

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Rebecca Gleason, Assistant City Manager  
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Subject: Weekly Memo, September 5 – September 9, 2022



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## Upcoming Training

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

### City Hall Essentials – Career Suicide?! Social Media Dos & Don'ts for City Officials

Date: September 29, 2022  
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Location: Webinar

### TML – Annual Conference and Exhibition **ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE REGISTERED**

Date: October 5-7, 2022  
Time: All Day  
Location: San Antonio

### TML Economic Development Conference

Date: November 17-18, 2022  
Time: All Day  
Location: Hyatt Lost Pines

## Special Events

### Bastrop County Buyers & Builders Convention

The Bastrop County Business Owners Association will host a two-day Buyers & Builders Convention at the Bastrop Convention Center on September 17-18. Anyone with an interest in updating, enhancing, or creating a new look or amenity for their home will enjoy the show, as well as industry professionals. Visit [buildbastrop.com](http://buildbastrop.com) for more information.

### 2022 Annual Feed the Need Missions Gala

This year's annual Feed the Need Missions Gala will be held on Saturday, September 10, at 6:00 pm at the Bastrop Convention Center. Dinner and entertainment are provided, and attendees may participate in an auction that raises funds to help support their mission. Visit [feedtheneed.org/gala](http://feedtheneed.org/gala) for more information.

### BISD Homecoming Parade

The annual Homecoming Parade will take place Wednesday, September 21, in anticipation of the football game on Friday, September 23. The parade begins at 6:15 pm.

### Bastrop Music Festival

Featuring over forty performances across four days, the Bastrop Music Festival is set to run September 22 through September 25. This music festival features performances by bands of numerous genres in venues along the lower Colorado River, with a mixture of wristband-only nighttime performances as well as free daytime events, including shows for children. Visit [bastropmusicfestival.com](http://bastropmusicfestival.com) for more information.

### Bastrop Night Out

The City of Bastrop, Bastrop Police Department, and Bastrop Fire Department are organizing 'Bastrop Night Out!' This is our local version of National Night Out, which is an annual event that "enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community." This community event will be held on Tuesday, September 27, from 6 – 8 pm and will include block parties at Fisherman's Park, Northside Delgado Park, Bob Bryant Park, Pecan Park, Piney Creek Bend, Kerr Park, and Hunter's Crossing Park.

### **Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings**

November 17 at 4:00 pm *RE/MAX Bastrop Area*. Location is 807 Main St

### **Library News**

The Bastrop Public Library will be closed Monday, September 12 through Saturday, September 17 for inventory. No materials are due, and fines are suspended for the week. The exterior book drop will be open for returns. Staff will respond to phone and email messages periodically throughout the day if there are immediate needs.

### **Water and Wastewater**

#### Well G:

On September 2, 2022, the City experienced a catastrophic failure of Well 'G', one of the alluvial wells that supply raw water to the Willow Water Treatment Plant. A new pump and motor assembly have been sourced, and Weisinger has once again been responsive to our needs. Weisinger is scheduled to have a crew onsite on September 8 to begin the necessary repairs. Fortunately, recent wet weather patterns have reduced the City's water demands throughout the system, thus eliminating the need for implementation of water restrictions while the well is being repaired.

### **Bastrop Night Out**



On Tuesday, September 27, from 6 – 8 pm the City of Bastrop will be hosting our Bastrop Night Out to include block parties at Fisherman’s Park, Northside Delgado Park, Bob Bryant Park, Pecan Park, Piney Creek Bend, Kerr Park, and Hunter’s Crossing Park. Please let Ann Franklin know if you are able to attend and arrangements will be made with Bastrop PD for you to be escorted to several of the parties to meet with neighbors.

