

Hello Neighbors!

YOUR City Council met today in the shortest council meeting this year as a reflection of how solid all activities within the city are progressing. After invocation by the Church of Horseshoe Bay Minister of Music, Gary Kessler, and pledges – two citizen groups stepped forward. Francie Dix and Michael Brittain thanked the city staff and council for their support and attendance to the Boogie at the Bay sponsored by the wonderful Business Alliance members in the community. All thanked the efforts of the business community to bring this fellowship and weekly community time at Quail Point. Then Sam Morrison, POA president, introduced the new General Manager for the POA – Sandra Moravitz. Ms. Moravitz comes to us from Weslaco area with over a decade of experience in managing similar resort/community services. A full profile will be shared in the coming weeks.

The fire department staff was in full force to acknowledge Fire Department Engineer Cliff Grant's 10 years of service to HSBay. Cliff brings over 29 years of deep fire service experience, in addition to his former service as a marine for our country.

As usual, city staff provided several updates, including:

- The city manager noted that a Friends of the Parks account is being established for those wishing to support efforts for our city parks. This will allow for tax deductible contributions to be made to efforts such as the hiking trail, the Fuchs house renovations, our current children's park, the Pickle Ball court under consideration, and any future park developments for the community. Once finalized, details will be made public.
- The milfoil treatments of the lake conducted several weeks ago is seeing a positive impact now with compliments being shared with City staff; additional treatments will follow as needed in late summer;
- Standing applause for Tim Foran who has managed the sealcoating resurfacing project of 13 miles of our roads – diligently present daily in this extreme heat to ensure all citizens are informed and met with limited inconvenience; and,
- Eric Winter, Director of Development Services provided updates on varied development projects across the city, reminding all that the new communication outreach of two postings in the paper before new developments come to the Planning and Zoning committee will insure maximum opportunity for neighbors to be informed. Additionally, those who have signed up for NOTIFY ME will get immediate notice.

The council took action on a few items that have been under discussion for some time. The expansion of the west water treatment plant will allow for additional capacity to meet the growth in our city, as well as provide for ever improved/refined quality in our water. The estimated cost seven years ago was about 4 million dollars, but efficiently efforts have brought the project to 4.2 million. Even this will have limited, if any, impact on the utility costs as developers are assuming responsibility for the majority of costs.

The council also approved the awarding of a contract to Republic Services as the new solid waste service provider (trash). While city staff will continue to negotiate details, all citizens will see changes in quality

service effective October 1st when this new provider takes over for the current provider Progressive. A detailed outline of the new service (along with an FAQ) will be provided in August and September ahead of implementation so all will have clear understanding of any changes.

Finally, the juvenile curfew ordinance was renewed (as is required every three years). As a reminder, juveniles 17 and under are to be in the care of a parent/adult after 11 pm (Sunday-Thursday) and midnight (Friday and Saturday night). Remind your kids/grandkids of boundaries to benefit all neighbors.

There was a great atmosphere of feeling blessed to have a city that is operating fiscally sound, efficiently, and with such a great sense of service and community spirit. As always, we were reminded – it is a great day to live in Horseshoe Bay.

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