examination, certification and amendment of initiative petitions shall apply to recall petitions. If the petition is certified by the city secretary to be sufficient and the councilperson whose removal is sought does not resign within five (5) days after the certification to the council, the council shall order and hold a recall election in the affected district. Such election shall be held on the first available election date specified pursuant to Article 2.01b of the Texas Election Code unless the council shall request, and receive, permission from the governor to call an emergency special election. If a recall petition should be certified within thirty (30) days of an election date, the council may set the election for the next date following the impending special election date or it may

request permission for an emergency special election date from the governor.

Ballots used at recall elections shall conform to the following requirements:

- (1) With respect to each person whose removal is sought the question shall be submitted "Shall (name of councilperson) be removed from the office of City Councilperson?"
- (2) Immediately below each such question there shall be printed the two (2) following positions, one above the other, in the order indicated:
- "For the recall of (name of councilperson)."
- "Against the recall of (name of councilperson)."

If a majority of the votes cast at a recall election shall be against removal of the councilperson named on the ballot, he/she shall continue in office. If the majority of the votes cast at such election be for the removal of the councilperson named on the ballot, the council shall immediately declare his/her office vacant and such vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of this Charter for the filling of vacancies. A councilperson thus removed shall not be a candidate to succeed himself in an election called to fill the vacancy thereby created.

No recall petition shall be filed against a councilperson within six (6) months after he takes office, and no councilperson shall be subject to more than two (2) recall elections during a term of office.

CHAPTER XX: THE INITIATIVE

§ 3 FILING OF PETITIONS.

Within ten (10) twenty-five (25) days after the filing of the petition, the city secretary shall ascertain by examination the number of registered voters whose signatures are appended thereto, and whether this number is at least twenty (20) per cent of the total number of registered voters as shown by the registration books, and he shall attach to said petition his certificate showing the result of said examination. If by the secretary's certificate, of which notice in writing shall be given to one or more of the persons designated, the petition is shown to be insufficient it may be amended within ten (10) days from the date of said certificate by filing supplementary petition papers with additional signatures. The secretary shall, within ten (10) twenty-five (25) days after such amendment, make examination of the amended petition, and if his certificate shall show to be insufficient, the secretary shall file the petition in his office and shall notify each member of the committee to that effect. The final finding of the insufficiency of a petition shall not prejudice the filing of a new petition for the same purpose; but no new petition covering the same ordinance in substance shall be filed until at least six (6) months have elapsed.

Amendment Number 5 (Proposition J).

CHAPTER IX: DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

The City Council is authorized to provide by ordinance for the creation of a department of finance, which department shall be charged with the administration of the financial affairs of the city, including the keeping and supervision of all accounts, the custody and disbursement of city funds and monies according to ordinances and regulations of the City Council, the assessment and collection of all taxes, including special assessments, the issuance of licenses and the collection of license fees, and such other duties as the City Council may, by ordinance, require.

§ 1 AUTHORITY OF COUNCIL TO PROVIDE FOR DEPARTMENT; DUTIES].

Amendment Number 6 (Proposition K).

[§ 1 ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION].

CHAPTER XV: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The City Council shall provide by ordinance for the establishment and regulation of a department of public health.

Amendment Number 7 (Proposition L).

CHAPTER XXI: REFERENDUM

§ 5 [REFERENDUM RELATIVE TO PURCHASES AND SALES OF PUBLIC PROPERTY BY CITY.]

The City of Fort Worth may take, hold and purchase such personal property, chattels, animate and inanimate, lands and real property as may be needed for the corporate purposes of said city, whether in or out of the corporate limits of the city, and may sell, lease, alienate, exchange or encumber any real estate or personal property owned or acquired by it; provided, however, that no sale shall be made of any public property owned by said city whose value exceeds one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000.00), without first making such intention known by means of publication in the official newspaper of the city at least once aweek and by posting and maintaining notice online for four (4) consecutive weeks immediately preceding the intended date of sale, during which time it shall be lawful for qualified voters, who shall not be fewer than ten (10) percent of the number of voters who voted in the most recent municipal election for mayor to petition the City Council for a referendum, in which event the matter of such sale shall be referred to the people at an election to be held for that purpose, at the time and in the way and manner to be prescribed by the City Council of said city, and in the event a majority of the votes cast at such election is in favor of such proposition, then the sale shall be made; otherwise, such sale shall not take place.

Amendment Number 8 (Proposition M).

CHAPTER XXII: IMPROVEMENT AND PAVING OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS

§ 4 PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENT OF HIGHWAY, SIDEWALKS AND CURBS; CONTRACTS; PAYMENT; LIEN; SALE; DEED.

