## CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION STUDY RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

AUGUST 20, 2019

## WHY CONDUCT A CLASSIFICATION \& COMPENSATION STUDY?

- To ensure the City's ideal or desired competitive position
- To make sure salary and benefits are not too high or too low
- To strategically address recruitment \& retention
- To validate the City's classification practices with market data and best practices
- To establish and maintain a market philosophy


## TASKS COMPLETED

- Review of the City's 100+ job classifications and position descriptions
- Salary and benefits survey comparisons to the competitive market
- Compensation plan updating and revisions to pay range tables, pay range placements
- Development of implementation options


## COMPARATOR CITIES AND DATA SOURCES

- Discussed in two separate meetings with the Benefits Committee
- Historically where we get employees from, lose employees to
- Combination of full service, high performing, and nearby agencies
- Differences in size/scope at director levels was accounted for

Coppell
Dallas
Farmers Branch
Frisco
Garland Highland Park

Keller
Plano
Richardson
Southlake
The Colony
Area Private Sector

## EMPLOYEE HOME LOCATIONS



## HISTORICAL PRACTICES

- The City of University Park has not adopted a formal pay philosophy
- Looking back at previous 15-20 years, have loosely tried to track what neighboring cities have been doing and mirroring general pay adjustments
- Without this study, we would likely be looking at around a $3 \%$ increase for FY 2020 budgeting...around \$600,000 cost
- With the proposed re-alignments from this study, future salary adjustments can be driven by market and pay for performance



## General Accountant

| Accountant | Coppell | $\$ 63,887$ | $\$ 78,251$ | $\$ 92,616$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Accountant II/III | Dallas | $\$ 38,850$ | $\$ 59,946$ | $\$ 81,042$ |
| Senior Accountant | Farmers Branch | $\$ 57,412$ | $\$ 71,768$ | $\$ 86,124$ |
| Accountant | Frisco | $\$ 48,925$ | $\$ 59,871$ | $\$ 70,818$ |
| Accountant | Garland | $\$ 53,110$ | $\$ 67,636$ | $\$ 82,161$ |
| Finance/HR Specialist | Highland Park | $\$ 59,770$ | $\$ 73,053$ | $\$ 86,337$ |
| Accountant | Keller | $\$ 51,902$ | $\$ 62,451$ | $\$ 73,000$ |
| Accountant I | Plano | $\$ 45,441$ | $\$ 55,660$ | $\$ 65,879$ |
| Accountant II | Richardson | $\$ 55,694$ | $\$ 70,038$ | $\$ 84,382$ |
| Accountant I | Southlake | $\$ 49,335$ | $\$ 61,669$ | $\$ 74,002$ |
| Finance/GL Accountant | The Colony | $\$ 57,988$ | $\$ 71,039$ | $\$ 84,089$ |
| Average of Comparator Cities MIN / MID / MAX: | $\$ 52,938$ | $\$ 66,489$ | $\$ 80,041$ |  |

Accountant, Average of Area Private Sector MIN / MID / MAX: \$62,859 \$69,737 \$76,614
Average of Public Plus Private MIN / MID / MAX:
\$57,898
\$68,11
\$78,328
University Park Current MIN / MID / MAX:
\$53,455
\$63,672
\$73,889
Variance MIN / MID / MAX:
$-7.67 \%$
$-6.52 \%$
$-5.67 \%$


Gardener III

| Crew Leader, Parks | Coppell | $\$ 43,298$ | $\$ 53,035$ | $\$ 62,772$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Crew Leader, Parks | Dallas | $\$ 35,318$ | $\$ 51,160$ | $\$ 67,003$ |
| Crew Leader | Farmers Branch | $\$ 44,986$ | $\$ 56,233$ | $\$ 67,479$ |
| Crew Leader | Frisco | $\$ 40,242$ | $\$ 49,296$ | $\$ 58,351$ |
| Maintenance Crew Leader | Garland | $\$ 35,350$ | $\$ 43,919$ | $\$ 52,489$ |
| Parks Maintenance Specialist | Highland Park | $\$ 51,974$ | $\$ 61,069$ | $\$ 70,165$ |
| Park Crew Leader | Keller | $\$ 40,920$ | $\$ 49,232$ | $\$ 57,545$ |
| Park Maintenance Crew Leader | Plano | $\$ 39,249$ | $\$ 48,087$ | $\$ 56,924$ |
| HEO - Parks | Richardson | $\$ 39,367$ | $\$ 45,979$ | $\$ 52,592$ |
| Crew Leader | Southlake | $\$ 43,657$ | $\$ 54,570$ | $\$ 65,484$ |
| Parks Crew Leader | The Colony | $\$ 39,249$ | $\$ 48,082$ | $\$ 56,915$ |
| $\quad$ Average of Comparator Cities MIN / MID / MAX: |  | $\$ 41,237$ | $\$ 50,969$ | $\$ 60,702$ |

