

Council Comments.....

Good afternoon!

Yes, it's afternoon. The Horseshoe Bay City Council met today at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 3:38 - A new record!!! But don't be thinking we weren't doing good work during that 38 minutes. Here's how it went.

Reverend Johnny prayed, we pledged. Stan introduced our newest employee. His name folks is Tim Foran and he will be the Project Manager of our Street Improvement Project. He's busy now, but come September street construction in The Fairways and HSB South will begin and he will really be a busy dude (that's grandson speak). Plans are to complete this first phase of construction by February 1.

Along the same lines, the Council approved 5-0 the issuance of \$9.8 million in Certificates of Obligation to fund the \$6 million Street Improvement Project and \$3.8 million for utility projects. The true interest rate our city will pay for the CO's is 3.262257%. The Standard and Poor's rating folks visited The Bay and were impressed with the city's role as a "stable resort and retirement community". In addition, the city's strong financial position and good management practices resulted in a AA long term rating. Good for us. We're only 2 steps down from the AAA rating for the U. S. Government. Calculations also indicate the CO's impact on HSB property taxes at 2.8 cents. This is well within our original projection.

The only fireworks at this meeting was a discussion and a 5-0 vote to allow Escondido on 7/2 and HSB Resort on 7/3 to shoot off the "rockets red glare" to celebrate our nation's birthday. Chief Fiero's boys will be on duty to monitor both events. Remember - NO private fireworks allowed. Hot and dry don't mix well with amateur exploders.

More good news. The new PD building will be available for move-in on 7/5. Under budget and on-time. Music to our ears. Stan also reported that the Martin Park playground is complete except for benches, clean-up and a sprinkler system. Good job by all involved.

3300 lot mowing letters went out this week. As completion nears on lot clearing, mowing will be the common practice. Also, letters went out to a group of lot owners requesting permission to remove dead trees from their lots. At no cost to the City, I might add. The removers want the wood.

The only downer of the day was - the drought is bad and getting worse. The LCRA has asked us to implement Stage 1 of the City's Drought Contingency Plan. Details will be communicated via the city web site and your water bills. Folks, if we don't get lots of rain soon, this is going to get really bad. I think as good residents of the lakeside Bay, we should be extra good stewards of the water. So keep it in mind when you are sprinkling, washing, shaving, etc. etc.

The monthly Skywater update is a good one also. Contrary to a recent rumor the city does not own the Summit Rock Golf Course. But the Resort and IBC Bank signed the papers today conveying ownership to HSB Resort. The Resort will spend \$1 million to complete and hope to be open for play in the September/October timeframe. Also, contrary to a recent rumor, the

City has zero dollars invested in Skywater utility infrastructure. Water and waste water facilities have been and will be funded by the developers (currently IBC Bank). I told you this was an all good news commentary.

Anyway, 3:38 and we're done. Maybe rain tonight. Stay cool and save water!

Your Scribe -
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