

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager
Date: October 22, 2021
Subject: Weekly Memo, October 17 – October 22, 2021



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Personnel Update

Isaac Guerra began his employment as a Maintenance Worker in the Public Works Department on Wednesday, October 20.

The Bastrop Police Department had two promotions this week. Senior Officer Reitmeyer promoted to Detective and Sergeant Dale Hamilton was promoted to Lieutenant.

Upcoming Training

Below are future training opportunities through the calendar year. If you are interested in attending any of the trainings, please notify the City Secretary and she will take care of the registration for you.

- **TML Economic Development Conference**

Date: November 11, 2021 – November 12, 2021

Time: All Day

Location: Bastrop

- **TML-TAMCC Elected Officials' Conference**

Date: February 2, 2022 - February 4, 2022

Time: All Day

Location: Sugar Land

Cemetery Tour

A cemetery tour conducted by the Bastrop Museum and Visitor Center will take place on Saturday, October 23, 2021, at Fairview Cemetery. Council Members wishing to participate can choose between Tour 1, beginning at 3:00 p.m., or Tour 2, beginning at 4:30 p.m. on October 23. Nicole DeGuzman, Executive Director, is requesting RSVP's. Nicole can be contacted at 512-303-0057 or nicole@bchs1832.org.

Bastrop Boo Bash

The 2021 Bastrop Boo Bash drive thru trick or treat event will be held at Mayfest Park/Rodeo Grounds on Saturday, October 30th from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Members of the community, businesses, and organizations will hand out treats and candy. It is fun for all ages! The event is free and open to the public.

October 28 – 3rd Annual Women’s Leadership Luncheon

The Family Crisis Center is hosting a Women’s Leadership Luncheon on October 28 at the Convention Center. One of the featured speakers is Assistant Chief Vicky Steffanic. Several staff members plan to attend.

Citizen Accolade

A citizen called in to say she wanted to compliment three of our Bastrop Power & Light employees (Jimmy, Jeff & Bubba) for doing a great job and being very courteous while working on Main Street.

Building Bastrop University – Electrical Trade Professionals

On Wednesday, October 20, the third Building Bastrop University informational session was conducted at City Hall with information targeted at Electrical Trade Professionals. Building Official Shirley Ellis presented to attendees about permits and inspections as required by City Code and local ordinance. Tim Goetz presented about Bastrop Power & Light’s requirements and took questions from the audience. The MyGov permitting process was also covered. Additional resources were given to the attendees in the form of handouts from both the Planning Department and BP&L. The next Building Bastrop University informational session will be held on November 17 and focus on engineers and surveyors.

Bastrop Public Library

The library kicked off its new City Friends Storytime Series with a visit from the Bastrop Fire Department both Wednesday and Friday. Firefighters shared information about fire safety and the various equipment they use before heading out to see the fire trucks. Children and parents enjoyed the interaction with our firefighters and expressed thanks to the library for the opportunity to meet them. Thank you to Chris Stone, Gilbert Demieville, Josh Kingston, and Ethan Perry for sharing their time with the kids!



Future Agenda Items

November 9, 2021

- Work session: economic development policy direction
- FY 2021 4th Quarterly Report for July-September 2021
- Contract for DMO agreement with Visit Bastrop
- Second reading of Zoning Concept scheme Farm Street Village
- Budget Amendment FY2021
- Contract for engineering and development review services
- Contract for construction and inspection services for capital improvement projects
- Deep in the Heart Foundry Art Immersion
- Texas Community Development Block Grant Program

December 14, 2021

- Presentation of Strategic Planning Calendar
- Economic Development Policy Resolution
- Agreement for Water Plant Construction Manager at Risk
- Budget amendment FY2022
- 2022 Council Meeting Schedule
- Unaudited Monthly Financial Report

January 11, 2022

- 2nd reading amending budget FY2022
- Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation

Bastrop Recreation

PARTY IN PINK

dance-a-thon

100% of pledges and donations go to the Susan G. Komen Foundation!

