



# City Council Work Session

## AGENDA

**TO BE HELD AT 2:00 pm, Tuesday August 4, 2026**  
**City Council Work Session Room**  
**100 Fort Worth Trail, Fort Worth, Texas**

## **1 REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER – JESUS "JAY" CHAPA, CITY MANAGER**

### **1.1 UPCOMING AND RECENT EVENTS**

### **1.2 ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES**

### **1.3 INFORMAL REPORTS**

- 1.3.1 IR 26-0087 Release of Area from the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) by Petition of Landowner or Resident During the Period of February through June 2026 – Stephen Murray, Development Services Planning Manager
- 1.3.2 IR 26-0082 Development Update Related to Senate Bills 15, 840 and 2477, 89th Legislative Session – D.J. Harrell, Development Services Director
- 1.3.3 IR 26-0080 2026-2027 HUD Annual Action Plan – Kacey Thomas, Neighborhood Services Director
- 1.3.4 IR 26-0094 Mary's Creek Water Reclamation Facility Construction Procurement – Chris Harder, Water Director
- 1.3.5 IR 26-0090 Officer Involved Accidents Related to Vehicle Pursuits – Chris Daniels, Police Assistant Chief
- 1.3.6 IR 26-0089 Proposed Changes to Chapter 10 Courts of the City Code – William Rumuly, Municipal Court Director
- 1.3.7 IR 26-0091 Proposed Council Initiated Zoning Changes for Certain Properties in the Northside TEXRail Station Transit-Oriented Development Area in Council District 2 – Eric Fladager, CMO-Planning Division Assistant Director
- 1.3.8 IR 26-0085 Small Business Program Report for September 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 – Brandy Hazel, Financial Management Services Assistant Director
- 1.3.9 IR 26-0093 Substitute Judge Appointments – Simon Gonzalez, Municipal Court Chief Judge
- 1.3.10 IR 26-0083 Summer Food Service Program Updates – Dave Lewis, Park and Recreation Director
- 1.3.11 IR 26-0084 Update on Selection of Consultant for Economic Development Strategic Plan – Jessica Rogers, Economic Development Director
- 1.3.12 IR 26-0088 Workers' Compensation Peer Review Guidelines – Kristen Smith, Human Resources Director

## **2 COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

- 2.1 Questions Regarding Changes in Membership on Boards and Commissions for August 11, 2026 Council Meeting
- 2.2 Questions Regarding Significant Zoning Cases for August 11, 2026 Council Meeting
- 2.3 Questions Regarding City Council M&C's for August 11, 2026 Council Meeting

## **3 PRESENTATIONS**

- 3.1 World Cup Wrap-Up and Post-Event Recognition – Sonny Saxton, Emergency Management and Communications Director and Mitch Whitten, Visit Fort Worth President and CEO
- 3.2 Department of Justice Crime Reduction Grant – Eddie Garcia, Police Chief
- 3.3 Update on FY2027 Projected General Fund Revenues – Christianne Simmons, FWLab Chief Transformation Officer
- 3.4 Update on Data Center Regulation and Moratorium Process – Jesica McEachern, Assistant City Manager

## **4 CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND/OR REPORTS**

The City Council may convene in Executive Session in the City Council Executive Session Room in order to conduct a closed meeting to discuss any item listed on this Agenda in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

The location identified on this agenda is the location at which the presiding officer will be physically present and presiding over the meeting. Members of the City Council may be participating remotely in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and the Council Rules of Procedure.

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## INFORMAL REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

**SUBJECT: RELEASE OF AREA FROM THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION (ETJ) BY PETITION OF LANDOWNER OR RESIDENT DURING THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY THROUGH JUNE 2026 – STEPHEN MURRAY, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES PLANNING MANAGER**

**DATE: 08/04/26**

**NUMBER: IR 26-0087**

### **TO THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

The purpose of this Informal Report is to provide information on the requested Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) releases received, reviewed, and subsequently released during the period of February to June 2026. The details are shown on the following maps and tables on pages 2 through 10.

Since the enactment of Subchapter D, Chapter 42, Texas Local Government Code on September 1, 2023, the City has received a total of 222 petitions. A 12-month graph on page 11 reflects the number of eligible petitions released from July 2025 through June 2026. Thirty-seven (37) petitions received prior to July 1, 2026, were either deemed incomplete, ineligible or withdrawn. From September 2023 to date, a total of 187 eligible ETJ petitions have released approximately 5,760.05 acres within the City's ETJ.

For questions regarding this information, please contact **Stephen Murray, Development Services Planning Manager** at 817-392-6226.

**Jesus "Jay" Chapa**

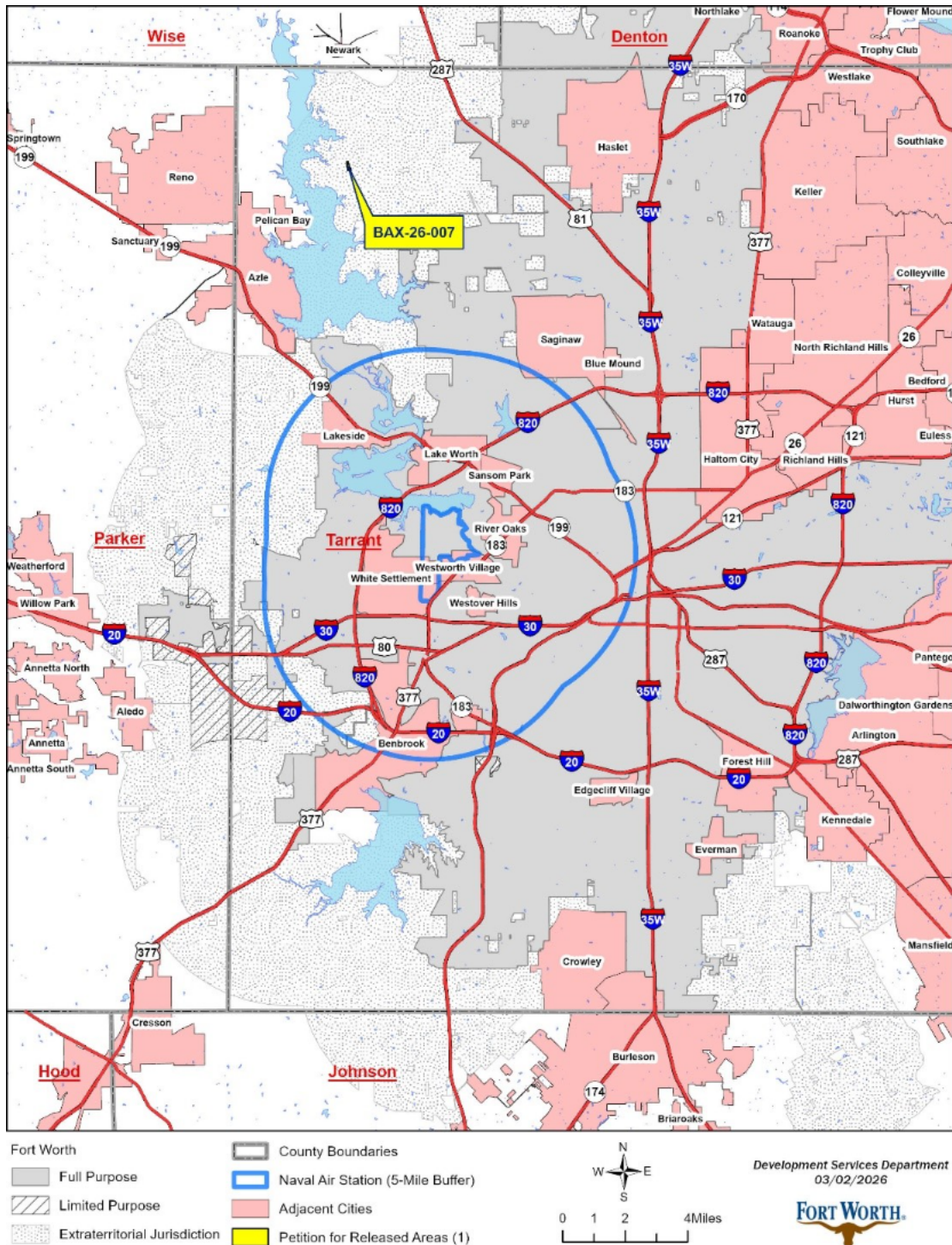
**City Manager**

### February 2026 ETJ Release Details

The table below lists ETJ releases received and subsequently released for the month of February 2026.