Subject to the terms hereof, the cost of such improvement may be paid wholly by the city or partly by the city and partly by owners of property abutting on such improvements and benefited thereby. But the whole cost of constructing any sidewalk or curb shall may be required to be paid by the owners of such abutting property, and the owner of any railroad or street railroad having any track or tracks, switch or turn-out in a highway ordered to be improved shall may be required to pay the whole cost of such improvement between the rails and tracks of said railroad or switch or turn-out, and two (2) feet on the outside thereof. The portion of the cost of such improvement payable by the owner of such railroad or street railroad, and all costs of collection, shall may be a special tax against and secured by lien upon the roadbed, ties, rails, fixtures, rights, and franchises of such railroad or street railroad and the owner thereof. After the execution of a contract by the city for any such improvement, the City Council shall may, by ordinance, levy a special assessment upon the roadbed, ties, rails, fixtures, rights and franchises of such railroads or street railroads for the portions of said cost payable by the owners thereof, which assessment shall be a lien on such property from the time of levy, prior and superior to all encumbrances thereon, except lawful taxes. Such assessment shall become due and delinquent as shall be specified by said ordinance, and if not paid as therein provided, shall be enforced as in the case of the collection of taxes under this Charter, by the advertisement and sale of the property rights and franchises levied on. The officer making said sale shall execute to the purchaser a deed similar to the one executed when property is sold for ad valorem taxes, and the recital of such deed that all legal prerequisites to the validity of said sale have been complied which shall be prima facie evidence of the truth thereof, and so accepted without further proof. Such tax and lien may also be enforced by suit in any court having jurisdiction.

Amendment Number 9 (Proposition N).

CHAPTER XXIV: ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES; PROVISIONS RELATIVE TO ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS

§ 1 PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION.

All property, real, personal or mixed, lying and being within the corporate limits of the city on the first day of January, shall be subject to taxation, excepting such property as may be exempt from taxation under the Constitution, and the laws of the State of Texas. It shall be the duty of the

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tax assessor and collector, in accordance with deadlines specified under state law, on or before the first day of August of each year or as soon-thereafter as practicable, to make and return to the City Council a full and complete list and assessment of all property, both real and personal, held, owned or situated in the city on the first day of January of each year and not exempt from municipal taxation

Amendment Number 10 (Proposition 0).

CHAPTER XXVI: FRANCHISÈS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES

§ 6 COUNCIL TO PASS ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATIONS TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT.

It shall be the duty of the City Council to pass an ordinance requiring all public service corporations operating within the corporate limits of the city to file a sworn annual report of the receipts from the operation of the said business for the current year, how expended, how much therefor for betterments or improvements, the rate of tolls or charges for services rendered to the public, and any other facts or information that the council may deem pertinent for its use in intelligently passing upon any questions that may arise between the city and the said public service corporations; said reports to be filed with the city secretary, and preserved for the use of the City Council.

Amendment Number 11 (Proposition P).

CHAPTER XXVII: MISCELLANEOUS

§ 17 CONTRACTS FOR OFFICIAL ADVERTISING; OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER.

The City Council shall periodically let annually contracts for the official advertising of the city for the ensuing fiscal year. For this purpose, the council shall advertise for bids, setting forth distinctly and specifically the work to be done, including the type and space to be used, and asking for sealed bids therefor. The advertisement for bids must be published twice. The second publication must be on or before the tenth day before the first date bids may be submitted. The council shall let the contracts for such official advertising to the lowest and best responsible bidder publishing a newspaper in the City of Fort Worth, which is a newspaper of general circulation, which newspaper has been published in said city for at least two (2) consecutive years prior to the time of awarding the contracts, and which newspaper meets all applicable requirements of state law for the publication of legal notices for the City of Fort Worth; provided that the council may reject any and all bids, if found excessive, and advertise for new bids. The newspaper to which the award of such advertising is made shall be known and designated as the official newspaper of the city. All official publications made by the city shall be made in the official newspa-

Amendment Number 12 (Proposition Q).

CHAPTER I: ORGANIZATION, BOUNDARIES, ANNEXATION OF ADJACENT TERRITORY

§ 3 ANNEXATION OF ADJACENT TERRITORY; METHOD AND PROCEDURE OF HOLDING ELECTION THEREFOR.

Territory adjoining and contiguous to the corporate limits of the City of Fort Worth may be annexed to the said city in any one of the two (2) several ways herein specified:

(1) In the event that an election to ascertain the sentiment of the persons residing in such territory so seeking annexation be deemed necessary, then the election shall be called and conducted in accordance with state law. Such election may be conducted directly by the city or under contract by election officials in the counties in which the territory is located following procedure shall apply, to wit: The proclamation for such election shall be made by the mayor of the city, and he shall also designate the polling places and name the election judges and clerks, who shall be selected from the residents of said territory. Only persons, residents of said territory, who are qualified voters under the laws of the State of Texas, shall be permitted to exercise the right of suffrage at such election. The polls at such election shall be open from seven o'clock in the morning until seven o'clock in the evening, and the expenses of conducting such election shall be borne by the City of Fort Worth. The ballot to be used therefor shall contain the words "For Annexation" and "Against Annexation," and the voter shall strike out the one or the other according mark the ballot as he may be for or against the proposition. Returns of such election shall be made and canvassed in accordance with state law to the City Council by the officers of the election depositing the tally sheets and other adjuncts to the election with the city secretary, and thereafter as soon as practicable the council shall canvass the returns, and in the event it is found that a majority of all the votes cast at such election are favorable to such annexation, then and thereupon the council may by ordinance declare such territory annexed to the City of Fort Worth and an integral part of the same. In the event of annexation, persons residing in such territory shall hereafter be entitled to all the rights and privileges of other citizens of said city and be bound by the laws, ordinances, rules and regulations governing other citizens of said City of Fort Worth; and the council shall have power to agree and obligate itself to the citizenship of such territory so seeking admission to apply to the improvements of streets and public grounds in said territory a portion or all of the funds raised by taxation for street improvement for a given number of years, not to exceed five (5), insofar as the same may be collected from the property situated in said territory, and may also have authority, if in the judgment of said council, it should be just and equitable, to further agree and obligate itself to apply to the improvement of the streets in said territory during said years additional sums not to exceed fifty (50) per cent in any one year of the amount that may be collected for such purpose from the property situated in such territory.

