



City Manager's Notes

**Week Ending
January 30, 2026**

Mayor and Council.

The City Manager's Notes for the week ending January 23, 2026, are provided below. This report contains public information and can be freely shared.

Winter Weather Update

[Known Impacts]

Life Saving Recognition

On the afternoon of January 13, 2026, at approximately 6 PM, TFD Engine 611 was dispatched to a medical call. Upon their arrival, the crew found an unresponsive female lying not breathing and pulseless. A family member was performing CPR. Engine 611's crew immediately took over patient care, resumed CPR efforts and began administering Advanced Life Support (ALS) care.

Return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC) was achieved during these ALS efforts but was lost as patient was being loaded into the ambulance. A TFD Medic accompanied the patient during transport and provided a continuation of resuscitation efforts while enroute to the hospital. ROSC was again attained upon arrival at the hospital.

Fire has been monitoring the patient's progress, and her prognosis looks very good. The quick actions taken by her family member and the advanced care provided by the crew of Engine 611, provided this patient the best opportunity for survival. Chief LeCroy would like to recognize this patient, her family and the crew of Engine 611 and Battalion 621 at an upcoming council meeting once the patient is able to attend.

This successful outcome exemplifies TFD's progressive mission to provide the highest quality of Emergency Medical Services possible to the citizens of Terrell. A mission which our city council has continuously supported.

(A-Shift) Engine 611 crew on this call:

- Step-up Captain - Driver/Engineer **Kyle Zagurski**
- Step-up Driver/Engineer - Firefighter Paramedic **Garrett Marshall**
- Firefighter Paramedic - **Ryan Lipstraw**

Battalion 621:

- Step-up Battalion Chief - Captain **Michael Angell**

Financial Report for the Period Ending September 30, 2025

On Tuesday, January 20, staff and our audit firm, Pattillo Brown & Hill, presented the Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2024. After roughly 18 years with Pattillo Brown & Hill, beginning with the audit of FY25 the City will be engaging with a new audit firm, Whitley Penn. As a result of the change, the City has been able to bring the FY25 concurrent with the conclusion of the FY24 audit. Auditors have been on site staff has weekly status meetings scheduled for each Friday.



Las Lomas Parkway

Rayland Smith, Assistant Director of Municipal Develop, had a phone conversation with TxDOT (Austin). After reviewing the TxDOT Rail Crossing Grant, TxDOT has asked to include this project in a state-led Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) grant application. They believe Las Lomas is a strong fit and a great partner for the main application. The City's current grant will continue through the review process, but TxDOT is also positioning Las Lomas for federal funding if the state grant is not awarded. While nothing is guaranteed, TxDOT confirmed a strong, handshake-level commitment with the FRA on both funding and their support of the project. No action is required from City Council at this time. The federal application will be submitted within the next two weeks.

Quiet Zone Update

Quiet Zone grant applications remain active. Staff will continue submitting applications each cycle through the CRISI, RCE, and BUILD grant programs. The total project cost is approximately \$20 million, with a \$4 million local match funded by PADIC upon award. Based on feedback from the 2024 CRISI grant review interview, we believe the application remains competitive.

9th Street Sidewalk

The project feasibility study has been completed. The engineering firm (McManus Group) reviewed the construction limits and exhibits and identified "opportunities" related to surveying, exhibits, and overall constructability. Chris Snapp, City Engineer and Director of Municipal Development, will bring this item forward to City Council in February to discuss potential next steps.

Girls Achieving & Leading in Society (GALS) Conference

Council member Donna Renee Anderson is working on the inaugural GALS Conference for middle school girls (grades 6-8). Lilie's Event Center has agreed to donate the space for the event at no cost. The preliminary details are as follows: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday May 1. This will be mentoring event in cooperation with Terrell ISD and the Terrell Chamber featuring local women working in non-traditional roles who can inspire and encourage girls. More info. to come.

Texas Downtown Regional Roundtable in LaPorte

Chamber President Angie Cooper, Assistant Director of Municipal Development Raylan Smith, and Public Information Officer Alison Walker I plan to attend the Texas Downtown Regional Roundtable in La Porte in February. Terrell is scheduled to host a Regional Roundtable in the Fall so this will be an excellent opportunity us to learn the logistics of hosting our own event. These one-day presentations, hosted by the Texas Downtown Education Committee, include walking tours of host downtowns, and networking with other downtown professionals.



Friends of the Riter C. Hulsey Public Library Silent Auction and Happy Hour

The Friends of the Library is hosting The Next Chapter Autographed Book Auction & Happy Hour from 5 -7 p.m., Friday, March 6 at the WINGS Career & Testing Center. Tickets are \$10 each and proceeds will benefit library programming. They already have a great selection of awesome donations. In addition to autographed books, there also will be collectible books and items that would appeal to any book lover. There also will be a raffle for an iPad. Tickets will be available soon.

Upcoming Events

City Calendar

- City Council Meeting February 03 (Tue)
- GED Social Studies Enrollment Opens February 11 (Wed)
- Library Advisory Board February 12 (Thu)
- Terrell Youth Council February 12 (Thu)
- City Council Meeting February 17 (Tue)
- City Facility Naming Committee February 19 (Thu)
- Planning & Zoning Commission February 26 (Thu)
- Friends of the Library Silent Auction and Happy Hour March 06 (Fri)

Other Calendars

- Chamber Events: <https://business.terrelltexas.com/events>
- TEDC Events Calendar: <https://business.terrelltexas.com/events/calendar/2026-02-01>
- TISD Events Calendar: https://www.terrellisd.org/events?start_date=2026-02-01&end_date=2026-02-28

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