

July 15, 2025 Council Comments

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The City of Horseshoe Bay City Council meeting was held on July 15, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Mayor Elsie Thurman called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Reverend Brad Schoeberle gave the invocation.

Announcements and Staff Recognition

Fire Chief Doug Fowler presented Fire Captain Josh Wimberley with his Twenty-Year Service Award.



Pictured are City Manager Jeff Koska, Fire Captain Josh Wimberley, and Fire Chief Doug Fowler.

Public Comment

Kelley Allton and Les Fenter, representing the local Hill Country Trekkers group, expressed concerns about the proposed Richter's Ranch development, including potential impacts on erosion, traffic, wildlife, and lifestyle. Dick Smith expressed concerns about the proposed Atten Hill development and the potential impact it may have on drainage. The

Council was not able to respond to the comments as discussion of the developments was not on the agenda.

Public Hearing Items

The Council voted to approve the final plat for a property in the Horseshoe Bay Highlands Condominiums, where a small portion of the vacant property immediately to the west of the existing tennis court will be fenced to create an exercise area for the use of its members.

Business

The Council voted to set the proposed property tax rate of \$0.26775 per \$100 of taxable valuation for the fiscal year of 2025-26. This will be the third year the rate has been at \$0.26775. This rate will be published and will require a public hearing before the tax rate can officially be set in September.

The Council voted to approve the professional services contract with Walter P. Moore Engineering for the development of the City's Storm Water/Drainage Utility Plan, not to exceed \$120,000, and to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute the contract as approved by the City Attorney.

The Council voted to move the City's drought contingency plan from stage 2 to 1, effective immediately. As residents know, the City moved to Stage 2 on April 1, limiting outdoor watering to one day per week. With Stage 1, residents may return to watering two days per week. The City will continue to promote the best conservation practices for irrigation and erosion control and actively monitor for compliance now that Stage 1 has taken effect. The Stage 1 watering schedule may be found on the City website at www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov/stage1.

The Council approved the request of Hagan's Restoration & Construction for a 90-day permit extension for the single-family residence located at 106 Broken Bow.

Council Liaison Reports

Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Jones shared that the City's 20th Anniversary Celebration planning is underway. The event will take place on Saturday, October 25 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the grounds of the new City Center, located at 9101 W. FM 2147. More information may be found online at www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov/anniversary.

Monthly Staff Reports

Public Works Director Tim Foran shared that the contractors who perform seal-coating on the City's streets are assisting with flood recovery in Central Texas, causing a slight delay in the project. Seal-coating is expected to begin on August 5. The City will provide the schedule and list of streets in an upcoming Beacon article.

Legislative Director Kerri Craig shared that a special session of the Texas Legislature begins on July 21. Residents interested in advocating for Horseshoe Bay can sign up at www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov/speakup.

City Manager Jeff Koska acknowledged the work of Horseshoe Bay's first responders in flood rescue and recovery efforts. Council and staff members are honoring flood victims by wearing green ribbons.

The Council adjourned to executive session at 3:46 p.m. Upon emerging from executive session, the Council voted to extend the building permit for the property located at 1902 Bay West Boulevard, provided the owner hires a contractor who is registered with the city, pays any outstanding fees, and executes a deed in lieu of foreclosure in favor of the City by November 30. The meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

The next council meeting is scheduled for August 26 at 3:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers. To learn more, 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).