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NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF FAIR OAKS RANCH

## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK... JANUARY 2018

### Fair Oaks Ranch Annexing Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ)

Since last month when I wrote to you on this topic, we conducted a council workshop on November 21st for staff to walk council members through development agreements and proposed annexations. Next, we conducted readings of the Ordinances related to annexation on November 28th and 29th. All of these meetings were posted and open to the public and a number of residents and property owners impacted by the annexations attended.

On the final vote on November 29th, there were 12 annexation ordinances presented and most of them were unanimously approved by council. The ordinance annexing the Enchanted Oaks subdivision drew one "nay" vote as did the ordinance annexing the Old Fredericksburg Road subdivision. One ordinance did not require a vote because all of the land included in the ordinance was covered by Non Annexation Development Agreements which property owners chose to exercise.

Additionally, the council approved eight Non Development Annexation Agreements. Six of the approvals were unanimous and two agreements each drew one "nay" vote.

You may recall that these agreements allow property owners to continue their existing use of the property for periods of time as long as 45 years. If the uses of the property change, as indicated by the owner taking actions such as subdividing the land for future developments, the Agreement triggers a voluntary annexation of the property into the city.

The city has completed all required filings with various governmental entities and the annexation process is complete. The next steps regarding managing growth and protecting quality of life will be completing comprehensive plan/land use map and beginning the process to implement zoning for all areas of the city. We anticipate that these recommendations will be presented to council for review

beginning in February. I will remind everyone that zoning regulations do not impact your deed restrictions. Additionally, you will see some visible changes like moving city limit signs in the near future.

Completing the annexation process was a major work effort. I would like to express appreciation on behalf of the council to our City Manager and his staff, our City Attorney, and to Pape-Dawson Engineering for the roles each of these groups played in completing this legislative action. As the mayor, I am also appreciative of the effort each council member made to make informed decisions in casting their votes. As you can tell from the vote results, we don't always agree on everything, but, once a decision is made, we all support the implementation of the agreed upon action.

### Golf Cart Ordinance Approved – Permit Required by January 1st

As you may recall, the City Council approved a golf cart ordinance at the Thursday, November 16th council meeting on the second reading of the ordinance. The Ordinance will bring us in compliance with the Texas Transportation Code and will be implemented on January 1, 2018. **GOLF CART PERMITS ARE REQUIRED BY 1-1-18 TO DRIVE GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS.** We will have a phase in period during January 2018 in which warning citations will be issued for not displaying a permit when driving on public streets. CALL 210-698-0900 to schedule an inspection of your golf cart. Visit our city website (bottom of home page) to learn more about the requirements.

In a related action, the City Council approved an Ordinance reducing the speed on Fair Oaks Parkway from Interstate 10 to Dietz-Elkhorn from 40 mph to 35 mph. This change is required to make the use of golf carts on this stretch of road legal. Additionally, the council also approved lowering the speed limit on Dietz-Elkhorn from the city limits to Fair Oaks Parkway from 40 mph to 35 mph.

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### Foundational Studies Work and Stakeholder Involvement

We are continuing the foundational studies work with consultants, engineers, the Stakeholder group and other residents. We have deferred Stakeholder group meetings due to the time requirements of completing the annexation work. We anticipate resuming the work with the Stakeholder Group in January.

We anticipate that recommendations regarding updating subdivision regulations and developing form based zoning code to create a Unified Development Code (UDC) will be presented to the council in February. Once council has made final decisions regarding the form based zoning code, we anticipate that it will take about six to eight weeks to go through the statutory steps to get the zoning in place.

In the second and third quarters of the year, we will begin rolling out to the council recommendations on other pieces of the foundational study work. This will include master plans for drainage, water, wastewater, MS4, and mobility. The output of this work will allow us to move forward with discussions of means and methods to accomplish the plans and to develop approaches for financing needed work.

### Annual Financial Audit

On December 7th City Council approved the appointment of ABIP, LC as our auditors. The financial statement audit for the fiscal year ended 9/30/17 is expected to start in late January. As in years past, the auditor will present their financial report sometime before March 31st at a regularly scheduled council meeting.