Grounds Foreman, Average of Area Private Sector MIN / MID / MAX: \$47,749 \$53,056 \$58,363
Average of Public Plus Private MIN / MID / MAX: $\quad \$ 44,493 \quad \$ 52,013 \quad \$ 59,532$
University Park Current MIN / MID / MAX: \$49,235 \$58,646 \$68,056
Variance MIN / MID / MAX: 10.66\% 12.75\% 14.32\%

| Participant Organization | Annual, Aged 3\% |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | MIN | MID | MAX |

Police Officer
with Highland Park

| Police Officer | Coppell | $\$ 65,112$ | $\$ 75,426$ | $\$ 85,740$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Police Officer | Dallas | $\$ 61,800$ | $\$ 71,834$ | $\$ 81,869$ |
| Police Officer | Farmers Branch | $\$ 63,365$ | $\$ 72,941$ | $\$ 82,517$ |
| Police Officer | Frisco | $\$ 67,313$ | $\$ 77,541$ | $\$ 87,770$ |
| Police Officer | Garland | $\$ 62,825$ | $\$ 74,965$ | $\$ 87,105$ |
| Public Safety Officer | Highland Park | $\$ 79,954$ | $\$ 87,949$ | $\$ 95,945$ |
| Police Officer | Keller | $\$ 59,902$ | $\$ 67,947$ | $\$ 75,991$ |
| Police Officer | Plano | $\$ 71,759$ | $\$ 82,997$ | $\$ 94,235$ |
| Police Officer | Richardson | $\$ 64,371$ | $\$ 74,527$ | $\$ 84,682$ |
| Police Officer | Southlake | $\$ 63,940$ | $\$ 73,532$ | $\$ 83,123$ |
| Police Officer | The Colony | $\$ 62,802$ | $\$ 72,536$ | $\$ 82,270$ |
|  | Average of Comparator Cities MIN / MID / MAX: | $\$ 65,740$ | $\$ 75,654$ | $\$ 85,568$ |

University Park Current MIN / MID / MAX: \$63,017 \$71,723 \$80,428
Variance MIN/MID/MAX: $\quad-4.32 \% \quad-5.48 \% \quad-6.39 \%$


| UP Job Class | Survey Job Class | Participant Organization | Annual, Aged 3\% |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | MIN | MID | MAX |
| Firefighter |  |  |  |  |  |
| with Highland Park |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Firefighter / Paramedic | Coppell | \$63,833 | \$72,523 | \$81,213 |
|  | Fire \& Rescue Officer | Dallas | \$61,800 | \$71,834 | \$81,869 |
|  | Firefighter | Farmers Branch | \$62,182 | \$68,883 | \$75,583 |
|  | Firefighter/P | Frisco | \$66,960 | \$73,458 | \$79,955 |
|  | Firefighter | Garland | \$59,260 | \$70,200 | \$81,140 |
|  | Public Safety Officer | Highland Park | \$79,954 | \$87,949 | \$95,945 |
|  | Firefighter / Paramedic | Keller | \$59,717 | \$67,755 | \$75,794 |
| incl 4200/yr medic | Firefighter | Plano | \$75,362 | \$81,741 | \$88,120 |
| incl 960-1800/yr medic | Firefighter | Richardson | \$62,302 | \$72,419 | \$82,536 |
|  | Firefighter / Paramedic | Southlake | \$63,940 | \$73,532 | \$83,123 |
|  | Firefighter / Paramedic | The Colony | \$65,203 | \$72,595 | \$79,987 |
| Average of Comparator Cities MIN / MID / MAX: |  |  | \$65,501 | \$73,899 | \$82,297 |
| includes current medic | pay stipend University Park Current MIN / MID / MAX: |  | \$62,146 | \$71,341 | \$81,436 |
|  |  | Variance MIN / MID / MAX: | -5.40\% | $-3.59 \%$ | -1.06\% |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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|  | Average of Comparator Cities MIN / MID / MAX: |  | \$64,056 | \$72,494 | \$80,932 |
| includes current medic | pay stipend Univer | ark Current MIN / MID / MAX: | \$62,146 | \$71,341 | \$81,436 |
|  |  | Variance MIN / MID / MAX: | -3.07\% | -1.62\% | 0.62\% |

## SURVEY FINDINGS - CIVILIAN

- Current civilian ranges are more than 5\% below market for $42 \%$ of the survey sample, and $5 \%$ or more above market for $30 \%$ of the sample.
- Using +/-5\% to define competitive, the City's current pay ranges for civilian positions are competitive or better for $58 \%$ of the survey sample.
- From the benefits survey, the City offers fewer paid vacation for employees with 10-15 years of service.


