



CITY MANAGER REPORT

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A report keeping council informed of the many happenings at City Hall. Items in this report may be highly sensitive or confidential and thus Council is encouraged not to share the info publicly without first verifying with the City Manager. Council is encouraged to continue to use their Issue Tracker in TEAMS to assist in ensuring all council directed items are handled in a timely manner.

Notable HR Changes

1. Executive Director of Engineering - Position Filled - Tiger Davis, Retired from the City of Austin.
2. City Secretary - Remains vacant, Irma Parker is solely working on election items now.
3. Chief Financial Officer will be retitled to Finance Director, vacant.
4. Project Manager - one filled, one vacant

Financial Standing

- a. All funds performing positive to projection except impact fees. The January Financials to be presented next meeting will provide a better synopsis.
- b. Master Meter fee amendment will be modified.
- c. Continuation of discussion of Valverde PID continues.

Management Projects

1. Mardi Gras was a roaring success. Final numbers to be presented at Council.
2. Hotel - RFP
 - Will discuss with Council seeking to amend original legislation extending original boundary to allow for greater financial incentive.
 - Rendition submitted is only 30-35% larger than existing hotel and may not provide longevity.
3. OpenGov transition
 - Finance is 75% of the way. Financial reporting after May will be a HUGE improvement.
4. Draft Transportation Master Plan Update
 - Ongoing as the Comprehensive Plan continues
 - TXDOT Transportation Alternatives sidewalk grant will be submitted to connect Blakey to Old Austin Highway and downtown. On council agenda 2/2025. Response by October 2025

5. Downtown Parking Lot
 - We continue to seek a response from the Church on a purchase or partnership.
6. Draft Drainage Master Plan - Ongoing
7. Development Services Department & Code Revamp
 - Comp Plan Open Houses continue
 - Massive code amendments presented in Feb/March governing lot sizes and setbacks to match the surrounding environment.
 - Tree amendments in progress.
8. Economic Development Corporation
 - Sports complex is a no go.
 - Fiesta project is back online
 - LS Electric seeks land for expansion.
 - TA Adhesives will ribbon cut in the early spring
9. Parks Master Plan
 - Amendments to the code requiring park exaction, fee in lieu of, penalties, and a park development fee will be adopted by the Council in March 2025.
10. ESD#3
 - Voter approved
 - Impact to residents will be telling at the next tax bill.
 - Council is encouraged to discuss the budget impacts with county commissioners. (i.e. how much is going to be approved by the commissioner's court)
11. CORIX/Boring Company
 - Line work for sewer is ongoing. CORIX is working on the necessary ROW on 969.
 - Blakey funding is being discussed.
 - Discussion with the Townsend Attorney regarding the ROW needed on Blakely is ongoing.
12. Aqua/CCN/Effluent resale
 - Aqua is awaiting signature for Valverde. Advised Aqua board likely by End of Month.
13. Quiet Zone
 - The study was funded in December 2023.
 - No movement on this project.

14. Athletic Field RFP

- No go

15. Additional land at Mayfest Park

- Further discussion on acquisition is ongoing.

16. STR:

- Ordinance Completed
- Town Hall meeting is complete
- Ordinance to Council in Feb.

17. Uber Ride Share Program

- Council presentation expected in February

CIP Projects

18. Engineering/Project Management

- IDIQ contracts are out and signed.
- A variety of firms are providing services such as plan review, site review, and feasibility studies.

19. Iron Bridge

- 100% plans are received.
- Endangered bird and historic designation have delayed bids going forward. Hopeful to have bid on the street in March 2025.

20. Wastewater Treatment Plant #3 - Phase II

- The technical memorandum on construction and probable cost was submitted by Freese & Nichols for an estimated engineering cost of almost \$10M.
- Under the new IDIQ contract we are working on, we will seek alternate bids for this work.
- There is additional cost of \$1M for oversight of the project
- Field trip on February 28 to view alternate plant type and site.

