



CITY MANAGER REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 8, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: 7C

Items to Highlight

1) Groundwater district moratorium

On October 27, the Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District (LPGCD) placed a temporary moratorium on the issuance of new ground water permits until July 1, 2023. According to the District General Manager, "The District is in the process of developing new rules regarding the issuance of permits which require some extensive hydrogeologic backing. The District also just signed a contract with a new hydrogeology consulting group and its going to take some time to get them up to speed. The temporary suspension is meant to give the District time to get the new rules developed and incorporate any changes to Chapter 36 made by the legislature during the upcoming session... There will likely be a limited rules update this fall to do some rules clean up and set up the larger changes anticipated for next year." The city will continue to monitor and work in conjunction with LPGCD.

2) Solid waste survey

On October 31, 2022, the Solid Waste survey went live. The purpose of the survey is to determine residents needs/wants in order to establish a scope for a future Request for Proposals. The link is available on the City's website at www.cityofbastrop.org It was also printed on the utility bills and a direct link to the survey can be found here:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=YK5EFfwKKkqfIT0x1YQ8uaVkvJmTjJxBk4Zc0qqhnr9UOU4yR0IQNVUyQ1dJWDAzUzZQZQ1M5NTY2TyQIQCN0PWcu>

3) Ad hoc development services group

In early October, the city manager met with a group of 16 development community members who shared a frustration with the B3 Code, process, and enforcement of the code. The city manager asked the group to organize, more formally, as an Ad Hoc group to consist of a cross section of representation, with whom regularly scheduled meetings could be had, to begin working on improvements to the B3 code and internal processes. Additionally, the city manager has begun discussion with staff on improvements to internal processes.

4) eCab information and extension

The city's eCab grant funding will end November 30, 2022. Due to the program's popularity and high utilization rate, council will act at the next scheduled meeting on November 8, to extend the service contract as well as appropriate funding that was approved at the FY 23 budget adoption. Although there is a change in operational hours, there will be no interruption of service. There is additional information provided in the agenda packet as item number 13D.

5) Structure Fire

On November 1, at 11:27PM, fire personnel were called to 502 Linden Street, Sunrise Apartments, for a fire alarm. While investigating and attempting to make entry crews were advised of an elderly female that was possibly trapped. Crews forced entry into the lower apartment and found food burning on the kitchen stove. An elderly female was also in the apartment. The victim was assisted by EMS on scene and is OK. The fire was extinguished, and minor damage was done to the stove. This incident highlights the importance of fire alarms and the role they play in fire safety for the entire community.

