

AGENDA

Special City Council Meeting and Workshop



5:30 PM - Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Terrell Police Headquarters, 1100 N. State Highway 34,
Terrell, TX

Mayor Rick Carmona

Council Members

District 2 - Grady Simpson

District 3 - Mayrani Velazquez

District 4 - Charles Whitaker

District 5 - Tim Royse

City Manager Mike Sims

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Terrell City Council will conduct a Special City Council Meeting and Workshop at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at Terrell Police Headquarters located at 1100 State Highway 34 North. The meeting is open to the public with limited seating in the Rosenbaum Room. Recommendations of the CDC regarding social distancing will be practiced during the course of the public meeting to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

If you choose not to attend in person and you wish to submit public comments, email support@cityofterrell.org and title the email "Public Comment". All public comments submitted by 12:00 pm on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 will be provided to the City Council members and read into the record for the Tuesday, March 9, 2021 City Council Meeting.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION

3. PLEDGE TO AMERICAN FLAG AND TEXAS FLAG.

4. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AND EVENTS

5. HEAR REMARKS FROM VISITORS.

This time is set aside on the agenda to invite any person to address the Council on issues not subject to a public hearing. Routine administrative matters are best discussed with the appropriate City Staff before bringing them to the Council. Prior to the meeting, please complete a "Citizen Participation Form" and present it to the City Secretary. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.042, the City Council cannot discuss, consider, or take action on matters not listed on the agenda. Speakers should limit their comments to 3 minutes and are asked to speak into the microphone provided, identifying themselves for the record. The total amount of time set aside for this place on the agenda is 15 minutes. Comments of a personal nature directed at the Council or Staff are inappropriate.

6. COVID-19 BUSINESS

6.1. Discuss and Consider Resolution No. 1016, An Updated Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Terrell, Texas, To Protect And Prosper Through The Covid-19 Public Health Emergency. 4 - 11

[Resolution No. 1016](#)

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7. BUSINESS ITEMS

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[Resolution No. 1017](#)

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9. ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 551 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:

Section 551.072 Deliberations Regarding Real Property.
Section 551.087 Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.

10. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION AND CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

11. ADJOURN.

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above NOTICE OF MEETING of the Governing Body of the City of Terrell is a true and correct copy of said NOTICE, which has been posted on the front OUTDOOR BULLETIN BOARD CABINET FOR AGENDAS of the Terrell City Hall, Terrell, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the General Public and on the website at cityofterrell.org, and which has been continuously posted for a period of seventy-two (72) hours prior to the date and time said meeting was convened.

Posted Friday, March 5, 2021 –5:00 p.m.

Dawn Steil, City Secretary

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's office at 972-551-6600 for further information. Braille is not available.

Council Reserves the Right to Adjourn into Executive Session to Seek Legal Counsel on a Matter Which the Canon of Legal Ethics Demands to Preserve the Attorney-Client Privilege Pursuant to Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code.

RESOLUTION NO. 1016

AN UPDATED RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TERRELL, TEXAS, TO PROTECT AND PROSPER THROUGH THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Terrell declared a state of disaster for a public health emergency for the City of Terrell resulting from the COVID-19 virus and such public health emergency still exists; and

WHEREAS, the Terrell City Council adopted COVID-19 Resolutions on March 24, 2020, April 7, 2020, April 21, 2020, May 19, 2020, and June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2021, the Governor issued Executive Order GA-34 relating to the opening of Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TERRELL, TEXAS THAT:

Section I.

That a local state of disaster for a public health emergency continues and is hereby declared for the City of Terrell, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code. That the Mayor and City Council affirm that a continuing state of disaster for a public health emergency exists in the City of Terrell. Pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster for a public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary. Pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster for a public health emergency continues the activation of the City of Terrell emergency management plan. The provisions of all previous COVID-19 related Resolutions in Terrell are superseded due to the Executive Orders of the Governor of the State of Texas and the approval of this updated Disaster Declaration.

Section II.

The City shall continue to serve as a COVID-19 vaccination provider. The City Manager is authorize to incur reimbursable costs and apply to the County, State or Federal Government for reimbursement for all costs associated with serving as a vaccination provider. The City shall also continue to host COVID-19 testing opportunities and provide COVID-19 protocol checks to local senior living facilities.

Section III.

That any business or activity allowed to reopen or otherwise allowed to operate by action of the State of Texas and/or subsequent action of the County Judge shall be allowed to be open and operational in the City of Terrell.

Section IV.

That City staff and citizens are encouraged to continue a diligent personal effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19. That businesses, churches and other organizations are encouraged to establish, maintain and promote their own pro-health rules and practices.

Section V.

That all persons in the City of Terrell shall obey the owner/operator established face covering requirements, daily purchasing quantity limits, social distancing guidelines and markings, and other public health requirements posted in clear view of the public by any retail business establishment, place of employment or other institution in the City of Terrell.

Section VI.

That all persons testing positive for COVID-19 and any household members exposed to such persons shall isolate to prevent further spread of COVID-19.

Section VII.

To limit the further spread of COVID-19 and possible return to large-scale economic disruption, the City of Terrell implements the following related to City facilities and operations:

The City requires social distancing at all City facilities at all times by all employees and all guests. The occupancy of all publicly accessible indoor spaces operated by the City of Terrell shall be limited to 50%. The City Manager may, as resources are available, require screening for fever and/or other health measures at City operated facilities and events as may be necessary to promote public health.

The City requires staff to maximize the use of online resources, telephone contacts and other technologies to conduct meetings, transact business, provide customer service, and otherwise interact regarding City issues.

The City Hall and all other City buildings and operations are open for lobby access, limited use, and otherwise by appointment only. Guests entering City buildings are required to wear face coverings.

The City staff directly interacting with the public are required to wear face coverings.

The guests of the Hulsey Public Library are required to wear face coverings at all times. Attendees (staff and the public) of indoor City meetings and events are required to wear face coverings when not seated in a socially distanced manner.

The City encourages vaccination, the wearing of face coverings, hand washing and other sanitary measures for City staff and public at all City activities and City facilities.

City Manager, or his designee, shall establish additional public health protocols and operational limitations for the Hulsey Public Library, the Terrell Public Pool, Terrell Municipal Court and other facilities and operations.

The City Manager, or his designee, shall continue to oversee COVID-19 appropriate cleaning protocols at all City operated facilities.

Section VIII.

That the City Manager shall facilitate the review of COVID-19 public health advisories applicable to the staff, citizens and businesses of the City of Terrell and to encourage awareness and voluntary local compliance with such advisories. That the City Manager shall, as warranted in response to newly promulgated requirements of Kaufman County or the State of Texas, develop and implement additional COVID-19 policies strictly limited to maintain compliance with lawful County or State Orders.

Section IX.

The City is directed to promote voluntary compliance with this Disaster Declaration through education and encouragement. As requested by individual property owners or individual business owners, the City shall require the exit of any individual unwilling to comply with a clearly posted COVID-19 public health requirement posted by a business or property owner. Violations of the requirements of this Disaster Declaration shall be considered a violation of Ordinance No. 2828.

Section X.

That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and shall remain in full force and effect until either rescinded, superseded, amended or modified by further action of the Terrell City Council, Kaufman County Judge or Governor of the State of Texas.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Terrell, Texas on this 9th day of March, 2021.

E. RICK CARMONA, Mayor

ATTEST:

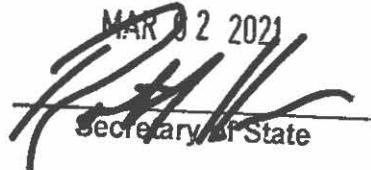
Dawn Steil, City Secretary



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

March 2, 2021

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Secretary of State

The Honorable Ruth R. Hughs
Secretary of State
State Capitol Room 1E.8
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Secretary Hughs:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

Executive Order No. GA-34 relating to the opening of Texas in response to the
COVID-19 disaster.

The original executive order is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,


Gregory S. Davidson
Executive Clerk to the Governor
GSD/gsd

Attachment

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Executive Order

BY THE
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Executive Department
Austin, Texas
March 2, 2021

EXECUTIVE ORDER GA 34

Relating to the opening of Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster.

WHEREAS, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying under Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, in each subsequent month effective through today, I have renewed the disaster declaration for all Texas counties; and

WHEREAS, I have issued executive orders and suspensions of Texas laws in response to COVID-19, aimed at protecting the health and safety of Texans and ensuring an effective response to this disaster; and

WHEREAS, I issued Executive Order GA-08 on March 19, 2020, mandating social-distancing restrictions in accordance with guidelines promulgated by President Donald J. Trump and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and

WHEREAS, I subsequently issued a series of superseding executive orders aiming to achieve the least restrictive means of combatting the evolving threat to public health by adjusting social-distancing restrictions while implementing a safe, strategic plan to reopen Texas; and

WHEREAS, under Executive Order GA-32, in effect since October 14, 2020, most establishments have been able to operate up to at least 75 percent of total occupancy, except in some areas with high hospitalizations as defined in that order, where most establishments have been able to operate up to at least 50 percent of total occupancy; and

WHEREAS, I also issued Executive Order GA-29, regarding the use of face coverings to control the spread of COVID-19, and a series of executive orders, most recently GA-31, limiting certain medical surgeries and procedures; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 hospitalizations and the rate of new COVID-19 cases have steadily declined due to the millions of Texans who have voluntarily been vaccinated, many more who are otherwise immune, improved medical treatments for COVID-19 patients, abundant supplies of testing and personal protective equipment, and Texans' adherence to safe practices like social distancing, hand sanitizing, and use of face coverings; and

WHEREAS, in the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the legislature charged the governor with the responsibility "for meeting ... the dangers to the state and people presented by

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disasters" under Section 418.011 of the Texas Government Code, and expressly granted the governor broad authority to fulfill that responsibility; and

WHEREAS, under Section 418.012, the "governor may issue executive orders ... hav[ing] the force and effect of law;"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and in accordance with guidance from medical advisors, do hereby order the following on a statewide basis effective at 12:01 a.m. on March 10, 2021:

1. In all counties not in an area with high hospitalizations as defined below:
 - a. there are no COVID-19-related operating limits for any business or other establishment; and
 - b. individuals are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings over the nose and mouth wherever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing from another person not in the same household, but no person may be required by any jurisdiction to wear or to mandate the wearing of a face covering.

"Area with high hospitalizations" means any Trauma Service Area that has had seven consecutive days in which the number of COVID-19 hospitalized patients as a percentage of total hospital capacity exceeds 15 percent, until such time as the Trauma Service Area has seven consecutive days in which the number of COVID-19 hospitalized patients as a percentage of total hospital capacity is 15 percent or less. A current list of areas with high hospitalizations will be maintained at www.dshs.texas.gov/ga3031.

