



Mayor and Council.

The City Manager's Notes for the week ending October 31, 2025, are provided below. This report contains public information and can be freely shared.

Leading The Way Through State and National Leadership

The National League of Cities (NLC) appointed chairs to its seven policy committees for a one-year term. These include: Community & Economic Development, Energy Environment & Natural Resources, Finance Administration & Intergovernmental Relations, Human Development Information Technology & Communications, Public Safety & Crime Prevention, and Transportation & Infrastructure. Mayor Rick Carmona has been appointed to serve as Chairman of the *Community and Economic Development Committee*.

NLC has seven Member Councils, which include: the First Tier Suburbs Council, the Large Cities Council, the Military Communities Council, the Small Cities Council, the University Communities Council, the Council on Youth, Education, and Families, and the Race, Equity, and Leadership Council. Councilwoman Anderson will serve her second term on the Small Cities Council.

NLC has six constituency groups, which include: Asian Pacific American Municipal Officers (APAMO), Hispanic Elected Local Officials (HELO), LGBTQ+ Local Officials (LGBTQ+LO), National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO), Women in Municipal Government (WIGM), and Local Indigenous Leaders (LIL). Councilwoman Anderson will serve her second term for Women in Municipal Government.

Councilwoman Mayrani Velazquez has been appointed Vice President of the Association of Hispanic Municipal Officials.

State Hospital Water Connection / Water Service Customer Impact

On Wednesday, December 3 staff provided information to Council about the State Hospital's water connection and upcoming related activities. Utility staff remains on target for conducting its portion of work. Beginning at 9 PM on Friday, December 5, roughly 45 residents and a few businesses will be without water. This work is expected to be completed and water service restored by 6 AM on Saturday, December 6. Staff believe the work could be completed sooner. This work involves the City installing a line stop in the 16-inch water line in front of the State Hospital. The repairs are necessary due to the age of the system, deteriorating and non-functioning valves, and fragile water lines.

Additional work resulting in a second outage for work being completed by TXDOT was scheduled for Monday, December 8. The City has been notified that the contractor will not be ready to complete the work on that date. This part of the project has been rescheduled to occur overnight beginning Wednesday, December 10 through the early morning of Thursday, December 11.



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Carnegie Foundation Gift

Carnegie Libraries across America will receive a \$10,000 gift to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence through a special initiative. As the owner of a Carnegie Library property, Terrell should receive these funds in early 2026. At this time, staff would recommend that these one-time funds be provided to the Terrell Heritage Society, which is currently undertaking restoration projects on the original library building.

<https://www.carnegie.org/news/articles/hundreds-of-carnegie-libraries-to-receive-10000-gifts-in-celebration-of-united-states-250th-anniversary/>

Employee Spotlight

Tracy Rosalies has earned her Certified Public Manager credential, graduating from the program on Friday, December 5. This program includes seven tracks that include: Public Personnel Administration, Managing for Quality, Organizational Communication, Public Finance & Budgeting, Public Policy Evaluation, Information Systems for Managers, and an Applied Projects Practicum.

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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