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Mayor Shetter presents the 'State of the City'

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Mayor Ken Shetter presented the 'State of the City' at the Burleson Area Greater Chamber of Commerce's Winter Quarterly Meeting, Thur. Jan. 19.

Mayor Shetter highlighted the city's growing economy and historically low crime rate. He also discussed the council's dedication to improvements that enhance safety and emergency response capabilities by increasing the funding for street maintenance by 8.5% in this year's budget.

Community and economic development were a large focus of Mayor Shetter's speech as he discussed some of the development highlights slated for 2017:

- Old Town Station, will add office and dining options in Old Town,
- Arabella, a \$90M mixed-use development on TX-174,
- Hays & Stolz, will become the largest employer at Highpoint Business Park and is currently under development,
- F-Wave, a company who is on the cutting edge of technology for roofing and sustainable energy, selected Burleson as their US headquarters and,
- Depot on Main, a high-end multi-family project in Old Town that is currently in the design phase.

Mayor Shetter discussed the city's role as placemakers. "More than ever before citizens of Burleson will find new places to belong," Mayor Shetter said. "On trails for walking, jogging, exploring or mountain biking; while playing soccer, golf or disc golf, fishing or joining other dog lovers and their best friends in our planned dog park along the Oak Valley Trail."

Mayor Shetter debuted renderings for Old Town Plaza. "The Plaza is our generation's opportunity to make a lasting mark through placemaking, building dramatically on our rich history," said Mayor Shetter.

Mayor Shetter concluded his speech stating that Burleson is not just a place to live or work but a place where everyone can belong.

"To the CEO, the entrepreneur, and to those who make a living providing the services that enhance our quality of life," said Mayor Shetter. "To the young and the young at heart, whether you are married or single; to the student, those at the beginning of their career and those who have retired; to the teacher, the firefighter, the police officer and the disabled vet, we say, 'There is a place for you here.'"

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