| Case                       | Initial Contact Date | Project Name       | County  | Future Council District | 20-yr Planned Service Area (PSA) | Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) | Acres        |
|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| BAX-26-007                 | 2/04/2026            | 4R Square Property | Tarrant | 7                       | N                                | None                                           | 12.05        |
| <b>TOTAL FEBRUARY 2026</b> |                      |                    |         |                         |                                  |                                                | <b>12.05</b> |

## February 2026 ETJ Release Map



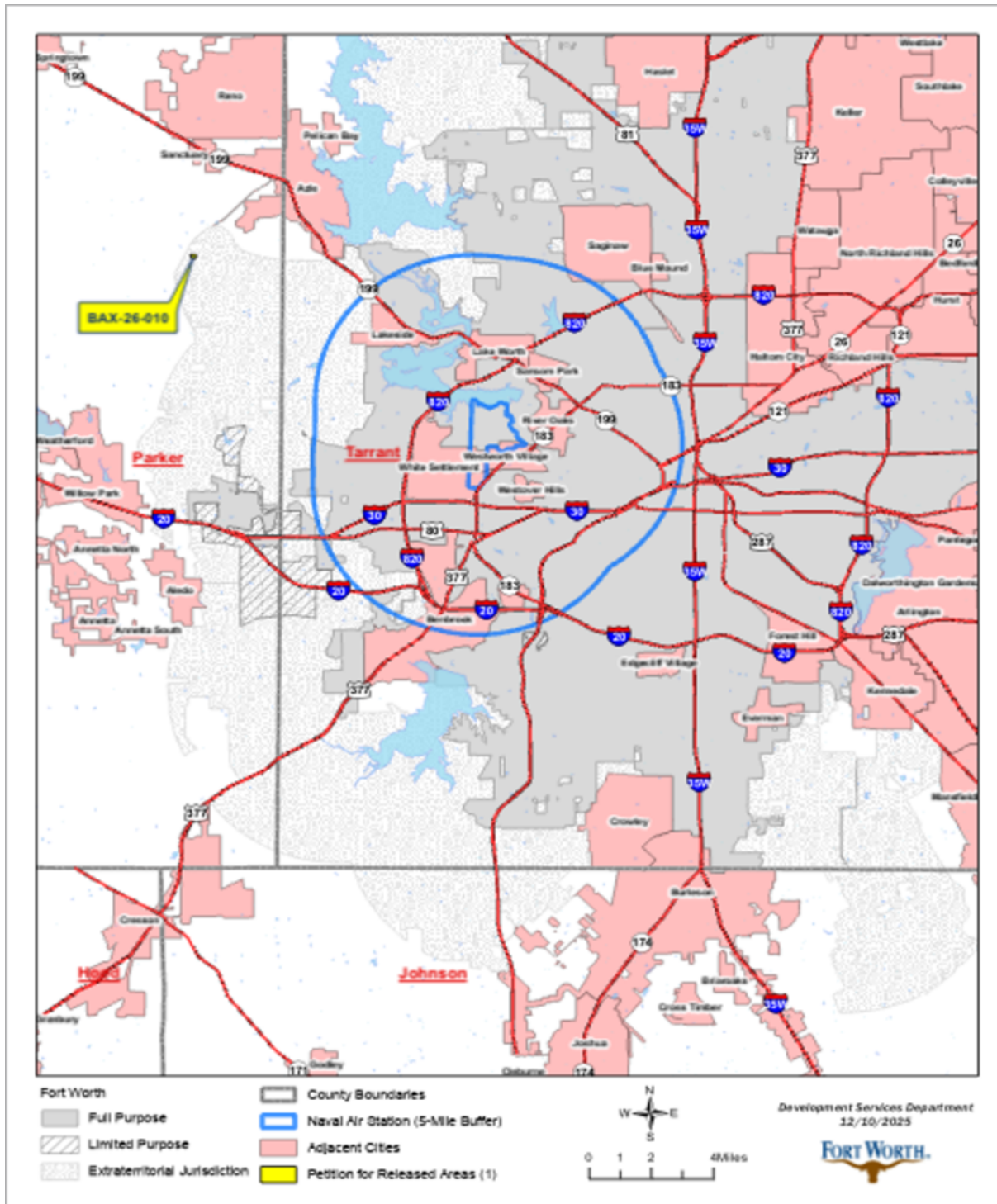
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### March 2026 ETJ Release Details

The table below lists ETJ releases received and subsequently released for the month of March 2026.

| Case                    | Initial Contact Date | Project Name | County | Future Council District | 20-yr Planned Service Area (PSA) | Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) | Acres        |
|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| BAX-26-010              | 03/03/26             | 0 Church Rd  | Parker | 3                       | N                                | New Progress WSC/Spring Valley Utility Company | 15.16        |
| <b>TOTAL MARCH 2026</b> |                      |              |        |                         |                                  |                                                | <b>15.16</b> |

## March 2026 ETJ Release Map



Military Base boundaries obtained from Texas Department of Transportation website at:

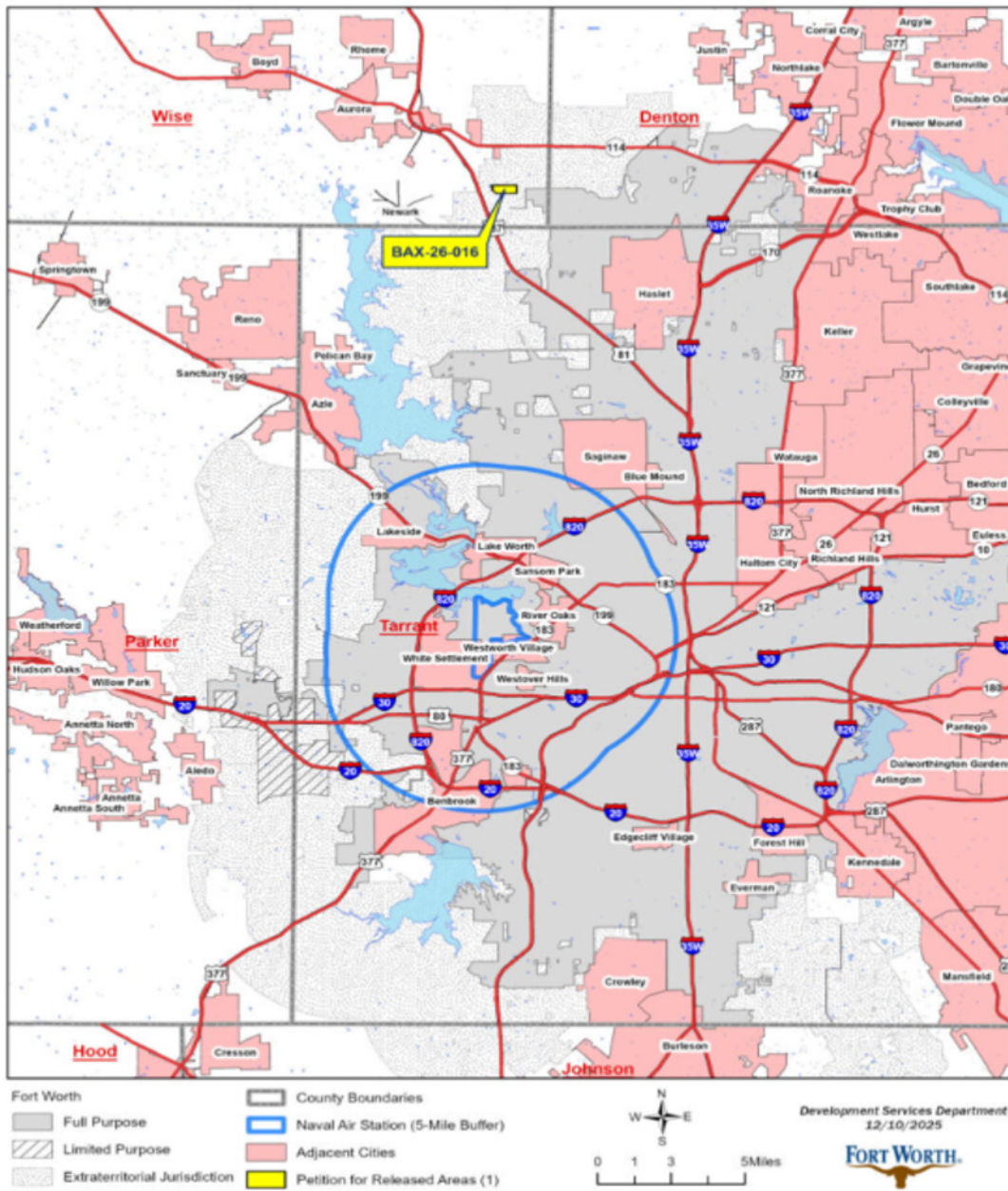
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### April 2026 ETJ Release Details

The table below lists ETJ releases received and subsequently released for the month of April 2026.

| Case                    | Initial Contact Date | Project Name  | County | Future Council District | 20-yr Planned Service Area (PSA) | Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) | Acres         |
|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------|--------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| BAX-26-016              | 04/22/26             | Draudt Tracts | Wise   | 10                      | Y                                | City of Fort Worth                             | 157.93        |
| <b>TOTAL APRIL 2026</b> |                      |               |        |                         |                                  |                                                | <b>157.93</b> |

# April 2026 ETJ Release Map



### May 2026 ETJ Release Details

The table below lists ETJ releases received and subsequently released for the month of May 2026.

