



Legislation Text

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Consider approving Resolution No. 2020-57 adopting the Dallas County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan Update 2020; authorizing incorporation of said updated Plan into the City's Emergency Operations Plan; and take appropriate action

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) require communities to adopt a hazard mitigation action plan to be eligible for various pre-disaster and post-disaster federal funding for mitigation purposes. FEMA requires that communities update hazard mitigation action plans every five years in order to be eligible for the federal funding. The City of Farmers Branch currently has a FEMA approved plan called the Dallas County Hazard Mitigation Plan. This Dallas County Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved in 2015 that was submitted as a joint plan with Dallas County, Town of Addison, City of Balch Springs, City of Carrollton, City of Cedar Hill, City of Cockrell Hill, City of Coppell, City of DeSoto, City of Duncanville, City of Farmers Branch, City of Glenn Heights, Town of Highland Park, City of Irving, City of Lancaster, City of Richardson, City of Rowlett, City of Sachse, City of Seagoville, Town of Sunnyvale, City of University Park, and City of Wilmer.

In 2019, Dallas County, Farmers Branch and the 19 other jurisdictions collectively updated the 2015 Hazard Mitigation Plan to be submitted and approved by FEMA in 2020. Dallas County hired H2O Partners to assist with the update of the plan and plan submittal to the State and to FEMA. In the Dallas County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, Farmers Branch outlined a mitigation vision, goals and objectives; assessed risk from a range of hazards; and identified risk reduction strategies and actions for hazards that threaten our community. If the City were awarded federal funding after a disaster, the hazard mitigation plan will be used to develop projects for possible funding.

Each jurisdiction that is partnering in the Dallas County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan 2020 is required to have their Council adopt the plan via Resolution.

DISCUSSION:

The importance of adopting the Dallas County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update is that it allows the City to apply for federal disaster funding. The Plan is a tool for the City to formulate projects to mitigate the various identified hazards (ex. flooding, tornado, etc.) that can and have in the past impacted the City.

The next step is for H2O Partners to submit the Dallas County Hazard Mitigation Plan along with the partner jurisdictional resolutions to FEMA for final approval. Once approved, our Dallas County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2020 will be in good standing until its next required update in 2025.

Approved Plan Link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/yq2voi6i8id3fww/Dallas%20County%20HMAP%20-%20APA%20-%20April%202020.pdf?dl=0>

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no cost to the City adopt the plan. The adoption of the plan allows for possible allotment of federal disaster grant funds in the future.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Administration recommends approving Resolution No. 2020-57 adopting the Dallas County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan Update 2020 as the City of Farmers Branch's Hazard Mitigation Action Plan.

POSSIBLE COUNCIL ACTION:

1. I move to approve Resolution No. 2020-57 adopting the Dallas County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan Update 2020 as the City of Farmers Branch's Hazard Mitigation Action Plan.
2. I move to approve Resolution No. 2020-57 adopting the Dallas County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan Update 2020 as the City of Farmers Branch's Hazard Mitigation Action Plan, with modifications.
3. I move to table the issue for further study or take no action.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Resolution No. 2020-57
2. DR4272-005 Dallas Co. APA Notice
3. Dallas County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan Update 2020