(2) Additions to the territory of the City of Fort Worth may be made pursuant to any laws that may be passed by the Texas Legislature relative to the extension of the corporate limits of cities, and applicable to the City of Fort Worth.

Amendment Number 13 (Proposition R).

CHAPTER X: THE BUDGET AND FINANCIAL PROCEDURE RELATING THERETO

§ 11 INDEPENDENT AUDIT.

The council shall cause an independent audit to be made of the books of account, records and transactions of all the administrative departments of the city at least once yearly. Such audits, during such fiscal year, shall be made by one or more certified public accountants who, for the three (3) years next preceding, having held a certificate issued by the state board of accountancy of the State of Texas, or by a state maintaining an equal standard of professional requirements, which entitles the holder of such certificate to a Texas certificate. The auditor or auditors to make the said audit shall be selected by the council, and shall be responsible to the council. The duties of the auditor or auditors so appointed shall consist of performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in financial statements and expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. include the certification of allstatements required under section 2 of this chapter of the Charter. Such statements shall include a balance sheet, exhibiting the assets and liabilities of the City, supported by departmental schedules, and schedules for each utility publicly owned or operated; summaries of income and expenditures, supported by detailed schedules; and also comparisons, in proper classification, with the last previous year. The report of such auditor or auditors for the fiscal year shall be printed and a copy thereof shall be furnished to each member of the council, the city manager and to each citizen who may apply therefor. The original report of the said auditors shall be kept among the permanent records of the city.

ANEXO "A"

Una elección especial se llevará a cabo el 7 de mayo de 2022 de 7:00 a. m. a 7:00 p. m. a los fines de permitir que los votantes determinen si se modifica la Carta Constitucional de Fort Worth. Las personas que estén interesadas en emitir su voto sobre estos asuntos pueden ponerse en contacto con la Secretaría de la ciudad de Fort Worth para obtener

información sobre lugares de votación y otros datos correspondientes a la elección o pueden visitar el sitio web de la ciudad ingresando a www. fortworthtexas.gov.

Si los votantes calificados de la ciudad de Fort Worth adoptan las Propuestas planteadas, las siguientes disposiciones de la Carta Constitucional se modificarán agregando las palabras subrayadas y eliminando las tachadas. El texto en cursiva que aparece entre paréntesis indica si otra Propuesta planteada modifica el texto de la Carta Constitucional dentro de esa sección si se aprueba. La redacción total de las modificaciones propuestas quedará de la siguiente manera:

MODIFICACIONES PROPUESTAS

Modificación número 1 (Propuesta "F").
CAPÍTULO III: EL AYUNTAMIENTO

ARTÍCULO 3 REMUNERACIÓN DE LOS MIEMBROS DEL AYUNTAMIENTO.

A partir del 1 de octubre de 2006 1 de octubre de 2022, cada miembro del Ayuntamiento, excepto el alcalde, recibirá en concepto de remuneración salario anual por sus servicios como funcionario electo, la suma deveinticineo mil dólares (\$25 000) por año un monto que sea equivalente a la mitad del salario base anual promedio para todos los subdirectores de departamento de la ciudad y el alcalde recibirá en concepto de remuneración salario anual por su servicio como funcionario electo, la suma de veintinueve mil dólares (\$29 000) por año un monto que sea igual a la mitad del salario base anual promedio para todos los directores de departamento de la ciudad. Además de lo anterior, la ciudad pagará todos los gastos necesarios en los que incurra el Ayuntamiento en la realización de sus deberes oficiales. Ninguna disposición del presente prohibirá que un miembro del ayuntamiento renuncie a la totalidad o una parte de dicha remuneración, salario o pago de gastos.

Modificación número 2 (Propuesta "G").

CAPÍTULO IV: MÉTODO DE NOMBRAMIENTO Y ELECCIÓN DE LOS MIEMBROS DEL AYUNTAMIENTO

ARTÍCULO 3 [CONCEJALES QUE SE ELEGIRÁN DE LOS DISTRITOS].

Excepto el Lugar n.º 1 que ocupará el alcalde, según lo dispuesto en el Artículo 2 del Capítulo III de esta Carta Constitucional, el Ayuntamiento proporcionará, mediante una ordenanza, diez (10) distritos uninominales para que, a excepción del alcalde, un (1) miembro del Ayuntamiento sea elegido de cada uno de dichos distritos definidos por los votantes que allí residen, y cada candidato de esos distritos será un elector calificado de la ciudad y tendrá que haber residido de manera continua en el distrito municipal para el cual se postula durante 180 días antes de la primera fecha permitida de presentación para la elección. La primera fecha permitida de presentación no se incluirá en el cálculo de los 180 días.

El Ayuntamiento determinará, con tanta frecuencia como haya datos del censo disponibles y lo más cerca que sea posible, la población de los respectivos distritos y, mediante una ordenanza, revisará los límites de algunos o todos los distritos para mantener una igualdad significativa de población en cada uno de ellos, siempre que dichos límites no deban describirse con medidas y límites como referencia. En el plazo de sesenta (60) días de la aprobación de esta modificación, el Ayuntamiento designará, mediante una ordenanza, los límites originales de los distritos.

