



CITY MANAGER REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 10, 2023

Items to Highlight

1) Solid waste survey

On October 31, 2022, the Solid Waste survey went live. We had a total of 65 responses to the survey. Most respondents were happy with the service and did not want to pay additional dollars for composting or other services. As a result, the City Manager recommendation will be to cancel the pending RFP until 2024.

2) Christmas in Bastrop recognition

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C_QJG1Pvi_w

3) Ad hoc development services group

The group continues its biweekly meetings and have submitted information to the City Manager who will begin discussions with staff.

4) Development Services Process Consultant

George Arimes, Intelligent Consulting, begins work with the staff on January 6, 2022. He will be in Bastrop on January 24th to meet the Council and the development group and other stakeholders during the information gathering phase. During the 4-month period of Mr. Arimes' engagement, the Planning and Building staff will report to the City Manager.

5) Financial Liability/Fraud

An updated financial procedure update will be provided to the Council on January 24th to include additional procedures and processes that will further strengthen our ability to detect and prevent loss due to fraud.

6) Election

The scheduled date to canvass the election and seat any new members of the city council will be on May 16, 2023.

7) County 1445 Agreement

Negotiations continue with the County on the interlocal agreement regarding standard for development in the ETJ. A meeting for January 12 has been set with the city and county to continue to attempt to reach a resolution.

8) Legal update

The city attorney to provide a legal update to the Council in Executive Session.

9) State of the City

The Mayor will deliver the state of the City in person on March 24th at 6pm at the Bastrop Convention Center. Also, included in the program will be a “roast” of outgoing Mayor Schroeder. Save the date invitations will be sent on January 15.

10) Christmas Lighting

We recognize that Christmas lighting was less than phenomenal this year. Staff is reviewing the contract and expects to bring back an improved lighting plan for the 2023 Christmas season.

11) Trashcans in the Downtown Area

New trashcans will go out on Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday.

