

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager
Date: August 6, 2021
Subject: Weekly Memo, August 2-6, 2021



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Updated message to employees regarding COVID-19

News of recent upswings in COVID-19 cases has understandably resurfaced concerns among City employees about their safety. The message we're sending City employees includes:

- They and their families should continue to pay attention to Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, and how to access those guidelines, as recently updated in response to the Delta variant of COVID-19
- The Delta variant is very contagious, and employees are encouraged to not let their guard down with regard to hygiene and distancing
- Vaccinated persons are better able to deal with symptoms, and the likelihood of hospitalization and death for vaccinated persons is extremely low
- The updated CDC guidelines provide a shorter isolation time for exposed vaccinated persons
- Employees who feel symptoms should not come to work, and time away from work due to COVID-19 will not impact their sick leave or pay (New State Law requires this approach for first responders, and we'll be implementing that standard for all City employees)
- Instructions on how City employees may avail themselves of quick and convenient testing, provided by the city for employees and their immediate families (testing to be made available only after an appropriate incubation period)

Police and Fire employees are again wearing masks when in contact with the public. We've made no other operational changes at this time.

Police Junior and Teen Academy

Last week, Sergeant Charles Sanford, Community Resource Officer Tamera McIntyre, and Citizen on Patrol "Baby Ruth" Bullock completed the Police Department's Junior and Teen Police Academies. Students processed their own "crime" scenes, learned about firearm and internet safety, and enjoyed a trip to the dinosaur park. Mayor Schroeder and I had the opportunity to meet with the Teen Academy on July 27 and enjoyed their good questions and enthusiasm. Approximately fifty kids and fifteen officers participated.

Status of Hunters Crossing Fence Replacement Project

The following is a message sent on August 4 to the Hunters Crossing Local Government Corporation Board of Directors:

Dear Hunters Crossing LGC Board of Directors:

The City of Bastrop received three bids for the Hunters Crossing Removal and Replacement project on July 26. The low bid was \$802,635, the highest bid was \$840,188.

We believe the current high price of lumber and steel has caused the bids to come in over the estimated and funded amount of \$700,000, and the Board approved amount of \$770,000.

The City believes the best course of action is to not execute a contract at this time, and re-issue the RFP around November of 2021, in anticipation of improved market conditions. We will add language in the RFP that allows a longer time to perform the work and provide the contractor the ability to perform the work on their own schedule hopefully yielding a better price. This also allows them to perform work in the off-season time of the year. We will also break up the sections of fence into phases and each section of fence will become a price per linear foot that we can more easily chose to remove from the contract prior to issuing a notice to proceed. If all the sections cannot be repaired or replaced, we can begin to budget them in the upcoming fiscal years as part of the regular budgeting process.

The City will also provide communications with the neighborhood to let them know the status of the fence project. Please let us know of any questions.

Response from General Land Office

Our appeal to the General Land Office to reconsider the ranking of our Gills Branch grant application was denied, and the letter from the GLO is attached. We'll continue to pursue grant funding for this project.

Overheard at City Hall

Episode 9 of the Official City of Bastrop Podcast features City Secretary Ann Franklin in a conversation with City Manager Hofmann about our form of government, City election cycle and process, the role of the City Secretary's office, and many other details about the inner workings of city government. View the episode here: <https://youtu.be/qu-22aRYEHs> or listen on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, or anywhere podcasts are found.

Upcoming Events

Homecoming

The 74th Annual Bastrop Homecoming & Rodeo is happening all weekend with events at Mayfest Park, the American Legion, the Jerry Fay Wilhelm Performing Arts Center, and the parade in Downtown Bastrop. For those who will be riding on the City of Bastrop float, please meet at 9 AM on Hill Street near Erhard Field.

