



State of the City 2019

Outstanding Employees

218 Gold Award Recipients



Ricardo

Robert

Ricardo Sarabia – Parks & Recreation
45 years with City, just retired. During four decades with UP Ricardo worked in Sanitation, Traffic and Parks

Robert Ramsey – Police
Joined the City in 2008. During the past year, Robert has been involved in numerous arrests, including several burglary suspects.



LOVE sculpture in Williams Park



- Created by renowned artist Robert Indiana, the famous LOVE sculpture was gifted to the City on long-term loan by Pauline and Austin Neuhoff
- Fewer than 25 original LOVE sculptures in U.S. University Park is second Texas location.
- Council/Staff – Develop comprehensive public art campaign, new resident committee focused on public art



City Budget – FY2019

General Fund Allotments

- **\$53,099,375 budget** – 4.3% boost from previous year
- **Flattening housing market** - relatively small growth (6.7%) in appraised taxable value
- Tax rate of **24.5379** cents per \$100 of taxable value – **slight decrease in property tax rate** from previous fiscal year
- Due to hike in property values average single-family homeowner paying **\$117 more in city property tax**



Planning for large-scale projects



- City has begun thorough analysis of long-term financial needs to prepare for several major projects
- Establishment of a **Long Term Financial Planning Committee** - residents who currently serve on Financial Advisory & Capital Projects Review Committees
- Tasks – Look at City budgeting process and financial implications, identify 20-year financial model



