

Hot Sounds of Summer



WEEKLY REPORT

JUNE 14, 2019

TO: MAYOR SHETTER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: BRYAN LANGLEY, CITY MANAGER

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I. Council Schedule

Meetings

- **Monday, June 17: Burleson 4A Community Economic Development Corp.**, at Burleson City Hall, Council Chambers, 141 W. Renfro St., start time 5:00pm
- **Monday, June 17:** City Council Worksession at Burleson City Hall, Council Chambers, 141
- **Monday, June 17:** City Council Meeting at Burleson City Hall, Council Chambers, 141 W. Renfro St. Regular session starts at 7:00 p.m.

II General Information and Status Updates

A. Water Line Incident

As everyone knows, a contractor hit a 12” water line last Friday afternoon, causing the pressure in Oak Valley and Plantation to fall low enough that a boil water notice was required. Staff is still working through evaluating the incident, but the response to the break itself required the immediate attention of several city employees. We are very proud of the professionalism and urgency with which these employees responded, and we plan on recognizing them at the beginning of the June 17 city council meeting. Below are some pictures of the employees’ efforts to fix the line break. The staff members that helped the city to work through the issue as smoothly and quickly as possible included:

Public Works

- Mark Hert, Sr. - Utility Crew Leader
- Andrew Jabben, - Assistant Operations Superintendent-Water/Wastewater
- Brandon Krouse - Utility Crew Leader
- David Cavin - Utility Crew Leader
- Roel “Junior” Rodriguez - Utility Crew Leader
- Zachary Carey - Utility Crew Leader
- Nephtali Ruiz - Utility Worker
- Joshua Myers - Utility Worker
- Joshua Gnat - Utility Worker
- Doug McCullough - Operations Superintendent-Water/Wastewater
- Melissa Hutchinson - Regulatory Specialist-Water/Wastewater
- Heath Snyder - Meter Service Technician
- Kevin North - Assistant Director of Public Works
- Aaron Russell - Director of Public Works

- Currie Reardon - Administrative Technician, Public Works
- Lauren Underwood-Hester - Administrative Technician, Public Works
- Brandi Rendon - Utility Customer Service Manager
- Lisa Kay Edwards - Utility Customer Service Office Supervisor
- Jennifer Swim - Utility Customer Service Clerk
- Kelly Hastings - Utility Customer Service Clerk
- Dusty Arnold - Drainage Crew Leader
- Alton Fore - Senior Crew Leader
- Jason Smith - Right-of-Way Inspector
- Ethan Rueter - Utility Worker

Fire Department

- Jessica Eiswald - Fire Inspector/Investigator
- Dennis Koslowsky - Firefighter
- Tanner Singleton - Firefighter
- Jeremiah Lozier - Battalion Chief
- Stacy Singleton - Fire Marshal
- Ken Freeman - Fire Chief

Marketing and Communications

- Collin Gregory - Communications Coordinator
- DeAnna Phillips - Director of Marketing and Communications
- Tina Staton - Communications and Design Assistant



B. New Kerr Middle School Fence Location

In June 2018, Council approved a fence variance for BISD to construct a chain link fence along their south boundary behind existing homes within the Plantation subdivision. The fence is proposed to be 10 feet from the property line and they will clear brush and leave the larger trees. BISD has requested a modification to that plan in order to leave a cluster of trees intact. See the sketch below. Staff has met with BISD to look at the trees and believes that this proposed location is better than the current plan because it leaves more trees and provides a better buffer to the homes to the south. Since Council has already approved the variance for the chain link fence and the new location continues to meet the standard for which the variance was approved (i.e. that the screening standard has been met with existing residential fences and trees), staff has approved the proposed location.



C. Old Town 4-way Stop Signs for Safety - Update

The new 4-way stop signs at Warren, Wilson & Ellison are now all in place. As a reminder these were added due to sight distance issues caused when vehicles are parked in on-street parking near the intersections. The 4-way stops improve safety. Please drive safely!

D. Planning Manager Consultant Contract Status

On June 3rd Council approved a contract with Calvin, Giordano & Associates (CGA) for an Interim Planning Manager and miscellaneous planning services. David Gattis will be filling the role of Planning Manager for the next three months and has been with us for a couple of weeks now. Current workload and limited staffing has created challenges to move forward on planning projects over the past year. Dave will be assisting the planning staff by managing the Development Assistance Committee process, looking at documents and processes for ways to add efficiencies and improvements, and assisting with evaluating resumes of Planning Manager candidates.

Specific tasks that CGA will perform with respect to special projects have not been identified yet, but the following items are currently being considered:

- Evaluating the Development Services Department to determine if there are any operational efficiencies that can be gained
- Evaluating management of City Master Plans across departments
- Evaluating suggestions by the Interim Planning Manager (Mr. Gattis) and other staff to refine or create Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), flow charts, and development guides
- Evaluating new legislation and making recommendations on ordinance or process changes to mitigate the impacts of the new rules and ensure our compliance
- Assistance with other miscellaneous ordinance amendments

Status updates of this contract will be provided as the tasks are refined and permanent Planning Manager candidates are considered.