Boogie Back to Bastrop

Each year, the City of Bastrop Convention & Exhibit Center hosts this 2-day cultural event, celebrating and preserving Texas Country & Western Swing music and dance. Dance lovers from across the state (and beyond) travel to Bastrop annually to enjoy the sounds of authentic, live Texas music. The event features an awesome lineup of top-notch entertainment, 1,600 square-foot dancefloor, on-site food and alcohol concessions, retail/craft vendors, and more! August 27-28, 2021, at the Bastrop Convention Center. More information can be found at BoogieBackToBastrop.com

Willy Wonka The Musical, JR at the Bastrop Opera House

This musical production at the Bastrop Opera House is put on by the Youth Summer Camp which includes two campers who are participating in the camp through their membership in the Bastrop Recreation Program. Willy Wonka the Musical plays August 6th at 7 PM and August 7th & 8th at 2:30 PM.

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.

TML-TAMCC Newly Elected City Officials' Orientation

Date: August 12, 2021 – August 13, 2021

Time: All Day

Location: Bastrop Convention Center

TML Economic Development Conference

Date: November 11, 2021 – November 12, 2021

Time: All Day

Location: Bastrop

Scheduled Time Out of Office

Unless we decide to make this a virtual meeting, I'll be in Austin on Friday August 27 conducting a meeting of the Texas City Management Association Ethics committee.

I plan vacation time Thursday October 21st thru Monday October 25th for a trip to Kansas to visit our son and daughter in law.

Budget Questions

Responses to budget questions received so far are attached. We'll provide a complete list of questions received and our responses as support material for the August 17 budget workshop.

Future Agenda Items

August 17, 2021

- Budget Workshop #1

August 18, 2021

- Budget Workshop #2, if necessary

August 24, 2021

- Action on Financial Management Policy
- Action on Purchasing Policy
- Action on Investment Policy
- PID Agreement with Viridian Development
- Bastrop County MUD 3 and 4

August 30, 2021

- Joint Meeting with Visit Bastrop

September 14, 2021

- Public hearing and first reading to adopt budget for fiscal year 2021-2022
- Public hearing and first reading to adopt tax rates for fiscal year 2021-2022

September 21, 2021

- Consider action on Water and Wastewater rates and charge

Attachments

- TML Legislative Update Number 30
- August Employee Memo
- Budget Questions and Responses, worked on by Candice
- Contractor Forum Flyer
- GLO Response on Gills Branch
- Boogie Back to Bastrop



Legislative UPDATE

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Governor Announces Second Special Session

On Thursday, Governor Abbott announced the agenda for the second special session which will begin on Saturday, August 7 at noon. The following items are on the agenda:

Federal Relief Appropriations: Legislation providing appropriations from unappropriated available revenues for COVID-19-related healthcare expenses, such as those listed below, taking into consideration the approximately \$10.5 billion in funds received by local governments intended to be used on COVID-19 from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021(ARPA), Pub. L. No. 117-2:

- healthcare staffing needs, including physicians, nurses, and other medical professionals;
- establishing, staffing, and operating alternative care sites;
- supporting the operations of nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, and long-term care facilities;
- vaccine administration;
- testing sites;
- supplies and equipment, such as personal protective equipment (PPE) and ventilators; and
- standing up and operating infusion centers.

Employment: Legislation shielding private employers and employees from political subdivision rules, regulations, ordinances, and other actions that require any terms of employment that exceed or conflict with federal or state law relating to any form of employment leave, hiring practices, employment benefits, or scheduling practices.

Bail reform: Legislation reforming the bail system in Texas to protect the public from accused criminal who may be released on bail.

Election Integrity: Legislation strengthening the integrity of elections in Texas.

Education: Legislation providing strategies for public-school education in prekindergarten through twelfth grade during the COVID-19 pandemic, which ensures:

- students received a high-quality education and progress in their learning;
- in-person learning is available for any student whose parent wants it;
- the wearing of face coverings is not mandatory; and
- COVID-19 vaccinations are always voluntary.

Border Security: Legislation enhancing criminal laws or providing funding from unappropriated available revenues to support law-enforcement agencies, counties, and other strategies as part of Texas' comprehensive border security plan.

Social Media Censorship: Legislation safeguarding the freedom of speech by protecting social-media and email users from being censored based on the user's expressed viewpoints, including by providing a legal remedy for those wrongfully excluded from a platform.

Article X Funding: Legislation providing appropriations from unappropriated available revenues to the Legislature and legislative agencies in Article X of the General Appropriations Act.