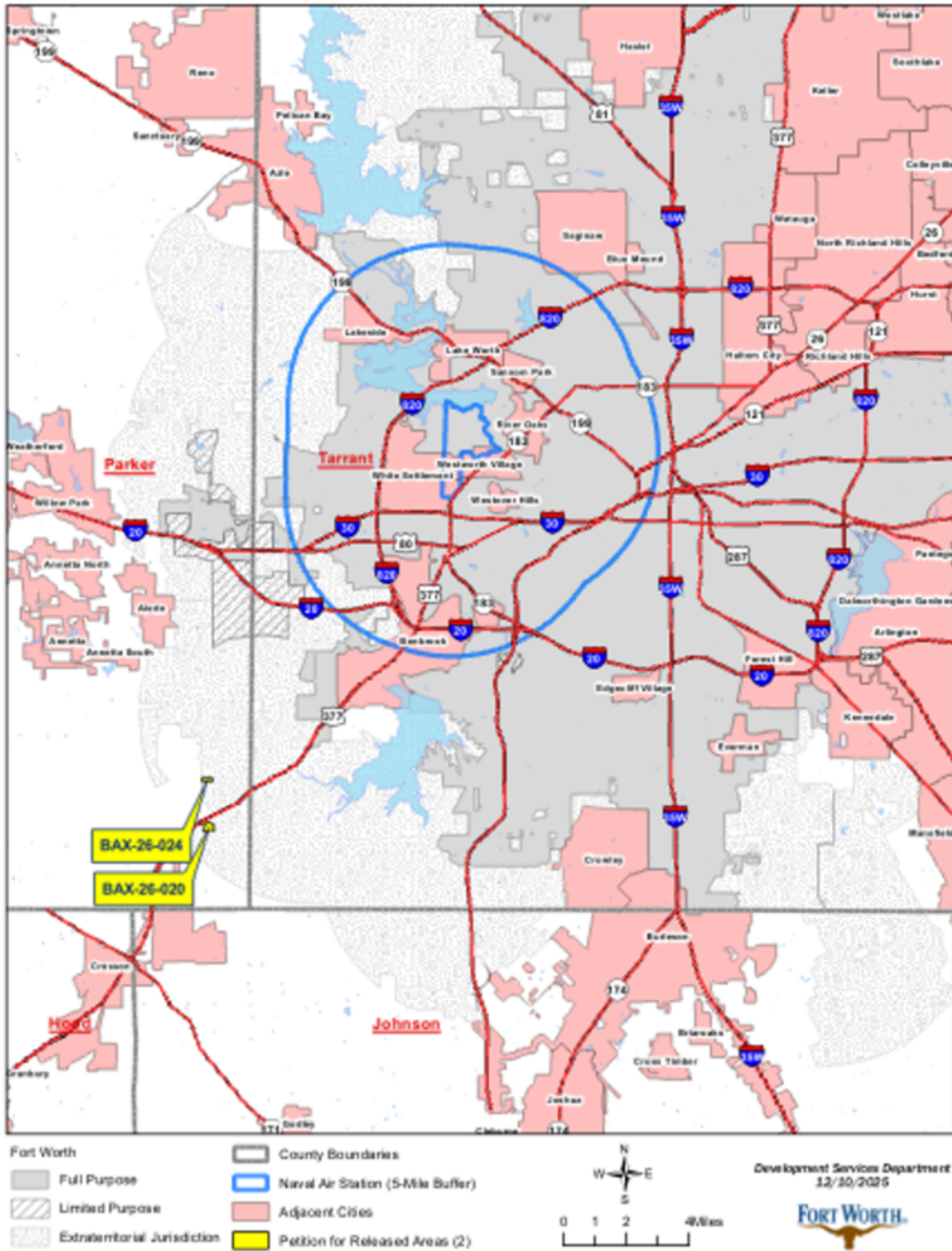
| Case | Initial Contact Date | Project Name | County | Future Council District | 20-yr Planned Service Area (PSA) | Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) | Acres |
|------|----------------------|--------------|--------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------|
| N/A  | N/A                  | N/A          | N/A    | N/A                     | N/A                              | N/A                                            | 0     |
|      |                      |              |        |                         |                                  |                                                |       |

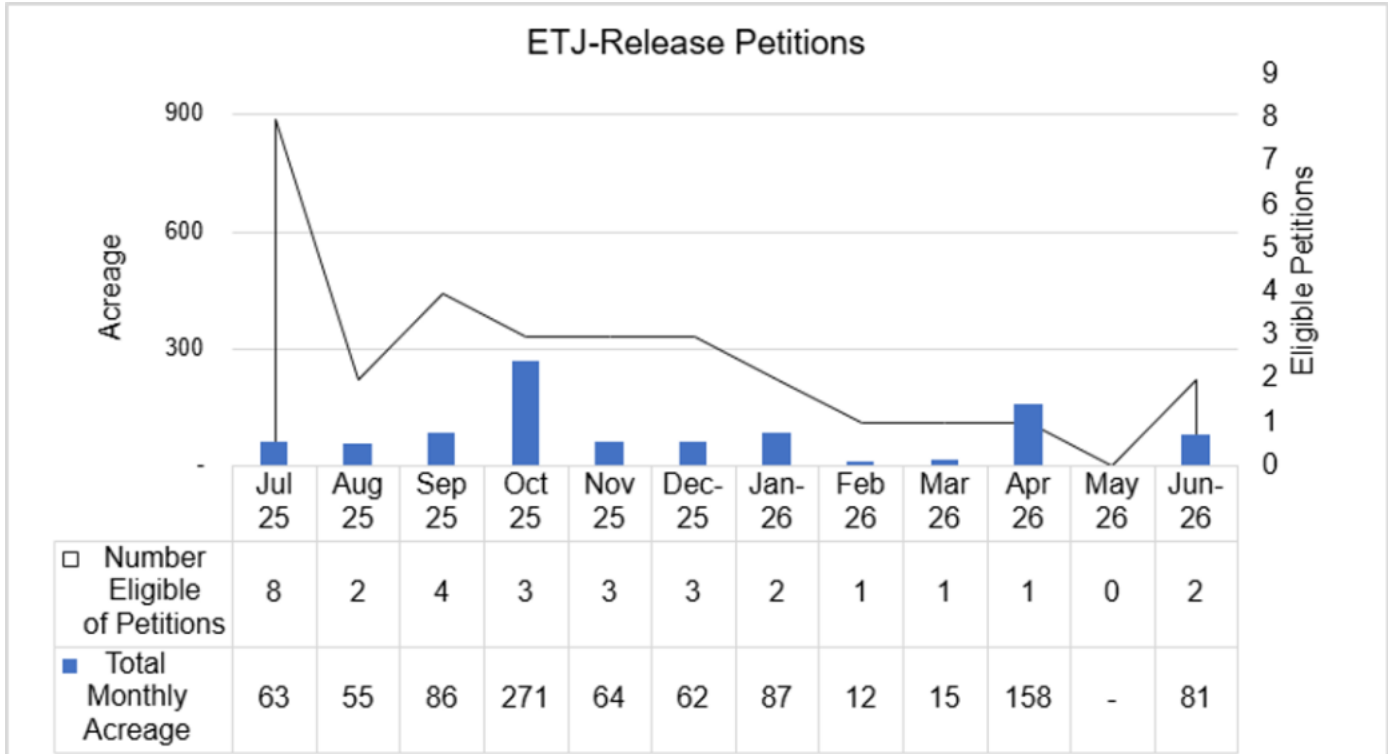
### June 2026 ETJ Release Details

The table below lists ETJ releases received and subsequently released for the month of June 2026.

