



Mayor and Council.

The City Manager's Notes for the week ending June 27, 2025 are provided below. This report contains public information and can be freely shared.

Budget Workshop Follow Up

Thank you all again for your time on Friday, June 20. I thought we had a very productive meeting and hope it was helpful to you as we continue to move through our Budget process. I believe it provided staff much needed guidance and insight. Additional information requested during that meeting is currently being gathered and will be provided to you in the near future.

Library Excitement

Library staff member, Briseida Landa was recently promoted to Circulation Supervisor. She has been with the library for 8 years, and served as interim in the role multiple times. We are proud of all of her hard work and dedication, and welcome her to our administration.

The library hired two new staff members. Olimpia Castillo of Royse City came on as a Library Technician I and Javin Crawford joined us in the Library Technician II position.

TEDC / Library Recognized

Terrell EDC and the library's WINGS Career and Testing Center won the Texas Economic Development Council Award for the 15,001 to 40,000 population. The testing center is providing a much-needed resource for the citizens, and would not be possible without the support of the Terrell EDC.

North Texas Commission Leadership Awards / TML Excellence Awards

The City is working on nominations for the North Texas Commission Regional Leadership Awards. They are due on July 10 and recipients are recognized at their annual luncheon in September. We also submitted several nominations for the TML Excellence Awards. Those winners will be notified by late August.

Texas Treasures Recognition

Raylan Smith and Alison Walker are collaborating with Chamber staff to apply for "Texas Treasures" recognition through the Texas Historical Commission for several of our local businesses that have been in business for more than 50 years.

Terrell Citizens Academy

The initial promotion for Terrell Citizens Academy (English and Spanish) has been posted to the City's Facebook and website. There is a link to the application with an Aug. 25 deadline. This free interactive program, which includes a light dinner, begins Sept. 11 and is open to residents 18 and older. We have already received two applications. <https://www.cityofterrell.org/1052/Terrell-Citizens-Academy>



Legislative Wrap-Up Workshop

Senior Policy Analyst Omayra Mata and Councilwoman Anderson attended a one-day workshop on Friday, June 27. This one-day workshop focuses on the outcome of the major city-related bills from the 89th Legislative Session. This includes a discussion of deals reached, the measures that fell short, and the impact this legislation will have on cities. TML staff will brief attendees on key legislation, and explain what cities need to know to prepare for the laws' enactment.

Texas Legislative Update

On Monday, Governor Abbott announced that he will call for special session of the 89th Legislative Session to begin on July 21. In his press release, the governor indicated that several bills that were vetoed or filed without signature need to be revisited for further consideration in a special session. Those bills include:

- S.B. 3 Relating to the regulation of products derived from hemp, including consumable hemp products and the hemp-derived cannabinoids contained in those products.
- S.B. 648 Relating to recording requirements for certain instruments concerning real property.
- S.B. 1253 Relating to impact and production fees for certain water projects and to the regulation of certain wells; authorizing a fee.
- S.B. 1278 Relating to an affirmative defense to prosecution for victims of trafficking of persons or compelling prostitution.
- S.B. 1758 Relating to the operation of a cement kiln and the production of aggregates near a semiconductor wafer manufacturing facility.
- S.B. 2878 Relating to the operation and administration of and practices and procedures related to proceedings in the judicial branch of state government. The League will continue to update the membership if any items are added to the special session agenda.

The Texas Municipal League will continue to update the membership if any items are added to the special session agenda.

In Closing

If staff can provide additional information or clarification, please let me know. Thank you all for your continued service and dedication to the City of Terrell.

Respectfully,

Mark C. Mills
Interim City Manager