Modificación número 3 (Propuesta "H").

CAPÍTULO V: EL ADMINISTRADOR DE LA CIUDAD

ARTÍCULO 1 [NOMBRAMIENTO, CALIFICACIONES, REMOCIÓN, AUSENCIA O DISCAPACIDAD, REMUNERACIÓN, RESIDENCIA].

El ayuntamiento nombrará al administrador de la ciudad, quien será el principal funcionario administrativo y ejecutivo de la ciudad. Se elegirá únicamente con base en su capacitación, experiencia y capacidad ejecutiva y administrativa, e independientemente de la consideración política. Si ambos perfiles tienen las mismas aptitudes, se dará prioridad a la selección de un ciudadano residente de Fort Worth para este cargo. Ningún miembro del ayuntamiento será elegido administrador de la ciudad. No se nombrará al administrador de la ciudad por un período fijo definido, sino que podrá ser removido a voluntad y criterio del ayuntamiento, por voto de la mayoría de la totalidad del ayuntamiento. Si lo remueven después de haber estado en el cargo durante seis (6) meses, puede exigir que le informen los motivos por escrito y el derecho a ser escuchado al respecto en una reunión pública del ayuntamiento antes de la fecha en la que suremoción final surta efecto; pero el ayuntamiento puede suspenderlo de su cargo a la espera de dicha audiencia. La acción del ayuntamiento de suspender o remover al administrador de la ciudad será final. En caso de ausencia o discapacidad del administrador de la ciudad, el ayuntamiento puede designar a alguna persona calificada para que lleve a cabo los deberes del cargo. El administrador de la ciudad recibirá la remuneración que el ayuntamiento fije antes de su nombramiento. Durante su mandato, el administrador de la ciudad deberá ser un ciudadano residente de la ciudad de Fort Worth.

ARTÍCULO 3 [ADMINISTRACIÓN ADECUADA DE LOS ASUNTOS DE LA CIUDAD, NOMBRAMIENTO, REMOCIÓN DE DIRECTORES Y EMPLEADOS, CUMPLIMIENTO DE LOS REGLAMENTOS DE LA ADMINISTRACIÓN PÚBLICA].

El administrador de la ciudad será responsable ante el ayuntamiento de la correcta administración de todos los asuntos de la ciudad que tenga a su cargo, y, para ello, nombrará y contratará a todos los directores de departamentos y otros empleados que no se contemplen en esta Carta Constitucional o mediante ordenanza. Los nombramientos que él realice se harán con base en la experiencia y la capacidad ejecutiva y administrativa, así como en la capacitación, la idoneidad y la eficiencia de las personas nombradas respecto del trabajo que deberán administrar. Todos estos directores de departamentos responderán de forma directa al administrador de la ciudad, quien podrá removerlos en cualquier momento. En caso de remoción después de haber estado seis (6) meses en elcargo y si el director removido así lo exige, el administrador de la ciudaddeberá elaborar una declaración por escrito en la que conste el motivo de la remoción, y el ayuntamiento le concederá al director, si así lo solicita, una audiencia pública antes de que la orden de remoción sea definitiva. La declaración del administrador y la respuesta por escrito del director se archivarán como documentos públicos en la secretaría del ayuntamiento.

Al ocupar los cargos que están dentro de la lista de servicio clasificado, deberá hacerlo de acuerdo con las normas y los reglamentos que la junta de la administración pública adopte, si están disponibles. Tendrá derecho a despedir a los empleados subordinados de sus departamentos de acuerdo con las disposiciones de los artículos sobre administración pública de esta Carta Constitucional.

CAPÍTULO VI: EL PROCURADOR DE LA CIUDAD

ARTÍCULO 4 [MANDATO, REMOCIÓN, AUSENCIA O DISCAPACIDAD DEL PROCURADOR DE LA CIUDAD].

No se nombrará al procurador de la ciudad por un período fijo definido, sino que podrá ser removido a voluntad y criterio del ayuntamiento, por voto de la mayoría de la totalidad del ayuntamiento. Si lo remuevendespués de haber estado en el cargo durante seis (6) meses, puede exigir que le informen los motivos por escrito y el derecho a ser escuchado al respecto en una reunión pública del ayuntamiento antes de la fecha en la que su remoción final surta efecto; pero el ayuntamiento puede suspenderlo de su cargo a la espera de dicha audiencia. La acción del ayuntamiento de suspender o remover al procurador de la ciudad será definitiva. En caso de ausencia o discapacidad del procurador de la ciudad, el ayuntamiento puede designar a alguna persona calificada para que lleve a cabo los deberes del cargo.

CAPÍTULO XXVIII: DEPARTAMENTO DE AUDITORÍA INTERNA

ARTÍCULO 3 MANDATO, REMOCIÓN, AUSENCIA O DISCAPACIDAD DEL AUDITOR INTERNO DE LA CIUDAD.

