

Council Comments....

Good Morning Horseshoe Bay –

Here we are. Off to a bright and early start this morning – well not so bright, but it is early. Yesterday’s Council meeting was again both short but very productive. That was a good thing for my bride Becky and I, as we drove to Austin for a performance of the “Celtic Women” after the meeting. The “low budget review” as the ladies and their musical accompaniment were outstanding.

Ok, back to business – Larry Sherwood, Pastor of Music, at the Church at Horseshoe Bay gave us a really good prayer to begin our deliberations.

The Consent Agenda was handled promptly and we moved on to granting a sign variance for Charlie Keiser’s real estate office next to Bay Pharmacy. We approved a sign you can actually read from 2147. Looks like an improvement.

Next, by a 5-0 vote, the Escondido PID was approved. This was the last bit of carry over business from Lake LBJ MUD days. These PID funds will reimburse the Escondido developer for his funding of public improvements within the development. This is consistent with agreements made by Escondido and the MUD prior to Incorporation.

We then approved, on a 5-0 vote, the Development Agreement presented by Mike Walsh for a retail center on 2147, east of the Post Office. It will have a two story office complex, three storage unit buildings and two large retail buildings. Maybe a hardware store, a grocery store, a dance studio, whatever. The good news is, it will be called the “Horseshoe Bay Center” – not any sort of “village”.

The Council then approved by a 5-0 vote (sound familiar?), the Planned Development Ordinance for the Marina Village (the V word). This is the started 64 – the 56 – now probably 40 waterside condominium project to be located on the shore line adjacent to the current HSB Marina where LaBahia, the Fitness Center, etc. reside today. We were assured that demolition and reconstruction would be timed to not disrupt boating, exercising and all those HSB daily activities.

Lawyer Yates, representing Terrafin, LTD., requested a 90-day extension on the moratorium on Tract 15 at HSB Boulevard and Hi Circle North. The owner may want to use this property for a commercial venture as opposed to a multi-family development. More to come.

Then – another “Biggie” – by a 5-0 vote, the Council approved the Planned Development Ordinance for Zone 14. This is the much discussed Resort re-do along HSB Boulevard that will see a new spa, a new Fitness Center, new tennis courts, a renovated Yacht Club, etc., etc., etc. This will be an ongoing, multi-year project that will continue to reside on the front burner. The Resort also committed, as required by the Council of all large developments to repair any street damage caused by their efforts.

For the second month now, the Council approved the Zoning and annexing of some lake bottom adjacent to the Yacht Club. It's a long story but suffice it to say if you're strolling in the lake, on the mud behind the Yacht Club – rest assured – you have not left the City of Horseshoe Bay.

We the passed by a vote of 5-0m amendments to the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances that allow for Public Notice in both The Llano News and The Beacon. A momentary lull in action.

Probably the lengthiest discussion of the day concerned the “speed limit” on 2147 within the City limits. The “slow pokes” in Horseshoe Bay are looking for an extension of the 45 m.p.h. limit (slower) east and west of current boundaries, while the “speed racers” in Horseshoe Bay West like to zoom along at 50 m.p.h. In keeping with the current “political season”, several scientific polls were quoted. The folks in West overwhelmingly prefer 50 – the folks east, like it at 45. Dale Rodman ably representing the sunset constituency admonished the Council to not fix something that might not be broke. While in many cases, this is a good “swing thought” for any political entity – the Council decided with growth and projected more growth – especially to the west – expected immediately and the desire for a consistent limit along the 2147 corridor from Cottonwood to Highway 71 to yield to the safety desires of those preferring the 45 m.p.h. limit. This will be the current enforceable limit by Chief Lane and his folks, but can be modified up or down in the future.

A few more items and then – adjournment – until we gather again – don't forget to VOTE!

Your Scribe,
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