E. Mobile Stage Replacement Plan

At the June 3, 2019 city council meeting there were some questions regarding the replacement of the mobile stage. The city council approved a supplemental appropriations ordinance in the amount of \$210,000 to cover a funding gap for the construction of the Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza. The \$210,000 came from three sources of funds, including \$126,000 from the equipment replacement fund (ERF) associated with replacing the existing mobile stage.

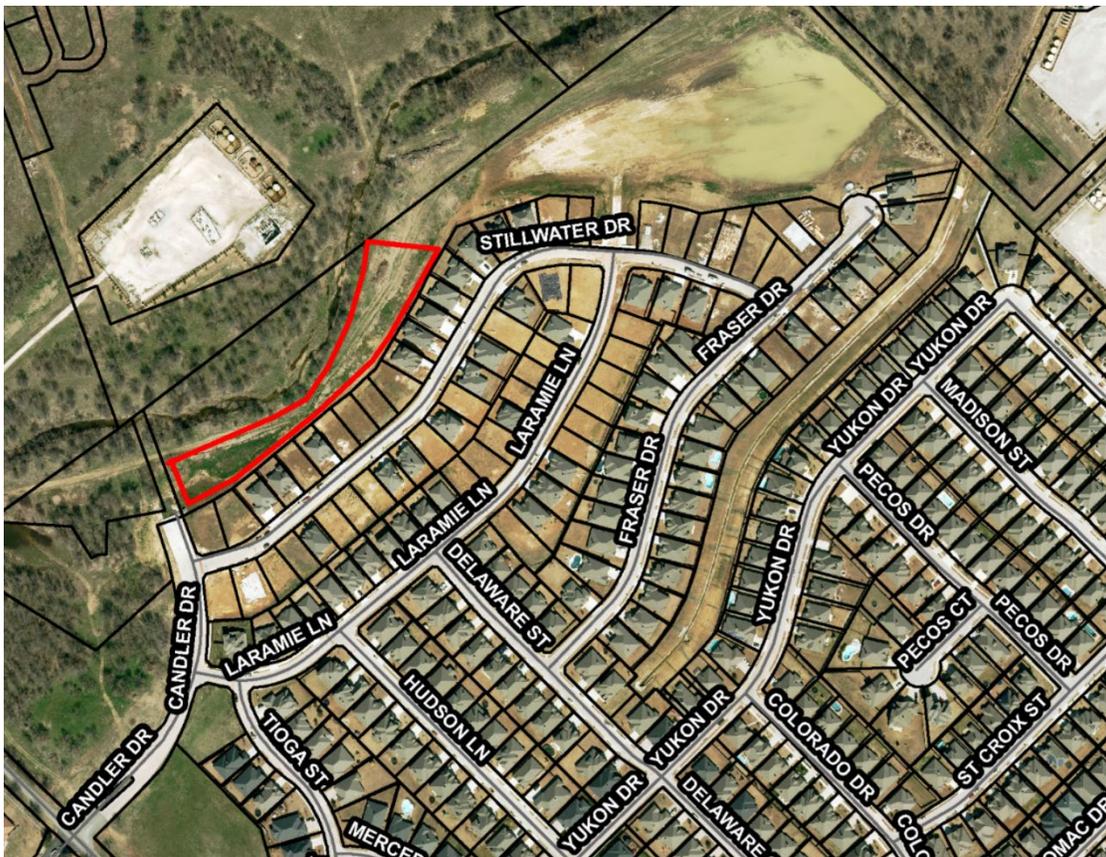
The reason monies associated with replacing the mobile stage were available in the ERF is because the existing stage has lasted longer than was initially anticipated. When it was purchased in 2007, the mobile stage was anticipated to have a lifespan of 10 years. However, staff expects the stage to last for another 10 years from this date. Therefore, the money that was contributed to the ERF for the replacement of the mobile stage was available to help cover the funding gap for the construction of the Plaza.

Staff anticipates to continue using the mobile stage after the completion of the Plaza for events including the 4th of July, Boo Bash, and Founder’s Day. Therefore, contributions will continue to be made to the ERF which will allow the city to replace the mobile stage in 10 years.

F. Mowing in Shannon Creek

Staff and city council have received a request from a resident on Stillwater Drive in Shannon Creek to mow the open parkland area adjacent to some of the residents’ backyards (see outlined area in map below). Staff had mowed the grass and weeds approximately 10 – 15 feet away from the yards to mitigate against insects and other nuisances; however, staff was trying to keep the area looking as natural as possible. Additionally, staff heard from some other residents that they liked the natural look of the area.

After a closer review of city ordinances regarding nuisances pertaining to high grass and weeds, a decision was made to cut the grass and weeds in the area so that it is below 12 inches as required by city code. There was discussion regarding whether or not the area is exempted from the city code because it was named a “nature preserve,” but the determination was made to mow the grass and weeds in order to avoid the perception that the city holds itself above its own codes. Marc Marchand and Councilmember Hulsey plan to reach out to the resident that made the request.



