

## **City of Horseshoe Bay City Council Comments**

**June 20, 2023**

By Dan Herron, Communications Director

The City of Horseshoe Bay City Council meeting was held on June 20, 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.

Police Chief Rocky Wardlow presented Police Officer Phillip Reeves with a Five-Year Service Award and introduced Branden Urquhart, a new police officer, not in attendance.

The Mayor commended the Transportation Advisory Committee and City Staff for their work on the Alternative Transportation Grant Application. The members are Kelly Kaatz, Rhonda Kolar, Mark Bloschock, and Crystal Barrington, not in attendance.

During Public Comment, David DeLeon, a resident from HSB South, spoke on improvements to Fox Hollow Park providing that about 50 residents have signed a petition to add a skate park. He requested the city consider the installation of a water tap and drinking fountain for the park addition.

Yuki Graves, Board Member with the Horseshoe Bay POA, provided an overview of the POA Fourth of July Independence Celebration. She said there will be a land parade, water parade, and dog parade with awards in multiple categories for each parade. Lastly, she noted that all members of the community are welcome and there is always a need for volunteers the POA event.

Legislative Services Director, Kerri Craig provided an update on the 88th Texas Legislative Session. The 88th Legislature's regular session began January 10 and ran through May 29. There were 8,345 bills filed. Of these bills, 2,100 have been identified to have impact on Texas' cities with 230 directly impacting Horseshoe Bay. Most notably, HB2127 which effect Cities home rule local authority. The state has appropriated \$1 billion Water Conservation fund and a \$1.5 billion Broadband Infrastructure fund from the \$33 billion-dollar surplus funds of the State.

Development Services Director Sally McFeron provided a presentation on Ordinance 2023-30. The City Council entertained the request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) by Sav West Com HSB Development LLC. The developers proposed to utilize the property for office/warehouse use to construct a maximum of 44 luxury garages. The luxury garages were proposed on property adjacent to the Brixton Nursing facility and across the street from the residential

subdivision of Bay Country. After a long discussion in public hearing session, and with some opposing views by the residents presented. The Council motion was to deny the request and the vote was three members for and two against. The motion to deny passed.

Zoning Change No. 2023-06 was a request made by Rick Town to rezone approximately 60 acres within the city limits from A-1 Recreation (blank zoning) to mixed residential and general commercial. The 60 acres is part of Silver Rock, a Master Planned Development consisting of approximately 160 acres. After a lengthy discussion, the Council agreed with the Planning and Zoning recommendation to approve the zoning request. The Council motion was to approve the request and voted was unanimous.

#### Annual Consideration of the City's Drought Contingency Plan

Utilities Director Rick Williams provided an update on the condition of the Highland Lakes levels and recommended that we maintain stage 2 drought conditions going through the next year. Due to recent rain events and long term forecast of an El Nino weather pattern the storage volume levels of the Buchanan and Travis lakes are expected to increase some for the next year. However, as the combined lake levels are only at 53% of full capacity, it necessitates that the communities around the Central Texas residents stay mindful that we are still in a significant drought. The Council voted to approve the recommendation and the motion carried.

The approved Permit Extensions are:

Request for a Fourth Building Permit Extension for the Property Located at 504 Lighthouse Drive, LTJ Construction.

Consent Agenda. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes: May 16, 2023. The Council voted and the motion was carried unanimously.

City Manager Jeff Koska reported the following:

The City Historical Preservation Committee has finalized design of the Committees' first Historical Marker that will be dedicated at HSB Quail Point building at the community's 4<sup>th</sup> of July event. This will be the first of four such markers that are planned over the next four years.

Public Works Director Tim Foran reported the current street seal coating project is 50 percent complete as of this week. Project is on time and on budget.

A Blood Drive will be held at 1 Community Drive (City Hall) on June 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Communications Director will send out a notice for citizens to give blood early next week with detailed information on the event.

Since the City began Short Term Rentals registration, the current count stands at 48 registrations.

Brent Balta, HSB Fire Chief is moving to the town of Keene, Texas to serve as their new City Manager. Human Resources and the City Manager are in process of selecting an employment recruiting firm to seek an interim candidate until a permanent candidate can be found.

The City Staff has secured proposals and bids for expansion of fiber broadband within the City. The City will soon be working with RIO Broadband, of San Antonio Texas, to develop a plan to expend remaining ARPA funds for the expansion were feasible in the coming months. This project is in addition to the wireless tower project.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2023, at 3 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

To find out more about the Council meeting and view the Council Meeting packet go to the City's website at <https://www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov/agendacenter> We hope you will join us for the meeting.

#### **Photo IDs**



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### **Transportation Advisory Committee**

From L to R: Mayor Clinesmith, Kelly Kaatz, Rhonda Kolar, Mark Bloschock, and City Manager Jeff Koska, (Crystal Barrington, not in attendance).