

Hello Neighbors!

YOUR City Council met today with a hint of rain in the air...and an atmosphere of mixed emotions. After the invocation and pledges, the City Manager turned everyone's attention to recognizing the years of service to the departing City Council Members, Reagan Lambert and Cynthia Clinesmith. It was also time to say goodbye (and thank wholeheartedly) the Mayor, Steve Jordan, for his 8 years of service to the City. Along with the memory bookends all received, special recognition was given to the Mayor for his persistent work over 2 years to ensure FM 2147 was repaved (asphalt) with a center lane for safety in from Ferguson Road to Bay West Blvd – with the installation of a traffic signal at FM 2147 and HWY 71 (to begin in December). Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Gray read the resolution (2020-04) to rename this portion of FM 2147 in his honor. It will give all an opportunity to keep his efforts over the years in mind each time we drive through the community. Physical address designations will not change for properties located in this area.

Good news was pushed to the front of the agenda as Jennifer Ritter, Financial Advisor for the City, presented today's sale of the Certificates of Obligation (\$6 million) to provide for expanded wastewater treatment facilities. The rush was driven by the winning bidder wanting to get the approval from the Council on record before the close of business on the east coast. Due to the City's exceptional AA+ S&P rating we received a bid at 2.1% interest, the lowest in the history of these sales. This resulted in saving the taxpayer significant funds in interest over the next 20 years.

The City Manager and Department Directors introduced new staff members. Margie Cardenas assumes the role of Finance Director, bringing 31 years of experience – most recently as the Finance Director of Marble Falls the last 14 years. We also welcomed Sandra Nash as the Assistant Planner for Development Services. She brings extensive landscape design and community development (such as Sun City Georgetown) work product. Lewis Feder joined the Development Services team as a Code Compliance Officer to ensure residents' quality of life is being monitored by addressing any ordinance violations around the City. With the extensive building of new homes, the current single Code Enforcement Officer was being stretched to address building compliance – and now will share duties to cover the needs of the whole city. Welcome to a great team!

All were delighted to welcome Brent Batla, as the City's new Fire Chief. He has 21 years of service in Burleson, Texas with the last couple years as Assistant Fire Chief there. Chief Batla shared that his entire family has been coming to HSBay each Memorial Day weekend as a tradition since he was 12 years old. And while he was not looking for a new job or relocation – when he saw the opening in HSBay, he knew it was a sign that it was time to extend that weekend to a lifetime. His wife is a schoolteacher hoping to transition to an immediate opening in the area so that they can be our new neighbors and service provider in November.

The consent agenda was approved with item 7H. to discuss the impact of HB 2439. This bill, sponsored by our own Senator Dawn Buckingham, will have unintended impact on our community standards. It removes the authority of the City to require homeowners to install certain external building materials to obtain a building permit. The City had to adjust their ordinance to meet the state law but plans to still

pursue amending this law with the upcoming legislation session in 2021. In the interim, Property Owners Associations (POA) still have the power from the Conditions Covenants & Restrictions to enforce their ACC standards. A coordinated effort for the City to communicate with the ACCs is still in force.

In the Business agenda, Mayor Donald Orr of Cottonwood Shores brought forward a request to extend the contract for treatment and disposal of wastewater by Horseshoe Bay. He cited the reality that Cottonwood Shores does not have the property or capacity to develop their own treatment plant or provide for septic systems of that magnitude. Jeff Koska presented data speaking to any impact of HSBay continuing a regional partner, noting that we have safeguards to ensure it does not affect the quality of our City services nor our capacity. He further noted that Cottonwood Shores pays fully for the service and is assisting in the payment for our wastewater expansion through provisions in the proposed contract. The request was approved unanimously. In addition to Cottonwood Shores, HSBay currently provides contract service for wastewater treatment to Llano County MUD (Blue Ridge, Deerhaven). The City also provides potable water to Sandy Harbor, Oak Ridge, Blue Lake and Deerhaven subdivisions by wholesale water contracts.

Mayor Jordan continued to keep his work ethic high even on this his last night of service. He presented two areas of concern that he encouraged the City to take up in the coming year for the current homeowners – the current building permit fees in relation to the overall expense of the Development Department, and potentially amending the current impact fee ordinance to expand and include vacant/undeveloped lots within our POAs heretofore not included. Currently, impact fees have been targeted at new planned master developments in undeveloped areas. With the annexation along Hwy 71 and anticipated growth of lot developments, he encouraged in the coming year to review the impact on current taxpayers. It was no surprise to anyone to see him riding off into the sunset of his term still advocating for his neighbors and the City he loves.

Cynthia Clinesmith, Council Member and Chief Information Officer