| Case                   | Initial Contact Date | Project Name         | County | Future Council District | 20-yr Planned Service Area (PSA) | Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) | Acres        |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| BAX-26-020             | 06/08/2026           | 101 & 711 Goforth Rd | Parker | 3                       | No                               | None                                           | 56.11        |
| BAX-26-024             | 06/16/2026           | 4343 Kelly Rd        | Parker | 3                       | No                               | CSWR-Texas Utility Operating Co LLC            | 24.97        |
| <b>TOTAL JUNE 2026</b> |                      |                      |        |                         |                                  |                                                | <b>81.08</b> |

# June 2026 ETJ Release Map





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## INFORMAL REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

**SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT UPDATE RELATED TO SENATE BILLS 15, 840 AND 2477, 89TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION – D.J. HARRELL, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR**

**DATE: 08/04/26**

**NUMBER: IR 26-0082**

### **TO THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

The purpose of this Informal Report is to provide an update on the City's implementation of Senate Bill 15, Senate Bill 840 and Senate Bill 2477 adopted during the regular session of the 89th Texas Legislature that became effective on September 1, 2025. This report summarizes the requirements of each bill and the City's actions to comply with the legislation since the effective date. To date, the City has received 4 applications for multifamily developments under Senate Bill 840. Each of these projects are still in plan review and no building permits have been issued. The City has not received any applications seeking development under either Senate Bill 15 or Senate Bill 2477.

#### **Senate Bill 15 – Small Lot Single-Family Residential**

Senate Bill 15 amended Chapter 211 of the Texas Local Government Code to require municipalities to allow small lot single-family housing developments for tracts that are at least five acres in size, located in an area zoned for single-family residential use and do not have a recorded plat.

In response to Senate Bill 15, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 28525-05-2026 on May 12, 2026, to amend the city's residential land use table and allow small lot single-family housing developments in all one-family residential districts. Additionally, the ordinance established development standards and procedures for small lot housing developments. The adopted standards are modeled on the City's existing "R1" Zero Lot Line/Cluster district and regulate lot width, lot length, Lot area, lot coverage, setbacks, height, façade requirements, fencing regulations, and parking requirements.

#### **Senate Bills 840 and 2477 – Multifamily Residential and Mixed-Use Residential**

Senate Bill 840 amended the Texas Local Government Code by creating Chapter 218, which requires municipalities to allow multifamily residential and mixed-use residential development in zoning districts that permit office, commercial, retail, or warehouse uses. Senate Bill 2477 also amended Chapter 218 of the Texas Local Government Code to require municipalities to allow the conversion of certain existing office, retail, and warehouse buildings into multifamily residential and mixed-use residential development.

On June 9, 2026, the Council adopted an ordinance to amend Chapter 4 and Chapter 5 of the Zoning Ordinance to create new land use categories for “Multifamily Residential (Chapter 218 of the TLGC)” and “Mixed-Use Residential (Chapter 218 of the TLGC)” and to permit those uses within applicable commercial and form-based zoning districts.

The table below summarizes regulations for development under Senate Bill 840. The regulations are based on site size and/or the underlying zoning designation of the property. Of note, projects developing under the “UR”, “MU-1” or “MU-2” district regulations do not have to provide pedestrian-scaled streetlights but must provide enhanced landscaping and meet all other applicable district standards.

| Project Site Size and Zoning Designation                                                            | Applicable District Regulations          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Sites less than 1-acre zoned “E” Neighborhood Commercial or “ER” Neighborhood Commercial Restricted | § 4.709 “R2” Townhouse/Cluster           |
| Sites 1-acre or larger zoned “E” Neighborhood Commercial or “ER” Neighborhood Commercial Restricted | § 4.713 “UR” Urban Residential           |
| Sites of any size zoned “F” General Commercial or “FR” General Commercial Restricted                | § 4.1300 “MU-1” Low Intensity Mixed-Use  |
| Sites of any size zoned “G” Intensive Commercial                                                    | § 4.1302 “MU-2” High Intensity Mixed-Use |

### Applications for Development

Since September 1, 2025, the City has complied with the new state laws. To date, four (4) applications for development under Senate Bill 840 have been received. Three (3) of the four (4) multifamily projects were submitted prior to the adoption of local development standards and review procedures; therefore, those projects are not subject to the adopted standards. Instead, those projects are required to be developed under the development standards provided under Senate Bill 840. The recently adopted regulations ensure consistency with state law and provide a clear regulatory framework for development under Senate Bills 840 and 2477. The projects submitted under Senate Bill 840 total 472 dwelling units and are summarized below:

- (3) Four-plex structures at 7920 – 7928 W. Elizabeth Lane (12 total units)
- (5) Four-plex structures at 407 – 513 S. Sylvania Avenue (20 total units)
- (1) 80-unit multifamily development at 4570 White Settlement Road

- (1) 360-unit multifamily development at 6425 W. Bailey Boswell Road

No applications for development under Senate Bill 15 and Senate Bill 2477 have been received.

For questions regarding this information, please contact **D.J. Harrell, Development Services Director** at [d.j.harrell@fortworthtexas.gov](mailto:d.j.harrell@fortworthtexas.gov) .

**Jesus “Jay” Chapa**

**City Manager**

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## INFORMAL REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

**SUBJECT: 2026–2027 HUD ANNUAL ACTION PLAN – KACEY THOMAS, NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DIRECTOR**

**DATE: 08/04/26**

**NUMBER: IR 26–0080**

### TO THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

The purpose of this Informal Report is to inform the City Council about the 2026–2027 Action Plan recommended for submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by the August 15, 2026, submission deadline. To receive HUD entitlement funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs, the City must submit an Action Plan to identify proposed use of funds in alignment with the City's 2023–2027 Consolidated Plan.

A Request for Proposals from social service agencies and nonprofit organizations seeking grant funding was published on December 19, 2025. All proposals were received on February 13, 2026. Staff reviewed all proposals and developed recommendations for the allocation of estimated funding from HUD based on the capacity of applicant organizations, grant experience, fiscal stability, and compliance with applicable federal regulations. The Action Plan funding recommendations were approved by the Community Development Council (CDC) at their June 17, 2026, meeting, based on estimated grant amounts. Funding is focused on the following nine (9) priorities and goals included in the City Council-approved Consolidated Plan:

- Promote Affordable Housing for Renters and Owners
- Housing Preservation and Rehabilitation
- Neighborhood Improvement and Revitalization
- Economic Empowerment and Financial Resilience
- Children and Youth Services
- Aging In Place
- Accessibility Improvements
- Homelessness Prevention and Special Needs Support
- Healthy Living and Wellness

The total amount of grant funding to be received for the 2026–2027 program year is \$13,554,718.38. This includes \$7,153,410.00 in CDBG funds, \$2,816,040.38 in HOME funds, \$625,460.00 in ESG funds, and \$2,959,808.00 in HOPWA funds. (An additional \$114,976.00 in new program income is also budgeted within this Action Plan, which includes \$30,000.00 for CDBG and \$84,976.00 for HOME programs.) The purpose of these funds is to benefit low- and

moderate-income persons in Fort Worth. ESG grant funds are specifically dedicated to services for persons experiencing homelessness. HOPWA grant funds are administered on behalf of persons with HIV/AIDS throughout Tarrant, Johnson, Parker, and Wise counties. The recommended allocations are summarized in the tables below:

