



**CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
KURT JOHNSON
TOWN HALL MEETING
MIRA LAGOS CLUBHOUSE
OCTOBER 14, 2021**



AGENDA

- 6:00 p.m. Welcome – Council Member Kurt Johnson
- 6:10 p.m. Mayor Ron Jensen
- Epic Central
 - Property Tax Rate reduction
- 6:25 p.m. Police Update – Ronnie Morris, Assistant Police Chief
- Crime decreases
 - Crime fighting strategy
 - COPE program
- 6:30 p.m. Fire Update – Robert Fite, Fire Chief
- Covid and vaccine update related to city operations
 - Fire Station 11
 - Emergency Medical Service (EMS)

- 6:35 p.m. Economic Development Update - Director Marty Wieder
- Unanimous City Council vote in July to upgrade *Policy Position on Development & Economic Development*
 - Future Land Use Map Study conducted by Freese & Nichols—and its focus on District 6
 - Discussions with the City of Mansfield regarding development south near 360 and 287
 - Efforts to encourage quality single-family residential subdivisions
- 6:45 p.m. Public Works Update – Director Gabe Johnson
- District 6 roadway projects FY22
 - Utility needs for southern sector development
- 6:50 p.m. Transportation – Director Walter Shumac
- Status of IH-20 Frontage Roads
 - Status of Camp Wisdom widening
 - Update on Dechman design and construction
 - Status on SH 161
- 6:55 p.m. Code Compliance Update – Ronnie Morris, Assistant Police Chief
- Citizen Self Service Portal on website
 - Reporting code violations
 - Garage sale permits
 - Banner permits
 - Short Term Rentals
- 7:00 p.m. Parks, Arts and Recreation – Director Duane Strawn
- Upcoming Events
 - Development of a Family Pavilion at Lynn Creek Park
- 7:10 p.m. Q&A
- 8:00 p.m. Adjourn



EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Who do residents call in an emergency:

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|------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
| • Emergency | 911 | • Republic Disposal | 817-317-2000 |
| • Police non-emergency | 972-237-8790 | • Oncor Electric | 888-313-4747 |
| • City Switchboard | 972-237-8000 | • Atmos Gas | 888-286-6700 |
| • City Water Emergency | 972-237-8400 | | |

Where do residents go for help?

- This would be dependent upon the nature of the emergency. If shelters were opened, this would be communicated on city website homepage and social media.

Which news channels should GP residents?

- Any of the local news channels (4,5,8,11) would provide current information.

Which social media platforms do we use during an emergency?

- **City website, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.** Even without power, residents' phones should still have access to internet, and phones can be recharged using a USB cord suitable for their car.
 - Gptx.org
 - [Facebook.com/cityofgptx](https://www.facebook.com/cityofgptx)
 - [Twitter.com/gp_tx](https://twitter.com/gp_tx)
 - [Instagram.com/cityofgptx/](https://www.instagram.com/cityofgptx/)
- **Nextdoor** has an "emergency alert" feature that allows the city to reach the community immediately via text message (SMS), in-app notification, and email. Emergency Alerts are intended for the rare cases where information is very important and time sensitive. When you set up your Nextdoor account you must provide a phone number which is used only for these emergency type posts.

AlertGP Emergency Notifications:

We highly encourage residents to subscribe to our AlertGP emergency notification system. If we can't reach you, we can't **ALERT** you! It is the fastest way we can directly communicate to our community during an emergency.

- AlertGP is a **FREE** system that will also send you emergency weather alerts like Tornado Warnings or Severe Thunderstorm Warnings
- Choose how to be notified through email, phone call, or text message
 - o www.GPTX.org/AlertGP
 - o Youtube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3eMxiTF90Xc>
- The City would use this system to push emergency notifications to our residents for
 - o Evacuations
 - o Shelter in place
 - o Notification of safe places to go for warming/cooling centers, if opened
 - o Other critical emergency information

Warming / Cooling Centers:

Within our City Emergency Operations Plan, we have various locations that are identified as warming/cooling center locations. The exact location of where one of these would open is dependent on the emergency.

- Centers are typically open during normal business hours and will provide hydration and light snacks, along with a place to charge electronic devices.
- Activation of facilities would be communicated to residents via AlertGP, city website, and various social media outlets.

Emergency Communications:

The City will communicate with the public as much as possible during emergencies/disasters. The event will drive how often and what platforms we use to share emergency information. Below are examples of how we have communicated during past events:

- AlertGP Emergency Notification System
- Mayor's weekly update recorded and placed on YouTube
- City social media accounts
- City website
- Leveraging our major news outlets
- Working with GPISD to communicate information to students and families
- Door hangers and flyers placed within an affected area

Emergency food/water:

The City has plans in place if there is a need to set up a food or water distribution site.

- The City activated these plans in support of multiple “drive-thru” food distribution operations, most recently at Lone Star Park during COVID.
 - o Because our City is so large, we do NOT have a large supply of food and/or water on hand at all times to serve our substantial population, as that’s not feasible.
 - However, we have plans in place to partner with local organizations and non-profits and can even submit official requests for assistance to the State and FEMA, if needed.
- Large food and water operations are rare and targeted to very specific groups/areas due to the limited resources and possible high demand.
 - o The City would activate plans and communicate these locations via AlertGP and all other media outlets.

Designated places to go to receive FEMA support

During a Presidentially declared disaster, at times, specific “individual assistance” FEMA programs can be activated. If this occurs, we have locations identified that we would set up a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) where residents and businesses who qualify and are within the impacted area can come and apply for FEMA assistance programs.

- The location of the DRC will vary depending on where the disaster is, what facilities are usable, and how the City can best support specific locations.
 - o If a DRC is activated, the location and times will be communicated via AlertGP and other media outlets.

Emergency Preparedness:

The City encourages residents to build a 72 hours emergency kit with food, water, emergency documents, pet supplies, medications, etc.

- The more prepared our residents are for disasters, the more resilient our community will be.
- Visit our emergency preparedness website to learn how to build your own emergency kit and how to better prepare for threats we face here in North Texas.
 - o www.KnoWhat2Do.com



BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

How can a resident apply for boards and commissions?

- Complete the application on the city website found at
- <https://www.gptx.org/city-government/city-secretary/boards-and-commissions>
- Or call the City Secretary's Office at 972-237-8035 and one can be mailed to you

When and where to apply?

- Residents may apply at any time.
- Appointees are selected in July each year and as vacant positions need to be filled. If the board has nine members, the mayor and each council member appoint one member. Terms for 9-member boards run concurrently with the term of office of the Council Member who appointed them.