2. In any county located in an area with high hospitalizations as defined above:
 - a. there are no state-imposed COVID-19-related operating limits for any business or other establishment;
 - b. there is no state-imposed requirement to wear a face covering; and
 - c. the county judge may use COVID-19-related mitigation strategies; *provided, however, that:*
 - i. business and other establishments may not be required to operate at less than 50 percent of total occupancy, with no operating limits allowed to be imposed for religious services (including those conducted in churches, congregations, and houses of worship), public and private schools and institutions of higher education, and child-care services;
 - ii. no jurisdiction may impose confinement in jail as a penalty for violating any order issued in response to COVID-19; and
 - iii. no jurisdiction may impose a penalty of any kind for failure to wear a face covering or failure to mandate that customers or employees wear face coverings, except that a legally authorized official may act to enforce trespassing laws and remove violators at the request of a business establishment or other property owner.
3. In providing or obtaining services, every person (including individuals, businesses, and other legal entities) is strongly encouraged to use good-faith efforts and available resources to follow the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) health recommendations, found at www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus.
4. Nothing in this executive order precludes businesses or other establishments from requiring employees or customers to follow additional hygiene measures, including the wearing of a face covering.
5. Nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, and long-

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term care facilities should follow guidance from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) regarding visitations, and should follow infection control policies and practices set forth by HHSC, including minimizing the movement of staff between facilities whenever possible.

6. Public schools may operate as provided by, and under the minimum standard health protocols found in, guidance issued by the Texas Education Agency. Private schools and institutions of higher education are encouraged to establish similar standards.
7. County and municipal jails should follow guidance from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards regarding visitations.
8. Executive Orders GA-17, GA-25, GA-29, and GA-31 are rescinded in their entirety.
9. This executive order shall supersede any conflicting order issued by local officials in response to the COVID-19 disaster, but only to the extent that such a local order restricts services allowed by this executive order or allows gatherings restricted by this executive order. Pursuant to Section 418.016(a) of the Texas Government Code, I hereby suspend Sections 418.1015(b) and 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, Chapter 81, Subchapter E of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and any other relevant statutes, to the extent necessary to ensure that local officials do not impose restrictions in response to the COVID-19 disaster that are inconsistent with this executive order, provided that local officials may enforce this executive order as well as local restrictions that are consistent with this executive order.
10. All existing state executive orders relating to COVID-19 are amended to eliminate confinement in jail as an available penalty for violating the executive orders. To the extent any order issued by local officials in response to the COVID-19 disaster would allow confinement in jail as an available penalty for violating a COVID-19-related order, that order allowing confinement in jail is superseded, and I hereby suspend all relevant laws to the extent necessary to ensure that local officials do not confine people in jail for violating any executive order or local order issued in response to the COVID-19 disaster.

This executive order supersedes Executive Orders GA-17, GA-25, GA-29, GA-31, and GA-32, but does not supersede Executive Orders GA-10 or GA-13. This executive order shall remain in effect and in full force unless it is modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by the governor. This executive order may also be amended by proclamation of the governor.



Given under my hand this the 2nd
day of March, 2021.

A handwritten signature of Greg Abbott in black ink.

GREG ABBOTT
Governor

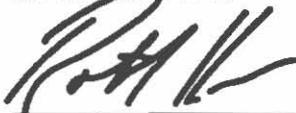
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ATTESTED BY:



RUTH R. HUGHS
Secretary of State

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RESOLUTION NO. 1017

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TERRELL,
TEXAS, OPPOSING SENATE BILL 234 AND HOUSE BILL 749.**

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 234 (SB 234) and House Bill 749 (HB 749), in the current Texas Legislative Session (87th Regular Session), propose a ban that would prevent governmental entities from advocating at the State Capitol by banning taxpayer-funded lobbying over matters significant to City government, City residents, and other local governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, this same proposal failed in the House of Representatives in the 86th Regular Session; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 3 on the ballot at the most recent statewide election provided that "Texas should ban the practice of taxpayer-funded lobbying, which allows your tax dollars to be spent on lobbyists who work against the taxpayer", ("Proposition 3"), and as worded, Proposition 3 was overly broad and completely misleading to the voters; and

WHEREAS, currently Proposition 3 is being used again as a basis for the State Legislature to again consider regulations similar to those failed previously. SB 234 and HB 749 will operate to prevent political subdivisions throughout the state from spending public money to join their respective professional associations; and

WHEREAS, professional associations for municipalities, counties and independent school districts (TML, TAC, TASS, ATMOS Steering Committee, ONCOR Steering Committee, TCAP Texas Coalition for Affordable Power, and others) provide much more assistance to political subdivisions than lobbying efforts that occur every two years, and

WHEREAS, smaller political subdivisions across the state, do not have the resources to represent themselves during the legislative session(s), or the other very important ancillary services (legal services, training, risk pool insurance protection, etc.) rendered by these professional associations.

WHEREAS, the Advisory Memo identified as "Attachment A" states Senator Hall's "no TML" proposal would increase the cost to Terrell taxpayers of monitoring and assuring compliance with the state legislature from \$3,487 to \$160,000.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TERRELL, TEXAS:**

SECTION 1. That the foregoing recitals are findings of the City Council of the City of Terrell, are true and correct, and are incorporated into this Resolution as if fully set forth herein below.

SECTION 2. That the City Council of the City of Terrell strongly opposes SB 234 and HB 749.

SECTION 3. The City of Terrell City Council supports the right of any institution or entity, whether public or private, to engage expert and professional assistance to exercise its constitutional right to petition the government for causes that would serve to improve the quality of life or standing of its members. Recognizing that both private entities and local governmental entities should have equal access to professional assistance in dealing with the complexities of state government.

SECTION 4. That the Terrell City Council hereby expresses its desire to maintain and fund with public moneys its memberships with the various professional associations and statewide municipal steering committees that provide much needed direction and specialized assistance related to day-to-day City operations, regardless of the other activities of such professional associations.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of March, 2021.

E. RICK CARMONA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

DAWN STEIL, CITY SECRETARY



December 4, 2020

SUBJECT: Opposition to Potential Legislative Actions

Senator Hall and Representative Bell:

The Kaufman County Leadership Council is made up of elected and appointed leaders of all political jurisdictions within Kaufman County. The purpose of the organization is to promote the common economic, education, transportation and quality of life interests of all cities as well as unincorporated areas of Kaufman County.

This letter will formally provide you with resolutions adopted by the various political jurisdictions within Kaufman County opposing any effort by the Legislature to limit the ability of cities, counties or school districts to communicate with legislators and state agencies, or to prohibit those entities from being members of organizations that provide such services.

Because we all represent small Texas municipal bodies and thus have very limited resources, we rely on a number of state-wide organizations to represent our interests in Austin. These organizations focus on protecting local government concerns and keeping costs down for our local tax payers. Our time, effort and resources should be spent providing quality government services and education – not traveling back and forth from Kaufman County to Austin.

Furthermore, these agencies provide numerous resources outside of a legislative session. They have done a magnificent job keeping us informed during the pandemic and provided updates on a daily basis. They provide quality training – much of which is mandated by the Legislature. They also provide legal advice, job placement services and numerous other services we would not be able to perform on our own. These organizations are critical to our continued success and survival.

The founders of this great state valued local control and I hope you do as well. Please help us continue to provide quality government services and education by opposing any legislation described above.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "J. Jordan".

Jeff Jordan
Chairman, Kaufman County Leadership Council
Mayor, City of Kaufman

Encl as

RESOLUTION NO. R-09-20

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KAUFMAN,
TEXAS, OPPOSING PROPOSITION 3 APPROVED AT THE MARCH 3,
2020 STATEWIDE ELECTION ADVOCATING FOR THE ENDING OF
TAXPAYER-FUNDED LOBBYING.**

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 29, authored and introduced by Senator Bob Hall (District 2) in the most recent Texas Legislative session (86th Regular Session), proposed a ban that would have prevented governmental entities from advocating at the State Capitol by banning taxpayer-funded lobbying over matters significant to City government, City residents, and other local governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, the vote on approval of Senate Bill 29 failed by 18 votes in the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 3 on the ballot at the most recent statewide election provided that "Texas should ban the practice of taxpayer-funded lobbying, which allows your tax dollars to be spent on lobbyists who work against the taxpayer", ("Proposition 3"), and as worded, Proposition 3 was overly broad and completely misleading to the voters; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 3 was approved by the voters at the March 3, 2020 election; therefore, the same issues set forth in Senate Bill 29 will be considered again in the upcoming Texas Legislative session (87th Regular Session), and if acted upon, Proposition 3 will effectively prevent a City and members of its City Council from advocating at the Capitol over matters significant to City residents; and

WHEREAS, if Proposition 3 is used as a basis for the State Legislature to again consider regulations similar to those in failed Senate Bill 29, it will operate to prevent political subdivisions throughout the state from spending public money to join their respective professional associations; and

WHEREAS, professional associations for municipalities, counties and independent school districts (TML, TAC, TASB, ATMOS Steering Committee, ONCOR Steering Committee, TCAP – Texas Coalition for Affordable Power, and others) provide much more assistance to political subdivisions than lobbying efforts that occur every two years, and

WHEREAS, smaller political subdivisions across the state, do not have the resources to represent themselves during the legislative session(s), or the other very important ancillary services (legal services, training, risk pool insurance protection, etc.) rendered by these professional associations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KAUFMAN, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing recitals are findings of the City Council of the City of Kaufman, are true and correct, and are incorporated into this Resolution as if fully set forth hereinbelow.

SECTION 2. That the City Council of the City of Kaufman strongly opposes any legislation that would serve to "limit the governing body of a political subdivision to spend public money to directly or indirectly influence or attempt to influence the outcome of any legislation pending before the legislature related to: taxation; bond elections; tax-supported debt; and ethics and transparency of public servants" as originally proposed by failed Senate Bill 29. Any effort to eliminate the City's ability to spend public monies to join their various professional associations simply because of ancillary lobbying efforts of those associations provided during the biennial Legislative sessions would severely restrict the efficiency and effectiveness of the City's local governance.

SECTION 3. The City of Kaufman City Council supports the right of any institution or entity, whether public or private, to engage expert and professional assistance to exercise its constitutional right to petition the government for causes that would serve to improve the quality of life or standing of its members. Recognizing that both private entities and local governmental entities should have equal access to professional assistance in dealing with the complexities of state government.

SECTION 4. That the Kaufman City Council hereby expresses its desire to maintain and fund with public moneys its memberships with the various professional associations and statewide municipal steering committees that provide much needed direction and specialized assistance related to day-to-day City operations, regardless of the other activities of such professional associations.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of March, 2020.


