

City of Horseshoe Bay City Council Comments

March 21, 2023

By Dan Herron, Communications Director

The City of Horseshoe Bay City Council meeting was held on March 21, 2023, at 3 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Mayor Clinesmith called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. The invocation was given by Pastor Malcolm McQueen from The Church at Horseshoe Bay, followed by pledges to the American flag and the State of Texas flag.

Mayor Clinesmith read a proclamation declaring April 2023 as "Records and Information Management Month." This proclamation is to serve as notice to the public that the City of Horseshoe Bay will work diligently to continue to enhance the public's access to government records and information, ensure local government activities are transparent to all stakeholders, and regularly communicate with citizens to keep them engaged and informed.

Police Chief Rocky Wardlow presented commendation to Officers Kos and Guadiana for bravery during the line of duty. This is from a shooting incident on February 3, 2023, they were shot at and injured, but did not return fire on the suspect.

Utilities Director Rick Williams introduced David DeLeon, a new Part-time Recycle Monitor. Police Chief Rocky Wardlow introduced Sara Moore, a new Dispatcher for the city, and Troy Norris, a Part-time Animal Control Officer. A photo slide was shown for Asa Oliver, a Part-time Firefighter who could not attend the meeting.

During Public Comment, Donald Beeman, President of the Horseshoe Bay POA, said they will suspend the funding of the FM 2147 and Thanksgiving Mountain landscape renovations due to costs. Council discussion with staff, revolved around future consideration of fees in conjunction with the image corridor requirements.

Development Services Director Sally McFeron provided a presentation on the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee Report on Impact Fee Rates. She pointed out that the Impact Fee is a one-time, up-front payment levied on new development.

Utilities Director Rick Williams explained that fees are made up of component fees for water and wastewater and that there is a maximum fee determination to estimate water and wastewater costs. The anticipated schedule of meetings will consist of four meetings held throughout the year.

During Public Hearing, A. Ordinance 2023-17: Rezoning of Approximately 308.36 Acres known as the Monarch Ridge Public Improvement District from A-1 Recreational to Zone 19 Monarch Ridge. Monarch Ridge is a residential development with 1/2 acre and garden home lots,

community center, 15 acres of commercial along Hwy 71 and 45 acres of open space. The Council voted and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Ordinance 2023-18: (Scenic City) Amending Chapter 3 Building Regulations, Development Services Senior Planner Sandra Nash presented the ordinance. Minor text changes to existing ordinances to improve the city's Scenic City Status from Gold to Platinum.

Examples of changes are trash receptacles must contain a cover; all dumpsters must contain a clean landscaping for parking lots. Open space should maintain high quality trees, clean grounds, not to inhibit animal habitat. Also, changes to the sign ordinance related to vehicle signage requirements.

After discussions to make the vehicle signage requirements easier to understand, Sally said that she will go back and edit the ordinance requirements. The Council decided to take this up again during the April workshop.

C. Ordinance 2023-19: Amending Chapter 14 Zoning, Article 14.02 Zoning Ordinance, adding Section 14.02.402(C) Image Corridor Overlay District. The Image Corridor Ordinance to exercise greater control of the aesthetic, functional, and safety characteristics of the development along FM 2147 and SH 71 through the city. Sally McFeron explained the ordinance was in response to elements of the Long Range Plan. Council unanimously approved the Image Corridor Ordinance.

Speculative Homes Limit for Tuscan Village. The mayor said that they are not recommending any action at this time. The City understands that there has been a great amount of delays in the availability of materials and sub-contractors are just now returning to work as things get back to normal from the Covid pandemic.

Staff presented a council resolution supporting the Shared Use Path Map portion of the City of Horseshoe Bay Master Transportation Plan for approval. Kelly Kaatz explained the overall charge of the Transportation Committee is to develop a Transportation Plan for the City to guide the next five to 10 years. The requested resolution is to provide support for a Federal Grant application through TxDOT for safe, grade separated paths along 2147 to connect different areas of the city. The council approved the resolution for the concept map for the shared use paths. The motion carried unanimously.

Request for a Third Building Permit Extension for the Property Located at 100 W. Up There, and 104 Desert Rose, by Applicant Maverick Construction. The builder has requested another extension. The Council voted and the motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes: March 21, 2023, Approval to Renew the Interlocal Agreement with Burnet County for Jail Services. All consent items were approved by the Council voted and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor commented that the City Center is moving forward. The city has selected an architect and will select a project manager in the coming month.

Public Works Director Tim Foran said the seal coating of selected roads will start in May. He will provide details as they get closer to the start date.

Communications Director Dan Herron played a new video on Oak Wilt Prevention and PSA interview with Senior Planner Sandra Nash. These are all channels of outreach for the Oak Wilt Prevention campaign.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2023, at 3 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. To find out more about the City Services, meetings and events go to the City's website at horseshoe-bay-tx.gov. We hope you will join us for the meeting.