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The Woodlands Township holds Board meeting

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (March 27, 2015) – The Woodlands Township Board of Directors held a regular Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at The Woodlands Township Town Hall, 2801 Technology Forest Boulevard, at 6 p.m. The entire meeting can be watched on video at The Woodlands Township website (www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov).

The Woodlands Township held a public hearing regarding a proposed amendment the Township Order regarding maintenance services to small cul-de-sac islands by The Woodlands Township. The Board adopted the amendment to maintain cul-de-sac islands smaller than 3,400 square feet in size within the Road rights-of-way *one time* per year.

Through this amendment, annual maintenance will be performed on the small cul-de-sac islands, including mowing the 42-inch strip around outside edge of each cul de sac where applicable, edging with a stick edger, removal of limbs and debris from open areas in each cul-de-sac island, and removal or trimming of limbs hanging over the road up to 10-feet from the ground. Natural forested areas would be left alone. Forest debris, trash and litter shall be removed from the cul-de-sac island and will be hauled off site. Curbs and gutters will be blown clean. These tasks will be completed during one service visit and only one time during the months of April-May. The new cul-de-sac island maintenance program does not include plant replacement, irrigation repair, weed control, decomposed granite maintenance, concrete work, hardscape maintenance repair, pruning of shrubs or fertilization. The jumbo cul-de-sac island maintenance program, for cul-de-sac islands larger than 3,400 square feet in size, will be unchanged.

The Board of Directors took the following actions on the Consent Agenda:

- Approved the minutes for the February 19, 2015 Regular Board Meeting, the February 19, 2015 Special Board Planning Retreat and the February 25, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.
- Received Administrative Reports for March 2015 from Community Services, Transportation, The Woodlands Fire Department and Law Enforcement and Community Policing.
- Approved a proclamation declaring Saturday, March 28, 2015 as “The Woodlands Earth Day Community Stewardship Project and Celebration” and proclaiming April 2015 as “Earth Month” in The Woodlands, Texas.
- Approved Special Event Permits for several community events including the South County 4th of July parade, Walk Like MADD, the 18th Annual Red Hot and Blue Festival and Fireworks



Extravaganza, Walk the Woodlands for Children – Prevent Child Abuse Texas, the Paint the Path 5K Run/Walk and the Pink 5K.

- Approved the bids for playground equipment replacement and improvements for Lakeside Park, Slatestone Park, Cottage Green Park and Tamarac Park.
- Approved a resolution adopting the prevailing wage rate scale for construction projects.
- Received and approved recommendations from the Audit Committee regarding the 2013 Hotel Occupancy Tax Agreed-Upon Procedures Report, the 2013 Convention Center Booking and Blocking Agreed-Upon Procedures Report, and the 2013 Convention Center Replacement Reserve Agreed-Upon Procedures Report.
- Approved a Mutual Aid Agreement between the Township and Montgomery County for emergency management services.
- Approved the placement of bike racks/bike lockers at the park and ride facilities.
- Approved a recommendation from the Ad Hoc Transportation Committee to not implement ADA/Special Fare pricing for The Woodlands Express at this time.

The Board of Directors moved on to take the following actions on the Regular Agenda:

- Awarded a bid for a new tennis court at Cranebrook Park.
- Received an update from staff on the Montgomery County Bond election, which will take place on May 9, 2015.
- Deferred a presentation by Jim Stinson representing the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District potentially to an April Board of Directors meeting.
- Received a presentation regarding the Bear Branch Park Master Plan and Site Feasibility related to The Woodlands Swim Team and Woodlands Master Swim Team aquatics proposal of an Olympic size pool at Bear Branch. Board members directed staff to pursue a more comprehensive estimated cost analysis to be presented to the Board prior to a final decision on the proposal.
- Received a briefing from the consultant on the Township Public Safety Camera/Wi-Fi System Study and encouraged additional surveys before finalizing the study.
- Approved the financial report as well as a resolution to adopt guidelines for Operating, Capital Replacement, Bond Redemption, Economic Development and Capital Contingency Reserves.
- Tabled a discussion on the replacement of fleet vehicles pending further research from the Township staff.
- Approved an annual employee salary increase.

Following an executive session, the Board approve a Waiver to Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (The Woodlands Mall) and Side Letter Agreement.



The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Absent from the meeting were Board Members Gordy Bunch and John McMullan. Director Jeff Long arrived at the meeting at the start of the executive session.

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