21. Simsboro Aquifer Water Treatment Plant, Well Field and Transmission Facilities (WTP)

- Unknown ETA for completion. Filter systems and electrical issues.

22. Blakey Lane Extension

- Blakey lane extension is at 100% design.
- ROW discussion with the property owners have begun before we move to legal.

23. Agnes Street Extension

- Groundbreaking picture 2/15/2025
- Expected completion 12/2025

24. Elevated Storage Tank (EST) West of FM 969

- City's Engineering staff is working the Valverde subdivision to determine location and cost.
- Valverde has agreed on location that would not harm the subdivision layout.
- Estimated completion date: Unknown

25. Fairview Cemetery - Section 9 Development

- Staff has completed the water line and road improvements.
- Groundbreaking 2/2025

26. All Line Extension (Water/WW)

- Council has been briefed on the pipe bursting for the Hwy 71 at the 969 intersections towards Old Austin Highway.
- Engineering complete, bids received.

27. Streets

- Overlay: HA5 project is on schedule.
- Rehab or Repair: Televising of lines on Water, Linden, and Farm determined some WW improvements needed as follows:
 - Linden - replace 820' of WW line from Hill to Pecan, Street estimate was \$644,525 plus WW repairs
 - Water - replace 1,450' of WW line from Farm to Cedar, plus 2 manholes. Street estimate was \$384,500, plus WW repairs
 - Farm - replace 350' of WW line from Pecan to Willow. Street estimate was \$418,180
 - Pipe bursting can be used to reduce the amount of repair needed to the street.
 - Funding for these segments will be from the existing street maintenance repair program.

Grants

Open Awarded Capital Projects

Project	Description	Source	Grand Funded	Local Match
Agnes Road Extension	Street improvement project connecting Home Depot Way to existing Agnes Rd.	GLO	\$4,197,926	\$42,403
Transfer Lift Station & Force Main	Part of plant expansion project = <u>reassigned to rehabilitate the existing plants</u>	ARP	\$2,290,038	\$-

Pending Award

Project	Description	Source	Grand Funded	Local Match
TXDOT TA Grant – 12' sidewalks	Transportation Alternatives	TXDOT	TBD	20%
Colorado Riverbank Stabilization - DENIED	Design & construction phases to address the erosion issues on park land, including area affecting the Old Iron Bridge	HMGP	\$11,422,022	\$3,807,341
Gills Branch Drainage Improvements - DENIED	Channel & culvert improvements, utilities relocation and creating a series of short berms along the west creek bank to reduce flow from leaving the creek	HMGP	\$10,935,598	\$3,645,199
Riverwood Waterline Project Phase II – REJECTED- NO ROI	Phase II of the water line replacement in the Riverwood Drive neighborhood	TDA	\$448,535	\$50,000
Blakey Lane Extension – MEMO TO COUNCIL	Street improvement project to extend Blakey Lane to Old Austin Hwy and also connecting to Jessica Place.	TDA	\$2,358,000	\$-

Legal

28. KSA - Wastewater Treatment Plant

- Legal continues to assist in resolving this issue.
- Ribbon cutting 2/2025

29. Visit Bastrop

- Contract with City and additional 75K for HOT has been approved.

Other

30. Rodeo Arena Repair/Assessment

- This has been transferred to Fleet and Facilities for repairs in coordination with Parks

31. Farm Street Village

- Purchase completed

32. Kerr Center Property/African American Cultural Center

- LOI signed with the African American Cultural Center
- Engineering work continues
- Grant dollars of \$50K used to support the organization

33. Kerr Community Center

- \$40K assistance to fund necessary repairs.

34. Assistance to BISD

- Permitting and site assistance is ongoing
- An interlocal with the ISD will allow the City to inspect the school sites with local, accessible inspection staff and a lesser cost than outside inspectors, saving tax dollars for all.

35. Assistance to the County

- Working to coordinate streets for repair with the County.