

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.

State Honors for Officer Jacob Candanoza

Police Chief Arley Sansom and I were honored to be among our group of officers and dispatchers from Terrell who joined together in Austin for the April 26, 2025 Memorial Event to witness the addition of Officer Jacob Candanoza and over 40 other slain officers to the Texas Peace Officer Memorial. Governor Abbot spent time with the families of each of the slain officers, including the Candanoza family. The event ends with a ceremonial lighting of the Thin Blue Line, in honor of the role of law enforcement in protecting and serving Texas communities.



We also continue to work on the process of implementing City Council Resolution No. 2212, supporting designating State Highway 34 as Officer Jacob Candanoza Memorial Highway, within the Terrell City Limits. Representative Keith Bell filed HB 2198 in support of this effort, with Senator Bob Hall as the Senate sponsor of the Bill. Representative Bell's legislation received support in the House Transportation committee and has moved to the Senate. On Wednesday May 7, this bill is scheduled for a public hearing in the Senate Transportation Committee. Former Councilmember and current Terrell Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association member, Andreia Reece, plans to travel to Austin to present comments at the hearing and will be filing comments in support on behalf of City as well.

Upcoming Recruitment RFQ

As we continue to review and update various procurement efforts, staff is initiating a Request for Qualifications for an Executive Search firm prior to embarking on the search for a new Finance Director. The City has utilized SGR Recruitment for this purpose in the past and SGR will be eligible to compete in this new procurement. We anticipate that after advertising the RFQ and evaluating responses, a recommended firm will be available for Council consideration in June.

Fairfields Development Agreement

After staff completed the required due diligence work, Mayor Carmona executed the Fairfields Development Agreement this week as approved by Council in January 2025. This Development Agreement creates the basic legal structure for the opening of the proposed Amazon Distribution Center on Airport Road adjacent to IH20, the creation of TIRZ #5, and the ultimate annexation of over 2,650 acres of land which will support an eventual taxable value for the City of Terrell over two billion dollars.

In Closing

It was a pleasure to have lunch this week at the National Day of Prayer event with Mayor Carmona, Councilwoman Donna Anderson, Chief Sansom, TISD representatives, and various Pastors and Clergy from Terrell.

Thank you all for your dedication and service to the City of Terrell. May God continue to bless Terrell, Texas.

Respectfully,

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