III. Upcoming Road Construction/Closures

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Project & Limits	Current Status	Traffic Affected	Estimated Completion
Renfro Street Medians in Old Town – Johnson to IH35W	Rebuild of water/sewer/outside lane pavement is complete. Medians under construction. Landscape & Irrigation will follow	Middle lanes closed to traffic, one lane open in each direction. Striping was changed at IH35W intersection.	Contractor is behind schedule 2-3 weeks, but has committed to make up time to complete by original July 29 date.
Old Town Parking Lots - Bufford@Warren and Main@Renfro	Painting is underway and some lights are in place in both lots. 104 parking spaces now open at Bufford lot location, and 50 open at Main Street lot	4-way stops are now in place at Bufford/Wilson and Bufford/Warren due to limited sight distance at the intersections. Main Street closed north of Renfro.	Parking lot is now open for use. 104 total spaces are now available. Minor construction is ongoing and will be complete at the end of June.
Old Town Quiet Zones - RR xings at Commerce, Renfro, Ellison, Eldred	Work started on 6/3 on Renfro. Work is focused on Renfro but occurring at all location. Medians and pedestrian crossings will be constructed. UPRR will set new crossing gates on their schedule	Closures at crossings when work is occurring. First location will be Renfro Street.	Start in June 2019, End in December 2019
NW Renfro Improvements – Wilshire Blvd. To Cindy Lane	Concrete work underway at Cindy & Murphy intersections.	Lane closures on SH174 and Renfro started 4/25. Work moved to Renfro first,	Early 2020
	Work will improve street crossing safety for pedestrians and bicycles, and delineate on-street parking lane.	SH174 lane closure will occur later in the project and be minimized as much as possible.	
McNairn 16" Water Line & Sewer Rebuild- SH174 to Turkey Peak Water Facility Site on Jayellen	6/14 UPDATE Water and sewer complete to Hillside. Water line progressing north of Hillside, near Vaughn Dr. Bore under SH174 complete, water line in on McNairn from 174 past Sunnybrook. Bore complete under Hillside. Work is progressing north of Hillside.	Sections of McNairn closed as work progresses. Currently working South of Hillside.	October 2019

IV. Upcoming Community Events

A. Events

Friday, June 14: Hot Sounds of Summer Concert featuring “Windbreakers” in Old Town, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 16: Father’s Day Fishing Event at Bailey Lake, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Tuesday, June 18: Teen Escape Room, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Library Teen Room, ages 12-18 only

Wednesday, June 19: Summer Reading Club Heroes of the Community at the Library, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

V. Attachments

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Below is a recap of the Legislative Post-Session Update. To access the full site, click [here](#).

LEGISLATIVE POST-SESSION UPDATE

The previous edition of the Legislative Update summarized the more than 300 city-related bills passed by the legislature. Many of those bills require cities to take some action, either now or in the future. Upcoming editions will highlight those bills, with more detailed explanations and – when appropriate – recommendations on implementation. Some of those are included elsewhere in this edition.

City officials may be interested to see the final numbers and how they compare to previous sessions. The chart below shows that the number of city-related bills introduced and passed continues to rise:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Bills Introduced*</u>	<u>Total Bills Passed</u>	<u>City-Related Bills Introduced</u>	<u>City-Related Bills Passed</u>
2001	5,712	1,621	1,200+	150+
2003	5,754	1,403	1,200+	110+
2005	5,369	1,397	1,200+	105+
2007	6,374	1,495	1,200+	120+
2009	7,609	1,468	1,500+	120+
2011	6,303	1,410	1,500+	160+
2013	6,061	1,437	1,700+	220+
2015	6,476	1,329	1,600+	220+
2017	6,800	1,220	2,000+	290+
2019	7,541	1,437	2,000+	330+

* Includes bills and proposed Constitutional amendments; regular session only.

Around 25 percent of the legislature’s time is now focused on cities, and a good portion of that effort is directed at preemption.

Post-Session Update: Property Tax Reform

On Wednesday, Governor Greg Abbott signed Senate Bill 2 into law. The bill makes various changes to the property tax rate setting and appraisal processes. Most notably, the bill lowers the property tax rollback rate from 8 percent to 3.5 percent (with some potential adjustments).

Senate Bill 2 does not go into effect until January 1, 2020, with a small handful of other relevant provisions not taking effect until 2021. Cities do not need to comply with the new tax rate setting procedures in S.B. 2 until they set their 2020 property tax rates over a year from now.

Post-Session Update: Contracts Disclosure

During the regular session, the legislature passed H.B. 1495 and S.B. 65. Governor Abbott is expected to sign both bills in the next few days. Among other things, the bills require a city’s lobbyist(s) to file a Form 1295 disclosure.

Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza Groundbreaking – June 7



Hot Sounds of Summer Concert – June 7

Featuring The 3 Amigos