### **Future Agenda Items**

September 20, 2022

- Second Reading Budget for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023
- Second Reading Adopting Tax Rate
- Financial Report
- Ordinance Amendment – Utilities
- Bastrop County Hazard Mitigation Plan
- World Migratory Bird Day Proclamation
- Bastrop Night Out Proclamation
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation
- Fire Prevention Week Proclamation
- Board Appointments
- Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Management Communication Tower
- Interlocal Agreement with CAMPO for Chestnut/Loop 150 Corridor Study
- Transportation Impact Fee Study Contract with Kimley-Horn
- Parks & Recreation Master Plan

### **Attachments**

- TML Legislative Update Number #36

# TML LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



September 9, 2022  
Number 36

## **Senate Committee Hearing Next Week on City-Related Issues**

The Senate Local Government Committee is set to meet on Tuesday, September 13 and Wednesday, September 14 to discuss a variety of city-related issues. We strongly encourage city officials to contact their senator with any concerns or comments on these issues in advance of the hearing.

On Tuesday, the Senate Local Government Committee will [meet](#) at 1:30 p.m. in Room E1.016 at the Texas Capitol to hear the following interim charges:

**Extraterritorial Jurisdictions:** Study issues related to municipal extraterritorial jurisdictions and annexation powers, including examining possible disannexation authority. Determine whether extraterritorial jurisdictions continue to provide value to their residents and make recommendations on equitable methods for disannexation.

**Special Purpose Districts:** Perform a comprehensive study on the powers and purposes of various special purpose districts and their associated legislative templates. Make recommendations to improve public transparency in operations of special purpose districts and associated legislative templates.

**Community Censorship:** Study how governmental entities use public funds for political lobbying purposes. Examine what types of governmental entities use public funds for lobbying purposes and what level of transparency is available to the public. Make recommendations to protect taxpayers from paying for lobbyists who may not represent the taxpayers' interests.

**Affordable Housing:** Study issues related to affordable housing, homelessness, and methods of providing and financing affordable housing. Make recommendations to improve transparency and accountability, as well as to better utilize existing federal, state, and local programs.

On Wednesday, the Senate Local Government Committee will [meet](#) again at 9:30 a.m. in Room E1.016 at the Texas Capitol to hear the following interim charges:

**Property Tax Reform:** Review the effect of [Senate Bill 2](#) (86th Legislature), the Texas Property Tax Reform and Transparency Act of 2019, and related legislation passed by the 87th Legislature. Make recommendations for further property tax reform and relief.

**Efficiency Audits:** Study the concept of efficiency audits for cities, counties and special purpose districts and under what circumstances they should be performed. Evaluate whether efficiency audits provide Texans tools to combat wasteful government spending and report whether they are needed before local government tax ratification elections.

**Appraisal Reform:** Review the implementation of [Senate Bill 63](#), [House Bill 988](#), and other related legislation passed by 87th Legislature. Make recommendations to ensure appraisal guidelines are effective and taxpayers have enforcement mechanisms.

The committee will limit public testimony to three minutes and will be accepting written comments that are submitted in-person only. The League has been invited to testify on the property tax reform charge and will be submitting written comments on other charges that will be published in next week's *Legislative Update*.

## **House and Senate Committee Interim Hearings**

The Texas House and Senate Committees are underway studying interim charges outlined by Speaker Phelan and Lt. Governor Dan Patrick.

Below is a full list of committee hearings set to hear certain city-related charges. All hearings will be held at the Texas Capitol unless otherwise indicated. If a committee has newly posted notice and was not included in last week's edition of the *Legislative Update*, it is indicated as such.

### **House Committee on State Affairs and Committee on Energy Resources**

The two committees will meet jointly on Tuesday, September 13 at 10:00 a.m. to hear the following joint interim charge:

Monitor the agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction and oversee the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 87<sup>th</sup> Legislature. Conduct oversight of all associated rulemaking and other governmental actions taken to ensure the intended legislative outcome of all legislation, including the following:

- [S.B. 3](#), relating to preparing for, preventing, and responding to weather emergencies and power outages.

Information on the hearing, including how to register and submit electronic comment, can be found [here](#).

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