Jeff Jordan
MAYOR

ATTEST:



JESSIE HANKS
CITY SECRETARY



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Patricia Adams
PATRICIA A. ADAMS
CITY ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION NO. 03/020-7

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT, KAUFMAN COUNTY, TEXAS, OPPOSING PROPOSITION 3 APPEARING ON THE MARCH 3, 2020 STATEWIDE ELECTION SUGGESTING ELIMINATING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' ABILITY TO FUND EFFORTS TO AFFECT STATE LEGISLATION.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 29 (Senator Hall, District 2) in the 86th Legislature session, proposed a ban that would have prevented local governments from communicating with Legislators through membership dues in Texas Association of Counties, Texas Municipal League, Texas Association of School Boards or any association that advocates a position on legislation; and

WHEREAS, the vote on approval of Senate Bill 29 failed by 18 votes in the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 3 on the ballot at the most recent statewide election provided that "Texas should ban the practice of taxpayer-funded lobbying, which allows your tax dollars to be spent on lobbyists who work against the taxpayer", ("Proposition 3"), and as worded, Proposition 3 was overly broad and completely misleading to the voters; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 3 was approved by the voters at the March 3, 2020 election; therefore, the same issues set forth in Senate Bill 29 will be considered again in the upcoming Texas Legislative session (87th Regular Session), and if acted upon, Proposition 3 will effectively prevent County Judges and Commissioners, Mayors and City Council Members, School Board Members and other local officials from advocating at the Capitol over significant issues; and

WHEREAS, professional associations for municipalities, counties and independent school districts (TML, TAC, TASB, ATMOS Steering Committee, ONCOR Steering Committee, TCAP – Texas Coalition for Affordable Power, and others) provide much more assistance to political subdivisions than communicating with the Legislature every two years, and

WHEREAS, smaller political subdivisions across the state, do not have the resources to represent themselves during the legislative session(s), or the other very important ancillary services (legal services, training, risk pool insurance protection, etc.) rendered by these professional associations.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT
OF KAUFMAN COUNTY, TEXAS**

SECTION 1. That the foregoing recitals are findings of the Commissioners Court of Kaufman County, are true and correct, and are incorporated into this Resolution as if fully set forth hereinbelow.

SECTION 2. That the Commissioners' Court of Kaufman County strongly opposes any legislation that would serve to "limit the governing body of a political subdivision to spend public money to directly or indirectly influence or attempt to influence the outcome of any legislation pending before the legislature related to: taxation; bond elections; tax-supported debt; and ethics and transparency of public servants" as originally proposed by failed Senate Bill 29. Any effort to eliminate representatives of a local agency's ability to spend public monies to join their various professional associations simply because of ancillary lobbying efforts of those associations provided during Legislative sessions would severely restrict the efficiency and effectiveness of Counties, Cities, School Districts and other local agencies.

SECTION 3. The Commissioners' Court of Kaufman County supports the right of any institution or entity, whether public or private, to engage expert and professional assistance to exercise its constitutional right to petition the government for causes that would serve to improve the quality of life or standing of its members. Private entities and local governmental entities should have equal access to professional assistance in dealing with the complexities of state government.

SECTION 4. That the Commissioners' Court of Kaufman County hereby expresses its desire to maintain and fund with public moneys its memberships with the various associations and committees that provide much needed direction and specialized assistance related to day-to-day operations, regardless of the other activities of such professional associations.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this March 10, 2020.



HAL RICHARDS
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:



LAURA HUGHES
COUNTY CLERK



A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE KAUFMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (KAUFMAN ISD) OF KAUFMAN, TEXAS, OPPOSING PROPOSITION 3 APPROVED AT THE MARCH 3, 2020 STATEWIDE ELECTION ADVOCATING FOR THE ENDING OF TAXPAYER-FUNDED LOBBYING.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 29, authored and introduced by Senator Bob Hall (District 2) in the most recent Texas Legislative session (86th Regular Session), proposed a ban that would have prevented governmental entities from advocating at the State Capitol by banning taxpayer-funded lobbying over matters significant to City government, City residents, and other local governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, the vote on approval of Senate Bill 29 failed by 18 votes in the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 3 on the ballot at the most recent statewide election provided that "Texas should ban the practice of taxpayer-funded lobbying, which allows your tax dollars to be spent on lobbyists who work against the taxpayer", ("Proposition 3"), and as worded, Proposition 3 was overly broad and completely misleading to the voters; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 3 was approved by the voters at the March 3, 2020 election; therefore, the same issues set forth in Senate Bill 29 will be considered again in the upcoming Texas Legislative session (87th Regular Session), and if acted upon, Proposition 3 will effectively prevent a School District and members of its Board from advocating at the Capitol over matters significant to District stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, if Proposition 3 is used as a basis for the State Legislature to again consider regulations similar to those in failed Senate Bill 29, it will operate to prevent political subdivisions throughout the state from spending public money to join their respective professional associations; and

WHEREAS, professional associations for municipalities, counties and independent school districts (TASB, TASA, TAC, TAMS and others) provide much more assistance to political subdivisions than lobbying efforts that occur every two years, and

WHEREAS, smaller political subdivisions across the state, do not have the resources to represent themselves during the legislative session(s), or the other very important ancillary services (legal services, training, risk pool insurance protection, etc.) rendered by these professional associations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF KAUFMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT OF KAUFMAN, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing recitals or findings of the Board of Trustees of the Kaufman Independent School District, are true and correct, and are incorporated into this Resolution as if fully set forth hereinbelow.

SECTION 2. That the Board of Trustees of the Kaufman ISD strongly opposes any legislation that would serve to "limit the governing body of a political subdivision to spend public money to directly or indirectly influence or attempt to influence the outcome of any legislation pending before the legislature related to: taxation; bond elections; tax-supported debt; and ethics and transparency of public servants" as originally proposed by failed Senate Bill 29. Any effort to eliminate the ISD's ability to spend public monies to join their various professional associations simply because of ancillary lobbying efforts of those associations provided during the biannual Legislative sessions would severely restrict the efficiency and effectiveness of the ISD's local governance.

SECTION 3. The Board of Trustees of Kaufman ISD supports the right of any institution or entity, whether public or private, to engage expert and professional assistance to exercise its constitutional right to petition the government for causes that would serve to improve the quality of life or standing of its members. Recognizing that both private entities and local governmental entities should have equal access to professional assistance in dealing with the complexities of state government.

SECTION 4. That the Board of Trustees of Kaufman ISD hereby expresses its desire to maintain and fund with public moneys its memberships with the various professional associations and statewide municipal steering committees that provide much needed direction and specialized assistance related to day-to-day City operations, regardless of the other activities of such professional associations.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this March 9, 2020.



BYRON GREGG
PRESIDENT, KISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:



KATHIE FIVECOAT
BOARD SECRETARY

CITY OF FORNEY, TEXAS

RESOLUTION NO. 20-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORNEY, TEXAS, OPPOSING PROPOSITION 3 APPROVED AT THE MARCH 3, 2020 STATEWIDE ELECTION ADVOCATING FOR THE ENDING OF TAXPAYER-FUNDED LOBBYING.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 29, authored and introduced by Senator Bob Hall (District 2) in the most recent Texas Legislative session (86th Regular Session), proposed a ban that would have prevented governmental entities from advocating at the State Capitol by banning taxpayer-funded lobbying over matters significant to City government, City residents, and other local governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, the vote on approval of Senate Bill 29 failed by 18 votes in the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 3 on the ballot at the most recent statewide election provided that “Texas should ban the practice of taxpayer-funded lobbying, which allows your tax dollars to be spent on lobbyists who work against the taxpayer”, (“Proposition 3”), and as worded, Proposition 3 was overly broad and completely misleading to the voters; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 3 was approved by the voters at the March 3, 2020 election; therefore, the same issues set forth in Senate Bill 29 will be considered again in the upcoming Texas Legislative session (87th Regular Session), and if acted upon, Proposition 3 will effectively prevent a City and members of its City Council from advocating at the Capitol over matters significant to City residents; and

WHEREAS, if Proposition 3 is used as a basis for the State Legislature to again consider regulations similar to those in failed Senate Bill 29, it will operate to prevent political subdivisions throughout the state from spending public money to join their respective professional associations; and

WHEREAS, professional associations for municipalities, counties and independent school districts (TML, TAC, TASB, ATMOS Steering Committee, ONCOR Steering Committee, TCAP – Texas Coalition for Affordable Power, and others) provide much more assistance to political subdivisions than lobbying efforts that occur every two years, and

WHEREAS, smaller political subdivisions across the state, do not have the resources to represent themselves during the legislative session(s), or the other very important ancillary services (legal services, training, risk pool insurance protection, etc.) rendered by these professional associations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORNEY, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the foregoing recitals are findings of the City Council of the City of Forney, are true and correct, and are incorporated into this Resolution as if fully set forth hereinbelow.

Section 2. That the City Council of the City of Forney strongly opposes any legislation that would serve to "limit the governing body of a political subdivision to spend public money to directly or indirectly influence or attempt to influence the outcome of any legislation pending before the legislature related to: taxation; bond elections; tax-supported debt; and ethics and transparency of public servants" as originally proposed by failed Senate Bill 29. Any effort to eliminate the City's ability to spend public monies to join their various professional associations simply because of ancillary lobbying efforts of those associations provided during the biennial Legislative sessions would severely restrict the efficiency and effectiveness of the City's local governance.

Section 3. The City of Forney City Council supports the right of any institution or entity, whether public or private, to engage expert and professional assistance to exercise its constitutional right to petition the government for causes that would serve to improve the quality of life or standing of its members. Recognizing that both private entities and local governmental entities should have equal access to professional assistance in dealing with the complexities of state government.

Section 4. That the Forney City Council hereby expresses its desire to maintain and fund with public moneys its memberships with the various professional associations and statewide municipal steering committees that provide much needed direction and specialized assistance related to day-to-day City operations, regardless of the other activities of such professional associations.

Section 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORNEY, TEXAS, this 17 day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:

Dorothy Brooks
Dorothy Brooks, City Secretary

Mary Penn
Mary Penn, Mayor





RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CRANDALL ISD SCHOOL BOARD, CRANDALL, TEXAS, SUPPORTING THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF EDUCATORS, FIRST RESPONDERS, MAYORS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO COMMUNICATE LOCAL NEEDS TO NATIONAL AND STATEWIDE ELECTED OFFICIALS.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 29, authored and introduced by Senator Bob Hall (District 2) in the most recent Texas Legislative session (86th Regular Session), proposed a ban that would have prevented local governmental entities from advocating at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, the vote on approval of Senate Bill 29 failed in the House of Representatives previously because a majority of the House felt that state legislators should not be afraid to hear the opinions of educators, first responders, mayors and council members, and community partners; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 3 on the ballot at the most recent statewide election was an effort to revitalize this ban on local governments talking to state legislators, and as worded, Proposition 3 was overly broad and completely misleading to the voters; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 3 was approved by the voters at the March 3, 2020 election; therefore, the same issues set forth in Senate Bill 29 will likely be considered again in the upcoming Texas Legislative session (87th Regular Session), and if acted upon, Proposition 3 will effectively prevent a School Board and members of the City from advocating at the Capitol over matters significant to City residents; and

WHEREAS, if Proposition 3 is used as a basis for the State Legislature to again consider regulations similar to those in failed Senate Bill 29, it will prevent state officials from communicating state concerns to federal legislators and it will operate to prevent political subdivisions throughout the state from spending public money to join their respective professional associations; and

WHEREAS, professional associations for municipalities, counties and independent school districts (Texas Municipal League, Texas Association of Counties, Texas Association of School Boards, ATMOS Steering Committee, ONCOR Steering Committee, TCAP – Texas Coalition for Affordable Power, and others) provide much more assistance to political subdivisions than lobbying efforts that occur every two years, and

WHEREAS, smaller political subdivisions across the state, do not have the resources to represent themselves during the legislative session(s), or the other very important ancillary services (legal services, training, risk pool insurance protection, etc.) rendered by these professional associations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CRANDALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION 1. That the foregoing recitals are findings of the Board of Trustees, Crandall ISD are true and correct, and are incorporated into this Resolution as if fully set forth hereinbelow.