### Joint Base San Antonio – Camp Bullis Task Force

We hosted a meeting chaired by the Alamo Area Council of Governments at our City Hall on December 18th. The agenda included discussions of CPS Energy programs, military provisions related to Annexation, Tree Ordinance updates, an update on Dark Skies Ordinance, an update on Feral hog control activities, a discussion of tools to deal with land use encroachment on military missions, a discussion of new tools for using Geographic Information System (GIS) data, and a discussion of regional JLUS Implementation Strategy progress.

The focus of this group is a public/private partnership to protect the ability to perform military missions around our city. We have a strong interest in this work because of our proximity to military bases. Our city has been involved in this effort for a number of years, but this is the first time we have hosted a gathering of this task force. We look forward to more involvement with this group in the future and to future hosting opportunities.

### “Pig Out on The Ranch” - Mark Your Calendars for Saturday, February 17th

The Wildlife Education Committee (WEC) is planning a family fun oriented educational session at Fair Oaks Ranch Elementary on Saturday, February 17th. We are going to have some top notch wildlife educational programs for families starting mid-morning and going through lunch time.

The best part is that for lunch we will be serving some authentic

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wild hog dishes, prepared by the Chefs Co-op, an organization of young professional chefs from San Antonio. Our game management consultant, Bubba Ortiz of Ortiz Game Management, will be providing some tasty young hog meat caught locally here in Fair Oaks Ranch. I have heard that “hog sliders” and “smoked hog” offerings will be available. The chefs will also be preparing some appropriate side dishes

To help defray part of the cost, the city will be charging \$10.00 per person in advance for the event. We will get back to you with more details as we get closer to the event.

## Road and Bridge Construction and Water/Wastewater Improvements

- Information on our road reconstruction project can be found at:
  - The project website FairOaksRanchRoads.org
  - The city website FairOaksRanchTX.org
  - The Fair Oaks Ranch Homeowners Association website FORHA.org
- Our contractor has been continuing work on the Parkway. Most of the deep reconstruction work has been completed. Depending on weather, we anticipate the visible work on the Parkway being completed during January.

- We still have work to do on adding reflectors to some of the newly surfaced roads.
- As always, we appreciate everyone’s patience and caution in driving through the construction zones to keep our employees and our contractor’s employees safe.

## Resident Volunteers/City Staffers at Work

Here are some updates on the work being done by a combination of city staffers and volunteers:

- Facebook page continues growing! We currently have 655 people following our Facebook page. We have had 1,922 visitors as of this writing. If you are a Facebook user you can find us at City of Fair Oaks Ranch, TX. Our page is for sharing information about the city, but it is not a public forum. The page is monitored and objectionable or off topic material will be removed.
- If you have not visited our website, please take a look. I think you will like the improvements we have made.

We have a lot of exciting things happening in our city in the upcoming year. We are looking forward to both the challenges and the accomplishments.

Garry Manitzas

Mayor – Fair Oaks Ranch



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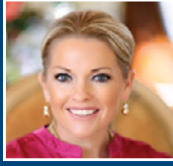
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## Local Teen Helps Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center

Local teen, Richard Hicks, adopted The Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center for his Eagle Scout Project. Richard raised funds for his project by writing to friends, family and church members and asking them to support this project financially.

It is a testimony to Richard's years of character and behavior that he was able to raise a considerable amount over and above what was needed. People knew and trusted him and he donated the overage to support the free services at the HCPCC.

Only about 4% of Boy Scouts attain the level of Eagle Scout. Some Eagle Scouts that you may recognize are: Gerald Ford (president of the USA), Steven Spielberg (award winning director), Jimmy Stewart (award winning actor), Walter Cronkite (award winning newsman), James Lovell (astronaut) and H. Ross Perot (businessman).

The HCPCC is proud of Richard Hicks and the work that he has done to repair and beautify a wall, gutters and walkway and to also construct an enclosure for the garbage and recycling cans. It is important to the HCPCC to exhibit respect for all who come to the Boerne facility – and maintaining a welcoming appearance is part of that. We're glad that it is equally important to future leaders like Richard Hicks.



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