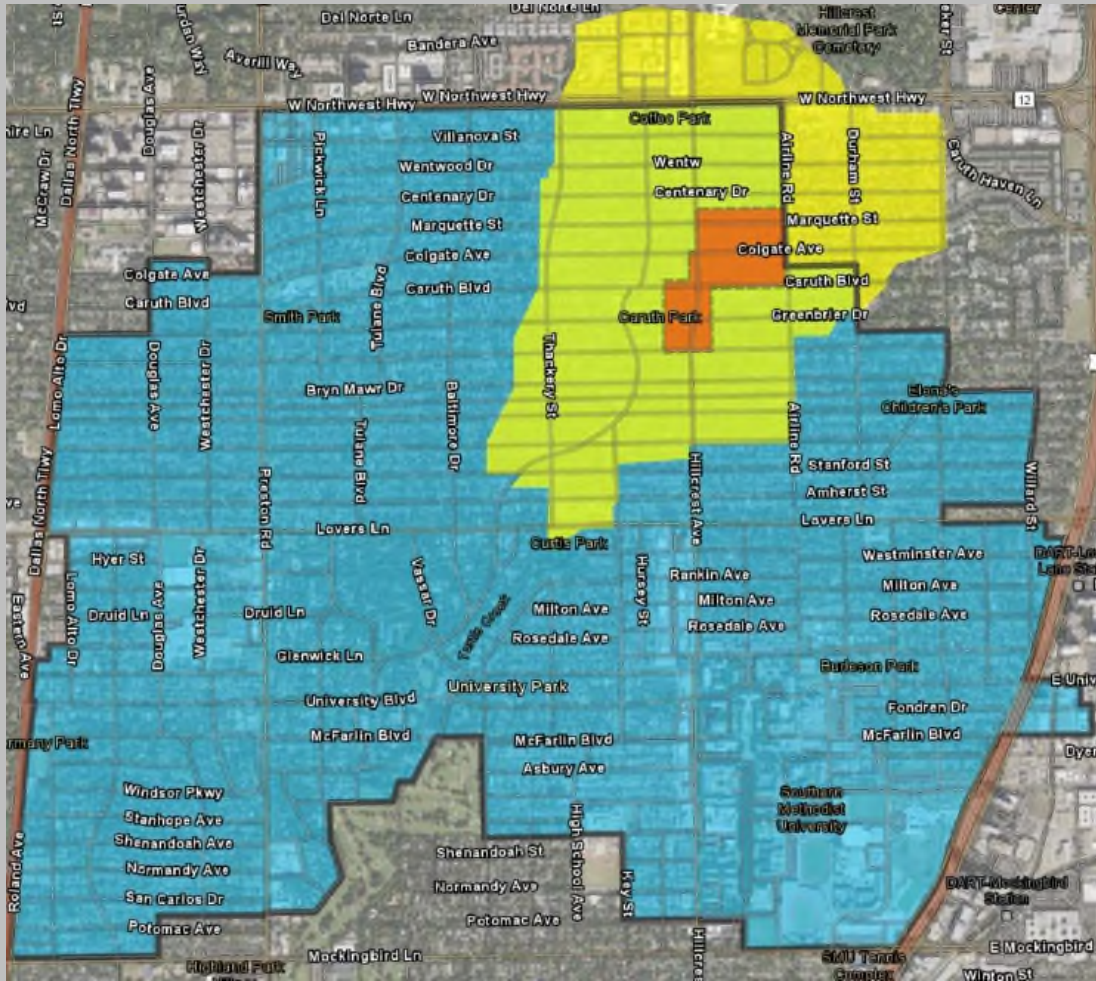
Storm water system improvements



- City initiated review of NE Drainage Basin
- Improvements identified to accommodate 10-year storm
- Estimated Cost: **\$45 million**



NE Drainage Basin Study Area



Yellow/Green
Study Area

Orange
Recommended
First Upgrades



Retail Center improvements

Snider Plaza



- Utility Design contract
- ✓ Existing utilities **installed in 1926**, lines **50% smaller** than current standards



- Landscape RFP
- Council has directed Staff to look for parking opportunities for Snider Plaza employees



Retail Center Improvements Miracle Mile

Necessary Upgrades:

- Water, Sewer, Storm
- Parking
- Pedestrian
- Landscaping

Partnership with
Dallas County



Public Safety Radio system improvements



- City's public safety radio system is 20 years old – end-of-life status
- **Issues with coverage, clarity and building penetration**
- Town of Highland Park 911 has similar problems
- Consultant study – **City/Town should partner on upgrades and share project \$4 million price tag**



Mile-per-Year



- 88 miles of water mains/63 miles of sanitary sewer mains
- Original infrastructure installed 1925 – 1950
- Public Works Advisory Committee analyzed doing MPY in-house vs. contract
- Committee recommended three-year transition to in-house crews
- FY2018 Budget authorized 6 new positions, equipment, and material



Construction Projects



- HPISD bond program will be largely complete with Hyer Elementary rebuild in **2020**
- HPPC Hunt Building rebuild will be completed in **2020**

Completed this year:

- Hilltop Plaza
- HPUMC Tolleson Family Activity Center

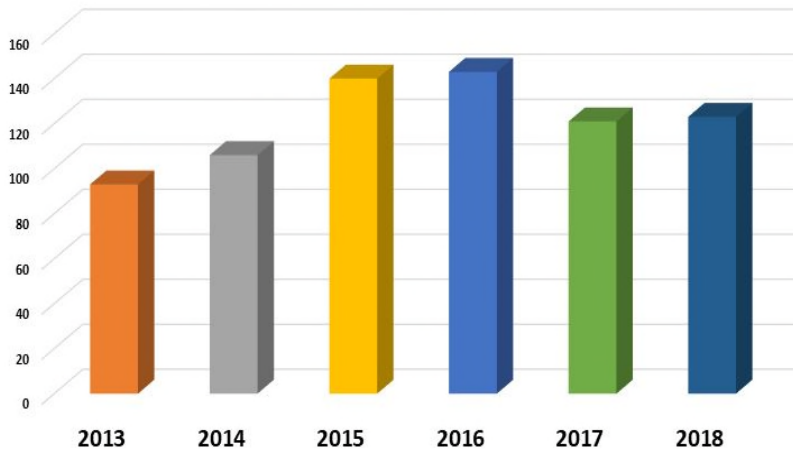




UNIVERSITY PARK
POLICE DEPARTMENT

A safe community

University Park
Burglary of Motor Vehicles



2018 - Most reported crime **Burglary of Motor Vehicle**

Majority of **123** incidents involved vehicles parked curbside with items left in plain sight - Wallets, purses, laptops, jewelry

Other 2018 crime statistics

Robberies - 4

Residential Burglaries - 22

Business Burglaries - 5

Auto Thefts – 40 (key fob left in vehicle in more than half of incidents)

Bike Thefts – 27

Calls for service – 24,166



86th Texas Legislature



- Local Control
- Revenue Caps – Governor Abbott's 2.5% cap
- School Finance
- Legislative Committee





Questions