No se nombrará al auditor interno de la ciudad por un período fijo definido, sino que podrá ser removido a voluntad y criterio del ayuntamiento,

por voto de la mayoría de la totalidad del ayuntamiento. Si lo remuevendespués de haber estado en el cargo durante seis (6) meses, puede exigir que le informen los motivos por escrito y el derecho a ser escuchado alrespecto en una reunión pública del ayuntamiento antes de la fecha enla que su remoción definitiva surta efecto; pero el ayuntamiento puedesuspenderlo de su cargo a la espera de dicha audiencia. La acción del ayuntamiento de suspender o remover al auditor interno de la ciudad será definitiva. En caso de ausencia o discapacidad del auditor interno de la ciudad, el ayuntamiento puede designar a alguna persona calificada para que lleve a cabo los deberes del cargo.

Modificación número 4 (Propuesta "I").

CAPÍTULO XIX: EL AYUNTAMIENTO

ARTÍCULO 1 DESTITUCIÓN DE CONCEJALES, PROCEDIMIENTO, ELECCIÓN DE SUCESORES.

Todo concejal de esta ciudad puede ser destituido y removido de su cargo por los electores calificados para votar por un sucesor para el titular de ese cargo, según se estipula en el presente. El siguiente será el procedimiento para remover concejales:

Una petición firmada por los votantes calificados con derecho a votar por un sucesor para el concejal que se debe remover, en un número igual al veinte (20) por ciento como mínimo de la cantidad total de personas con derecho a votar por un sucesor para dicho concejal en ese momento. La solicitud de destitución de ese concejal deberá presentarse ante el secretario de la ciudad, siempre que dicha solicitud contenga una declaración general de los motivos para solicitar la remoción. No es necesario que todas las firmas de la petición se agreguen a una hoja, pero cada firmante deberá agregar a su firma su lugar de residencia, incluida la calle y el número. Uno de los firmantes de cada una de esas hojas deberá prestar juramento ante un funcionario competente para tomar juramentos sobre el hecho de que cada firma pertenece a la persona cuyo nombre se consigna. En un plazo de diez (10) <u>veinticinco (25)</u> días de la presentación de dicha petición, el secretario de la ciudad la analizará y, a partir de la lista de votantes calificados, determinará si dicha petición está firmada o no por la cantidad exigida de votantes calificados y, si fuera necesario, el ayuntamiento le otorgará ayuda adicional para ese fin. Además, el secretario adjuntará a la petición un certificado en el que figure el resultado de dicho análisis. Si, a partir del certificado del secretario, se demuestra que la petición es insuficiente, puede modificarse en el plazo de diez (10) días contados desde la fecha de dicho certificado. En el plazo de diez (10) veinticinco (25) días después de la presentación de la modificación, si se le presenta, el secretario deberá realizar un análisis similar de esa petición modificada, y si su certificado determina que es insuficiente, se devolverá a la persona que la haya presentado, sin perjuicio de que se pueda presentar una nueva petición basada en nuevos motivos diferentes, pero no por los mismos.

Si se determina que la petición es suficiente, el secretario la presentará ante el Ayuntamiento sin demora alguna. Si se hace una elección en una ciudad por algún otro propósito en el plazo de sesenta (60) días de la fecha de dicho certificado, esa elección de destitución se llevará a cabo el mismo día. Si el concejal en cuestión renuncia, no se necesitará realizar una elección y el cargo vacante se ocupará mediante el mismo procedimiento que se utiliza para los demás casos de cargos vacantes.

Las disposiciones que regulan el análisis, la certificación y la modificación de peticiones iniciativas se aplicarán a las peticiones de destitución. Si el secretario de la ciudad certifica que la petición es suficiente y el concejal al que se busca remover no renuncia en el plazo de cinco (5) días después de la certificación del ayuntamiento, este ordenará que se realice una elección de destitución en el distrito afectado y se llevará a cabo. Dicha elección tendrá lugar en la primera fecha de elección disponible especificada según el Artículo 2.01b del Código Electoral de Texas, a menos que el ayuntamiento solicite, y reciba, la autorización del gobernador para convocar una elección especial de emergencia. Si se debe certificar una petición de destitución en el plazo de treinta (30) días de una fecha de elección, el ayuntamiento puede programar la elección para la próxima fecha después de la fecha inminente de la elección especial o puede solicitar permiso al gobernador a fin de fijar una fecha para una elección especial de emergencia.

Las boletas utilizadas en las elecciones de destitución deberán cumplir con los siguientes requisitos:

- (1) Respecto de cada persona que se busca remover, se planteará la pregunta "¿Se debe remover a (nombre del concejal) de su cargo de concejal de la ciudad?"
- (2) Inmediatamente después de esa pregunta, los siguientes dos (2) enunciados estarán impresos, uno arriba del otro, en el orden que se indica:
- "A favor de la destitución de (nombre del concejal)".
- "En contra de la destitución de (nombre del concejal)".

Si la mayoría de los votos emitidos en una elección de destitución son en contra de la remoción del concejal mencionado en la boleta, el concejal continuará en su cargo. Si la mayoría de los votos emitidos en dicha elección son a favor de la remoción del concejal mencionado en la boleta, el ayuntamiento declarará de inmediato que su cargo queda vacante y que se ocupará de acuerdo con las disposiciones de esta Carta Constitucional para cubrir vacantes. Un concejal que haya sido así removido no podrá ser candidato para reemplazarse a sí mismo en una elección convocada para ocupar la vacante que se creó de esa forma.

No se presentará ninguna petición de destitución contra un concejal en el plazo de seis (6) meses de haber asumido su cargo y ningún concejal quedará sujeto a más de dos (2) elecciones de destitución durante un mandato.