## SURVEY FINDINGS - POLICE AND FIRE INCLUDING HIGHLAND PARK

## Police

| Rank | Entry | Top |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Officer | $-4.32 \%$ | $-6.39 \%$ |
| Sergeant | $-12.13 \%$ | $-8.90 \%$ |
| Lieutenant | $-5.80 \%$ | $-10.06 \%$ |
| Captain | $-16.91 \%$ | $-.88 \%$ |

Fire

| Rank | Entry | Top |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| FF/Medic | $-5.40 \%$ | $-1.06 \%$ |
| Driver/Engineer | $2.32 \%$ | $-5.62 \%$ |
| Captain | $-2.34 \%$ | $-5.66 \%$ |
| Batt Chief | $-2.50 \%$ | $-5.99 \%$ |

The City is offering a competitive level of add pay / certification pay for Police and Fire

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## Police

| Rank | Entry | Top |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Officer | $-2.07 \%$ | $-5.10 \%$ |
| Sergeant | $-11.14 \%$ | $-7.85 \%$ |
| Lieutenant | $-4.43 \%$ | $-8.52 \%$ |
| Captain | $-14.67 \%$ | $.11 \%$ |

Fire

| Rank | Entry | Top |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| FF/Medic | $-3.07 \%$ | $.62 \%$ |
| Driver/Engineer | $2.32 \%$ | $-5.62 \%$ |
| Captain | $-1.94 \%$ | $-5.21 \%$ |
| Batt Chief | $-1.99 \%$ | $-5.42 \%$ |

The City is offering a competitive level of add pay / certification pay for Police and Fire

## APPLYING RESULTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

- Where do we want to be in the market?
- What corrections are needed to salaries? And to salary structures?

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## APPLYING RESULTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

- We recommend the City adopt a pay philosophy to be at market average of the comparator cities in order to attract and retain the quality staff expected by those receiving services.
- We recommend the City adopt a new civilian pay table that provides 14 steps, intended to be administered based on performance, and allows for regular survey updating to remain market competitive.


## APPLYING RESULTS

Civilian:

- To be at market average, PSPC recommends a $3 \%$ adjustment to salaries and adoption of a new grade and step pay table. Those already above market average may be eligible for a one-time lump sum. Proposed table has consistent $3 \%$ steps to be administered using future pay for performance.

Police and Fire:

- To be at market average, PSPC recommends a $5 \%$ adjustment to the Safety pay scale, create an additional step for Sergeant and Lieutenant.

For FY2020:

- The plan does not allow for additional step increases for existing employees.

Grade
Step 1 \$29,856 \$30,751 $6 \quad \$ 31,348$ \$32,289 $7 \quad \$ 32,916 \quad \$ 33,903$ 8 \$34,562 \$35,599 $9 \quad \$ 36,290 \quad \$ 37,378 \quad \$ 38,500$ $10 \quad \$ 38,104 \quad \$ 39,247 \quad \$ 40,425$ 11 \$40,009 \$41,210 \$42,446 12 \$42,010 \$43,270 \$44,568 13 \$44,110 \$45,434 \$46,797 14 \$46,316 \$47,705 \$49,137 15 \$48,632 \$50,091 16 \$51,063 \$52,595 17 \$53,616 \$55,225 18 \$56,297 \$57,986 19 \$59,112 \$60,886 \$ 20 \$62,068 \$63,930 21 \$65,171 \$67,126 \$69,140 \$ $22 \quad \$ 68,430 \quad \$ 70,483 \quad \$ 72,597 \quad \$$ 23 \$71,851 $\quad \$ 74,007 \quad \$ 76,227$ 24 \$75,444 \$77,707 \$80,038 25 \$79,216 \$81,592 \$84,040 26 \$83,177 \$85,672 \$ 27 \$87,336 \$89,956

Step 3
Step 4
Step 5
Step 6
Step 7 \$31,674 \$33,258 \$34,920 \$36,666 \$38,500 \$54,173 \$56,882 \$59,726 \$62,712 \$65,848 \$90,889 \$93,616 \$96,425 \$99,317 \$102,297 \$105,366

