



Mayor and Council.

The City Manager's Notes for the week ending September 5, 2025, are provided below. This report contains public information and can be freely shared.

Budget and Tax Rate Adoption

Thank you to each of you for your hard work, careful consideration, and patience as we moved through this year's budget process. I was pleased to be able to deliver a budget to you that kept the tax rate at \$0.7642 for the 8th consecutive year. With Council's action on Friday, August 29, the tax rate has been adopted. The FY25 Amended Budget and FY26 Proposed Budget will be adopted upon second reading at the September 16 meeting. This item will appear on the consent agenda.

Based on Council's decisions and first vote to adopt, I will be having Budgetary Update meetings with staff beginning the week of September 8th.

2nd Texas Legislative Special Session Update

Staff will be working to provide you a more in-depth summary after the conclusion of the 2nd Called Special Session. Of note:

- **SB 10**, which would have lowered the voter-approval tax rate did not pass. The engrossed version of the bill would have resulted in lowering the voter-approval tax rate multiplier from 3.5% to 2.5% for cities above a population of 75,000. There were reports that the Senate and House leadership were negotiating behind the scenes on a compromise, but one was not reached.
- **SB13**, the community censorship bill, passed the Senate but never received a committee hearing in the House. This is the bill relating to the use of public funds for lobbying activities by a political subdivision of the State.
- **HB 17**, which would have required a city to mail the notice of public hearing on the property tax rate to each property owner in the city, did not pass.
- **HB46** and **HB73**, which would have imposed expenditure limitations on city's did not pass.
- **SB6**, which would have banned THC did not make it out of a House committee.

SSG Brady Berry Memorial Soccer Complex Dedication

Council accepted the City Facility Naming Committee recommendation to rename the soccer complex after SSG Brady Berry. On Friday, October 3 at 4:00 PM, a dedication ceremony will be held. Friends and family will hold a private reception following the ceremony at 4:30 PM at the Ben Gill Par Pavilion.



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Finance Director Search

I am pleased to announce that the initial posting period for the Finance Director opening closed on Friday, September 5. CPS HR, the City's search firm, has notified us that City has received 75 applicants. Of these, at least 12 have local government experience. We also have a number of applicants from State and Federal agencies as well as School Districts.

With the conclusion of the active recruitment, CPS HR is now in the process of screening the candidates. This includes a questionnaire for candidates to complete to supplement their resumes as well as a 60 to 90 minutes phone call. Sue Pfleging and I will be meeting with CPS HR on Thursday, September 18 to discuss the candidates in detail and identify the next steps in the process.

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