SECTION 2. The School Board of Crandall ISD, supports the constitutional rights of educators, first responders, mayors and council members, and community partners to communicate local needs to national and statewide elected officials.

SECTION 3. That the School Board of Crandall ISD strongly opposes any legislation that would serve to “limit the governing body of a political subdivision to spend public money to directly or indirectly

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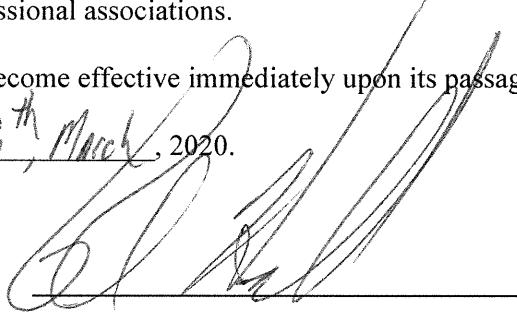
influence or attempt to influence the outcome of any legislation pending before the legislature related to: taxation; bond elections; tax-supported debt; and ethics and transparency of public servants" as originally proposed by failed Senate Bill 29. Any effort to eliminate the School District's ability to spend public monies to join their various professional associations simply because of ancillary lobbying efforts of those associations provided during the biannual Legislative sessions would severely restrict the efficiency and effectiveness of the School District's local governance.

SECTION 4. The Crandall ISD School Board of Trustees supports the right of any institution or entity, whether public or private, to engage expert and professional assistance to exercise its constitutional right to petition the government for causes that would serve to improve the quality of life or standing of its members. Recognizing that both private entities and local governmental entities should have equal access to professional assistance in dealing with the complexities of state government.

SECTION 5. That the Crandall ISD School Board hereby expresses its desire to maintain and fund with public moneys its memberships with the various professional associations and statewide municipal steering committees that provide much needed direction and specialized assistance related to operations, regardless of the other activities of such professional associations.

SECTION 6. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th March, 2020.



Rick Harrell
President, Crandall ISD School Board

ATTEST:



Jennifer Hiser
Jennifer Hiser
Secretary, Crandall ISD School Board

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TALTY,
TEXAS, OPPOSING PROPOSITION 3 APPROVED AT THE MARCH 3,
2020 STATEWIDE ELECTION ADVOCATING FOR THE ENDING OF
TAXPAYER-FUNDED LOBBYING.**

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 29, authored and introduced by Senator Bob Hall (District 2) in the most recent Texas Legislative session (86th Regular Session), proposed a ban that would have prevented many governmental entities from advocating at the State Capitol by banning taxpayer-funded lobbying over matters significant to City government, City residents, and other local governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, the vote on approval of Senate Bill 29 failed by 18 votes in the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 3 of the most recent statewide election provided that "Texas should ban the practice of taxpayer-funded lobbying, which allows your tax dollars to be spent on lobbyists who work against the taxpayer", ("Proposition 3"), and as worded, Proposition 3 was overly broad and completely misleading to the voters; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 3 was approved by the voters in said March 3, 2020 election; therefore, the same issues set forth in Senate Bill 29 will be considered again in the upcoming Texas Legislative session (87th Regular Session), and if acted upon, Proposition 3 will effectively prevent a City and members of its City Council from advocating at the Capitol over matters significant to City residents; and

WHEREAS, if Proposition 3 is used as a basis for the State Legislature to again consider regulations similar to those in failed Senate Bill 29, it will operate to prevent political subdivisions throughout the state from spending public money to join their respective professional associations; and

WHEREAS, professional associations for municipalities, counties and independent school districts (TML, TAC, TASB, ATMOS Steering Committee, ONCOR Steering Committee, Texas Coalition for Affordable Power, and others) provide much more than lobbying assistance to political subdivisions during legislative sessions, and

WHEREAS, smaller political subdivisions across the state, do not have the resources to represent themselves during the legislative session(s) or to perform the other very important ancillary services (legal services, training, risk pool insurance protection, etc.) rendered by these professional associations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TALTY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing recitals are findings of the City Council of the City of Talty are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution as if fully set forth hereinbelow.

SECTION 2. That the City Council of the City of Talty strongly opposes any legislation serving to "limit the governing body of a political subdivision to spend public money to directly or indirectly influence or attempt to influence the outcome of any legislation pending before the legislature related to: taxation; bond elections; tax-supported debt; and ethics and transparency of public servants" as originally proposed by failed Senate Bill 29. Any effort to eliminate the City's ability to spend public monies to join their various professional associations simply because of ancillary lobbying efforts of those associations provided during the biennial Legislative sessions would severely restrict the efficiency and effectiveness of the City's local governance.

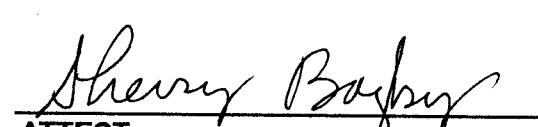
SECTION 3. The City of Talty City Council supports the right of any institution or entity, whether public or private, to engage expert and professional assistance to exercise its constitutional right to petition the government for causes that would serve to improve the quality of life or standing of its members. Recognizing that both private entities and local governmental entities should have equal access to professional assistance in dealing with the complexities of state government.

SECTION 4. The Talty City Council hereby expresses its desire to maintain and fund with public moneys its memberships with the various professional associations and statewide municipal steering committees that provide much needed direction and specialized assistance related to day-to-day City operations, regardless of the other activities of such professional associations.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this March 17, 2020.


FRANK GARRISON
MAYOR


ATTEST:
SHERRY BAGBY
CITY SECRETARY

RESOLUTION NO. 963

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TERRELL, TEXAS, SUPPORTING THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF EDUCATORS, FIRST RESPONDERS, MAYORS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO COMMUNICATE LOCAL NEEDS TO NATIONAL AND STATEWIDE ELECTED OFFICIALS.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TERRELL, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing recitals are findings of the City Council of the City of Terrell, are true and correct, and are incorporated into this Resolution as if fully set forth hereinbelow.

SECTION 2. The City Council Of The City Of Terrell, Texas, supports the constitutional rights of educators, first responders, mayors and council members, and community partners to communicate local needs to national and statewide elected officials.

SECTION 3. That the City Council of the City of Terrell strongly opposes any legislation that would serve to “limit the governing body of a political subdivision to spend public money to directly or

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SECTION 4. The City of Terrell City Council supports the right of any institution or entity, whether public or private, to engage expert and professional assistance to exercise its constitutional right to petition the government for causes that would serve to improve the quality of life or standing of its members. Recognizing that both private entities and local governmental entities should have equal access to professional assistance in dealing with the complexities of state government.

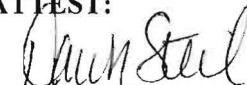
SECTION 5. That the Terrell City Council hereby expresses its desire to maintain and fund with public moneys its memberships with the various professional associations and statewide municipal steering committees that provide much needed direction and specialized assistance related to day-to-day City operations, regardless of the other activities of such professional associations.

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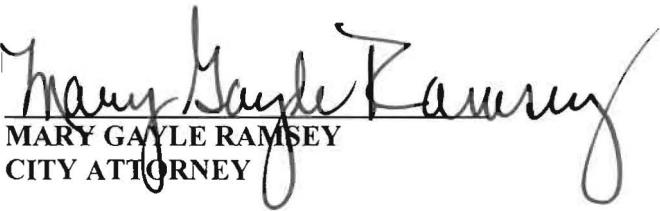
PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of March, 2020.


E. RICK CARMONA
MAYOR

ATTEST:


DAWN STEIL
ACTING CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


MARY GAYLE RAMSEY
CITY ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2020

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TERRELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
TERRELL TEXAS, OPPOSING PROPOSITION 3 APPROVED AT THE
MARCH 3, 2020 STATEWIDE ELECTION ADVOCATING FOR THE
ENDING OF TAXPAYER-FUNDED LOBBYING.**

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TERRELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXECUTIVE BOARD, TERRELL, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing recitals are findings of the Terrell Chamber of Commerce of Terrell, Texas, are true and correct, and are incorporated into this Resolution as if fully set forth hereinbelow.

SECTION 2. That the Terrell Chamber of Commerce of Terrell, Texas strongly opposes any legislation that would serve to "limit the governing body of a political subdivision to spend public money to directly or indirectly influence or attempt to influence the outcome of any legislation pending before the legislature related to: taxation; bond elections; tax-supported debt; and ethics and transparency of public servants" as originally proposed by failed Senate Bill 29. Any effort to eliminate the City's ability to spend public monies to join their various professional associations simply because of ancillary lobbying efforts of those associations provided during the biannual Legislative sessions would severely restrict the efficiency and effectiveness of the City's local governance.

SECTION 3. The Terrell Chamber of Commerce, Terrell, Texas supports the right of any institution or entity, whether public or private, to engage expert and professional assistance to exercise its constitutional right to petition the government for causes that would serve to improve the quality of life or standing of its members. Recognizing that both private entities and local governmental entities should have equal access to professional assistance in dealing with the complexities of state government.

SECTION 4. That the Terrell Chamber of Commerce hereby expresses its desire to maintain and fund with public moneys its memberships with the various professional associations and statewide municipal steering committees that provide much needed direction and specialized assistance related to day-to-day City operations, regardless of the other activities of such professional associations.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this March 9th, 2020.



KIM BRITTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

ATTEST:



CARLTON TIDWELL
PRESIDENT AND CEO



READ, RELAX & LEARN

the library at home

Information and resources available with
your HULSEY PUBLIC LIBRARY CARD.
(Need a card? Give us a call!!)



Goals 2022-2024

RITTER C. HULSEY PUBLIC LIBRARY,

LITERACY DEPOT

Mission Statement

The Riter C. Hulsey Public Library is our community's Literacy Place, a welcoming and easily accessed hub for a variety of learning experiences.

Accomplishments

- Received four Grants from Texas State Library and Archives Commission and two from local organizations
- Remained fully staffed providing services and resources to the public throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; developed and implemented remote work schedule
- Kicked off first Virtual Summer Reading Program
- Began offering Curbside Service to full service card holders
- Received Accreditation as fully qualified member of TSLAC
- Launched e-Library card option for nonlibrary card holders to access online resources; waived all fines and fees
- Shifted all youth and adult programs to virtual platform and incorporated all city parks into regular programming
- Hired New Staff

GRANTS AWARDED

1. Texas State Library and Archives Commission

• Hulsey Public Library CARES	\$24,101
• Library Technology Academy	\$10,000
• Family Place Training & Materials (on hold)	\$6,000

2. Texas Book Festival

• Juvenile Biography Collection Update	\$2,500
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3. Randy Snow Foundation

• Early Literacy Storytime Kits	\$2,000
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4. Film Alley

• Teaching Materials Collection	\$ 675
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TOTAL AWARDED:

\$45,276



COVID-19 RESPONSE

- Closed to the public March 17, 2020
 1. Curbside Pickup began May 13, 2020
 2. Computer use by Appointment began September 11, 2020
 3. Reopen for Browsing October 19, 2020
- Changes implemented:
 1. Donation books placed outside for free pickup
 2. Grab'n Go kits placed out front daily for pickup
 3. Material Quarantine – 72 hours; outside book drop remained open
 4. Staff work stations reassigned; youth dept. moved to Literacy Depot
 5. Face-to-Face programs moved to a virtual platform
 6. Socially Distanced Family activities planned and implemented
 7. Electronic Card Registration issued (eCard)
 8. Open access to online resources
 9. Temporarily removed fines/fees.