CAPÍTULO XX: LA INICIATIVA

ARTÍCULO 3 PRESENTACIÓN DE PETICIONES.

En el plazo de diez (10) veinticinco (25) días posteriores a la presentación de la petición, el secretario de la ciudad determinará mediante un análisis el número de votantes registrados cuyas firmas figuran en dicha petición y si este número representa al menos el veinte (20) por ciento del número total de votantes registrados como aparece en los libros de registro. El secretario de la ciudad deberá adjuntar dicha petición a su certificado en el que figura el resultado de ese análisis. Si mediante el certificado del secretario, respecto del cual se notificará por escrito a una o más de las personas nombradas, se demuestra que la petición es insuficiente, puede modificarse en el plazo de diez (10) días posteriores a la fecha de ese certificado presentando hojas complementarias de petición con firmas adicionales. En el plazo de diez (10) veinticinco (25) días después de esa modificación, el secretario hará el análisis de la petición modificada y, si el certificado demuestra ser insuficiente, el secretario la presentará ante la secretaría y notificará a cada miembro del comité al respecto. La determinación definitiva sobre la insuficiencia de una petición no impedirá que se presente una nueva petición para el mismo propósito, pero no se podrá presentar ninguna petición nueva que abarque la misma ordenanza en esencia antes de que hayan pasado seis (6) meses como mínimo.

Modificación número 5 (Propuesta "J").

CAPÍTULO IX: DEPARTAMENTO DE FINANZAS

ARTÍCULO 1 [AUTORIDAD DEL AYUNTAMIENTO DE CREAR EL DEPARTAMENTO, DEBERES].

El Ayuntamiento está autorizado a establecer por ordenanza la creación de un departamento de finanzas, que estará a cargo de la administración de los asuntos financieros de la ciudad, incluido el registro y la supervisión de todas las cuentas, la custodia y el desembolso de los fondos y del dinero de la ciudad de acuerdo con las ordenanzas y los reglamentos del Ayuntamiento, la imposición y la recaudación de todos los impuestos, incluidas las tasas especiales, la emisión de licencias y la recaudación de regalías de licencias, así como otros deberes que el Ayuntamiento puede exigir mediante una ordenanza.

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Modificación número 6 (Propuesta "K").

CAPÍTULO XV: DEPARTAMENTO DE SALUD PÚBLICA

[ARTÍCULO 1 CREACIÓN Y REGLAMENTACIÓN].

El Ayuntamiento establecerá mediante ordenanza la creación y la reglamentación de un departamento de salud pública.

Modificación número 7 (Propuesta "L").

CAPÍTULO XXI: REFERÉNDUM

ARTÍCULO 5 | REFERÉNDUM SOBRE COMPRA Y VENTA DE BIENES INMUEBLES PÚBLICOS POR PARTE DE LA CIUDAD].

La ciudad de Fort Worth puede tomar, conservar y comprar bienes personales, bienes muebles, objetos animados e inanimados, tierras y bienes inmuebles según puedan ser necesarios para los fines colectivos de dicha ciudad, ya sea dentro de los límites colectivos de la ciudad o fuera de ellos; y puede vender, arrendar, enajenar, intercambiar o gravar los bienes inmuebles o personales que sean de su propiedad o que haya adquirido, siempre que no se venda ningún bien inmueble público propiedad de dicha ciudad cuyo valor supere los ciento veinticinco mil dólares (\$125,000.00), sin antes dar a conocer esa intención por medio de una publicación en el periódico oficial de la ciudad <u>al menos</u> una vez por semana y publicando y manteniendo un aviso en línea durante cuatro (4) semanas consecutivas inmediatamente antes de la fecha prevista de la venta; durante ese tiempo, será legal para los votantes calificados, que deberán representar como mínimo el diez (10) por ciento de la cantidad de votantes que votaron en la elección municipal de alcalde más reciente, hacer una petición al Ayuntamiento para que lleve a cabo un referéndum, en cuyo caso, el asunto de dicha venta se consultará con la gente en una elección que se hará a tal fin, en el momento y de la manera que el Ayuntamiento de dicha ciudad lo establezca. Y, en el caso de que la mayoría de los votos emitidos en dicha elección sean a favor de esa propuesta, la venta se llevará a cabo; de lo contrario, no se realizará.

Modificación número 8 (Propuesta "M").

CAPÍTULO XXII: MEJORA Y PAVIMENTACIÓN DE CALLES Y AUTOPISTAS

ARTÍCULO 4 MEJORA DEL PAVIMENTO DE LAS AUTOPISTAS, LAS ACERAS Y LOS BORDILLOS; CONTRATOS; PAGO; GRAVAMEN; VENTA, ESCRITURA.