| <b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)</b>                                                                |                       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>CDBG Public Service Agencies</b>                                                                            |                       |
| Housing Channel (Housing Counseling & Education)                                                               | \$70,000.00           |
| Guardianships Services (Money Smart + Elder Financial Fraud Prevention Workshops)                              | \$70,000.00           |
| Meals on Wheels, Inc. of Tarrant County (Nutrition Program Home Delivered Meals for Older and Disabled Adults) | \$160,000.00          |
| The Women's Center of Tarrant County (PEARLS Program-Employment Solutions for Senior Adults)                   | \$70,000.00           |
| Artes De La Rosa (Artes Academy-Cultural Youth After School & Seasonal Camps Program)                          | \$60,000.00           |
| Boys & Girls Club of Greater Tarrant County (Youth Development at Eastside Branch)                             | \$40,000.00           |
| Camp Fire First Texas (Teens in Action)                                                                        | \$65,000.00           |
| Junior Achievement of the Chisholm Trail, Inc. (Cradle to Career Initiative)                                   | \$45,000.00           |
| The YouthVantage Alliance-Girls Inc. (Youth Leadership Development and STEM Education)                         | \$75,000.00           |
| United Community Center (The Education Literacy Program)                                                       | \$125,000.00          |
| Building Pathways (Building Pathways Career Mapping Program)                                                   | \$73,011.50           |
| 100 MEN Enterprises (Workforce Readiness and Economic Empowerment Program)                                     | \$30,000.00           |
| Veterans Center of North Texas (Veterans Emergency Assistance Program)                                         | \$30,000.00           |
| Communities in School of Greater Tarrant County (Case Management Support for At-Risk Students in Fort Worth)   | \$50,000.00           |
| MHMR-My Health My Resources (Help Me Grow, Help Me Thrive Program)                                             | \$110,000.00          |
| <b>CDBG Public Service Agencies</b>                                                                            | <b>\$1,073,011.50</b> |
|                                                                                                                |                       |
| <b>CDBG Housing Programs &amp; Major Projects</b>                                                              |                       |
| Neighborhood Services Department (Priority Repair Program*)                                                    | \$2,000,000.00        |
| Trinity Habitat for Humanity (Cowtown Brush-Up)                                                                | \$500,000.00          |
| Major Projects: Street Improvements                                                                            | \$1,189,716.50        |

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>CDBG Housing Programs/Projects</b>                                                      | <b>\$3,689,716.50</b> |
| <b>Grant Administration and Program Delivery</b>                                           |                       |
| Neighborhood Services Department (Rehabilitation/Construction Management Program Delivery) | \$810,000.00          |
| Neighborhood Services Department (Homebuyer Assistance Program Delivery)                   | \$150,000.00          |
| Neighborhood Services Department – CDBG General Administration (20%)                       | \$1,430,682.00        |
| <b>CDBG Administration and Program Delivery</b>                                            | <b>\$2,390,682.00</b> |
| <b>Subtotal CDBG Budget</b>                                                                | <b>\$7,153,410.00</b> |
| <i>*Additional \$30,000.00 in CDBG Program Income</i>                                      |                       |
| <b>Subtotal CDBG Budget with Program Income</b>                                            | <b>\$7,183,410.00</b> |

| <b>HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME)</b>                                                        |                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Neighborhood Services Department (Homebuyer Assistance Program)                                           | \$160,000.00          |
| Major Project                                                                                             | \$1,579,724.04        |
| Community Housing Development Organization: Development Corporation of Tarrant County (Kingspointe Blvd.) | \$794,712.30          |
| Neighborhood Services Department – HOME Administration (10%)                                              | \$281,604.04          |
| <b>Subtotal HOME Budget</b>                                                                               | <b>\$2,816,040.38</b> |
| <i>*Additional \$84,976.00 in HOME Program Income</i>                                                     |                       |
| <b>Subtotal HOME Budget with Program Income</b>                                                           | <b>\$2,901,016.38</b> |

| <b>HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA)</b>                                                                                                                                                                     |                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| AIDS Healthcare Foundation (The Housing Assistance Program– Administration, Tenant–Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Short–Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance (STRMU), Supportive Services)                             | \$400,000.00   |
| Tarrant County Samaritan Housing, Inc. (HOPWA Program– Administration, Tenant–Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Short–Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance (STRMU), Supportive Services, Facility Based Operations (FBO)) | \$950,000.00   |
| Neighborhood Services Department (TBRA, Supportive Services, Permanent Housing Placement)                                                                                                                                      | \$1,521,013.76 |

|                                                         |                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Neighborhood Services Department – HOPWA Administration | \$88,794.24           |
| <b>Subtotal HOPWA Budget</b>                            | <b>\$2,959,808.00</b> |

| <b>EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG)</b>                                               |                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Center for Transforming Lives (Rapid Re-Housing)                                     | \$100,000.00        |
| Lighthouse for the Homeless dba True Worth Place (Day Shelter Operations/Services)   | \$150,000.00        |
| SafeHaven of Tarrant County (Shelter Operations/Services)                            | \$80,000.00         |
| The Presbyterian Night Shelter of Tarrant County, Inc. (Shelter Operations/Services) | \$145,276.00        |
| The Salvation Army (Homelessness Prevention)                                         | \$103,274.50        |
| Neighborhood Services Department – ESG Administration (7.5%)                         | \$46,909.50         |
| <b>Subtotal ESG Budget</b>                                                           | <b>\$625,460.00</b> |

The draft Action Plan was available for HUD’s required 30-day public comment period beginning June 22, 2026, with a staff-led public hearing held on July 13, 2026. On August 11, 2026, a second public hearing will be held in conjunction with the Mayor and Council Communication scheduled for the August 11, 2026, City Council meeting. If approved, the Action Plan will be submitted to HUD by the August 15, 2026, deadline.

For additional information, please contact **Kacey Thomas, Neighborhood Services Director**, at 817-392-8187.

**Jesus “Jay” Chapa**  
City Manager

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## **INFORMAL REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

### **SUBJECT: MARY'S CREEK WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY CONSTRUCTION PROCUREMENT – CHRIS HARDER, WATER DIRECTOR**

**DATE: 08/04/26                      NUMBER: IR 26-0094**

#### **TO THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

The purpose of this Informal Report is to brief the City Council on the background and status of the Mary's Creek Water Reclamation Facility contractor procurement process and anticipated construction schedule.

The Mary's Creek Water Reclamation Facility (MCWRF) has been planned for two decades and is intended to provide wastewater service to the growing population in west Fort Worth. Following a site selection process, the City purchased 100 acres of land fronting Chapin Road in 2011 (M&C L-15222). On January 31, 2017 (M&C C-28096) the City Council authorized a consultant to prepare the MCWRF discharge permit submission to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The discharge permit was issued by the TCEQ on August 12, 2022. On November 8, 2022 (M&C 22-0892), the City hired an engineering consultant to perform the design of the MCWRF. On June 10, 2025 (M&C 25-0535), the City hired preselected suppliers of specialized membrane, filtration, and disinfectant equipment to secure their participation in the design process.

The initial phase of construction will be 10 million gallons per day (MGD) of permitted capacity with the ability to expand the plant capacity to 15 MGD. The primary purpose of the MCWRF will be to treat wastewater generated in west Fort Worth, then discharge the reclaimed water into Mary's Creek in accordance with discharge permit requirements. The secondary purpose of the MCWRF will be to provide reclaimed water to customers in the vicinity and to supplement water supply through a collaborative project with the Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD) that will convey discharged MCWRF water to Eagle Mountain Lake. M&C 25-1100 authorized by City Council on December 9, 2025 resulted in the purchase of 92 acres of land adjacent to the MCWRF site, with 21 acres then being sold to the TRWD for installation of a pump station and pipeline necessary to accomplish this conveyance.

Per the TCEQ discharge permit requirements, the MCWRF design includes both nutrient removal and membrane filtration treatment processes to produce a very high-quality effluent water. The TCEQ has approved the engineering plans of the MCWRF and the City will be using low interest loans from both the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to fund construction. The construction project was publicly advertised in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram as part of a competitive sealed proposal

procurement process on April 29 and May 6, 2026. On July 9, three proposals were received from qualified contractors.

An evaluation committee consisting of Water and TPW staff reviewed the proposals and assigned scores based on predetermined evaluation criteria that included cost, experience, project approach, and schedule. The proposal price constituted 70 percent of the total scoring. The sums of the cost and qualification scores were tabulated to determine the rankings. Based on the total score, Webber Waterworks, LLC was ranked highest. The three companies submitting proposals were notified of the scoring outcome on July 17, 2026.

An M&C recommending award of the construction contract to Webber Waterworks, LLC will be on the August 25, 2026, City Council agenda for council action. Assuming a notice to proceed being issued in September 2026, construction of the MCWRF is anticipated to be completed in late 2029.

For questions regarding this information, please contact **Chris Harder, Water Department Director** at 817-392-5020.