Annual Report FY20

Service Population:	53,141
Items in Collections (Print/Electronic):	122,114
Annual Circulation:	676,683
Reference Transactions:	3,568
Library Visits:	45,923
Registered Users:	8,564

FY19 Accreditation Received!

Future of the Library

The library staff will work in the next three years to identify and address gaps in technology resources, spatial limitations and community outreach.

Technology Upgrades

- Update all staff workstations with necessary software and equipment to perform required tasks;
- Increase number of computers available to the public;
- Create Self-Service Center for Patrons to use the new Kiosk for item checkout, scanning, printing and payment options;
- Establish maintenance plan for computer equipment and other technology acquired with TSLAC Cares grant;
- Move all servers to virtual platform and remove unnecessary equipment from staff work area;
- Procure a Document/Microfilm scanner to digitize archival records; use across multiple departments.



Needs Assessment

- On a statewide average, Texas public libraries return \$4.64 in benefits and services for every \$1.00 invested in libraries.
 - Study by Bureau of Business Research IC² Institute at UT Austin
- The economic impact of libraries found that for every \$1.00 expended there was a \$1.72 Return on Investment (ROI).
 - Study by Bureau of Business Research IC² Institute at UT Austin
- Current space 9,486 sq. feet vs. needed facility space of 35,400 sq. feet



Summary

The new library should:

- Support the vitally important children's services of the library with expanded collections, room to read and learn, and activity spaces that encourage exploration and development;
- Provide access to expanded collections that will eventually total 194,000 items; includes online resources;
- Offer a total of 487 reader seats of various types;
- Include expanded multifunction meeting and activity spaces for the public; and

Summary

- Provide access to an ever-expanding array of electronic information, including at least 40 technology workstations, plus a variety of seating and study spaces that provide the network and electrical support for users with their own electronic devices.
- In order to meet the needs of the suggested recommendations will require a new facility of approximately 35,400 square feet.

To align with current Needs Assessment: Consultant to study and identify the needs for a community center as an addition to the new library in Terrell to accompany Downtown Square and City Plans.

Library Goals

4.1.1	Increase hours open by 4 per week to maintain accreditation with the State	DISCUSSING OPTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION
4.1.2	Increase budget for technology upgrades to meet the expanding virtual needs of the public and staff	PENDING
4.1.3 & 4.1.7	Finalize Needs Assessment to accompany city's Master, Downtown and Park Plans & Continue planning for new library facility	ON HOLD PENDING COOPERATION WITH LOCAL BOARD & ORGANIZATION PARTNERSHIPS
4.1.4	Restructure and expand all programs to include on-site and virtual access	IN PROGRESS
4.1.5	Reestablish an increased budget for updating and expanding print and online collections	IN PROGRESS
4.1.6	Complete policies and procedures manual	IN PROGRESS

Goals 2022-2024

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

I.T. Mission Statement

The City of Terrell Department of Information Technology is committed to increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of the City's information technology services and support. The department provides customer-driven services citywide in areas utilizing networks, desktops, application development, radios and telephones, and related program and project management. These services are of the highest quality possible and are consistent with the city's needs, schedules, and budgets.

Accomplishments

- Replaced old analog phone system with Spectrum VOIP
- Replaced an Uninterruptable Power Supply (UPS) at police department; Major projects in planning stage
- Upgraded hardware across multiple departments
- Updated I.T. Vendor contracts to better meet the needs of the city; there are some still in process.
- Expanded access for staff to work remotely due to COVID-19 and other factors; purchased hardware as needed
- Installed new antivirus software across the organization (Sentinel One)
- Transitioned three in-house library servers to virtual servers

Accomplishments cont.

Cost savings FY21

1. Fiber Contract:

- 8% earned credit per added customer
- Additional Downtown Customers: 3

2. Facility Phone:

◦ FY 18-19	\$ 102,782.67
◦ FY 19-20	\$ 86,523.52
◦ FY 2021	\$ 12,695.29 *on track to end year at \$30,147.76

3. Continue to search for ways to update technology and reduce cost

I.T. Budget Overview

FY21 Revenue	\$1,158,203
FY21 Expenses (2/28/21)	\$442,858.56
Percent Remaining	61.51%

Staff efforts to meet Budget:

1. Reduced Spending from previous years
2. Researching an array of cost saving measures

Current Contractors

- ANTS-Technology, Inc.
- ALPS Dallas, Inc.
- Terrell Alarm Systems, LLC
- SpectrumVOIP, Inc.
- Tuearis Cyber
- Cave Consulting
- Multiple Vendors within specific departments

Statistics

CAVE CONSULTING (Annual Averages):

- **Emails Received:** 659,878
- **Spam Emails Intercepted:** 111,716
- **Emails Rejected:** 46,306
- **Website Visits:** 101,512
- **Website Threats Stopped:** 84,000

TUEARIS CYBER:

- **Average Threats per month:** 5
- **Total Threats (since deployment):** 121
- **Monitors and Protects Windows:** 221

Statistics cont.

ALPS, Dallas (Annually):

- Service Tickets submitted: > 700

MAINTAINS:

- Desktops: 165
- Laptops: 31
- In-vehicle Computers: 19
- Networks: 4
- Servers: 25

IT The Next 3 Years

Continue to search for partnerships and avenues to increase income into IT department.

- Find and implement industry best practices
- Research technology programs and grants for future projects
- Network with other municipalities for ideas and connections

IT The Next 3 Years

1. Improve multiyear planning for recurring IT expenses across all city departments
2. Consolidate requests for IT spending to improve IT purchasing and interdepartmental communication
3. Develop and implement standard procurement procedures insuring future purchases meet budgetary guidelines as well as network requirements

IT The Next 3 Years

1. Major website update to insure easy navigation to desired information, allow uploading of private data and electronic signatures, fill out necessary forms and applications online
2. Update antiquated infrastructure
3. Continue aggressive search for contractors to best meet the City's needs

IT The Next 3 Years

Review options to change from a contractor only approach to a staff plus contractor approach

Staffing Benefits:

- Streamline processes & procedures
- Address and resolve issues quickly and more efficiently
- Reduce costs

Information Technology Goals

1.1.1 Enhance firewall, server and endpoint security management	On going
1.1.2 Improve management of communication; and mobile devices	Completed VOIP Install; In-progress
1.1.3 Promote E-posters, kiosks for improved customer service and information delivery	Utility Kiosk Complete; Additional improvements pending
1.1.4 Establish Information Technology department request and purchasing procedures to reduce unnecessary spending and maintain a more balanced budget.	In process



Municipal Development



Mission Statement

To provide the development community, business owners and citizens of Terrell with the highest level of customer service and the best possible protection of life, health, and property. To help the community promote neighborhood and downtown revitalization and safe and solid growth in housing, jobs, and business development with a solid diverse community and dependable revenue. To provide exceptional quality of life and performance-based business development through data, efficiency in service, and good balance for growth management.



