



CITY OF HALTOM CITY
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
QUARTERLY REPORT

Board/Commission: Economic Development

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New Business Development

A total of 55 Certificates of Occupancy for new businesses were filed during the months of June through September. Some of the new businesses are Tip & Top Coffee & Bread, located at 4228 E. Belknap, Suite 112, La Paloma taqueria, located at 4228 E. Belknap, Suite 114, Hobson's Catering, located at 6400 Bradley Ave., Suite G, Texas Pottery Supply & Clay Co., located at 4401 Garland Dr. and Five Star Donuts, located at 2830 Beach St., Suite C.

The grocery chain, Aldi, is planning to open in the former Metro Foods space in Haltom Plaza at 3173 Denton Highway. Construction is underway to replace the existing storefront with a new entry façade. Representatives of the grocery chain are anticipating an opening date of December 9. To support the property manager's efforts in attracting other new tenants to the shopping center, the city will be providing a retail match report from Buxton.

The city is in the final stages of completing a facilities agreement with Haltom Plaza managers, Quine & Associates. The agreement allows for the shopping center's owner to provide advanced funding for the installation of a signal light on Denton Highway at Madge. Once the agreement is finalized TxDOT can let the project. The new signal is a requirement for Aldi to lease the space.

During the last quarter, Advance Auto Parts held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate their grand opening. Advance Auto Parts is located at 2300 Haltom Road and is the second store in the Dallas/Fort Worth market.

The building formerly occupied by the Holiday Skatium at 2920 Carson Street has been purchased and renovated by the Birdville Independent School District for their agricultural program. Students from Haltom, Birdville and Richland high schools utilized the building for the livestock program.

Meals On Wheels, Inc. of Tarrant County recently conducted a ground breaking ceremony for their new Food Production Facility and Office Complex in Haltom City. The new 59,000 square-foot facility is located at 5740 Airport Freeway.

Update on IH 820 Corridor

The NTE's managed lanes were opened from Fort Worth to Euless on October 4. The city is continuing to work with NTE to ensure connectivity of the north and south backage roads, with a planned opening in December 2014. Utility relocation has been completed, concrete paving has been completed on the north backage road (recently named High Pointe) and concrete paving on the south backage road (Northern Cross Blvd.) is complete from Anderson to Haltom Road. Final grading for the eastern portion of the south backage road should be completed in 2 to 3 weeks. The city is installing entry signs and landscaping on the southwest and northeast corners of Haltom Road at 820. The city continues to work with NTE to ensure that their landscaping matches the city's design plan.

The developer for the EDC has prepared exhibits for the upcoming ICSC conference to promote the development opportunities.

Update on Belknap and Hwy. 377 Realignment Project

Realignment of the intersection of Highway 377 & Belknap, a TxDOT project, continues to be on pace for completion of construction within 9 to 11 months. TxDOT has awarded the construction contract and a preconstruction meeting was held on October 6. The commencement date for construction is October 13. In addition to the intersection realignment, the construction includes new signals, street lights, paving and improvements to existing utilities. Utility poles and underground utilities have been installed and upgraded in anticipation of future development. The new poles, lights, signage and signals will mirror the design and color of the poles along the IH 820 corridor.

Chamber of Commerce Interface

The Department staff continues to participate in chamber programs. These include Ribbon Cuttings, Chamber Luncheons, Economic Development Directors Forums and Chamber Newsletters.

The annual Family 4th celebration was a success. The event included bounce houses, food trucks, a community stage and a corndog eating contest. City departments from Haltom City, North Richland Hills, Richland Hills and Watauga worked together with the chamber to make the event safe and enjoyable for our citizens and visitors.

Prospects

Mercantile Partners, L.P., is working with the city to construct a new spec building on Beach St., north of Medtronic. Other development highlights include the following: Rig Tool Products has been issued a building permit at 4024 Clay Ave., Cash America Pawn Shop has submitted for a building permit at 5901 Denton Hwy., the DRC will meet to discuss a proposed restaurant with drive thru developing on Denton Hwy, adjacent to O'Reilly's Auto Parts, construction is underway for the Family Dollar, located in the 5500 block of Denton Hwy, south of Race Trac, and construction of the Go Kart Park at 5413 Denton Hwy has begun.