



City Administrator's Update

HIGHLAND HAVEN

September 26, 2025



Building Our Future: Thank You and Next Steps Town Hall Success and Upcoming Opportunities for Community Input

Dear Highland Haven Residents,

Thank you all for making our first Town Hall event a success! Your participation in updating our Comprehensive Plan was invaluable. As a state-required tool, the Comprehensive Plan guides our city's future by aligning community priorities with long-term decisions on growth, infrastructure, and services. The feedback you provided on Community Vision and Values, Community Involvement and Communication, Housing, and Growth and Development, combined with our survey results, will shape the update to our plan, last revised in 2014.

We invite you to join us for our next Town Hall on **October 23, 2025, at 6 p.m. at the Community Center**, where we'll focus on Infrastructure and Services. Your input on water infrastructure, road infrastructure, stormwater/drainage systems, and city services is critical to ensuring our city's systems meet your needs. As discussed last night, the point of these meetings is to gather feedback to create a roadmap of where you want to see the City in the next 5-10 years. We'll provide a welcoming environment with food, so come share your ideas for Highland Haven's future.

Additionally, I want to remind you of the **upcoming bond election on November 4, 2025**. The proposed \$1,000,000 General Obligation Bond will fund the purchase of property adjacent to the water plant, where two of our city's wells are located, and support water infrastructure improvements. These funds will be repaid using water system revenues, with no debt service tax created or the need to raise water rates. For detailed information, please review the factual flyer included with this update or visit www.highlandhaventx.com. You can also contact me directly at cityadministrator@highlandhaventx.com with any questions.

I'd also like to address the intermittent issues we experienced earlier this week with our online and phone payment systems for utilities. These issues have been fully resolved, and all payment systems are now back online and functioning normally. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Your engagement is the heartbeat of Highland Haven. Thank you for your commitment to shaping a sustainable and thriving community.

As always, stay informed, stay involved, and thank you for being an engaged part of our community!

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Next BOA Meeting

The Board of Aldermen will have their next regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday October 7, in the community center.

A copy of the agendas will be available online, as well as the packets.

Next P&Z Meeting

The next regular Planning and Zoning Commission meeting will take place at 6 p.m. on Thursday October 9, at the Community Center.

A copy of the agenda will be available online, as well as the packet.

Facts About the Water Investment Bond

1. The proposed bond is a **General Obligation (GO) Bond in the amount of \$1,000,000.**
2. Bond proceeds will be used to **purchase property for the water system** and to **fund some system repairs and/or upgrades.**
3. Once the bond is approved, the Board will **repay the bond using water system revenues (enterprise fund); no debt service tax will be created** and **water rates will not be raised** due to the bond.
4. The first two payments on the bond will be **interest-only** and funded from **General Fund reserves**, as outlined in the City's adopted budget.
5. When the full principal and interest payments begin for the new bond, the City's **current bond will be paid off**, and **principal and interest for the new bond** will be **paid from water fund revenues.**
6. The **annual bond payments** for the **new bond** are estimated to be approximately **\$13,000 less than the current bond payments.**
7. The property intended for purchase is **adjacent to the City's water plant** and contains **two water wells** for which the City currently holds historical lease agreements and pays royalties.
8. The City has planned to purchase this property **since 2004 as part of the Comprehensive Plan**, to ensure full control over its water infrastructure.
9. Acquiring the property will **allow for future water system development if needed** and eliminate royalty payments.
10. Possible **water system upgrades or repairs** potentially funded with this bond include:
 - a. **Replacing the current water system generator** (required by TCEQ)
 - b. **Building out well #6** and connecting it to the system
 - c. **Adding variable frequency drives to distribution pump motors**
(Not all upgrades may be completed with this bond)

Stay in the Loop & Reach Out!

We appreciate you taking the time to stay informed about what's happening in Highland Haven. If you have any questions, concerns, or just want to chat about city matters, we're always happy to hear from you! Feel free to reach out, and we'll do our best to provide answers and keep you in the know.

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Stay engaged, stay involved, and thank you for being a part of what makes Highland Haven a great place to live!

Highland Haven Water Bond



Election Day: November 4, 2025

What's on the ballot?

Proposition A

- \$ 1,000,000 General Obligation Bond
- Purchase 8.35 acres of land next to the water system that house two of the city's four wells
- Fund some water infrastructure upgrades

State Law Requirements

No Debt Tax or Water Rate Increases

- This bond **will not** require the city to create a debt service tax or raise water rates.
- However, **State Law requires** the following statement to be on the ballot:

"THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE"

Ballot Proposition Language

THIS IS A TAX INCREASE SPECIAL BOND ELECTION, CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN, TEXAS

HIGHLAND HAVEN PROPOSITION A

The issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for the purpose of purchasing property for the city's water system and constructing improvements and upgrades to the water infrastructure and the levy of taxes sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds.

☐ **FOR**

☐ **AGAINST**

Voting **FOR** means approving the issuance of the bond
Voting **AGAINST** means not wanting the issuance of the bond

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Election Information

Important Dates and Information

- **Monday, October 6, 2025** - Last day to **register to vote**
- **Monday, October 20, 2025** - **First day** of **early voting**
- **Friday, October 24, 2025** - Last day to apply for a Ballot by mail
- **Friday, October 31, 2025** - **Last day** of **early voting**
- **Tuesday, November 4, 2025** - **Election Day**

*For information on polling sites, operating hours, registering to vote, or other general election information, please contact the Burnet County elections office at (512) 715-5288 or visit their website at www.burnetcountyelections.com.

Please direct any questions you may have about the bond to one or more of the listed contacts below:

- **Email the City Administrator:** cityadministrator@highlandhaventx.com
- **Call the City Administrator:** (830) 613-5372
- Stop by **City Hall:** Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- **Board of Aldermen Meetings:** 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the community center