Municipal Development Functions

Planning and Zoning

Development and Real Estate

PADIC – Economic Development Corp – Type B

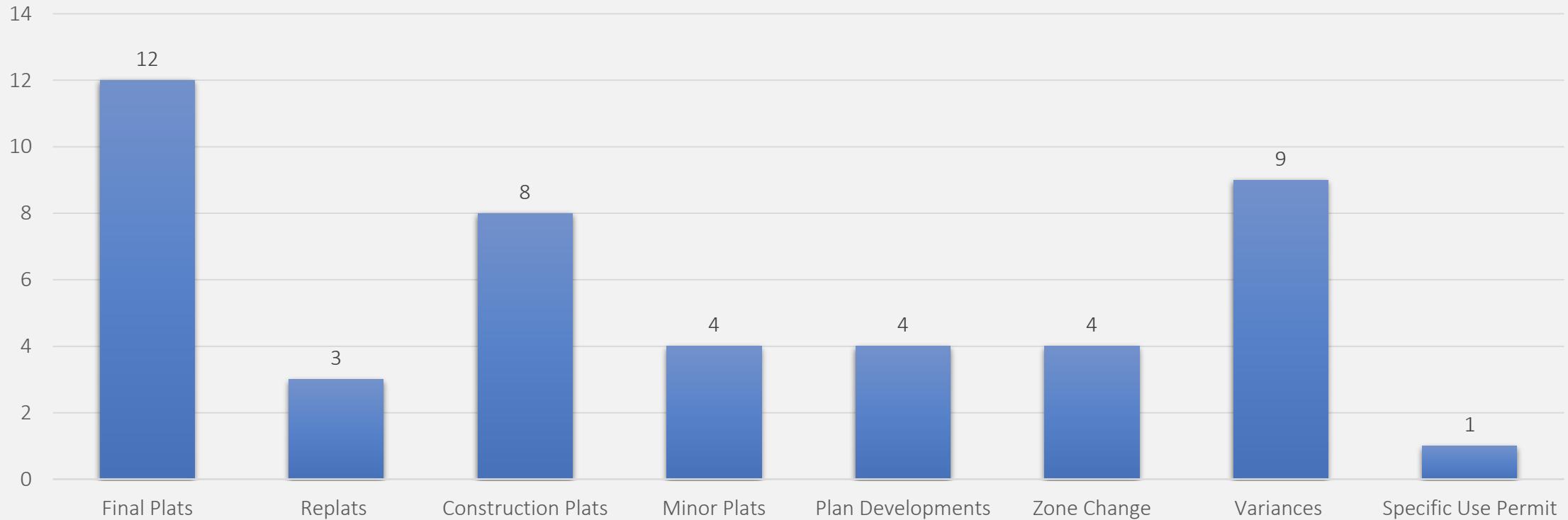
Quality of Life/Performance Management

Building Inspections

Neighborhood Services/Redevelopment

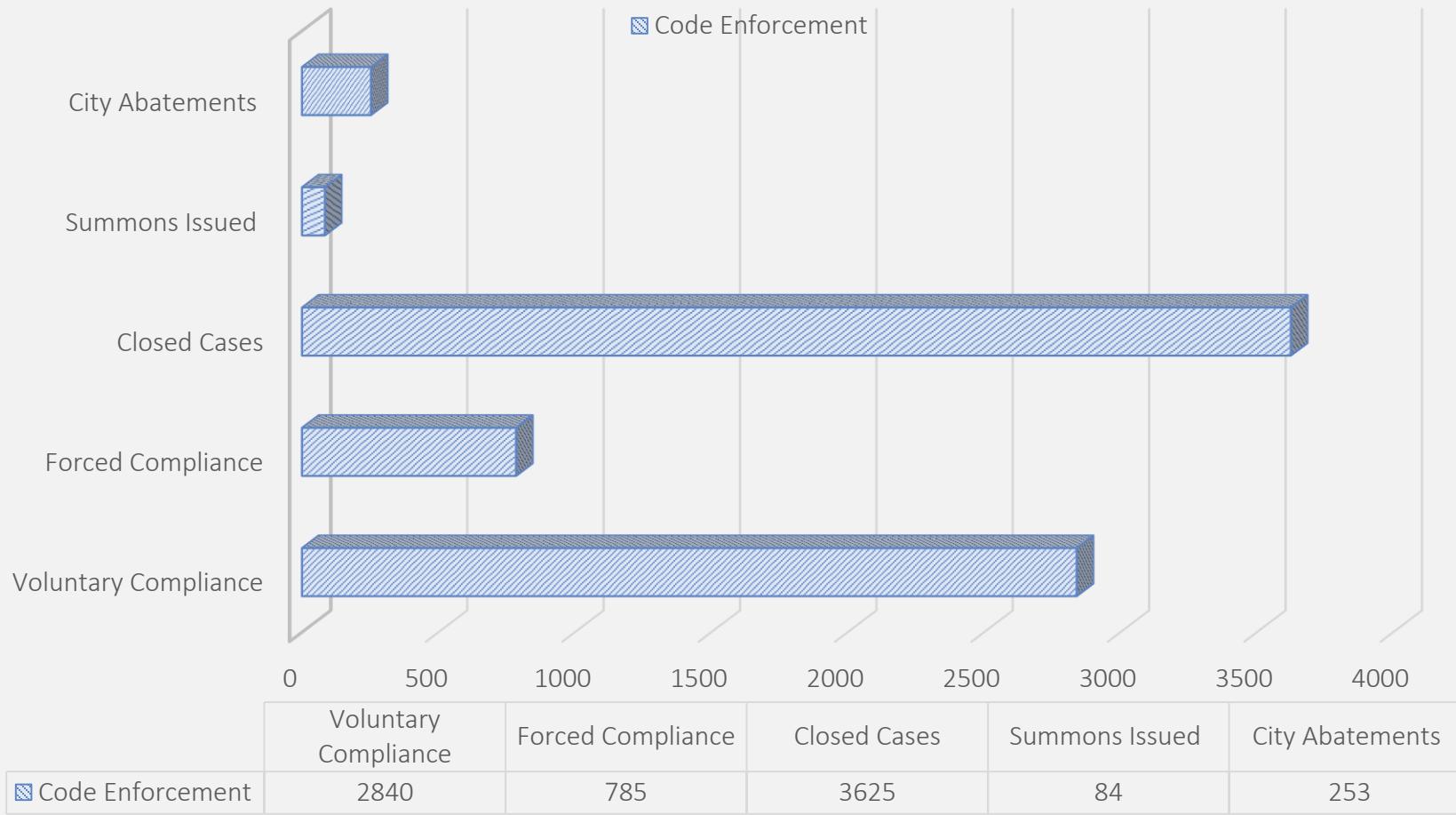
TIRZ#1 / Power Center

Planning & Zoning

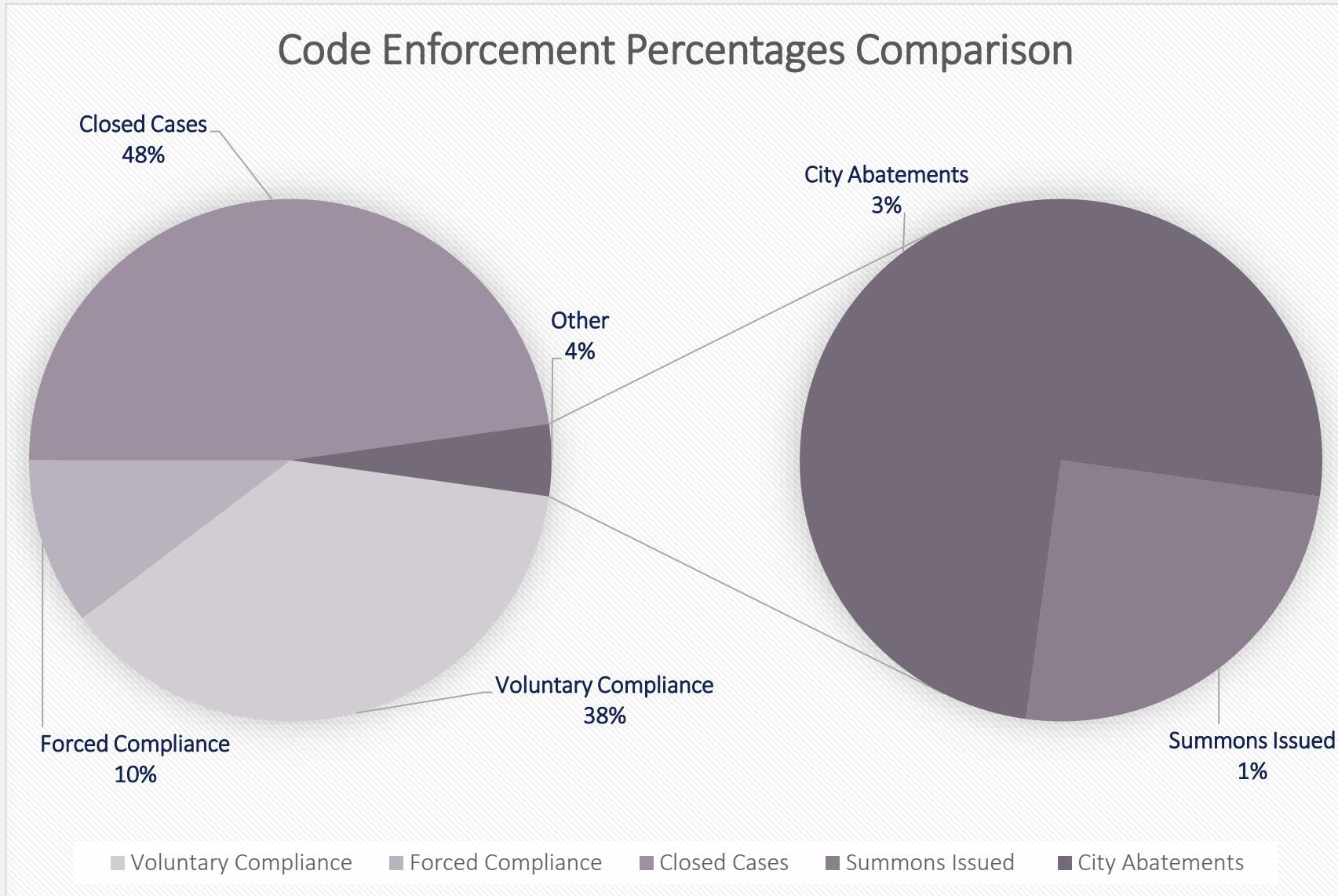


45 Total P&Z Actions

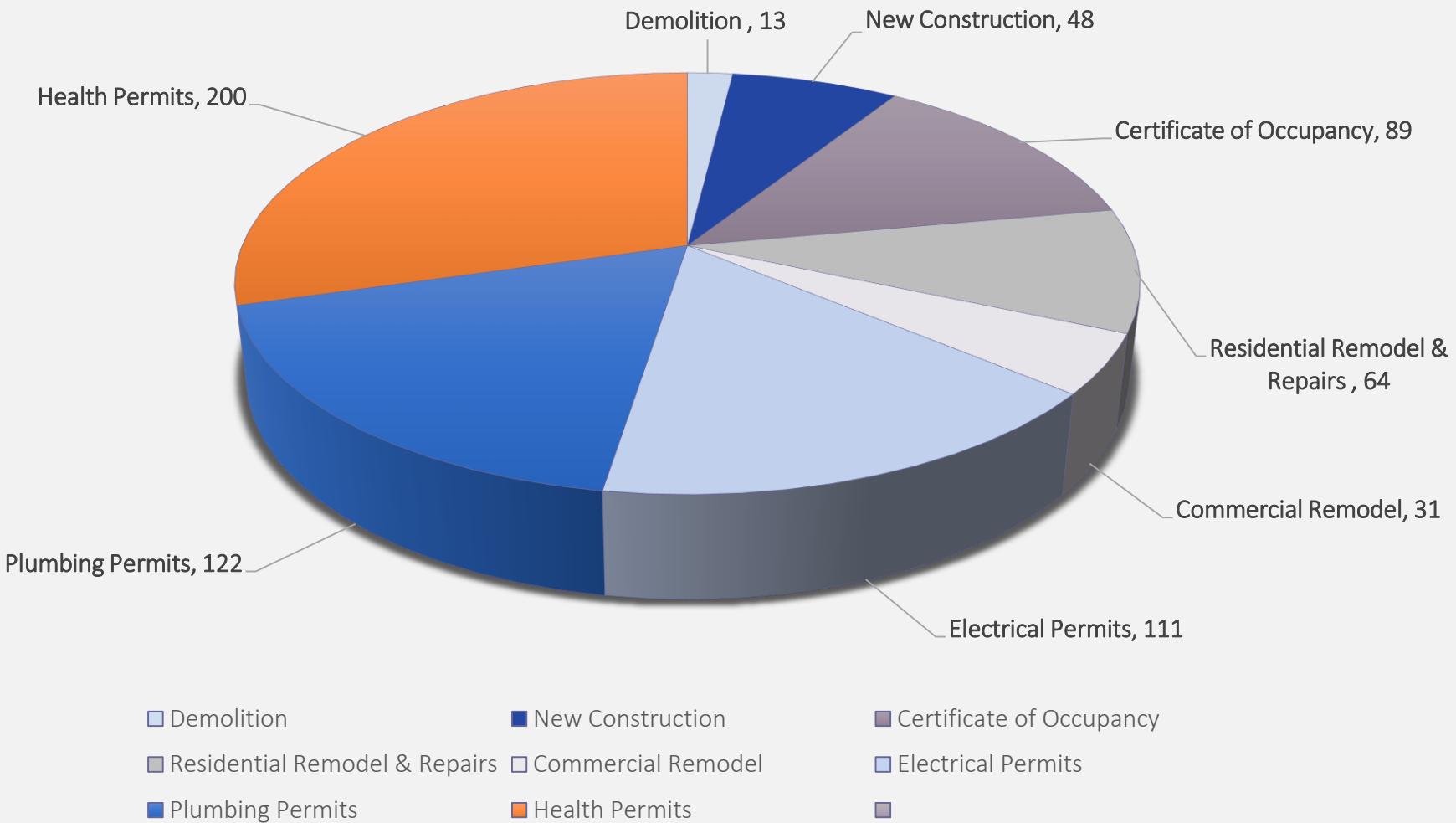
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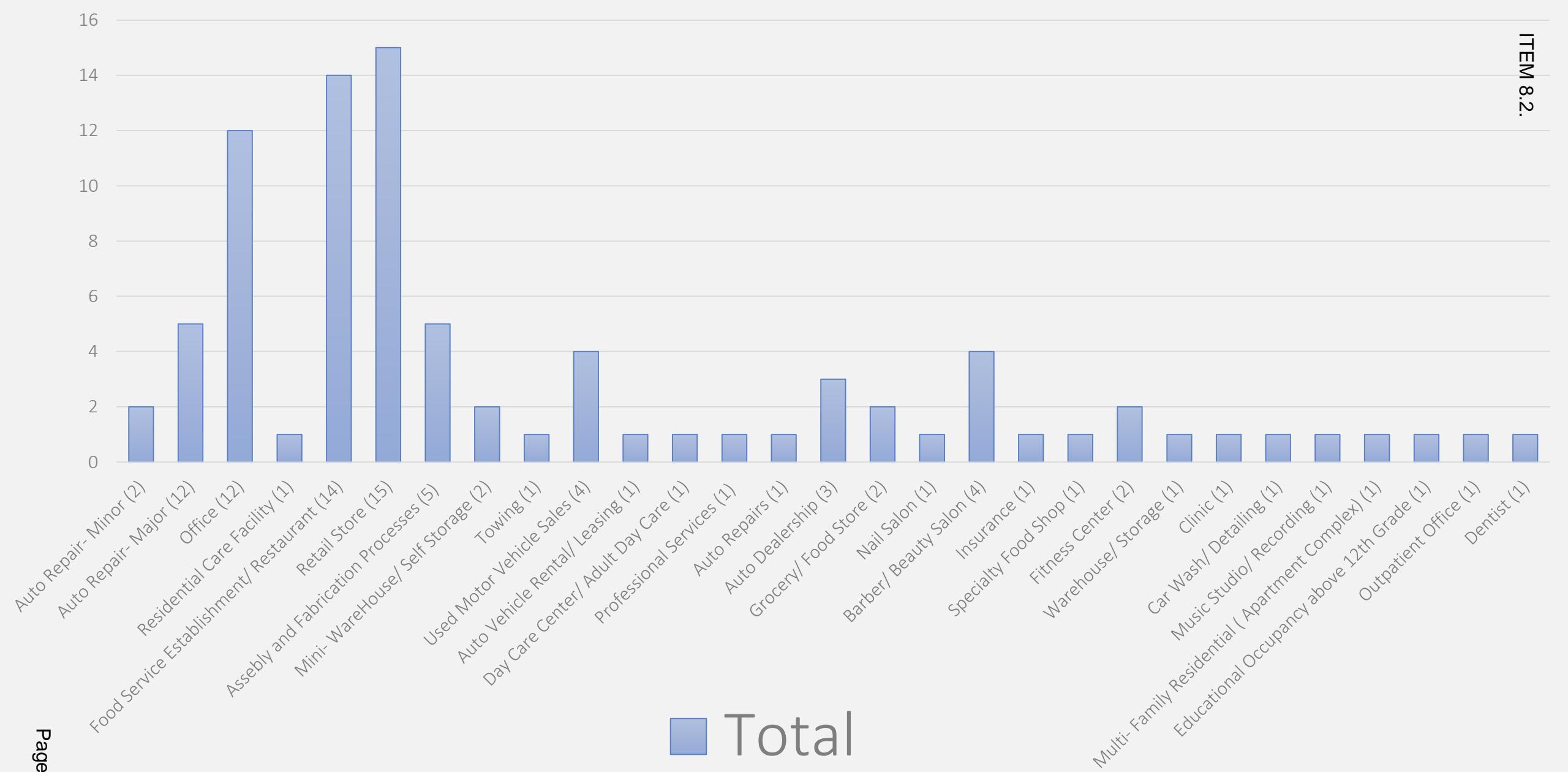
OVER 7500 Cases