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## INFORMAL REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

**SUBJECT: OFFICER INVOLVED ACCIDENTS RELATED TO VEHICLE PURSUITS – CHRIS DANIELS, POLICE ASSISTANT CHIEF**

**DATE: 08/04/26      NUMBER: IR 26-0090**

**TO THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

The purpose of this Informal Report is to respond to an inquiry pertaining to Officer-Involved Accidents related to pursuits in the last 24 months, including injuries, and potential technology that can assist with pursuits.

From April 1, 2024, through April 1, 2026, the Fort Worth Police Department recorded **409 vehicle pursuits**:

- **148** of these pursuits resulted in vehicle accidents.
  - Of those **148** accidents; **48** resulted in non-fatal injuries to total of **63** people:
    - **7** officers
    - **33** fleeing suspects
    - **17** passengers in suspect vehicles
    - **6** completely uninvolved motorists.

The injuries ranged from complaints of pain, to significant injuries, such as fractures and internal injuries.

Technology solutions currently being used to assist and prevent pursuits include rapid communication between police units, city owned pan tilt zoom cameras and Real-Time Crime Center intervention, tire deflation devices and Police Air Support.

Furthermore, in January 2026, the Police Department implemented a new pursuit driving course for officers that focuses on departmental policy compliance and liability.

Technology and tactics we are currently exploring and or testing are GPS tagging of fleeing vehicles, the Grappler system, tactical vehicle intervention and a drone as a first responder program.

Our goal is to utilize Real Time Crime Center assets, technology and industry approved tactics and best practices to minimize the need for active pursuits while increasing our ability to actively track fleeing suspects, and stolen vehicles. The end result will be better tactics, better training and a safer Fort Worth.

For questions regarding this information, please contact **Chris Daniels, Police Assistant Chief** at (817) 392-4247.

**Jesus "Jay" Chapa**  
City Manager

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## **INFORMAL REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED CHANGES TO CHAPTER 10 COURTS OF THE CITY CODE – WILLIAM RUMULY, MUNICIPAL COURT DIRECTOR**

**DATE: 08/04/26**

**NUMBER: IR 26-0089**

### **TO THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

The purpose of this Informal Report is to provide the City Council with a summary of proposed ordinance changes to Chapter 10 of the City Code along with a resolution revising the parking fine schedule as outlined below and set for consideration on the August 11, 2026 agenda.

#### **Discussion**

Over the past year, the Municipal Court Department, in coordination with the City Attorney's Office, the Chief Judge, and staff from the Transportation and Public Works Department, conducted a comprehensive review of Chapter 10, Articles I and II of the Fort Worth City Code.

This review evaluated statutory compliance, operational practices, internal processes, administrative structure, and opportunities for modernization. The proposed amendments modernize judicial administration, streamline parking violation adjudication, correct outdated statutory references, and ensure fee structures align with state mandates and operational needs.

The amendments fall into five primary categories:

1. **Organizational Changes** – These updates strengthen governance and accountability by replacing obsolete committee structures, streamlining judicial evaluations, appointments and reappointments directly to City Council, clarifying judicial appointment cycles, establishing the Court Security Committee required by state law, and requiring annual judicial reporting and performance evaluations.
2. **Operational Changes** – While the number of Municipal Court divisions was reduced from nine to six, the exact number was removed to streamline future changes, clarifying the Chief Judge's administrative responsibilities, modernizing City Marshal security authority, and removing outdated statutory references throughout Article I.
3. **State-Law-Driven and Cleanup Changes** – Major cleanup items include replacing outdated fee structures with the statutorily mandated Local Consolidated Fee, removing obsolete fee sections (Fee for Record on Appeal and Juvenile Case Manager

Fee), updating terminology to reflect modern statutes, and renumbering multiple sections for clarity.

4. **Parking Violations Bureau Amendments** – Amendments to Article II improve parking citation processes by extending the online contest period to 21 days expanding boot notice requirements, and reassigning oversight of the accessible parking volunteer enforcement program to the Director of Transportation and Public Works.
5. **Staff-Initiated Fee Amendments** – To support security and technology needs, the ordinance introduces a Civil Security Fee and a Civil Technology Fee per parking violation and increases the fee assessed when a vehicle is booted. The fee amounts will be in the upcoming fee ordinance, effective October 1, 2026. The attached chart illustrates the total amount of parking fines and fees, inclusive of the new civil fees.

In conjunction with the new civil fees, Municipal Court Department will establish two new Special Revenue Fund (SRF) projects. One SRF project will be dedicated to the \$5 Civil Security Fee, with expenditures limited to Court Security Personnel, Court Security Services, equipment and building security-related items for Municipal Court facilities. A second SRF project will be created for the \$5 Civil Technology Fee, with expenditures restricted exclusively to financing or maintaining technological enhancements for the Municipal Court, including hardware, software, and digital infrastructure.

Staff will request that the City Council approve a resolution to revise the civil parking fine schedule, with an effective date of October 1, 2026. The chart below illustrates the changes:



| Proposed Fine Schedule Effective October 1, 2026 |                                                           |       |                      |                    |                  |       |                          |                     |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Code                                             | Violation                                                 | Fine  | Civil Technology Fee | Civil Security Fee | Child Safety Fee | Total | Late Fee (after 21 days) | Total with Late Fee |
| P01                                              | No Parking, Stopping or Standing Anytime                  | \$60  | \$5                  | \$5                | \$5              | \$75  | \$25                     | \$100               |
| P02                                              | Keys in Car                                               | \$105 | \$5                  | \$5                | \$5              | \$120 | \$25                     | \$145               |
| P03                                              | Parked Facing Traffic                                     | \$35  | \$5                  | \$5                | \$5              | \$50  | \$25                     | \$75                |
| P04                                              | Storing Vehicle on Street                                 | \$55  | \$5                  | \$5                | \$5              | \$70  | \$25                     | \$95                |
| P05                                              | Parked in a Fire Lane/Zone                                | \$200 | \$5                  | \$5                | \$5              | \$215 | \$50                     | \$265               |
| P06                                              | No Parking From ____ To ____                              | \$60  | \$5                  | \$5                | \$5              | \$75  | \$25                     | \$100               |
| P08                                              | Parking Meter Expired                                     | \$40  | \$5                  | \$5                | \$5              | \$55  | \$25                     | \$80                |
| P10                                              | Other                                                     | \$40  | \$5                  | \$5                | \$5              | \$55  | \$25                     | \$80                |
| P11                                              | Parked in Disabled Space/Zone                             | \$200 | \$5                  | \$5                | \$5              | \$215 | \$50                     | \$265               |
| P12                                              | Parked In Front/Side Yard                                 | \$80  | \$5                  | \$5                | \$5              | \$95  | \$25                     | \$120               |
| P15                                              | Parked in a Tow-Away Zone                                 | \$105 | \$5                  | \$5                | \$5              | \$120 | \$25                     | \$145               |
| P16                                              | Parked Within 15 Feet of Fire Hydrant                     | \$105 | \$5                  | \$5                | \$5              | \$120 | \$25                     | \$145               |
| P17                                              | Meter Feeding                                             | \$35  | \$5                  | \$5                | \$5              | \$50  | \$25                     | \$75                |
| P19                                              | Parked Exceeding 18 Inches from the Curb                  | \$35  | \$5                  | \$5                | \$5              | \$50  | \$25                     | \$75                |
| P20                                              | Parked Vehicle on Street/Less than 10 Feet Left Available | \$35  | \$5                  | \$5                | \$5              | \$50  | \$25                     | \$75                |
| P21                                              | Exceeded Passenger Loading Zone Time Limit                | \$35  | \$5                  | \$5                | \$5              | \$50  | \$25                     | \$75                |
| P22                                              | Unattended Vehicle in Passenger Loading Zone              | \$35  | \$5                  | \$5                | \$5              | \$50  | \$25                     | \$75                |
| P23                                              | Exceeded Commercial Loading Zone (CLZ) Time Limit         | \$90  | \$5                  | \$5                | \$5              | \$105 | \$25                     | \$130               |
| P24                                              | Parked in Alley                                           | \$35  | \$5                  | \$5                | \$5              | \$50  | \$25                     | \$75                |
| P25                                              | Parked/Stopped Non-Commercial Vehicle in CLZ              | \$35  | \$5                  | \$5                | \$5              | \$50  | \$25                     | \$75                |
| P27                                              | Oversized Commercial Vehicle on a Public Street           | \$200 | \$5                  | \$5                | \$5              | \$215 | \$50                     | \$265               |
| P29                                              | Parked Articulated Vehicle (Six or More Wheels)           | \$35  | \$5                  | \$5                | \$5              | \$50  | \$25                     | \$75                |
| P36                                              | Head-In Parking                                           | \$35  | \$5                  | \$5                | \$5              | \$50  | \$25                     | \$75                |
| P37                                              | Stop, Stand or Park Prohibited in Certain Places          | \$50  | \$5                  | \$5                | \$5              | \$65  | \$25                     | \$90                |
| P38                                              | Parked at a Non-Operational Meter                         | \$35  | \$5                  | \$5                | \$5              | \$50  | \$25                     | \$75                |
| P39                                              | Manner of Parking at Meters                               | \$35  | \$5                  | \$5                | \$5              | \$50  | \$25                     | \$75                |
| P44                                              | Fail to Display Meter Receipt, Hangtag or Permit          | \$40  | \$5                  | \$5                | \$5              | \$55  | \$25                     | \$80                |
| P45                                              | Exceeded Meter Time Limit                                 | \$35  | \$5                  | \$5                | \$5              | \$50  | \$25                     | \$75                |
| P46                                              | Stop, Stand or Park on a Sidewalk                         | \$35  | \$5                  | \$5                | \$5              | \$50  | \$25                     | \$75                |
| P47                                              | Parked in Front of a Public or Private Driveway           | \$35  | \$5                  | \$5                | \$5              | \$50  | \$25                     | \$75                |
| P48                                              | Exceeded Valet Zone - 5 Minute Limit (Non-Hotel)          | \$35  | \$5                  | \$5                | \$5              | \$50  | \$25                     | \$75                |
| P49                                              | Exceeded Valet Zone - 30 Minute Limit (Hotel)             | \$35  | \$5                  | \$5                | \$5              | \$50  | \$25                     | \$75                |
| P50                                              | Parked in a Tow-Away Zone - Valet Zone                    | \$105 | \$5                  | \$5                | \$5              | \$120 | \$25                     | \$145               |