Family Violence Prevention: Legislation similar to Senate Bill 1109 from the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, requiring schools to provide appropriate education to middle- and high-school students about dating violence, domestic violence, and child abuse, but that recognizes the right of parents to opt their children out of the instruction.

Youth Sports: Legislation identical to Senate Bill 29 as passed by the Texas Senate in the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, disallowing a student from competing in University Interscholastic League athletic competitions designated for the sex opposite to the student's sex at birth.

Abortion-Inducing Drugs: Legislation similar to Senate Bill 394 from the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, which prohibits people from providing abortion-inducing drugs by mail or delivery service, strengthens the laws applicable to the reporting of abortions and abortion complications, and ensures that no abortion-inducing drugs are provided unless there is voluntary and informed consent.

Thirteenth Check: Legislation similar to House Bill 3507 from the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, relating to a "thirteenth check" or one-time supplemental payment of benefits under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

Critical Race Theory: Legislation similar to House Bill 3979 concerning critical race theory as originally passed by the Texas Senate in the 87th Legislature, Regular Session.

Appropriations: Legislation providing appropriations from unappropriated available revenues for the following purposes:

- property-tax relief;
- enhanced protection for the safety of children in Texas’ foster-care system by attracting and retaining private providers for the system; and
- to better safeguard the state from potential cybersecurity threats.

Primary Elections: Legislation modifying the filing periods and related election dates, including any runoffs, for primary elections held in Texas in 2022.

Radioactive Waste: Legislation reforming the laws governing radioactive waste to protect the safety of Texans, including by further limiting the ability to store and transport high-level radioactive materials in this state.

State Legislature: Legislation relating to legislative quorum requirements.

Post-Session Update: ETJ Development Agreements

When [H. B. 1929](#) was signed into law on June 15, development agreements (“DAs”) between cities and landowners or developers in the cities’ extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) became much riskier for cities. After September 1, 2021, the framework upon which these agreements are built will be changed in several fundamental ways.

Waiver of Governmental Immunity

This bill contains a broad waiver of sovereign immunity from suit for the purpose of adjudicating breach of contract claims. Cities are generally immune from suit for “governmental” functions but remain liable for damages causes when they undertake “proprietary” action. Distinguishing between these two types of functions can be confusing. Regulatory actions such as traffic management, police, and sewer operations have been held to be governmental actions to which immunity attaches, while activities such as construction or repair of infrastructure are proprietary functions with no immunity protection. Development agreements often provide for traditionally proprietary functions such as infrastructure construction, which would be unaffected by this new waiver; however, DAs can also control governmental functions such as planning authority, land uses, and annexation. This bill’s waiver language introduces new liability for municipal functions for which cities have always been immune to suit.

Broad Liability for Landowner Costs

In addition to liability for actual damages, unpaid amounts due under the contract, specific performance and injunctive relief, cities can also be forced to pay “any amount owed by the

landowner as a result of the municipality’s failure to perform under the contract” including compensation for the increase of material costs, attorney fees and interest. In a world where the price of building materials have shot through the roof (pun intended), this bill statutorily shifts the risk of those price increases from developers to taxpayers if the city can be blamed for a delay. The cost of development is highly unpredictable, and the reasons for cost overruns are many. Poor estimates, bad decision making, supplier issues, increases in the cost of materials, unpredictable weather, and staffing issues are just a few of the many factors that drive the ultimate price of projects. This bill incentivizes a landowner to seek repayment from city tax dollars when their projects go over budget.

It is true that damages are only awarded when a breach of contract suit is proved in court, but these statutory changes significantly shift the risk analysis in the developers’ favor. Will this shift cause developers to threaten suit more quickly or more often, knowing that cities might prefer to pay a little more rather than defend the case? Who knows, but cities need to take a sharp look at any proposed DAs to make sure that the city-side obligations will be completed on time, because delays to the project can result in a big, unpredictable bill.

Validation of Prior Agreements

These new immunity waiver and damage provisions also apply to all existing ETJ development agreements – not just the new ones. Take a look at all the DAs your city has and make sure the city is meeting all obligations. That should go without saying, of course, but with new legislation comes new motivation.