Sujeto a los términos del presente, el costo de dicha mejora podrá ser pagado íntegramente por la ciudad o una parte la podrá pagar la ciudad y la otra los dueños de la propiedad que colinda con esas mejoras y que se benefician de ellas. No obstante, el costo total de construir aceras o bordillos deberán tendrán que pagarlo los dueños de la propiedad colindante, y el dueño del ferrocarril o tranvía que tiene vías, cambios o salidas a una autopista cuya mejora se ordenó deberá pagar el costo total de dicha mejora entre las vías de dicho ferrocarril o cambio o salida, y dos (2) pies en su exterior. La parte del costo de esa mejora que el dueño de dicho ferrocarril o tranvía deberá pagar y todos los costos de recaudación será podrá ser un impuesto especial asegurado mediante un gravamen impuesto al lecho de la autopista, traviesas, vías, elementos fijos, derechos y franquicias de dicho ferrocarril o tranvía y de su dueño. Tras la firma de un contrato por parte de la ciudad para esa mejora, el Ayuntamiento, mediante una ordenanza, impondrá podrá imponer una tasa especial en el lecho de la autopista, traviesas, vías, elementos fijos, derechos y franquicias de esos ferrocarriles o tranvías por las partes de dicho costo que los dueños de estos últimos deben pagar; dicha tasa será un gravamen sobre esa propiedad desde el momento de la imposición, anterior y superior a todas las cargas sobre ellos, excepto los impuestos legales. Esa tasa se adeudará y entrará en mora según como lo especifique la ordenanza, y si no se paga como allí se establece, se hará cumplir como en el caso de la recaudación de impuestos en virtud de esta Carta Constitucional mediante la promoción y la venta de los derechos de propiedad y las franquicias gravados. El funcionario que haga esa venta elaborará una escritura a favor del comprador similar a la que se firma cuando la propiedad se vende por impuestos ad valorem, y, en las declaraciones preliminares de la escritura, se establecerá que se cumplieron con todos los requisitos previos para la validez de esa venta, que será evidencia prima facie de su veracidad y se aceptara sin que se deban presentar otras pruebas. El cumplimiento de ese impuesto y ese gravamen también podrá exigirse mediante una demanda en un tribunal competente.

Modificación número 9 (Propuesta "N").

CAPÍTULO XXIV: IMPOSICIÓN Y RECAUDACIÓN DE IMPUESTOS. DISPOSICIONES SOBRE LA EMISIÓN Y VENTA DE BONOS

ARTÍCULO 1 BIENES SUJETOS A IMPUESTOS.

Todos los bienes, ya sean inmuebles, personales o una combinación de ambos, que están ubicados dentro de los límites colectivos de la ciudad el primer día de enero quedarán sujetos a impuestos, excepto aquellos que puedan estar exentos conforme a la Constitución y a las leyes del estado de Texas. Será deber de quien imponga y recaude impuestos, de acuerdo con los plazos especificados conforme a la legislación estatal, el primer día de agosto de cada año o antes, o posteriormente tan pronto comosea posible, elaborar y entregar al Ayuntamiento una lista completa y una valoración de todos los bienes, tanto inmuebles como personales, que se conserven, posean o ubiquen en la ciudad el primer día de enero de cada año y que no estén exentos de las tasas municipales.

Modificación número 10 (Propuesta "0").

CAPÍTULO XXVI: FRANQUICIAS Y SERVICIOS PÚBLICOS

ARTÍCULO 6 EL AYUNTAMIENTO DEBERÁ EMITIR UNA ORDENANZA QUE EXIJA QUE TODAS LAS EMPRESAS DE SERVICIOS PÚBLICOS PRESENTEN UN INFORME ANUAL.

Será deber del Ayuntamiento emitir una ordenanza en la que se exija que todas las empresas de servicios públicos que operan dentro de los límites de la ciudad presenten un informe anual jurado de los recibos de la operación de dicho negocio para el año actual, cuánto se gastó y cuánto se destinó a mejoras y mejoramientos, la tarifa de las cuotas o cargos por los servicios prestados a la gente, así como otros hechos o información que el ayuntamiento pueda considerar pertinente para su uso a fin de transmitir inteligentemente las preguntas que puedan surgir entrela ciudad y dichas empresas de servicios públicos. Los informes deberán presentarse ante el secretario de la ciudad y se deberán conservar para el uso del Ayuntamiento.

Modificación número 11 (Propuesta "P"). CAPITULO XXVII: OTRAS DISPOSICIONES

ARTÍCULO 17 CONTRATOS PARA PUBLICIDAD OFICIAL, PERIÓDICO OFICIAL.

El Ayuntamiento otorgará periódicamente anualmente contratos para la publicidad oficial de la ciudad para el año fiscal subsiguiente. A tal fin, el ayuntamiento anunciará las licitaciones, en las que se establecerán de manera clara y específica el trabajo que se debe realizar, incluido el tipo y el espacio que se usará, y solicitará ofertas selladas para las licitaciones. El anuncio de las licitaciones debe publicarse dos veces. La segunda publicación debe hacerse el décimo día o previamente antes de la primera fecha en la que se pueden presentar las ofertas. El ayuntamiento otorgará los contratos para dicha publicidad oficial al ofertante de menor precio y más responsable que publique un periódico en la ciudad de Fort Worth, que sea de difusión general, que se haya publicado en esa ciudad durante al menos dos (2) años consecutivos antes del momento del otorgamiento de los contratos y que cumpla con todos los requisitos de la legislación estatal para la publicación de avisos legales para la ciudad de Fort Worth, siempre que el ayuntamiento pueda rechazar todas las ofertas, si las considera excesivas, y anunciar nuevas licitaciones. El periódico al que se le otorga esa publicidad deberá ser reconocido y designado como el periódico oficial de la ciudad. Todas las publicaciones oficiales que la ciudad realice se harán en el periódico oficial.

Modificación número 12 (Propuesta "Q").