For questions regarding this information, please contact **William F. Rumuly, Municipal Court Services Director** at **817-392-6736**.

**Jesus "Jay" Chapa**  
**City Manager**

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## INFORMAL REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED COUNCIL INITIATED ZONING CHANGES FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE NORTHSIDE TEXRAIL STATION TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT AREA IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 – ERIC FLADAGER, CMO-PLANNING DIVISION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**

**DATE: 08/04/26**

**NUMBER: IR 26-0091**

### **TO THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

The purpose of this Informal Report is to provide information on a proposed Council-Initiated Rezoning in the Northside TEXRail Station area. On August 11, 2026, the City Council will consider a resolution to initiate the rezoning for certain properties located within the Northside TEXRail Station Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) area located east of the Fort Worth Stockyards. Properties proposed for rezoning are generally located along or near NE 28<sup>th</sup> Street or Decatur Avenue, including some properties along N. Hays Street, Hardy Street, Schadt Street, Glendale Avenue, Peak Street and Brennan Avenue.

The properties are currently zoned “K” and “PD-K” Heavy Industrial; “J” Medium Industrial; “I” Light Industrial; “E” Neighborhood Commercial; “ER” Neighborhood Commercial Restricted; “B” Two-Family; and “A-5” One-Family.

The properties proposed for rezoning are designated as Mixed-Use; Urban Residential; Neighborhood Commercial; and Vacant, Undeveloped, Open Space on the adopted Future Land Use Map in the 2023 Comprehensive Plan.

The proposed rezoning for these properties is shown on the attached map, with the proposed zoning being “MU-2” High Intensity Mixed-Use; “UR” Urban Residential; “E” Neighborhood Commercial; or “B” Two-Family. In addition, City-owned Lebow Channel floodplain properties are proposed for rezoning to “O-1” Floodplain along Decatur Avenue, Hardy Street, Schadt Street, Weber Street, Lulu Street, and Vera Cruz Street.

Based on the properties being within the Northside TEXRail Station TOD area, which is planned to accommodate walkable, mixed-use and urban residential development, Mayor Pro Tem Carlos Flores has requested that the properties be rezoned as shown in the attached Northside Station Area Proposed Zoning map.

In accordance with Informal Report No. 8289, the City Council's policy on Council initiated zoning changes, staff has notified the affected property owners of the proposed zoning changes and held two open house public meetings on June 22 and July 13 to share information about the proposed changes and answer questions. The proposed schedule for the zoning change is:

|                                                     |                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| City Council resolution                             | August 11, 2026   |
| Zoning Commission public hearing and recommendation | September 9, 2026 |
| City Council public hearing and action              | October 13, 2026  |

For questions regarding this information, please contact **Eric Fladger, CMO-Planning Division Assistant Director** at 817-392-8011.

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## INFORMAL REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

**SUBJECT: SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026 – BRANDY HAZEL, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**

**DATE: 08/04/26**

**NUMBER: IR 26-0085**

### TO THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

The purpose of this Informal Report is to provide a progress update for the Small Business (SB) Program established under Ordinance No. 27832-08-2025 adopted on August 5, 2026.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The SB Program took effect on September 1, 2025, and supports SB participation in City procurements. Any solicitation or contract initiated prior to the effective date was not subject to the SB ordinance and therefore excluded from this data.

To implement the SB Program, on solicitations between \$3,000 and \$100,000, the City uses a lowest responsible bidder evaluation and provides a five percent preference (scoring purposes only) for certified SBs within Fort Worth. For solicitations over \$100,000, the City has a goal of 30% SB utilization, either through self-performance or through the use of certified SB subcontractors within the five-county region of Tarrant, Parker, Denton, Johnson, and Wise counties. All solicitations are issued through the City's online Bonfire platform, ensuring registered SBs receive equal and timely access to bidding opportunities.

#### **PROGRAM RESULTS – SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026**

As of June 30, 2026, the City has achieved an overall 43% SB participation on applicable solicitations, exceeding the 30% goal. Goods and services procurements, incorporating best value and lowest bid solicitations, delivered an overall 14% SB participation across 53 contracts. The low bid process for 30 public works contracts experienced a 46% SB participation.

| Description      | Total Number of Contracts | SB Award Amount | Total Max Contract Amount | Percent to SB |
|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Goods / Services | 53                        | \$2,268,333     | \$15,744,809              | 14%           |
| Public Works     | 30                        | \$74,762,015    | \$162,856,093             | 46%           |
| Total            | 83                        | \$77,030,348    | \$178,600,902             | 43%           |

In total, SB contracts awarded were approximately 2% or \$3.7 million above the lowest bids.

As the Program continues to be implemented, data reflects momentum in engaging SBs in City procurements. To further strengthen the Program, the City is pursuing strategic enhancements focused on expanding outreach, enhancing transparency, and improving vendor readiness. Planned efforts include quarterly performance dashboards, an annual goods and services procurement plan, and increased training to assist SBs in anticipating opportunities and improving competitiveness. Additional recommendations are outlined in the attached document.

#### **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RELATIONSHIPS**

To continue growing the SB Program, City staff have consistently engaged with the Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce, and Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce to implement Program elements, solicit feedback, and implement process improvements. Staff are currently working on one-year extensions to the existing Chamber contracts and anticipate bringing the contracts forward for Council consideration in September.

#### **NOTE ON VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION**

In addition to the SB Program, staff is currently exploring how the City might incorporate veteran-owned business preferences or goals. In addition to reviewing programs in other cities, staff is also consulting the Chambers and anticipates bringing back an update and possible recommendations at a later date.

Please see Attachment A for additional details on the Small Business Program.

For additional information, please contact **Brandy Hazel, Financial Management Services Assistant Director**, at (817) 392-8087 or **Ori Fernandez, Economic Development Assistant Director**, at (817) 392-2606.

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## INFORMAL REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

**SUBJECT: SUBSTITUTE JUDGE APPOINTMENTS – SIMON GONZALEZ, MUNICIPAL COURT CHIEF JUDGE**

**DATE: 08/04/26**

**NUMBER: IR 26-0093**

### TO THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

The purpose of this Informal Report is to share with the Mayor and Council the recommendations of the Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee for the appointment of two (2) new substitute judges for the remainder of two-year terms commencing August 11, 2026, through March 31, 2027.

