

August 26, 2025 Council Comments

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The City of Horseshoe Bay City Council meeting was held on August 26, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Mayor Elsie Thurman called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Pastor Scott Vermillion gave the invocation.

Announcements and Staff Recognition

City Manager Jeff Koska introduced several new team members. Jeffery Johnston joins the Police Department as a Police Officer, Steve Kinnard is the new Development Services Administrative Assistant, and Baily Schuessler joins Utilities as a Maintenance Operator.

Public Comments

Craig Haydon, representing the Hill Country 100 Club, announced a golf tournament on September 11 at the Legends Golf Course in Kingsland at 9:00 a.m. to raise funds to support first responders and their families.

Jay Platt, representing the Hill Country Trekkers, expressed concerns on behalf of the group about the proposed Richter's Ranch Development near Horseshoe Creek, and stressed the importance of protecting the area's natural resources and wildlife.

Cynthia Clinesmith expressed gratitude for the City's support in renovating Fox Park in Horseshoe Bay South in collaboration with the POA, the Resort, and Burnet County.

Presentations

Finance Director Molly Jester presented the FY2025 third quarter financial report. The City has collected general revenues of more than \$12.8 million as of June 30 with expenditures of \$9 million. The Utility Fund has collected revenues of approximately \$12.6 million as of June 30, with expenditures of \$9.6 million. The Capital Fund has revenues of \$6.3 million, with expenditures of over \$10.9 million.

Public Hearing Items

The Council voted to approve a conditional use permit allowing Atten Hill at Summit Rock to have a temporary rock crushing and screening operation limited to five designated locations within the construction zone through March 1, 2026, or within 180 days of intent to begin operations. The approval requires that certain minimum conditions are met, including limiting the operation from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays), using a manned water truck to control dust, monitoring and maintaining minimum air quality, employing sound reduction measures to comply with City noise ordinances, screening the operation from the view of residents and golfers, and limiting enter and exit access for trucks operating in the construction zone to utilizing Highway 71 to move materials to Burnet.

The Council voted to approve the temporary use of one lot at the corner of Horseshoe Bay Boulevard and Hi Circle North for overflow parking for Horseshoe Bay Resort Hotel patrons for a period not to exceed five years. A second lot on Cove East was not approved for the same purpose.

The Council voted to approve procedural improvements to enhance the efficiency of zoning applications as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission, such as stricter application deadlines and requiring that supplemental application amendments are submitted with substantial revisions to the originally submitted materials as required by City staff.

The Council voted to approve modification to language in the zoning ordinance referencing the Image Corridor Overlay District to ensure that multifamily and non-residential developments constructed along RM 2147 and SH 71 comply with the regulations.

The Council voted to postpone adoption of the proposed budget for 2025-2026 until the September 16, 2025 Council meeting. The proposed budget may be viewed by citizens on the City's website at www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov/budget (see Proposed Budget FY2025-2026) or at City Hall.

Business

The Council voted to approve the annual renewal of employer sponsored health benefits and changes to benefit plans as recommended by the Human Resources staff.

The Council voted to approve the Atten Hill at Summit Rock Phase One Final Plat without the additional plat note required by the Council in the previous conditional approval made at the June 17, 2025 meeting because the applicant submitted a new request for a conditional permit with specific points for compliance that was approved by Council on August 26, 2025.

The Council voted to approve budget amendments for FY 2024-2025 to the Utility Fund, Summit Rock PID, Debt Service, Child Safety, Court Technology, Court Security, Youth Diversion Fund, Impact Fee Fund, Capital Fund, and General Fund to adjust for increased/decreased costs to projects and reclassification of funds to balance the budget.

The Council voted to declare the unopposed candidates running for City Council positions in the November 4th General Election elected, as the deadlines for filing for a place on the ballot and declaration of write-in candidacy have passed, ultimately resulting in the cancellation of the election per Texas Election Code. Jeff Jones (Mayor), Ruben Fechner (new Council Member), and Frank Hosea (Council Member) were declared elected and will be sworn into office at the November 10 Council meeting.

Monthly Staff Reports

City Manager Jeff Koska updated the Council on construction of City Center, saying it is on schedule and on budget. Construction of the walking trail around the Center is underway and coming along nicely. The grounds and trail will be ready for hosting the City's 20th Anniversary Celebration on October 25 (www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov/anniversary).

Public Works Director Tim Foran provided an update on the seal-coating project, which is going well. The project is one day behind schedule due to an inclement weather day, but the street is projected to be completed near the end of the project on September 11.

The Council adjourned to executive session at 5:08 p.m. Upon emerging from executive session, no action was taken. The meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for September 16 at 3:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers. To learn more, visit www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov/agendacenter. Please follow the City on Facebook (www.facebook.com/horseshoebaygov) and Instagram (www.instagram.com/horseshoebaygov).