

October 14, 2025 Council Comments

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The Horseshoe Bay City Council meeting was held on October 14, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Mayor Elsie Thurman called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Rev. Dr. John Duncan of the Church at Horseshoe Bay gave the invocation. Mayor Thurman announced this was the last meeting she would be leading as mayor, and thanked the citizens, council members, and staff for their support over the past two years.

Proclamations

Mayor Thurman declared the week of September 28 through October 4 "Source Water Protection Week." The Lower Colorado River basin is one of the most vital resources for our region. This proclamation brings awareness to residents and visitors of source water pollutants, water conservation methods, and public involvement in local water issues and programs. Preservation of our water supply is a regional concern, and the health, prosperity, and quality of life of Horseshoe Bay citizens and local communities depend on a reliable supply of safe, high quality drinking water.

Thuman also declared the month of October 2025 "Code Enforcement Officer Appreciation Month," an opportunity to express gratitude and appreciation for the dedicated Code Enforcement Officers who work tirelessly to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of our community. Our Code Enforcement Officers play a crucial role in upholding the standards for the appearance of our community in their daily routine. Thurman extended heartfelt appreciation to Chad Mercer, Code Enforcement Officer and Supervisor, Macario "Mac" Montoya, Code Enforcement Officer, and Jeremy Jacobs, Code Enforcement Officer, for their unwavering commitment to Horseshoe Bay.

The week of November 3-7 was declared "Municipal Court Week," dedicated to appreciating the contributions that Texas municipal courts make to the safety and well-being of our communities. Municipal courts in Texas play a vital role in preserving public safety, protecting the quality of life for area residents, and deterring future criminal behavior, and it is fitting to recognize municipal judges and court support personnel for their exemplary dedication. Thurman expressed appreciation for the employees of the Municipal Court of Record No. 1 for/in Horseshoe Bay, served by Judge Kevin R. Madison, Prosecutor Eddie Arredondo, Court Administrator Beth Kuentz, and Bailiff Officer Chad Mercer. These professionals work to ensure the fair administration of justice.

Announcements and Staff Recognition

City Manager Jeff Koska presented a twenty-five-year service award to Police Chief Jason Graham, a remarkable milestone demonstrating his unwavering commitment to our community. Aaron Watson, Utilities Pump and Motor Technician, was presented with a ten-year service award from Utilities Director Ray Garcia.



Photo caption: City Manager Jeff Koska with Police Chief Jason Graham, who received a twenty-five-year service award, and Graham's significant other, Alisa Naumann.



Photo caption: City Manager Jeff Koska with Aaron Watson, who received a ten-year service award. Also pictured are Field Operations Supervisor George Watson and Assistant City Manager Rick Williams.

Applications currently are being accepted for the city's Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment. The deadline to apply is November 1. Appointments will be made in December. Interested individuals can review the eligibility requirements and download an application at www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov/apply.

Public Hearing Items

The Council approved a replat of Lot 1 of Mitchell Point at Skywater, which includes approximately 1.739 acres of land, from one single-family residential lot to three single-family residential lots, located at the termination of Spice Lily in Zone 10 of Siena Creek.

Business

A public hearing to consider a request for a variance from the general design standards that limit cut and/or fill for retention ponds and streets was held for the proposed Richter's Ranch subdivision. A previous request made in April 2025 was deferred pending additional information from the developer. While some public comments showed support for the changes presented in the new request that would preserve trees, prevent erosion and better protect the Horseshoe Creek Hiking Trail, other residents expressed concerns over potential traffic and noise issues, the subdivision's density, and the impact on the environment. The Council voted to postpone the matter until the November meeting.

The Council approved a request for relief regarding fiscal security for the Trails Phase 4, pending the applicant provides financial assurance via a letter from the lending bank which confirms the funds will be available for construction of the infrastructure components.

The Council approved a resolution authorizing the transfer of Summit Rock PID assessments collected by Llano County to the trustee (Regions Bank) pursuant to the Summit Rock Public Improvement District Deposit Agreement, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents, provided City staff has verified that the agreement has been signed and city reimbursement of related water and wastewater infrastructure is paid in full.

The Council approved a resolution designating the Llano News as the official newspaper of the City of Horseshoe Bay for fiscal year 2026, in which all legal notifications must be published as required by state law. All notifications published in the Llano News will also appear in the Beacon. The City will also continue to publish community news in the Beacon per Council wishes.

Council Member Liaison Reports

Jeff Jones discussed the 20th Anniversary Celebration scheduled for October 25 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the grounds of the new Town Center located at 9101 W. FM 2147. Nearly 40 local businesses will be there to sell Texas-made goods and services. All Horseshoe Bay

residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Information will be made available in the Beacon and online (www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov/moreinfo).

Monthly Staff Reports

Utilities Director Ray Garcia provided an update on a water main break that occurred on October 14 at 12:30 p.m. near Clayton Nolen and Airpark and impacted residences near the airport and in the Slick Rock neighborhood. Repairs were made quickly by Utilities staff, and water service was restored by 4:35 p.m.

Public Works Director Tim Foran said seal coating for the year has been completed. The City's first attempt to perform work overnight on Bay West Boulevard had a few challenges but ultimately was successful and could be an option for next year's seal coating project.

The Council adjourned to executive session at 4:54 p.m. Council reconvened the meeting and voted to direct the City Manager to send a letter prepared by the City Attorney informing Michale Coffey of actions to be taken by the City regarding claims Mr. Coffey has made. In addition, Council directed staff to prepare an amendment to the code of ordinances setting forth conditions under which the City can and will provide water service to a property outside of the city's ETJ. The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

The next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 10 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).