For background, Fort Worth Municipal Court substitute judges (part-time) are appointed to two-year terms with the current terms expiring on March 31, 2027. Chapter 30 of the Texas Government Code sets out the requirements for the appointment of judges and the presiding judge and provides that the governing body shall determine the salary of a municipal judge:

- Section 10-3 of the City of Fort Worth Code of Ordinances provides in pertinent part that:
  - Municipal court judges shall be selected and appointed or reappointed for a term of two years, commencing April 1 of even-numbered years. The appointment or reappointment of substitute judges shall be for a term of two years from the date of their appointment or reappointment and shall be initiated upon the recommendations of the chief judge, concurred in by the municipal court advisory committee

Chief Judge Simón C. González made a presentation to recommend the appointments to the Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee at their meeting on August 4, 2026. Following the presentation, it is anticipated that the Committee will vote to move the recommendations forward for consideration by Mayor and City Council.

The following recommendations of the Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee are currently scheduled to be presented to the Mayor and Council by M&C at the August 11, 2026, Council Meeting.

1. Appoint Lisa J. Sofos and Brittany A. McAfee as substitute judges for the remainder of two-year terms commencing August 11, 2026, through March 31, 2027.
2. Establish pay for the newly appointed substitute judges at \$64.00 per hour.

Note: Related resumes for proposed appointments are attached to this IR.

For questions regarding this information, please contact **Simón González, Municipal Court, Chief Judge** at 817-392-6717.

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## INFORMAL REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

**SUBJECT: SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM UPDATES – DAVE LEWIS, PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR**

**DATE: 08/04/26      NUMBER: IR 26-0083**

### **TO THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

The purpose of this informal report is to provide an update on the Park & Recreation Department's Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) for 2026.

The SFSP is a federally funded program that provides free, nutritious meals to children and teens (age 18 and under) during the summer. The program is administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). Meals are available at participating community centers, schools, and parks with no paperwork or enrollment required.

For summer 2026, the Park & Recreation Department partnered with its existing sponsor, which also provides meals for the After School Meal Program, to serve meals at 22 community centers. The sponsor began service on June 8, pending TDA approval. On June 25, staff were notified that TDA denied the sponsor's application, meaning they would not be reimbursed and could only continue meal service through June 30.

The sponsor agreed to continue serving meals at the approved TDA rate through July while staff sought alternatives. Staff worked with City management to secure emergency funding of \$162,272 to ensure uninterrupted meal service for summer camp. Staff also contacted TDA and other organizations for assistance, which led to identifying a new sponsor approved to serve meals at 21 sites.

The new sponsor, Education Potential Verified, completed required agreements and staff training and began providing meals on July 13 at no cost to the City, as they are eligible for TDA reimbursement. One community center was not eligible for free SFSP meals; the original sponsor continued serving that site for July at the TDA-approved rate, covered by the City.

An M&C is scheduled for the August 11, 2026, City Council Meeting to request ratification of the appropriation of funds to pay the original program sponsor for services rendered.

For questions regarding this information, please contact **Dave Lewis, Park & Recreation Department Director** at 817-392-5717.

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## INFORMAL REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON SELECTION OF CONSULTANT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN – JESSICA ROGERS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

**DATE: 08/04/26**

**NUMBER: IR 26-0084**

**TO THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

The purpose of this Informal Report is to provide an update on the selection of a consultant to complete an updated Economic Development Strategic Plan.

### **BACKGROUND**

The City Council adopted a comprehensive Economic Development Strategic Plan in 2017 (M&C G-19192) and updated it in 2022 (M&C 22-0113). With the creation of the Fort Worth Economic Development Partnership in 2023, the City's continued growth, and ongoing work to update the Comprehensive Plan and better align economic development goals with other planning initiatives, the City Council approved funding for an updated Economic Development Strategic Plan as part of the FY 2026 budget.

### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROCESS AND RECOMMENDATION**

To prepare for the issuance of the request for proposals, Economic Development staff worked with the City Manager's Office, the Fort Worth Economic Development Partnership, and various stakeholders to develop a scope of work that would include evaluating and developing strategies for the major functions and programs of the Economic Development department and associated stakeholders, including business attraction and retention, revitalization, and small business programming. The scope was designed to guide the next five years of economic development projects, programs, and priorities. Through the Plan's development, the selected consultant will assess Fort Worth's current economic conditions and programs, explore ways to increase Fort Worth's competitiveness, and provide actionable tools and measurable outcomes to ensure sustainable growth.

On April 8, 2026, the City released a request for proposals (RFP) seeking a consultant to complete a comprehensive Economic Development Strategic Plan. Proposals were due on May 7, 2026, and the City received 11 responses.

The proposals were evaluated using the Best Value Criteria detailed below. An evaluation panel consisting of representatives from the City Manager's Office, Economic Development, Neighborhood Services, Aviation, and the Fort Worth Economic Development Partnership reviewed and scored the submissions. Five respondents were invited to participate in in-person interviews on June 30, 2026.

**Best Value Evaluation Criteria**

1. Technical approach and methodology
2. Qualifications, experience, and references
3. Relevant expertise of key personnel
4. Project schedule and timing
5. Small business participation
6. Cost

Based on the established criteria, the respondents were scored as follows:

| Respondent                         | Score |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Civic Solutions Partnership, LLC   | 97.77 |
| RKG Associates                     | 76.93 |
| TIP Strategies, Inc.               | 57.59 |
| Newmark & Company Real Estate Inc. | 53.02 |
| MIG, Inc.                          | 48.44 |

After evaluation and interviews, the panel concluded that Civic Solutions Partnership, LLC presented the best value for the City. A Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) seeking approval for the execution of an agreement with Civic Solutions Partnership, LLC will be presented to City Council on the August 11, 2026, City Council agenda.

For questions regarding this information, please contact **Jessica Rogers, Economic Development Director**, at (817) 392-2663.

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## INFORMAL REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

**SUBJECT: WORKERS' COMPENSATION PEER REVIEW GUIDELINES – KRISTEN SMITH,  
HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR**

**DATE: 08/04/26                      NUMBER: IR 26-0088**

### **TO THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

The purpose of this Informal Report is to provide a follow-up to the June 23, 2026, City Council Work Session requesting an overview of the medical peer review process.

#### **Background**

As a public entity, the city is required to provide Workers' Compensation insurance coverage for employees and is subject to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act. This coverage is provided to address injuries and illnesses that arise during the course and scope of employment.

To determine whether a claim is compensable, third-party administrators may request a medical peer review, in accordance with state law. These reviews may be requested for a variety of reasons, including, but not limited to, evaluating the extent of an injury, determining causation, and medical necessity. Regardless of the reason for the request, state law mandates specific requirements that govern the peer review process.

- The peer review process is a collaborative assessment between an injured/ill worker's treating provider and an independent medical provider (reviewer).
- All relevant and updated medical records are mandated to be provided to the reviewer.
- The reviewer does not treat or examine the patient but follows state mandated protocol for determining medical necessity.
- State law also mandates the report content and can impose sanctions on reviewers who do not adhere to required guidelines.

#### **Guidelines**

State law governs the peer review process and credential requirements of the peer review physician. In addition, the regulations outline the required components of medical peer review reports and the conditions under which insurance carriers may request additional reviews. A valid peer review must clearly document the medical evidence used, summarize relevant clinical history, list all materials reviewed, and provide an explanation supporting the reviewer's recommendation.

Insurance carriers are prohibited from seeking repeated peer reviews for the same dates of service unless specific criteria are met, such as the need for a different specialty, new medical evidence, incomplete initial review, or purposes unrelated to determining medical necessity.

When a peer review report is used to deny or reduce benefits or determine compensability, the carrier must provide copies to the treating doctor, involved health-care providers, the injured employee, and the employee's representative to ensure transparency and due process.

### **Summary**

In closing, the peer review process is a collaborative assessment between the injured or ill employee's treating provider and an independent medical reviewer. This collaboration ensures that decisions related to pre-authorization, medical necessity, and benefit determinations are grounded in both the treating provider's firsthand clinical understanding and an external specialist's objective, evidence-based evaluation. It reinforces transparency, fairness, and consistency in how care decisions are made, in accordance with the law.

For questions regarding this information, please contact **Kristen Smith, Human Resources Director** at 817-392-2697.

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