*Saturday, Oct. 23, 10 AM to Noon
Bob Bryant Park, Bastrop, TX*

Dance with:



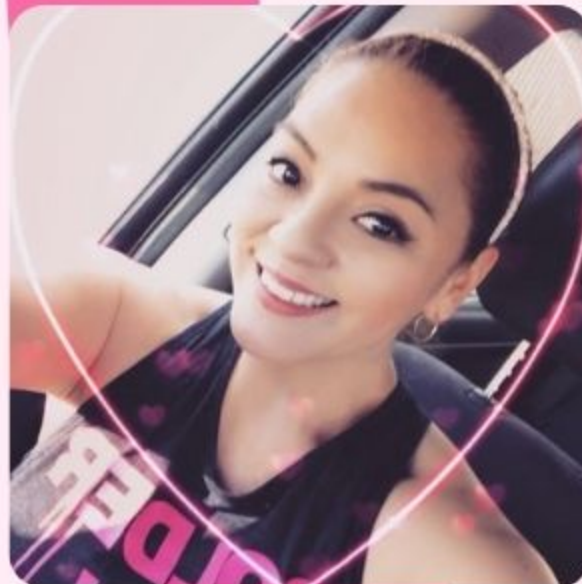
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Maite



Erin



Keila



Dave



Legislative UPDATE

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Third-Called Special Session Ends

Late Monday night, the House and Senate adjourned sine die concluding the third-called special session. The legislature passed several bills on the governor’s call including new redistricting maps for the [Texas Senate](#), the [Texas House of Representatives](#), the [United States House of Representatives](#), and the [State Board of Education](#).

The legislature approved [3S.B.8](#) which appropriates the state’s federal COVID-19 relief funds from the American Rescue Plan Act. A significant portion, \$7.2 billion, is allocated to the state’s unemployment compensation fund and over \$500 million is dedicated to broadband infrastructure. In a last-minute effort to provide tax relief to Texans, the legislature passed [3S.J.R. 2](#) increasing the homestead exemption on school district property taxes from \$25,000 to \$40,000. The constitutional amendment will go to voters in May 2022. City-related bills that passed during the third-called special session can be found in “City-Related Bills Passed” article, below.

Late items added to the call – a prohibition on COVID-19 vaccine mandates and increased penalties for illegal voting – did not make it through the process. It is important to note that while legislation prohibiting vaccine mandates stalled in the legislature, the [governor’s Executive Order No. GA-40](#), which provides that no entity can compel an individual to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, remains in effect.

Reminder: PUC Filing Requirements for Affected Water Utilities Due November 1, 2021

[S.B. 3](#) created a requirement for affected utilities, which includes municipally owned water utilities that serve more than one customer, to submit certain required information to: (1) the Public Utility Commission (PUC); (2) each electric utility that provides transmission and distribution service to the affected utility; (3) each retail electric provider that sells electric power to the affected utility; (4) the office of emergency management of each county in which the utility has water and wastewater facilities that qualify for critical load status under rules adopted by the PUC; and (5) the division of emergency management of the governor. The required information an affected utility must submit to those entities listed above is: (1) information identifying the location and providing a general description of all water and wastewater facilities that qualify for critical load status; and (2) emergency contact information for the affected utility, including: (a) the person who will serve as a point of contact and the person's telephone number; (b) the person who will serve as an alternative point of contact and the person's telephone number; and (c) the affected utility's mailing address.

The PUC has created an information sheet with the filing requirements [here](#). The deadline to submit the required information is **November 1, 2021**.

City-Related Bills Passed

[3S.B. 5 \(Lucio/Patterson\)](#) – **Unlawful Restraint of Dog**: this bill, among other things: (1) prohibits and creates an offense for the unlawful restraint of a dog; and (2) provides that the prohibition in (1) does not preempt a local regulation relating to the restraint of a dog or affect the authority of a political subdivision to adopt or enforce an ordinance or requirement relating to the restraint of a dog if the regulation, ordinance, or requirement: (a) is compatible with and equal to, or more stringent than, the prohibition; or (b) relates to an issue not specifically addressed by the prohibition. (Effective January 18, 2022.)

[3S.B. 8 \(Nelson/Bonnen\)](#) – **Federal Coronavirus Relief Appropriation**: makes supplemental appropriations of roughly \$13 billion received from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to include, among many other appropriations, the amount of \$500,475,163 to the comptroller of public accounts for the purpose of providing funding for broadband infrastructure. (Effective immediately.)

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