Building Permits



Total Building Inspection completed: 4,500



■ Total

Just Under 100 certificate of occupancies

Development Coming Soon Single Family Subdivisions

Single Family Subdivisions	Lots	
N Frances	632	
Rosehill	170	
The Woodlands	278	
Creekside	478	
Cox	8	
	1566	TOTAL LOTS

Development Coming Soon Extra Territorial Jurisdiction

Single Family Subdivisions	Lots	
Los Lomas	232	
Oak Valley	170	
Oak Point	32	
Long Spur	65	
	499	TOTAL LOTS

Development Coming Soon

Multi Family

Multi Family Subdivisions	Lots	
TVCC	215	
CROSSROADS	270	
	485	TOTAL LOTS

Development Coming Soon Senior Living

Senior Living Subdivisions	Lots	
Poetry/State	148	
Windsor	66	
	214	TOTAL LOTS

TIRZ/Power Center

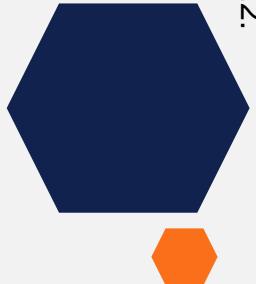
TIRZ#1 is maturing and able to generate revenues beyond its development obligations. (60% development obligations / 40% available for capital improvements). Over the next three years it will continue its role in downtown and move into support of the Airport and other public improvements.

At this time, the Power Center revenues are fully committed to development obligations.

Staff is negotiating additional TIRZ districts with major landowners in hopes of replicating this success.

Park and Downtown Improvement Corporation

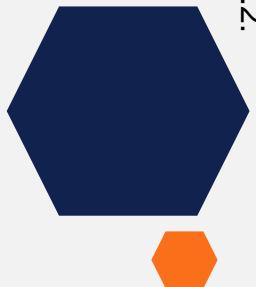
Type B



“The Corporation is organized exclusively for the purpose of benefiting and accomplishing public purposes of the City of Terrell, Texas by providing capital improvements to public parks and the downtown area of the City by promoting, assisting and enhancing park and downtown development activities for the City as provided by the Act.”



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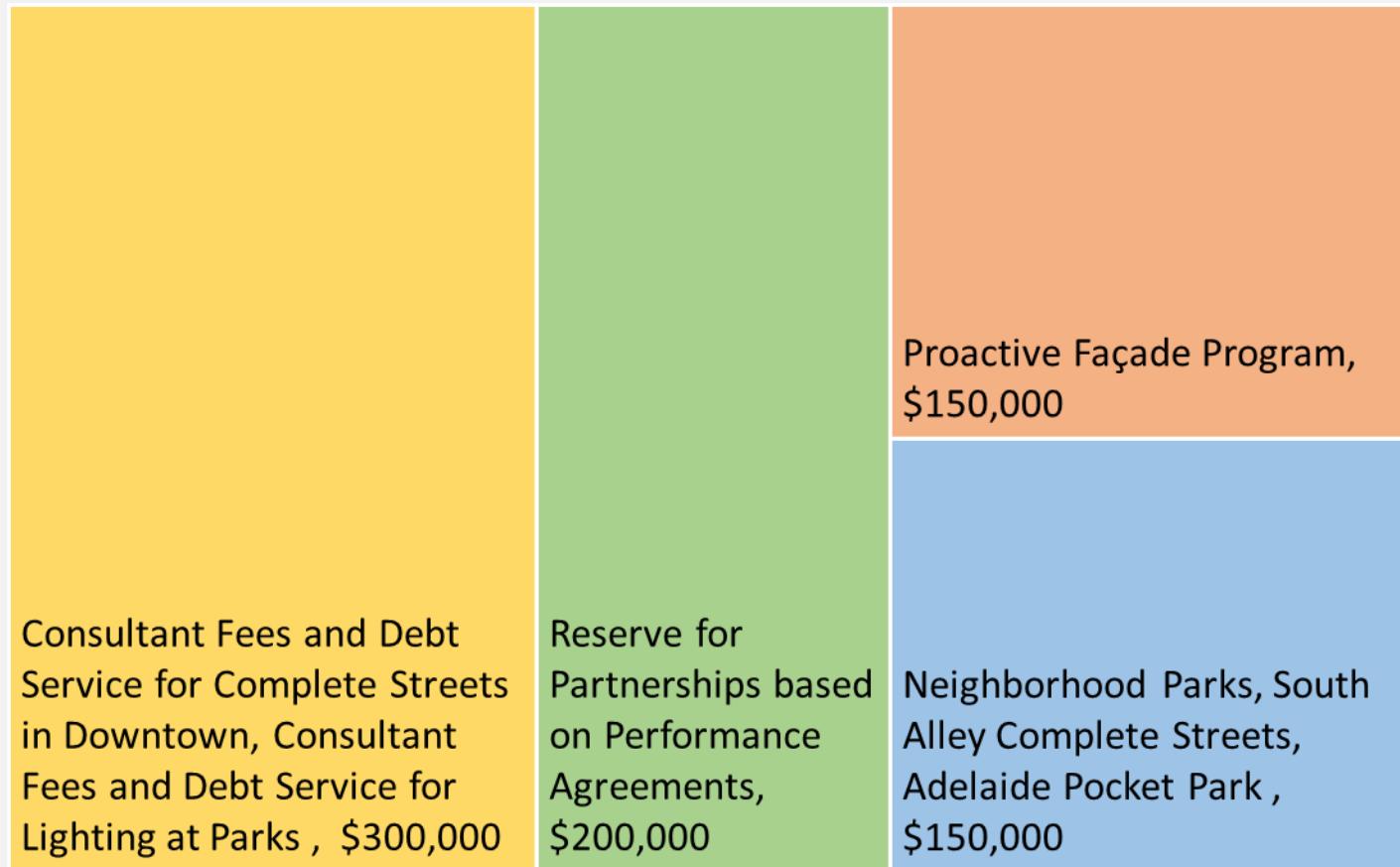
Terrell is new to the list of cities turning its attention to robust funding for quality of life improvements.

1. As the trend in economic development has slowly changed from location to workforce, many cities have attempted to market quality of life to retain citizens and attract newcomers who could add to a growing and attractive workforce.
2. As such, the bar is high, but Terrell is well poised to compete and the PADIC Board is the choice institution in Terrell to lead this competition.
3. The Initial Capital Plan Approved by Council in November 2020, provides our roadmap for the FY22, FY23, FY24 period.

