

January 20, 2026 Council Comments

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The City of Horseshoe Bay City Council meeting was held on January 20, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Mayor Jeff Jones called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Pastor Gene Glaeser of Lake Church gave the invocation.

Announcements and Staff Recognition

Steve Boyd, CID Police Commander/Captain, received his ten-year service award.



Pictured are City Manager Jeff Koska, CID Police Commander/Captain Steve Boyd, and Police Chief Jason Graham.

Senior Accountant/Court Administrator Beth Kuentz was honored for receiving the Texas Court Clerks Association's (TCAA) Distinguished Service Award at the TCAA Annual Conference on November 4, 2025. As Chair of the Internal Audit Committee, Beth led a precise and comprehensive audit of the Association's financials during a period of significant transition, as TCCA moved from a chapter-based to a regional structure. Her leadership exemplified true distinction—steady, capable, mission-focused, and grounded in service to something greater than herself.



Pictured are City Manager Jeff Koska, Senior Accountant/Court Administrator Beth Kuentz, and Finance Director Molly Jester.

Assistant City Manager Rick Williams introduced new Development Services Director Jon Byrum.

Fire Chief Doug Fowler announced that Jarron Sims has joined the department as a Firefighter, and that Asa Oliver, a part-time Firefighter, is now full-time.

Chief Fowler also made the Council aware of the pending winter weather for January 24-26 and reminded our citizens to protect the four “P”s, (people, pets, plants and pipes). Public messages will be sent out prior to and throughout the weather event by the City to ensure awareness of the potential issues related to ice and freezing.

Public Comments

Former Mayor Cynthia Cline Smith shared that she has donated milkweed that will be planted at City Center to support the monarch butterfly garden.

Pastor Gene Glaeser invited community members to a celebration of the groundbreaking for Lake Church on February 1 at Noon at the church property located on property west of Bay West Boulevard near the Stone House property.

Public Hearing Items

The Council approved a request to rezone .1363 acres of greenbelt located at 700 Paintbrush in Summit Rock from recreational to single-family estate.

The Council opened a public hearing to consider a variance request for the Cap Rock Thundercloud subdivision which would relieve the development from limiting cut and fill to no more than four feet. The planned development will consist of 10 garden home residential lots located off Bay West Boulevard in Horseshoe Bay West. Public comment was shared expressing concerns about drainage and environmental impact, as well as traffic safety, signage, construction parking, and prevention of curb damage. As not all required items were received in time from the developer to be reviewed by staff, the hearing was left open and will be continued at the February 17 council meeting.

The Council opened a second public hearing to consider a variance request for the Cap Rock Thundercloud subdivision to relieve the development from limiting cut and fill to no more than four feet for a 1-acre lot that will consist of 2 garden home residential lots located off Bay West Boulevard in Horseshoe Bay West. For the same reason given during the previous hearing, this hearing was left open and will be continued at the February 17 council meeting.

Business

The Council appointed Gilbert Blount, Mark Bloschock, Lesli Akers, Joe Frazier, and Robyn Walsh to the Capital Improvements (Impact Fees) Advisory Committee for a term not to exceed one year.

The Council approved the nomination of Aaron Waldrop as a Director to the Llano County Central Appraisal District for the 2026-27 term to represent the City of Horseshoe Bay.

The Council adopted and approved budget amendments for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025, for the purchase of land for the shared use path, land conveyed for Fox Hollow Park, and additional proceeds from an insurance claim related to a lightning strike.

The Council adopted and approved budget amendments for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026, to the Utility Fund, General Fund and Debt Service Fund. The budget amendments are necessary to adjust for increased costs or reclasses to line items in FY26.

Monthly Reports

City Manager Jeff Koska provided an update on City Center. Furniture for staff offices will be delivered to the building on January 21. The construction of City Center is on time and on budget. An open house is planned for Horseshoe Bay residents at City Center for Tuesday, February 17 at 12:00 p.m. More information will be shared in the Beacon and via CivicReady (sign up to receive City alerts at www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov/alerts).

Assistant City Manager Rick Williams shared that Fire Station 2 in Horseshoe Bay West is nearing completion.

Public Works Director Tim Foran said that street paving in Horseshoe Bay South is expected to be completed this week, pending weather conditions.

Utilities Director Ray Garcia shared that the High Zone Transmission Main project is 90 percent complete. A final tie-in of the water pipeline to the high storage facility on Pawnee is planned for February. Weather permitting, asphalt repairs to streets impacted by the construction will begin by the end of February. Sound disturbances caused by a blower at the wastewater plant are being addressed with the building of an earth berm.

The Council adjourned to executive session at 4:06 p.m. Upon exiting executive session, the Council approved the appointment of Susie Quinn as the new Legislative Services Director/City Secretary.

The meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m. The next council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17 at 3:00 p.m. in the new City Center Council Chambers, located at 9101 W. FM 2147. To learn more, visit www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov/agendacenter. Follow the City on Facebook (www.facebook.com/horseshoebaygov) and Instagram (www.instagram.com/horseshoebaygov).