Step 9
Step 8
\$41,638 \$42,887 \$34,611 \$35,649 \$37,432 \$39,303 \$40,482 \$41,697 \$41,268 \$42,506 \$43,782 \$43,332 \$44,632 \$45,971 $\$ 45,498 \quad \$ 46,863 \quad \$ 48,269$ $\$ 47,773 \quad \$ 49,207 \quad \$ 50,683$ $\begin{array}{lll}\$ 50,162 & \$ 51,667 & \$ 53,217\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lll}\$ 52,670 & \$ 54,250 & \$ 55,878 \\ \$ 55,304 & \$ 56,963 & \$ 58,672\end{array}$ \$50,611 $\$ 52,129 \quad \$ 53,693$ \$51,593 \$53,141 \$54,735 \$56,377 $\begin{array}{ll}\$ 67,823 & \$ 69,858\end{array}$ \$71,214 $\quad \$ 73,351 \quad \$ 75,551$ $\$ 74,775$ \$77,018 \$79,329 $\begin{array}{lll}\$ 78,514 & \$ 80,869 & \$ 83,295\end{array}$ \$86,561 $\$ 89,158 \quad \$ 91,833$
\$32,624 \$34,255 \$35,283 \$36,341 \$35,968 \$37,047 \$38,159 \$37,766 \$38,899 \$40,066
\$42,070
\$44,173
\$46,382
\$48,701
\$51,136
\$59,196
$\$ 58,069$
$\$ 60,972$
$\$ 59,811$
$\$ 62,801$
\$64,021 \$65,941
\$65,264
\$68,527
\$71,954
\$70,583 \$72,701 \$74,882 $\begin{array}{lllll} \\ \$ 74,112 & \$ 76,336 & \$ 78,626 & \$ 80,128\end{array}$

## $\begin{array}{llll}\$ 77,818 & \$ 80,152 & \$ 82,557 & \$ 85,034\end{array}$

## \$81,709 \$84,160 \$86,685 \$89,285

$\begin{array}{lll}\$ 81,709 & \$ 84,160 & \$ 86,685\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lll}\$ 85,794 & \$ 88,368 & \$ 91,019 \\ \$ 90,084 & \$ 92,786 & \$ 95,570\end{array}$ \$94,588 \$97,426 \$100,348\$

Step 10
Step 11
Step 12

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\$ 42,130
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\$ 46,448
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& \$ 48,770 \\
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\$ 51,209 & \$ 52,745 & \$ 54,328 & \$ \\
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\$ 56,458 \quad \$ 58,152 \quad \$ 59,896
$$ \$97,287 \$100,206 \$103,212 \$106,308 \$109,497 \$112,782 \$116,166 \$119,651 \$123,240 \$126,938 \$130,746 \$134,668 \$9, \$101,102 \$104,135 \$107,259 \$110,477 \$113,791 \$117,205 \$120,721 \$124,343 \$128,073 \$131,915 \$135,872 \$139,949 \$144, 147 \$148,471

\$59,281 \$61,059\$62,245664,112\$66,03\$72,056\$75,659$\begin{array}{lll}\$ 79,442 & \$ 81,825 & \$ 84,266\end{array}$
\$83,414 \$85,916 \$88,494 \$91$\begin{array}{llllll} & \$ 99,285 & \$ 91,964 & \$ 94,723 & \$ 97,564 & \$ 100,491\end{array}$\$96,562 \$99,459 \$102,443 \$105,516\$98,437 \$101,390 \$104,432 \$107,565 \$110,792\$103,359 \$106,460 \$109,653 \$112,943 \$116,331\$99,317 \$102,297 \$105,366 \$108,527 \$111,783 \$115,136 \$118,590 \$122,148\$92,654 \$95,434 \$98,297 \$101,246 \$104,283 \$107,412 \$110,634 \$113,953 \$117,372 \$120,893 \$124,520 \$128,255\$97,287 \$100,206 \$103,212 \$106,308 \$109,497 \$112,782 \$116,166 \$119,651 \$123,240 \$126,938 \$130,746 \$134,668\$102,151 \$105,216 \$108,372 \$111,624 \$114,972 \$118,421 \$121,974 \$
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| POLICE DEPARTMENT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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## ADDITIONAL NOTES

- 98 employees are "topped out" on step 10 of current plan.
- 49 employees will be at the new step 14 , with 19 falling above step 14 .
- Current step and grade table has inconsistent distances between each step and each grade; proposed table provides consistent $3 \%$ steps and $5 \%$ between each pay grade.
- Additional step proposed to top of some public safety ranks to be within $5 \%$ of market (entry may have been more competitive than top out)


## APPLYING RESULTS

Civilian (\$550,000 plus benefits to be "average"):

- $3 \%$ adjustment to salaries: $\$ 380,000$ plus benefits
- Placement on to new grade and step table: $\$ 170,000$ plus benefits
- Police and Fire ( $\$ 270,000$ plus benefits to be "average"):
- $5 \%$ adjustment to the Safety pay scale
- Plus employees remain step-increase eligible on anniversary date.



## QUESTIONS?

- Discussion...


## PUBLIC SECTOR PERSONNEL CONSULTANTS

8/20/2019

