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## **The Woodlands Township holds Board meeting**

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (December 8, 2016) – The Woodlands Township Board of Directors held a regular meeting Wednesday, November 30, 2016, at The Woodlands Township Town Hall, 2801 Technology Forest Boulevard, at 6 p.m.

In October 2016, the Board of Directors authorized the utilization of the Parks and Recreation Capital Projects Fund to pay for property acquisition costs of \$4.5 million for the facility formerly known as the YMCA at Creekside Park. During Wednesday night’s meeting, the Board of Directors approved the final Purchase and Sale Agreement with the YMCA of the Greater Houston Area for the purchase of the tracts of land located in Harris County, Texas, containing the building and other structures.

The Board accepted a motion to adopt the proposed Operational and Business Plan and related 2017 budget amendments as presented. The new facility will operate as a second recreation/community center in The Woodlands, mirroring the current hours of The Woodlands Recreation Center to provide programs, fitness, events, etc. The plan addresses staffing and administrative concerns, proposed marketing efforts and program emphasis for recreation and non-recreation uses. Staff will prepare several naming options for the facility and will present them to the Board of Directors for consideration in February 2017. The facility is undergoing capital improvements and renovations and is expected to open before summer 2017.

The Board also took time to honor The Woodlands High School Cross Country’s recent state championship with a proclamation recognizing the team’s 36 district titles, 32 regional titles and now 19 state titles. The Highlanders are currently ranked #2 in the country, thanks to team members William Hunsdale, Noah Wells, Gavin Hoffpauir, Daniel Baker, Jacob Raiford, Ethan Mercado and Michael Childree.

The Board of Directors took the following actions on the Consent Agenda:

- Approved the affirmation of the Township Board of Directors officers as authorized signers on the Township’s bank accounts.
- Approved the recommended 2017 Firefighter and Dispatcher Pay Schedules.



- Scheduled a Special Board Planning Meeting for January 2017 to discuss incorporation related matters.

The Board of Directors then moved on to take the following actions on the Regular Agenda:

- Extended letters of engagement with the Strong Firm, P.C. and Schwartz, Page and Harding, L.L.P firms through June 30, 2017, for the continuation of specialty legal contract services related to covenant enforcement, real estate, special district and legislative matters.
- Approved the release of a Request for Proposal for Transit Consulting Services as approved by the Federal Transit Administration. Upon the conclusion of the solicitation and evaluation process, staff will return to the Board with a recommendation on selecting a consultant.
- Received and accepted Administrative Reports for December 2016 for Community Services, Law Enforcement and Community Policing, Transportation and The Woodlands Fire Department.
- Deferred the appointment of candidates to the Development Standards Committee to a future Board of Directors meeting.
- Approved a recommendation to appoint Nick Wolda, The Woodlands Township and The Woodlands Convention and Visitors Bureau to serve a three-year term from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019, and Sheron Jones, Marriott Hotel, to serve a one-year term on the Booking and Blocking Committee from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.
- Approved the Chairman's recommendation to appoint Bruce Rieser to serve as the Chairman of the Township's Drainage Task Force.
- Approved the Chairman's recommendation to appoint Brian Boniface, John Anthony Brown and Bruce Rieser to serve as Directors of The Woodlands Convention and Visitors Bureau (TWCVB) from January 2017 through December 2017, in accordance with the Bureau's bylaws.
- Tabled a candidate appointment to The Woodlands Road Utility District #1 to a January 2017 Board of Directors meeting.



- Approved an extension of the term for the Ad Hoc Economic Development Committee until December 31, 2017, and affirmed the Chairman's appointments of Brian Boniface, John McMullan and Ann Snyder to the Committee.
- Affirmed the Chairman's appointment of John Brown to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council and the appointment of Laura Fillault to the Law Enforcement Advisory County, both for a 12 month term ending December 31, 2017.
- Affirmed the Chairman's appointment of Directors Brian Boniface, John Anthony Brown and John McMullan to the Audit Committee for 2017.
- Adopted a resolution in support of resident concerns regarding the construction adjacent to the East Shore Development.
- Tabled matters relating to incorporation questions to be added to the Township website as they relate to annexation and the Township's ability to incorporate to after the Special Board Planning Meeting in January 2017.
- Received and accepted an educational briefing on the functions of the Community Services Department within The Woodlands Township.
- Authorized the President/General Manager to enter into a donation agreement with The Woodlands Development Company for the large surface model display and photo boards recently contained in The Woodlands Homefinder Center. The Board approved the allocation of \$50,000 from the Cultural Arts Fund to fund costs associated with the moving, temporary storage, design services and final installation of the display materials at a Town Hall location.
- Discussed matters relating to the 2016 Resident Survey. The Board directed the consultant, National Research Center, to distribute 1,500 additional surveys at an amount not to exceed \$6,075 utilizing over sampling methods to target younger residences in an effort to achieve satisfactory demographic representation. The Board also directed the consultant to provide both an analysis of the raw data and an analysis utilizing a proposed weighting scheme to ensure correct demographic representation.
- Concurred with the City of Houston's request to allocate \$3,700,000 in Regional Participation Agreement funds toward partially funding the construction of the Greenbriar paving and drainage project, as part of improvements to mobility in the Texas Medical Center.



- Tabled a discussion relating to annual Township Board priorities to a Board of Directors meeting in January 2017.

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