Constitutional Funding Limitations for these “Programs”

Another interesting shift introduced by this bill was to define an ETJ development agreement to be a “program” authorized by [Section 52-a, Article III, of the Texas Constitution](#). That is important, because any “bonds or other obligations” that a city uses to fund a “program” that are payable by ad valorem taxes must be approved by a majority of city voters. Since they are not usually approved by a vote of the people, this provision removes tax notes and tax-supported certificates of obligation from the list of funding options for ETJ developments. Cities should consult their financial advisor, city attorney and/or bond counsel for guidance with regard to the impact of this provision on current and planned ETJ development.

Taking all these changes together, the bottom line with H.B. 1929 is that it makes entering ETJ development agreements riskier for cities while also removing potential funding sources. Talk with your local professionals about how these changes may impact existing DAs in your city and how these changes could impact your city’s overall ETJ development agreement philosophy and policies.

Post-Session Update: Chapter 380 Agreement Reporting

Cities are authorized by Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code to establish programs that loan or grant city funds, staff, or services to promote state or local economic development and

to stimulate business and commercial activity in the city. Cities make these grants or loans through “380 agreements,” which, while being public records, are maintained at the city level. If a member of the public wants to get a copy of a 380 agreement, or if they want to get copies of all 380 agreements, today, they would have to go city-to-city requesting copies. The member of the public would face the usual Public Information Act hurdles and costs. After [H.B. 2404](#) is fully implemented next year, the public will have access to a centralized, state-maintained database of 380 agreements at no charge.

Comptroller Responsibility: 380 Agreement Database

[H.B. 2404](#) requires the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts to create an online database of information related to 380 agreements made by cities (and other local governments) across the state. The database would include the following information for each 380 agreement:

- the name of the city making the agreement;
- the names of the other parties to the agreement;
- contact information for a city representative and the city’s administrative offices;
- name and contact information for the person submitting the information;
- the beginning and ending dates of the 380 Agreement;
- the focus or scope of the agreement;
- a copy of the 380 Agreement; and
- a numerical code assigned to the city by the comptroller.

Within 15 business days of receiving the above information, the comptroller must enter it into the database, where it must remain accessible to the public for no charge during the term of the agreement. Additionally, the comptroller is authorized to contact the city’s representative for additional information related to the 380 agreement.

City Responsibilities: Provide the Information

Why does a city care about this bill if it requires the Comptroller to create a database? Cities care because the city is the party responsible for supplying the above information and the copy of the agreement to the comptroller within 14 days of entering into, amending, or renewing a 380 agreement. If the city misses this deadline, the city could eventually be liable for a \$1,000 penalty to the state, after receiving a 30-day notice letter from the comptroller.

Additionally, once the comptroller’s database is up and running, a city that maintains a website must provide on the city website a direct link to the comptroller’s database.

Dates of Import

September 1, 2021: The effective date of this bill.

January 1, 2022: The date by which cities must submit the required information to the comptroller for each 380 agreement in effect as of September 1, 2021.

September 1, 2022: The date by which the comptroller must have the database up, running, and accessible.

Ultimately, this bill should increase the transparency into how tax funds are expended by cities for economic development, which is generally a good thing. The comptroller has not yet created the process for submitting the required information, and TML will continue to monitor the situation and update this article when more information is available.

Post-Session Update: New Pre-Employment Screening Procedures for Law Enforcement Agencies

[S.B. 24](#) establishes new pre-employment procedures for law enforcement agencies hiring individuals licensed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE), including a peace officer and a telecommunicator.

Before a law enforcement agency may hire TCOLE-licensed individuals, the agency must, on a form and in the manner prescribed by TCOLE, request from TCOLE and any other applicable person, and obtain and review as related to the individual, the following information: (1) personnel files and other employee records from each previous law enforcement agency employer, including the employment application submitted to the previous employer; (2) employment termination reports maintained by TCOLE; (3) service records maintained by TCOLE; (4) proof that the person meets the minimum qualifications for enrollment in a TCOLE training program; (5) a military veteran's United States Department of Defense Form DD-214 or other military discharge record; (6) criminal history record information; (7) information on pending warrants as available through the Texas Crime Information Center and National Crime Information Center; (8) evidence of financial responsibility required to operate a vehicle; (9) driving record from the Department of Public Safety; (10) proof of United States citizenship; and (11) information on the individual's background from at least three personal references and at least two professional references. Additionally, the law enforcement agency must submit confirmation to TCOLE that the agency, to the best of the agency's ability, contacted each entity or individual necessary to obtain the above-referenced information. The chief of police or his or her designee must review and sign each required confirmation form before the form is submitted to TCOLE. Failure to do so shall be grounds for suspension of the chief of police's TCOLE license.

