

June 17, 2025 Council Comments

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The City of Horseshoe Bay City Council meeting was held on June 17, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Jones called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Reverend John Duncan gave the invocation.

Announcements and Staff Recognition

Fire Chief Doug Fowler presented Fire Captain Ben Miller with his Fifteen-Year Service Award. City Manager Jeff Koska introduced several new team members. Michael Ellis joins the Development Services Department as a Plans Examiner. Tiffany Jones joins the Police Department as Police Dispatcher, while Peyton Wall joins as a Police Officer. Sean Kelly joins the Utilities Department as a Plant Operator.



Fire Chief Doug Fowler and City Manager Jeff Koska pose with Fire Captain Ben Miller and family. Ben received his 15-year service award during the June 17 Council meeting.

Public Comment

Rick Overholt, representing the local Hill Country Trekkers group, asked the Council to consider working with the Richter's Ranch developers to build a buffer zone between the proposed development and the trail. Vicki Adcock asked that trees in the development area

be protected. The Council was not able to respond to the comments as discussion of the development was not on the agenda.

Public Hearing Items

The Council voted to approve the final plat for Atten Hill at Summit Rock Phase One, a subdivision of approximately 72.747 acres, which will consist of 66 lots, 55 of which are proposed as single-family residential lots with 11 common areas, subject to consistency and compliance with all applicable provisions of the future land use map and local zoning ordinances, which prohibits activities pertaining to mining, quarrying or refining rocks.

An application to request temporary approval of a rock crushing and screening operation within the Atten Hill at Summit Rock Phase One subdivision was withdrawn by the applicant. Citizens who had signed up to speak during the hearing were allowed to make comments due to the late notice of the withdrawal. Several citizens shared concerns about the noise pollution and dust that would result from a rock crushing operation, and the impact the operation would have on wildlife, quality of life and health of residents, and recreational activities such as golf. No vote was taken, and Mayor Pro Tem Jones said the staff would continue working on this issue with the developer.

The Council voted to approve the final plat for Tres Vista, a subdivision of approximately 3.21 acres at the end of That Away Drive, consisting of 3 single family lots, 2 common lots for driveway and drainage and 1 utility lot for the existing City communication infrastructure and tower.

The Council voted to approve the preliminary plat for the Trails of Lake LBJ Phase Four subdivision, which consists of approximately 163.76 acres with 47 lots, 39 of which are proposed as single-family residential lots with 8 common areas.

The Council voted to approve a text amendment to Chapter 14 Zoning, Article 14.02, Section 14.02.413, which would allow the Trails to add a recreation area along lake LBJ frontage to include slips for boat or personal watercraft as well as covered and secure boat and trailer parking for use by property owners and guests. As a result of the approved amendment, the Council voted to reclassify 4.34 acres in the Trails of Lake LBJ out of Phase Four from a R-1 single family residential lot to a LR-1 lake area recreation.

Business

A request from Turrentine Properties, Inc. for a building permit extension for four multifamily units located at 701 Hi Circle North was removed from the agenda due to the developer receiving a certificate of occupancy.

The Council voted to approve a resolution for the City to enter into an advanced funding agreement (AFA) with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in order to gain approval for driveway construction permit at the new City Center. Once the agreement is negotiated, it will be brought back to Council for review and authorization.

The Council voted to approve a donation of property at the end of That Away from Modern Homestead, which will allow the City to continue using the site for a public communications tower.

Monthly Staff Reports

Utilities Director Ray Garcia shared that lake levels are not yet high enough for LCRA to remove Stage 2 watering restrictions. The good news is that we have received enough recent rains to raise Lake Buchanan levels from a low in May 2025 of 997 feet to current 1003.5, a six-foot rise. Lake Travis rose 3 feet in the last month as well. Combined water supply levels in both Buchanan and Travis is at 53% of full capacity and still remains at drought restricted levels.

City Manager Jeff Koska shared that the City, with tremendous support from the Transportation Committee, has applied for the TxDOT 2025 Alternative Transportation Grant for the Shared Use Path (SUP) in the amount of \$10 million. If approved, a 20% match is required by the City. The City will be notified if it has been selected as a recipient of the grant in October 2025.

The Council adjourned to executive session at 4:43 p.m. Upon emerging from executive session, the Council authorized the City Manager to negotiate the purchase of two lots at the end of Azure Street for the purpose of completing the SUP, which will provide access to residents within the eastern community. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next council meeting is scheduled for July 15 at 3:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers. To learn more about council meetings, visit www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov/agendacenter. Please be sure to follow the City on Facebook (www.facebook.com/horseshoebaygov) and Instagram (www.instagram.com/horseshoebaygov).