

CITY COUNCIL RECAP



June 4, 2024

A treated water sharing agreement, a memorandum of understanding for two utility easements concerning the Gonzales Carrizo Water Supply Projects, Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program, and special event permits were discussed in Tuesday night's meeting.



Back row (L-R): Councilmember at-large Brad Westmoreland, District 1 Councilmember Juan Mendoza, District 4 Councilmember Jeffrey Michelson, District 2 Councilmember John Castillo

Front row (L-R): Mayor Pro-Tem Angie Gonzales-Sanchez, Mayor Lew White, Councilmember District 3 John Lairsen

Upcoming Meetings

June 18 -- Regular Session

July 2 -- Regular Session

July 16 -- Regular Session

GBRA and NBU Treated Water Sharing Agreement:

Council entered a Shared Water Agreement with the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) and New Braunfels Utility (NBU) to temporarily authorize GBRA to resell and deliver to other special utility districts 500 acre-feet from Lockhart's allocation of unneeded treated water from the Gonzales Carrizo Water Supply Project through December 2028. The City will be compensated \$350,000 annually for this assistance. This agreement does not impact the water available to Lockhart customers and does not impact water rates.

Gonzales Carrizo Water Supply Project:

Council entered a Memorandum of Agreement with GBRA for the dedication of two utility easements associated with Phase II of the Gonzales Carrizo Water Supply Project and authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement. These two easements are at the Lockhart Water Treatment Plant and the SH 130 elevated water storage tank. In consideration for these two easements, the City will receive a second delivery point of treated water, thereby diversifying and increasing the City's pumping capacity.

Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP):

Council approved the two-year renewal agreement with Community Action, Inc. for the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP); which provides assistance to low-income Lockhart residents with the electric portion of their utility bills.

Special Event Permit Requirements:

Council directed Staff to create a list of recommended amendments for review at a future Council meeting. These amendments could include, but not limited to, sound levels, special event permit application deadlines, and advance notification for surrounding residential neighborhoods.

City Manager's Report

- Petition to Amend City Charter: Ground Game Texas and Mano Amiga, two regional criminal justice policy reform advocacy groups, submitted a petition last week to amend the City Charter to "reform marijuana enforcement by City personnel."
- Soccer mini-pitch UPDATE: City Staff, along with Mayor White and Councilmembers Castillo, Westmoreland, and Michelson, attended the soccer mini-pitch's grand opening at the Jason K. LaFleur Soccer Complex over the weekend. Representatives of the 4ATX Foundation, Soccer Assist Foundation, St. David's Foundation, and U.S. Soccer Foundation also attended.
- Downtown Revitalization Project Bid UPDATE: Bids for the Downtown Revitalization Project were opened last month. Staff received a total of five bids from Central Texas contractors ranging from \$10.8 million to \$12.8 million. The City Engineer's Opinion of Probable Construction Costs was \$9.6 million so TRC is checking references of the apparent low bidder and checking areas where savings can be achieved. This project award is scheduled for Council consideration in June.
- City/Lockhart ISD Summer Teen Center: The Lockhart Summer Teen Center opened Monday, June 3, 12 p.m. 5 p.m. The FREE recreation program was created in partnership with Lockhart ISD to give teenagers a place to go, in order to stay active and socialize. The Center is located at

M.L. Cisneros Education Support Center/PRIDE High School (500 N. Pecos St.). Teens aged 13 – 18 years old can attend.

- FY 2024-2025 Council Budget Workshops:
 - June 11, 6:30 p.m.: General Fund Budget
 - June 12, 6:30 p.m.: Utility and Special Revenue Funds
- June 18 Council Meeting: The GBRA Budget, Caldwell County Appraisal District Budget, and presentations by social services organizations will be on the agenda for the June 18 Council meeting as part of the development of the FY 2024-2025 Budget.
- Chisholm Trail Roundup: The Chisholm Trail Roundup kicks off on Wednesday, June 12, 6 a.m. with a Cowboy Breakfast at the Courthouse Square. Festivities will be held Thursday, June 13, to Saturday, June 15, at Lockhart City Park. The Chisholm Trail Roundup Grand Parade will be on Saturday, June 15, at 10 a.m.
- City Pool and City Park Splash Pad CLOSED June 10-16 for Chisholm Trail Roundup Events: Both facilities reopen Tuesday, June 18.

ATTENTION: This is a recap of the highlights of action taken at the June 4, 2024, Council meeting. The complete agenda can be found by visiting: [City of Lockhart, TX \(lockhart-tx.org\)](http://lockhart-tx.org).