S.B. 24 is effective September 1, 2021 but applies only to hiring decisions that occur on or after January 1, 2022.

TCOLE will be establishing a secure file transfer system to allow agencies to electronically share background documents when a licensee who has a law enforcement work history in Texas is being hired. The League will continue to monitor this issue and provide updates once TCOLE selects a system and establishes procedures to utilize the system.

Post-Session Update: Mental Health Leave for Police Officers

[S.B. 1359](#) requires law enforcement agencies to develop and adopt a mental health leave policy for police officers who experience a traumatic event in the scope of employment. While state statute provides that a policy be adopted, the details of the policy are within the discretion of the law enforcement agency that developed the policy.

The bill requires that the mental health leave policy: (1) include clear and objective guidelines establishing when a police officer may be granted leave; (2) grant leave without deduction in salary or compensation; (3) list the number of leave days available; and (4) detail how much anonymity the police officer has when leave is taken.

In addition, the law enforcement agency may provide a list of mental health services available in the area that the police officer may use. The bill requires the law enforcement agency to adopt a policy as soon as practicable after the effective date of September 1, 2021.

A sample policy from the Texas Police Chiefs Association is available [here](#). Cities should consult with legal counsel and human resources when adopting such policies.

Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission: Meeting with Local Government Officials

Major changes to Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) operations adopted by the 86th Legislature (2019) go into effect Sept. 1, 2021. TABC is hosting a virtual meeting for local government officials, including city secretaries, to provide updates about those changes. The meeting is scheduled **August 10 at 10 a.m. CDT**, and will include updates on: (1) new TABC technology known as the Alcohol Industry Management System (AIMS); (2) how AIMS affects local certifications; (3) how license consolidation affects local fees; and (4) the new process for temporary events. Register to attend the meeting [here](#).

COVID-19 Update (No. 197)

All pandemic-related updates, including information about the American Rescue Plan's city-related provisions, will be in the [Legislative Update Newsletter](#) from now on.

- **American Rescue Plan Act Funds DEADLINE:** August 2, 2021 was a state deadline for “non-entitlement units of local government” (NEUs are generally cities under 50,000 population) to register with the [Texas Division Emergency Management](#) to receive ARPA funds. TDEM recently updated its [Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund FAQ](#). NEUs should pay special attention to *Question 13: How does my NEU receive funding?* The answer includes a link to the [CLFRF Timeline Check-in document](#) with step-by-step instructions on registering your city with the [TDEM Grant Management System](#), which is a critical step to receiving funds.

Even though TDEM indicated that August 2, 2021 was a deadline to register with the GMS system, if your city missed that deadline but still wants to participate in the funding, register with GMS ASAP.

- **Rental Assistance Call to Action:** The federal Consumer Finance Protection Bureau (CFPB) has put out a Call to Action to raise awareness about federal rental assistance programs. Among other things, the CFPB has developed a new [Rental Assistance Look Up Tool](#) that allows renters to find information on rental assistance in their area as well as [sample messages and graphics](#) that could be used by interested entities looking to spread the word. Please visit the [CFPB's housing assistance page](#) for more information.
- **Open Meetings Act Reminder:** In March 2020, as Texans worked to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, Governor Abbott's office granted the attorney general's request to suspend certain open-meeting statutes. The temporary suspension allows, among other things, for telephonic or videoconference meetings of governmental bodies that are accessible to the public in an effort to reduce in-person meetings that assemble large groups of people.

On June 30, 2021, [the governor's office approved a request by the attorney general to lift those suspensions](#). The suspensions will lift at 12:01 a.m. on September 1, 2021. Thus, as of September 1, 2021, all provisions of the Open Meetings Act will be effective and all Texas governmental bodies subject to the Open Meetings Act must conduct their meetings in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act as written in state law.

