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City of Horseshoe Bay City Council Comments

March 19, 2024

By Dan Herron, Communications Director

The City of Horseshoe Bay City Council meeting was held on March 19, 2024, at 3 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Mayor Thurman called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Father Ruben with St. Paul the Apostle Church gave the invocation, followed by pledges to the American flag and the State of Texas flag.

Proclamations

Mayor Thurman read a proclamation declaring support for the Proclamation Declaring April 2024 as "Records and Information Management Month."

Announcements and Staff Recognition

Fire Chief Doug Fowler presented Firefighter Ransen Russell with his Five-Year Service Award.

New City Team Members:

Utilities Director Rick Williams introduced new staff members: Chad Mercer, Code Enforcement Supervisor; Daniel Rodriguez, Utilities Warehouse Technician; and Joshua Suppan, Utilities Field Operator.

Police Chief Rocky Wardlaw introduced Dwayne Young, a new Police Officer (who was not in attendance).

Fire Chief Doug Fowler introduced the City's two new Firefighters, Tyler Bryant and Race Landers.

Public Comment

A resident requested assistance from the city on an issue regarding the water maintenance of a median.

Another resident and professional home builder requested clarification about a rumor that the city is seeking a moratorium on new building starts.



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Presentations

Eight residents introduced themselves in an application for the Land Use and Development Advisory Committee.

Public Hearing

A. Ordinance 2024-08: The Horseshoe Bay Resort requested rezoning of R-6 Tract to C-2 in their PD to construct a parking lot for amenities. The Council voted, and the Ordinance was approved.

B. Ordinance 2024-09: Reauthorizing the Current Building Permit Fees. The Council voted, and the Ordinance was approved.

Business

A. Planning for the April 8, 2024 Total Solar Eclipse

City Manager Jeff Koska stated that the City is well prepared for the event due to developing preparation efforts for over a year. Police Chief Rocky Wardlow said they have an operational plan and resources coming in to support the City.

Fire Chief Doug Fowler provided background information on the events in the Eclipse area.

Scheduled Events

HSB Resort is hosting 1,500 people for scientific observation and education.

Burnet County Events

Texas Eclipse Festival - Reveille Peak Ranch will host up to 50,000 for a four-day event, with 36,000 tickets sold as of March 8, 2024.

Llano County Events

Sunrise Beach is hosting a Star Party with 500-plus visitors at McNair Park.

Enchanted Rock is expecting 2,000 visitors with 12 staff members.

Horseshoe Bay

The fire department is adding extra staffing, with one brush truck added on Saturday and Sunday and two brush trucks added on Monday.



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The City is maximizing water storage and monitoring water use and wastewater discharge into the system. The City offices will be closed, and administrative personnel will work from home. The Fire, Police, and Utilities departments will be overstaffed and ready for any incidents that occur.

City Hall and Police Department parking areas will be closed to the public and reserved for personnel assigned to eclipse duties. Martin Park and Pickleball Courts will be closed April 4-8.

The Horseshoe Bay Resort Airport will be closed to the public on April 7 and 8. Only those leased with the airport or public safety entities may use the airport. Only 25 reservations will be made for airport parking outside the hangers.

Utilities Director Rick Williams said the city's infrastructure is well-prepared for the event.

B. Budget Calendar for Adopting the FY 2025 Budget: Finance Director Molly Jester said the FY2025 Budget is prepared and ready for review.

C. Request for a 3rd Building Permit Extension for the Property Located at 2201 1st Street, Corker's Construction, Applicant. The Council voted and approved a 60-day extension for \$5000.

D. Request for a 3rd Building Permit Extension for the Property Located at 2504 Stag, Corker's Construction, Applicant. The Council voted and approved a 60-day extension for \$5000.

E. Request for a 3rd Building Permit Extension for the Property Located at 1902 Bay West Boulevard, Texas Custom Homes, Applicant. The Council voted and approved a 90-day extension for \$7,500.

F. Resolution 2024-15: Directing the City Attorney/Prosecutor to initiate a petition in the Municipal Court of Horseshoe Bay Regarding a Substandard Building at 1305 Stage Coach (Fuchs House). The Homeowner, Paul Railey, said the goal is to save some of the rock and has requested a replacement historical marker from the state due to the damage that the original received during the fire. The Council tabled the item and will not be taking any action now.

G. Award Contract for the 2024 Street Improvements Project. Public Works Director Tim Foran said they received one bid for the project, and the new contract will be slightly under budget due to prior pre-staging during the 2023 project.

The Council voted, and the motion was approved.



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H. Appointment of a Chair and Members to the Land Use and Development Advisory Committee
The mayor asked the Council to select seven people for the board. After ballot selection, the Council chose the following members:

Gil Blount, Kay Colapret, Ruben Fechner, Eddie Greer, Donna Klaeger, appointed as Chair of the Committee, Mark Knudson, and Willie Reinders.

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes: February 20, 2024

B. Approval of Engagement Letter for Independent Audit Financial Services with BrooksWatson & Co., PLLC to Conduct the Fiscal Year 2024 Audit

C. Approval of Resolution 2024-14 Declaring Fire Department Property and/or Equipment to be Surplus Property and Authorizing the City Manager to Delegate the Disposition of Such Property in a Manner Which is Beneficial to the City

The Council voted, and all Consent Agenda items were approved.

Monthly Reports

City Manager Jeff Koska said the City Center is progressing. He recently finished a construction design meeting, during which they made budget adjustments and materials selections. The project will begin in August and break ground in September or October.

Bike Lanes Projects: City Manager Koska reported receiving a report from TML regarding insurance coverage and will take it to the Transportation Committee. He has also spoken with the Police Department about lowering the speeds on Bay West Blvd.

Executive Session

The Mayor called the meeting into Executive Session to discuss the following items:

A. Relating to the Fuchs House Property (Consultation with City Attorney 551.071; Deliberations about Real Property 551.072)

B. Relating to the Requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act (Consultation with City Attorney 551.071)

C. Consultation with City Attorney Regarding Pending Litigation: Civil Action No. 1-21-cv-1156-RP, Legacy Housing Corporation v. the City of Horseshoe Bay, Texas, the Horseshoe Bay Property Owners Association, Inc. and Jaffe Interests, LP f/k/a Horseshoe Bay Resort, LTD f/k/a Horseshoe Bay Resort, Inc. (551.071)

D. Relating to the Development Services Director Position (Personnel Matters 551.074)



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The next Council meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2024, 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 and have a safe and relaxing weekend.

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