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Background

- **Spring Retreat – March 28, 2017**
 - Presented Possible Budget Implications
- **Finance/Audit Committee – June 2017**
 - Presented Rate Reduction/Cost Savings
- **Workshop – June 27, 2017**
 - Presented Rate Reduction/Cost Savings and Policy Changes
- **HOAs – July – September 2017**
 - Presented Update Rates and Reimbursements
 - Mailed non-renewal letters for current agreements



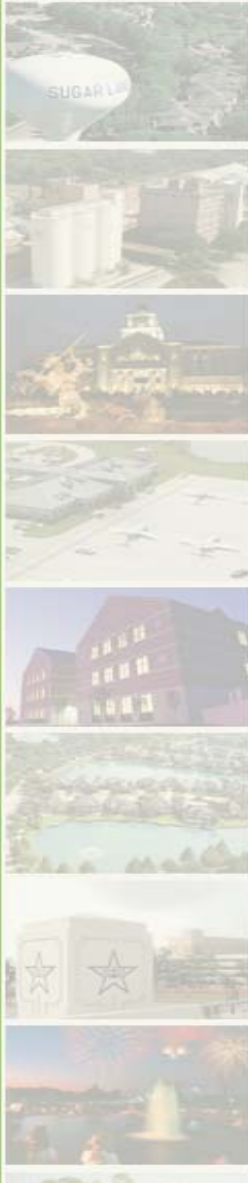
Background

- Staff met with 13 of the 16 HOAs.
 - Other 3 were presented changes via e-mail.
- All HOAs were provided the update to the reimbursement rate and to their square footage.
- All HOAs were offered the opportunity to allow the City to take over maintenance.
- Consistent concern was reduced reimbursement.
- All HOAs have chosen to continue maintenance of the right-of-way.



Background

- **Streetscape Policy set standards for the physical appearance of the streetscapes within city ROW.**
- **Set standards for:**
 - **Streetlights, Tree Trimming, Design Standards, Water Cost Share, Beautification and Maintenance**
 - **Reimbursements for Landscaping and Streetlights**



Background

- **Creates classification for Streets**
 - **Imperial – US 59 and US 90A**
 - **SH 6 – Combination of Imperial and Signature**
 - **Signature – Highly Visible, Main thoroughfares. ie. Austin Parkway, Sweetwater, University, Williams Trace**
 - **Classic – Entryways into neighborhoods, Drainage areas**



Policy Format Changes

- **Current Format**
 - **Tree Trimming**
 - Imperial
 - Highway 6
 - Signature
- **New Format**
 - **Imperial**
 - Landscaping
 - Tree Trimming
 - Street Lighting
 - Etc.



Update Definitions

- Amend definitions of visibility triangle and xeriscape
 - Visibility Triangle – an imaginary triangle located on a property at the corner of intersecting streets to provide an unobstructed view of cross-traffic. Refer to Code of Ordinances: Chapter 3 – Article IX. – Division 5. – Sec. 3-164 for specific measurements of various street types.
 - Xeriscape - a landscape design style incorporating principles of using efficient irrigation methods, drought tolerant plants, as well as appropriate use of mulches, decorative aggregates, and turf areas. When properly designed, this style will minimize overall maintenance and water consumption.



Update Route Details

- **Signature Route Definition**
 - The heavily travelled boulevard streets in the City have become Sugar Land's trademark. These streets make it easy to distinguish which neighborhoods are located within the City limits.
 - **Roadways in this category typically have the following characteristics:**
 - Classification as a major collector or arterial roadway as defined in the Major Thoroughfare Plan,
 - Connects to a State Highway or Freeway, or
 - Include a landscaped median dividing the roadway.



Update Route Details

- **Add the following as Signature routes as defined in the Policy due to annexation.**

Sansbury Blvd.	Riverbrook Dr.*
Greatwood Pkwy.*	Ellis Creek Blvd.
Gateway Blvd.	Cunningham Creek Blvd.*
Sandhill Dr.*	New Territory Blvd.
Stadium Dr.*	*partial roads
- **Clarify boundaries of 90A as Imperial from US59 to SH6**



Landscape Reimbursement

- The reimbursement rate will be determined on an annual basis during budget preparation and will be equal to the rate the City pays to maintain the right-of-way. The reimbursement amount will be based on the number of square feet of ROW maintained by the entity. This will be calculated by adding the total cost for the landscape beautification, tree trimming, irrigation repair, irrigation monitoring, and fertilizer/ant bait contracts divided by the total square footage of right-of-way the City is currently maintaining.



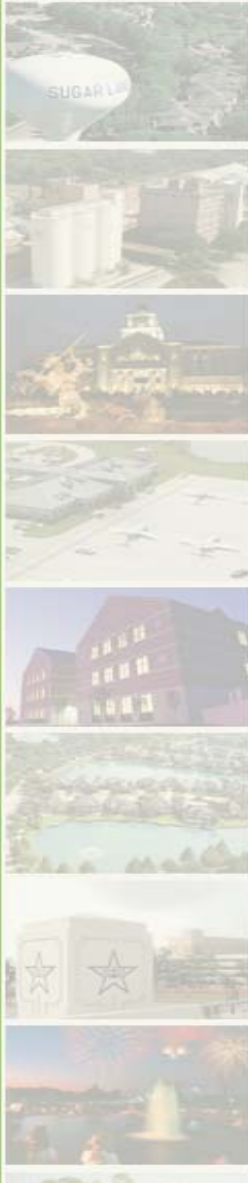
Streetlight Reimbursement

- Add Section to Body of Policy and remove appendix
- New Policy Language
 - The reimbursement will be for the operational cost of the equivalent number of standard cobra head streetlights necessary to properly light a street to the City's minimum requirements.
 - **Single Luminaire Fixture: (Monthly kwh x Rate) + Per Fixture Rate = Single Luminaire Fixture Rate**
 - **Dual Luminaire Fixtures: (Monthly kwh x Rate) + (Monthly kwh x Rate) + (Per Fixture Rate x 2) = Dual Luminaire Rate**



Recommendation

- **Budget**
 - **Presented to Council as Cost Savings in Landscape and Streetlight Reimbursements**
 - **This policy is in accordance with the budget that was passed earlier this evening.**



Recommendation

- **Staff recommends Council repealing Resolutions No. 11-30 and 12-14 and approve Resolution No. 17-20, adopting the Streetscape Policy establishing beautification, street lighting, and maintenance standards for the public rights-of-way.**



Questions/Comments