This could change, given the rising numbers of COVID-19 cases across the state, but as of now, plan for the September 1 expiration.

- **No ARPA Funds Received by Texas:** On August 2, 2021, the U.S. Treasury updated its "Status of Payments to States for Distribution to Non-Entitlement Units of Local Government" chart reflecting payments made to states under the American Rescue Plan Act for distribution to non-entitlement units of local government. A non-entitlement unit of local government is typically a city or town which serves fewer than 50,000 people, and their portions of the ARPA funds are sent to the state and should be distributed by the state to the individual cities within 30 days of receipt. Texas remains one of only 7 states to have received no funding through the ARPA. Whether the Governor has made the required application to the Treasury Department is unclear. The complete chart, updated weekly, can be found [here](#).
- **ARPA FAQs:** The U.S. Treasury Department's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds FAQ contains a number of questions and answers related to eligibility for recovery funds and eligible uses of recovery funds. The entire FAQ can be accessed [here](#).

The National League of Cities also maintains an ARPA-related FAQ which can be found [here](#).

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TO: City of Bastrop Employees
FROM: Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager
DATE: August 3, 2021
SUBJECT: Council Focus Area: Communication



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Efficiency isn't always the objective. I find myself making that statement from time to time, and I'm accustomed to receiving quizzical looks in response. Why would the City Manager be against efficiency? Is he just another lazy bureaucrat making excuses for wanton waste of public resources?

Of course, being efficient is a priority. Certainly, we advocate the wise use of the human and financial resources provided by the public. Yes, cost relative to benefit matters.

So, let's talk about the benefits of what we do. *What is it we're supposed to be accomplishing for the citizens of Bastrop?*

There are many good answers to that question, and certainly prominent among those answers is "efficient service delivery". Additional good answers include each of the nine City Council focus areas.

The first of those focus areas, Communication, provides a case in point. Efficient communication is important, especially if we're trying to send a particular message to a bunch of people in a timely manner. The efficiency of communication also comes into play when we work to ensure that all of our messengers (that is, all of us) are in alignment and all sending the same message.

But *efficient* never trumps *effective*, including when we're evaluating our communications efforts. I think you already know this. When Traci, Sheriah, Sandy, Kimberley, Vivi, Nicole, Debra, Victoria, Rachel, Catherine, Mary, and Terry, (had to get a guy in there) take all the time necessary to fully provide an answer to a person's question, they are correctly placing effectiveness over efficiency.

It's those "one person at a time" encounters that over time make the most difference.

Let's go back to the question I asked above, "what is it we're supposed to be accomplishing?" The best single and short answer to that question is to build trust. We're nothing without the public trust. We can't implement any of the nine focus areas if we aren't trusted.

There's a lot we need to do to sustain and build trust. It all starts, though, with how we manage relationships. Relationship building is all about how we deal with people, one person at a time.

And that's not easy, especially for old and introverted bureaucrats like me. But at least I'm not lazy! I'm reminded by my 8th-grade football coach's words: "Hofmann is small and slow, but at least he works hard." Thanks coach, I appreciate being motivation fodder for the rest of the team, and the tackling dummy.

This team isn't lazy, either. Thanks for the good and hard work, and for your focus on how you communicate with people. I'm proud to be associated with you.

Planning Department

CONTRACTOR FORUM

Hosted by the City of Bastrop

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

Noon - 1:00PM

LOCATION:

Council Chambers

1311 Chestnut Street
Bastrop, Texas 78602

This is a follow up meeting to the feedback received from the June 30th Contractor Forum. City staff will present the proposed changes and progress in response to the feedback received. Drinks will be provided. Please bring your own lunch.

For more information: 512-332-8840 or plan@cityofbastrop.org.



FY 2022 City Council Budget Questions



QUESTION ONE: GENERAL FUND- On the Community Support requests I know several of the application did not fill out the portion asking for % total operating funds. The budget book state that this % was one of the criteria used in the evaluation. Were we able to those #'s from the applicants that did not supply it? If so, I would like to see those numbers. (Council Member Drusilla Rodgers)

RESPONSE: Please find the below requested information concerning the percentage of total budget requested for funding. We were able to determine that percentage for those that did not include it on the application by reviewing the group's FY2022 proposed budget which was one of the required documents.

