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City of Weatherford finalist for Community Spotlight Award from the Greater Fort Worth Builders Association

The Builders Association recognizes Weatherford for advocating the homebuilding industry and the consumer, thus creating winning solutions to community challenges.

WEATHERFORD (CITY OF WEATHERFORD), Texas - The Greater Fort Worth Builders Association (GFWBA) recognized the City of Weatherford as a finalist for the City/Community Spotlight of the Year Award for 2017 during its Municipal Awards Night.

The City/Community Spotlight Award recognizes a community who advocates for the homebuilding industry and the consumer. The award also recognizes the recipients for creating winning solutions to community challenges. Other finalists included the cities of Fort Worth, Mansfield, Westlake, North Richland Hills and the new community of Morningstar in Tarrant and Parker County.

Major attributes that led to Weatherford's placement as a finalist were long term leadership in planning area roadways, effective building/development processes and having a permanent water supply that alleviates the City's need on declining wells. Other notable attributes included Weatherford's ability to be an innovative community that effectively addresses growth issues.

"The creation of a Tax Increment Financing Zone to finance needed roadway improvements and ramps along Interstate 20 resulting in new businesses are great examples," said GFWBA President Don Allen. "Anticipating growth with new roads and utility lines including new frontage roads, BB Fielder Road and utility extensions to outlying areas are another great example. And finally, negotiations with TxDOT to take over state roads to eliminate truck traffic while providing a more pedestrian friendly downtown with additional parking is very forward thinking."

The Greater Fort Worth Builders Association is a nonprofit trade association representing hundreds of companies affiliated within the homebuilding industry throughout the Greater Fort Worth region including Parker County. The event which was held at the Ridglea Country Club had over 300 city dignitaries and builders from the six-county region. Texas Senator Ted Cruz (by videoconference due to the Senate vote) and his father, Rafael Cruz were the keynote speakers.



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“I am very proud of the work the staff has accomplished that is being recognized by the homebuilders,” said Mayor Craig Swancy. “We have more to do and the City looks forward to working with the builders and developers to revise and improve development processes in the future.”

“The recognition was for the work of numerous city departments requiring a lot of coordination,” said City Manager Sharon Hayes. “Many people do not understand that our relationship with the building community is not adversarial. We are in the same business of attracting quality building and development while making Weatherford the best it can be.”

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Weatherford, Texas is a service oriented, yet still “small town” community that upgrades its infrastructure, celebrates and shares its rich history, and fosters quality economic growth – in a fiscally-responsible, even revenue-generating fashion.