

Mayor and Council,

I am pleased to pass on the following information. All information in Manager's Notes is available to the public and may be shared.

**Northspur**

Construction continues to move in a positive direction for the Northspur Development. To date, the builder has filed for forty-five (45) residential building permits, which includes model-homes in the neighborhood. Staff continues to receive inquiries in Municipal Development from existing and potential residents about the status of the homes and staff has been sharing builder information.

**Library**

I had a great time joining the Library Department staff meeting this week. We discussed their recent award, operational issues at various locations and staff appreciation. It was also an opportunity to go over the Council adopted Vision, Mission and Slogan statements as well as the Council adopted Staff Mission Statement. I also distributed the current draft of the Unified Priority Outcomes, described our Strategic Plan process and let them know we are seeking their input in the process as well.

The Hulsey Public Library successfully completed its Tech Logic RFID tracking technology conversion project that began October of 2024. This new RFID technology will streamline the checkout process, improve loss prevention efforts, and, most importantly, free up staff time to focus on providing valuable programming and reference services to the community.

**Terrell Heritage Society**

I had a very valuable and productive meeting this week with the Terrell Heritage Society. The discussion was excellent, and their insights will be a great asset to our upcoming strategic planning process. Council can anticipate a presentation from the Terrell Heritage Society during one of those workshops.

**Fundraiser for the Gutierrez Family**

We received inquiries related to the victims of the Rash home fire. The Gutierrez family lost everything on January 27th, but thankfully they and their dogs are safe. Donations a wide variety are greatly appreciated. Please refer to this gofundme for more information: <https://gofund.me/8d128c5d>

**TextMyGov**

The Public Services department will launch a new program called "TextMyGov" on February 10. This text messaging service will alert residents in the Terrell City limits regarding street closures, solid waste updates and other notifications. Residents can opt-in by texting the keyword "TERRELL" to 91896 or by going to [cityofterrell.org](http://cityofterrell.org) and using the widget located on the main page.

**Housing Updates**

Despite recent concerns about federal fund freezes, HUD funds were disbursed as usual, ensuring timely Section 8 Housing Voucher payments for families.

The Housing Insecure Point in Time Count was successfully conducted on January 20th, with the base camp at Serenity. Twenty-five individuals experiencing some form of homelessness participated in the survey and received food and gift cards. Mental health counselors and the Terrell Homeless Coalition were also present to provide support.

**Council Meeting Coordination**

Please note an Officer Candanoza fundraiser is scheduled at Film Alley on February 11<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm to 10 pm on the same night as our Council meeting. To show our support and help raise awareness, we'd like to take a Council group photo at Film Alley at 5:00 PM.

**Stallings Area Wastewater**

Good news regarding the three new construction homes on Henderson that have been impacted by high rain events. All three homes are now under contract for the installation of new grinder pumps and backflow preventers. That work requires both plumbing and electrical contractors as well as coordination with the residents. We expect that can be completed by the first week of March.

**Major Roadway Construction**

We've received a response from District Engineer Ceason Clemens at TxDOT regarding the Mayor's recent letter about the US 80/SH 205/FM 148 project (see attached). The final section of northbound SH 205 is expected to be completed by the end of March 2025. Staff coordination on this topic will continue.



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The Honorable Rick Carmona  
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RE: Construction Delays US80/SH205/FM148

Dear Mayor Carmona:

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is in receipt of your letter dated January 28, 2025, regarding your concerns with the ongoing SH 205/US 80/FM 148 project.

I appreciate you sharing your concerns with me and apologize for any inconveniences related to the ongoing SH 205/US 80/FM 148 intersection improvement project in Terrell. Timely project completion remains a focal point and I assure you that we will continue to do everything we can to expedite the completion of this project.

Being mindful of the potential impacts, accelerated construction methods were implemented on multiple phases and maintaining access to the local businesses during normal business hours have remained a top priority throughout construction.

Over the next couple of weeks, planned traffic switches will place US 80 and FM 148 traffic into final configuration improving traffic movements along these roadways. The contractor is currently focused on completing the last section of northbound SH 205 and pending weather, the project is currently on track to be substantially completed at the end of March.

If you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to contact Lane Selman, P.E., Kaufman/Rockwall County Area Engineer, at 972-962-3617.

Sincerely,

Ceason Clemens, P.E.  
District Engineer  
TxDOT- Dallas District

cc: The Honorable Bob Hall, Texas Senate, District 2  
The Honorable Keith Bell, Texas House of Representatives, District 4