CITY OF BASTROP COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUNDING REQUESTS FY2021-2022

Organization	FY19-20 APPROVED FUNDING	FY20-21 APPROVED FUNDING	FY21-22 REQUESTED FUNDING	FY21-22 PROPOSED FUNDING	% of Total Operating Funds
Austin Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	3%
Bastrop County Child Welfare Board	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	18%
Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry (incl NIBBLES prog.)	\$ 33,658	\$ 33,658	\$ 33,685	\$ 33,685	10%
Bastrop County First Responders	\$ 14,787	\$ 15,841	\$ 17,277	\$ 16,500	24.60%
Bastrop County Long Term Recovery Team	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	6%
Bastrop County Women's Shelter, Inc. - Family Crisis Center	\$ 9,200	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 10,500	0.50%
Bastrop Pregnancy Resource Center	\$ 7,500	\$ 8,000	\$ 19,493	\$ 8,500	15.20%
Children's Advocacy Center of Bastrop County	\$ 6,400	\$ 7,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 10,000	1.60%
Combined Community Action, Inc.	\$ 6,400	\$ 7,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 7,500	1.50%
Court Appointed Special Advocate of Bastrop County (CASA)	\$ 6,400	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	1%
Feed The Need	\$ 6,500	\$ 7,000	\$ 34,474	\$ 7,500	59.43%
In the Streets-Hands Up High Ministry	\$ 6,200	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 7,000	4.83%
Pines and Prairies Land Trust	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,153	\$ -	90%
Literacy Volunteers of Bastrop	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL	\$ 129,045	\$ 119,499	\$ 187,929	\$ 135,185	

FY 2022 City Council Budget Questions



QUESTION TWO: DESIGNATED FUND- I think it would be important for the council to know the breakdown of the Designated Funds. Knowing the balance of each fund and the rules / restrictions they have on spending those funds would be a nice element as we make our plans moving forward. (Council Member Drusilla Rodgers)

RESPONSE: Generally, we appropriate funds in case uses are developed during the year.

BALANCES AS OF: 8/3/2021

PUBLIC EDUCATION (PROGRESSIVE)

Restriction: These funds come from Waste Connections for education programming as it relates to recycling. This is part of their contract.

Balance: \$35,261

FUTURE EXT HASLER BLVD

Restriction: Funds were put up for the improvement of the extension of Hasler Blvd. across Old Austin Hwy.

Balance: \$12,803.16

FUTURE INTERSECTION AT BLAKEY LN AND EDWARD BURLESON

Restriction: Funds were put up for the intersection improvement at Blakey Lane and Edward Burleson (HWY 304).

Balance: \$18,598.84

TECHNOLOGY

Restriction: May be used to finance the purchase of or to maintain technological enhancements for a municipal court (computers, network, hardware, software, imaging, kiosks, ticket writers, and docket management systems).

Balance: \$11,178

BUILDING SECURITY

Restriction: May be used for the purpose of providing security services for buildings housing a municipal court (metal detectors, security systems, security services or personnel and continuing education on security issues for court personnel).

Balance: \$54,899

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RED LIGHT CAMERA

Restriction: May be used only to fund traffic safety programs, including pedestrian safety programs, public safety programs, intersection improvements, and traffic enforcement.

Balance: \$204,912

During FY 2022, these funds will be used for the next phase of the sidewalk connectivity project.

PEG

Restriction: May only be spent on capital costs of PEG facilities (facilities used to film and broadcast content for the public channel.)

Balance: \$72,156

DESIGNATED PARK FUNDS

Restriction: Donations specified for park improvements also the lease payment from Bastrop River Co. that council specified as designated to park improvements.

Balance: \$14,563

During FY 2022, these funds are proposed to be used to refurbish river overlooks at Fisherman's Park.

DESIGNATED FIRE FUNDS

Restriction: Donations specified for fire department expenses (most of this was a donation specifically for hearing impaired smoke detectors).