CAPÍTULO I: ORGANIZACIÓN, LÍMITES, ANEXIÓN DE TERRITORIO **ADYACENTE**

ARTÍCULO 3 ANEXIÓN DE TERRITORIO CONTIGUO. MÉTODO Y PROCEDIMIENTO PARA CELEBRAR ELECCIONES AL RESPECTO.

El territorio colindante y contiguo a los límites de la ciudad de Fort Worth puede anexarse a esa ciudad de alguna de las dos (2) formas que se especifican en el presente:

(1) En el caso de que se considere necesario realizar una elección para determinar la opinión de las personas que residen en ese territorio que busca la anexión, la elección se convocará y se llevará a cabo de acuerdo con la legislación estatal. Dicha elección la podrá realizar directamente la ciudad o los funcionarios electorales en virtud de un contrato en los condados en los que se encuentra el territorio, aplicándose el siguiente procedimiento: La promulgación de dicha elección la realizara el alcalde de la ciudad, quien también designará los lugares de votación y nombrará a los jueces y secretarios de la elección, quienes se seleccionarán de

entre los residentes de dicho territorio. Solo se permitirá que personas residentes de ese territorio que sean votantes calificados en virtud de las leyes del estado de Texas ejerzan el derecho a votar en esa elección. Las urnas para dicha elección estarán abiertas desde las siete de la mañana hasta las siete de la tarde, y la ciudad de Fort Worth pagará los gastos que conlleva realizar la elección. La boleta que se usará para la elección deberá contener las palabras "A favor de la anexión" y "En contra de la anexión", y los votantes deberán tachar una opción u otra según marque la boleta dependiendo de si está a favor o en contra de la propuesta. Los resultados de la elección se obtendrán y se revisarán de acuerdo con la legislación estatal para el Ayuntamiento y los funcionarios de la eleccióndepositarán las hojas de recuento y otros elementos de la elección con el secretario de la ciudad, y, posteriormente, tan pronto como sea posible, el ayuntamiento revisará los resultados, y en el caso de que se determine que la mayoría de todos los votos emitidos en dicha elección están a favor de la anexión, acto seguido, el ayuntamiento podrá declarar mediante una ordenanza que dicho territorio queda anexado a la ciudad de Fort Worth y que es parte integral de ella. En caso de anexión, las personas que residen en ese territorio, en lo sucesivo, tendrán todos los derechos y los privilegios de los demás ciudadanos de esa ciudad y quedarán sujetos a las leyes, las ordenanzas, las normas y los reglamentos que rigen para los demás ciudadanos de la ciudad de Fort Worth; y el ayuntamiento tendrá la facultad de aceptar y obligarse a la ciudadanía de ese territorio que busque la admisión para aplicar a las mejoras de las calles y los terrenos públicos de ese territorio una parte o la totalidad de los fondos recaudados mediante impuestos para el mejoramiento de calles durante una determinada cantidad de años que no podrá superar los cinco (5), en la medida en que dichos impuestos puedan recaudarse de los bienes inmuebles situados en ese territorio, y también tendrá la autoridad, a criterio del ayuntamiento y si es justo y equitativo, para aceptar y obligarse a aplicar a la mejora de las calles de ese territorio durante esos años sumas adicionales que no podrán superar el cincuenta (50) por ciento en un año en particular del monto que se podrá recaudar para ese fin de los bienes inmuebles ubicados en ese territorio.

(2) Los agregados al territorio de la ciudad de Fort Worth se podrán hacer conforme a las leyes que pueda promulgar el Poder Legislativo de Texas en relación con la ampliación de los límites colectivos de las ciudades y que sean aplicables a la ciudad de Fort Worth.

Modificación número 13 (Propuesta "R").

CAPÍTULO X: EL PRESUPUESTO Y EL PROCEDIMIENTO FINANCIERO **RELACIONADO**

ARTÍCULO 11 AUDITORÍA INDEPENDIENTE.

El ayuntamiento solicitará que se lleve a cabo una auditoría independiente de los libros contables, los registros y las transacciones de todos los departamentos administrativos de la ciudad al menos una vez por año. Durante ese año fiscal, uno o más contadores públicos certificados realizarán esas auditorías, quienes, durante los tres (3) años anteriores, hayan tenido un certificado emitido por el colegio de contadores del estado de Texas o de un estado que tenga un nivel igual de requisitos profesionales, que da derechos al titular de ese certificado a un certificado de Texas. Los auditores que realicen esa auditoría serán seleccionados por el ayuntamiento y responderán ante él. Los deberes de los auditores nombrados <u>consistirán en realizar procedimientos para obtener pruebas</u> de auditoría sobre los montos y las divulgaciones de los estados contables, así como expresar una opinión sobre si los estados contables se presentan de manera exacta de acuerdo con los principios de contabilidad generalmente aceptados. incluirán la certificación de todos los estados exigidos en virtud del Artículo 2 de este Capítulo de la Carta-Constitucional. Dichos estados incluirán el balance, que mostrará el activo y el pasivo de la ciudad, respaldado por los documentos departamentales y para cada servicio que el estado posea u opere; resúmenes de los ingresos y los gastos, respaldados por documentos detallados, y también comparaciones, con la clasificación adecuada, con el año anterior. El informe de los auditores para el año fiscal se presentará impreso y una copia se entregará a cada miembro del ayuntamiento, al administrador de la ciudad y a cada ciudadano que pueda solicitarlo. El informe original de dichos auditores se conservará en los registros permanentes de la ciudad.

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