PADIC

Consolidated Capital Plan

Summary





NEW PROGRAMS

(1) Expand and Restructure Code Enforcement into a Neighborhood Services Division

“Block Heroes & Council Relations”

- Implement a neighborhood clean up events.
- Codify Code Ordinances and use IPMC to the fullest
- Be methodical about block redevelopment
- Landlord registration equals landlord communication
- Block by block neighborhood events
- Coordinate City Council participation
- Selected areas according to data and mapping
- Small scale home beautification and maintenance
- Regular Buildings and Standard meeting schedule

NEW PROGRAMS

(2) Create a new Property Management System “Change Liabilities to Assets”

Mine data on areas of growth, redevelopment, city mowing, violations, permits, police calls, real estate transactions, valuation changes



Direct City initiatives according to data analysis

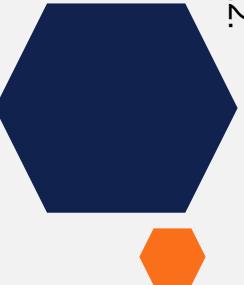
Enter into an interlocal with surrounding jurisdictions for the sale of land on an inventory basis

Create a website and purchase process for all city owned property and custodial properties

Every property worth little or nothing on the property tax roles is maintenance liability, a Property Management System changes those liabilities to assets

Quality of Life Audit - Outcomes

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Gather input from both current and potential future businesses and residents

Establish a series of clearly defined and Terrell specific quality of life variables, each with its own rubric:

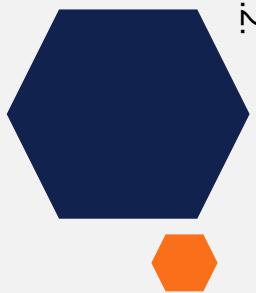
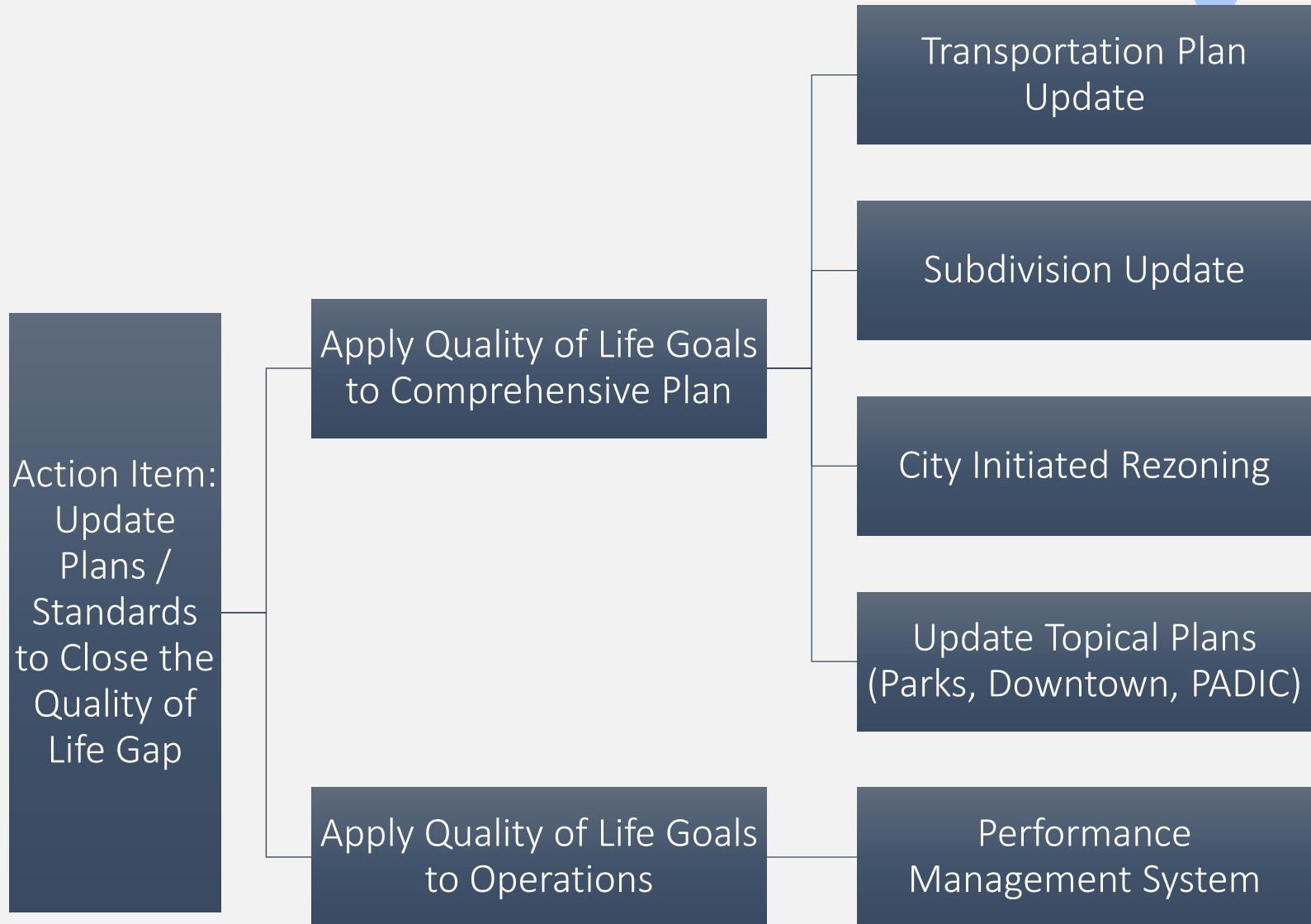
- Safety and Security
- Ease of Exercise
- Access to Learning
- Employment Opportunities
- Enjoying Nature
- Worship and Service
- Ability to Invest and Reinvest
- And more..

Grade the Terrell on those variables to define the gap between our quality of life aspirations and our quality of life reality

Recommend top action items to “close the gap” and improve quality of life

Quality of Life Audit – Example Results

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NEW PROGRAMS

(3) Create and Implement Performance Management System

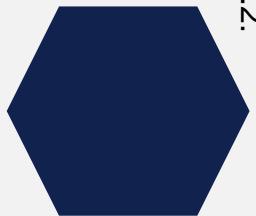
“The Operations Side of Quality of Life”

Formalize performance standards throughout the city

Track progress at meeting and exceeding standards

Link to data reporting and merit based reviews

Performance Management System



- Look at every process and service with consistent grading criteria – Development, Partnerships, Services, Public Works, IT, Consultants, Contractors
- Efficiency and is a key to customer service. Better process, smarter team staffing, smarter spending, bigger impact - TEAM
- How are we providing the best service to our citizens?
 - By studying the processes, organization, and staffing changes; there is always a path to get better.

Sometimes change/update

Sometimes restructure

Sometimes outsource

Goals

Municipal Development Services

- Create the three new programs.
- Develop more information related to violations and permitting for the citizen that can be beneficial for the bilingual community.
- Provide excellent customer service beyond.
- Comp Plan Update – Major need to address the Quality of Life/Performance System.
 - Specialized area plans and zoning ordinance changes.
 - Align zoning codes with the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Strategies.
- Enhance building inspections and expand hotel/motel services.



Goals

Municipal Development Operational Needs

- 3 New Trucks – Full Size
- Obtain CEU to continue to provide excellent services to the citizens of Terrell/Certified IPMC
- Utilize consultant for Zoning Update, Performance Data and GIS Services
- Budget for Building Standards Commission
- Add staff to match growing workload and Council goals:
 - Analyst
 - Inspector
 - Neighborhood Service Officer
 - Assistant Building Official



Strategic Plan Timeline

February 2	Council Discussion
February 9	Police/Fire/City Manager
February 16	Cancelled Due to Weather
February 23	Human Resources/Housing/Finance
March 2	Engineering/Utilities/
March 9	Municipal Development/Library/IT
March 16	Public Services
March 30	Municipal Court/Council Discussion

Preliminary Draft

City of Terrell Strategic Plan



FY22, FY23, FY24

Strategic Plan Themes

The Themes

1. Our Citizens benefit when we are efficient and relentless: Operational Goals
2. Our Citizens benefit when we are the partner of choice: Partnership Goals
3. Our Citizens benefit when we are a great place for commercial investment and job creation: Development Goals
4. Our Citizens benefit when we are diligent in maintaining and enhancing infrastructure: Construction Goals
5. Our Citizens benefit when we set and achieve Quality of Life benchmarks: Quality of Life Goals

Our Citizens benefit when we are efficient and relentless

Major Operational Goals

- Add multiple staff in Police Department to meet growth in calls/demand for service and to maintain/improve recent anti-narcotics successes
- Add multiple staff in municipal development to improve customer service and stay ahead of development
- Stabilize operations with single new positions for finance clerk, assistant city manager, assistant fire marshal
- Keep the budget growing to meet out city's needs
- Expand library and youth recreation staff concurrent with budget availability to grow programs
- Train, evaluate and retain the dedicated staff we have
- Plan for retirements and cross train for resilience
- Expand Spanish language skill sets
- Add Downtown security and “polish” functions
- Crisp and clean everyday
- Control IT spending while enhancing IT footprint
- Maintain balanced annual approach to fleet

Our Citizens benefit when we are the partner of choice

Major Partnership Goals

- Utilize regional animal shelter for pay-per-night services
- Utilize Garland/Mesquite radio system for emergency communication improvements
- Update NTMWD contract for growth and access to capital funds
- Plan new county sub courthouse with new municipal court element
- Negotiate partial CCN buyouts ahead of growth demands
- Work with NCTCOG/RTC on a wide range of grants and cooperative programs
- Work with TXDOT to improve maintenance, lower costs and obtain benefits from state capital investment
- Improve partnerships with TSHS/TDEM to put Covid-19 behind us and improve resiliency
- Negotiate voluntary annexations and new TIRZ Districts with surrounding major land owners
- Partner with NETRMA on outer loop planning and creative infrastructure finances
- Implement projects from the County Transportation Interlocal Agreement

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- Enhance workforce, school district, TVCC, and other education partnerships

Our Citizens benefit when Terrell is a great place for commercial investment and job creation

Major Development Goals

- Update comprehensive plan zoning and subdivision ordinances to raise the standard
- Attract and open new retail, restaurants, lofts and entertainment downtown
- Support great mixed use hubs in Downtown, Crossroads, and TVCC Health Science Center; support a great retail destination at Shops at Terrell
- Foster high quality development and preservation in the Big Brushy Creek corridor by partnering for water, sewer, outer loop improvements with a variety of partners
- Promote more high quality residential infill
- Attract more quality, high wage employers
- Add a university presence and a hospital/medical center

Our Citizens benefit when our core infrastructure meets the needs

Major Construction Goals

- Build Temple, Blanche and South Alley as concrete complete streets
- Reconstruct North Alley, sections of Apache Trail and Metro Drive
- Reconstruct the Mukleroy Building to serve as a destination amenity
- Select and engineer the road, water, sewer, drainage sidewalks, lighting and parking for the Town Square Development, including quiet zones and complete streets on US 80 and Spur 226
- Identify and engineer a second NTMWD take point as well as the water distribution system for big brushy creek corridor development
- Acquire land for a new library/community center, 3 fire stations, park expansions, lake area protection zones
- Fully implement smart water meters
- Finalize Kings Creek WWTP improvements
- Complete the US 80, FM 148, SH 205 reconstruction
- Work with TXDOT to start construction on IH 20 frontage rows at FM 148
- Implement enhanced approaches to street maintenance based of robotics/SPI
- Implement enhanced approach to storm water based on drainage study

Our Citizens benefit when we set and achieve quality of life benchmarks: Quality of Life Goals

Quality of Life Goals

- Design and Perform a thorough Quality of Life Audit
- Utilize the results of the Quality of Life Audit to set a range of Quality of Life Goals
- Establish Financial Plans and Partnerships necessary to build and operate the Capital Improvements and/or Operational Improvements identified in the Audit