Balance: \$6,901

GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND

Restriction: Donations from customers specifically designated to be used to assist those in need of utility bill assistance. The Bastrop Food Pantry is the agency selected to evaluate eligibility and request payments out of this fund.

Balance: \$2,236

SIDEWALK DESIGNATED

Restriction: These are funds paid by developers that were unable to construct sidewalks and had to pay into a fund for sidewalk improvements.

Balance: \$28,362

PD LAW ENFORCEMENT

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Restriction: These funds are Chapter 59 asset forfeiture funds and can only be used for law enforcement purposes.

Balance: \$0

FEDERAL EQUITABLE SHARING PROGRAM

Restriction: Sharing funds must be used in accordance with the eShare Users Guide for law enforcement purposes only. Sharing funds are to supplement an agencies budget it does not replace it. Following are some uses of these funds:

1. Operations and investigations
2. Training and education
3. Equipment (includes vehicles)
4. Joint operations
5. Travel and per diem
6. Awards and memorials
7. Awareness Programs
8. Matching Funds (other than salaries)
9. Transfer to other LE agencies
10. Support of community-based programs

Balance: \$2,561

PD SPECIAL

Restriction: These funds are from donations specifically designated for the Police Department and can be spent on any expense benefiting the PD.

Balance: \$5,005

LEOSE

Restriction: Law enforcement officers standards and education (continuing education policy).

Balance: \$8,930

CHILD SAFETY FUND

Restriction: Must be used for a school crossing guard program if the municipality operates one. If no the money can fund programs designed to enhance child safety, health, or nutrition, including child abuse prevention and intervention and drug and alcohol abuse prevention; or expend the additional money for programs designed to enhance public safety and security.

Balance: \$17,018



TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE
GEORGE P. BUSH, COMMISSIONER

July 27, 2021

The Honorable Connie Schroeder
City of Bastrop
1311 Chestnut Street
Bastrop, TX 78602

Dear Mayor Schroeder:

Thank you for your response to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) and its decision regarding your application to the Hurricane Harvey State Mitigation Competition. We appreciate the information you have provided.

Unfortunately, the appeal period has closed for the Harvey Mitigation Competition. The GLO has decided to forgo a second round of the Hurricane Harvey Competition and instead will soon be submitting an action plan amendment reallocating additional funding to the Regional Mitigation Program. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development must first approve this plan before the reallocation can proceed. The best option for any jurisdiction not receiving a competition award is to work with their Council of Governments regarding the funding to be dispersed through this upcoming Regional Mitigation Program.

Sincerely,

Heather Lagrone
Senior Deputy Director
Community Development and Revitalization

cc: George P. Bush
Commissioner
Texas General Land Office

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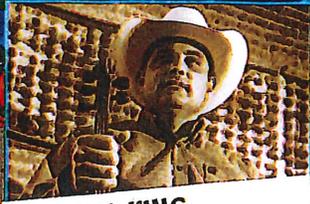


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Come and join us for the 2021 "Boogie Back to Bastrop - Country & Western Swing Festival"!

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You won't want to miss this amazing swing weekend and all the charm Bastrop, Texas has to offer!

Dear Hunters Crossing LGC Board of Directors:

The City of Bastrop received three bids for the Hunters Crossing Removal and Replacement project on July 26. The low bid was \$802,635, the highest bid was \$840,188.

We believe the current high price of lumber and steel has caused the bids to come in over the estimated and funded amount of \$700,000, and the Board approved amount of \$770,000.

The City believes the best course of action is to not execute a contract at this time, and re-issue the RFP around November of 2021, in anticipation of improved market conditions. We will add language in the RFP that allows a longer time to perform the work and provide the contractor the ability to perform the work on their own schedule hopefully yielding a better price. This also allows them to perform work in the off season time of the year. We will also break up the sections of fence into phases and each section of fence will become a price per linear foot that we can more easily chose to remove from the contract prior to issuing a notice to proceed. If all the sections cannot be repaired or replaced we can begin to budget them in the upcoming fiscal years as part of the regular budgeting process.

The City will also provide communications with the neighborhood to let them know the status of the fence project. Please let us know of any questions.

Also, just a reminder the next Hunters Crossing LGC Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 19th @ 5:00 PM.



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