



Weekly Report

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City of Lago Vista
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City Manager's Office

This week, key members of the City of Lago Vista administration, including the City Manager and Economic Development Director, engaged in a productive discussion with Opportunity Austin. The focus of the meeting was on the recent restructuring within the Opportunity Austin organization and exploring collaborative opportunities to amplify their message within the region. Notably, the City's ongoing infrastructure development efforts were highlighted as a positive step toward fostering economic growth.

In addition to this meeting, the City Manager was actively involved in various other engagements throughout the week. These included discussions related to the upcoming Eclipse event, an introduction to Public Finance Partners, and routine weekly meetings with staff to address operational matters and strategic planning.

As part of preparations for the Eclipse event and in anticipation of a potential surge in visitors, City offices will be closed on Monday, April 8th. This proactive measure aims to ensure the smooth management of resources and services during this period of heightened activity.

Development Services

It has been another challenging week for the Development Services Department as they work towards the April 22, 2024, special called Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. This upcoming meeting includes several significant items that require careful attention. Of note are the four applications initiated by the City in accordance with the Interim Growth Management Policy, as advised by the City Attorney. These applications are scheduled for a public hearing and represent important decisions for our community's future development.

Development Services identified a potential candidate to fill the administrative support staff vacancy. The support staff plays a crucial role in assisting the Development Services Director and is invaluable.

Public Works

The Public Works Director and Engineer conducted a comprehensive review of the 40% design plans for the effluent ponds in collaboration with the design team. Written comments are slated for submission to Freese and Nichols early next week. Additionally, a Pre-Con meeting with Team Morales was held to discuss the imminent installation of two electrical cables at Water Plant #3, with work expected to commence within the next few weeks. A meeting convened at City Hall to address inquiries regarding LUEs in Multi-family Buildings, aiming to provide clarity on the matter. Field inspections were conducted, including an inspection of the Northside Lift Station in Tessera and observations of road work at Tessera and by Cordsen, accompanied by reviews of submittals for the proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade project. Discussions were also held with BSI online to explore potential collaboration for Backflow inspection and enforcement programs, as well as assistance with a Grease Trap enforcement and tracking system. Lastly, progress updates were shared on the Tessera 18" force main project, with paving scheduled for Lakeshore Dr, anticipated to be open this weekend.

Regarding water-related issues, ongoing efforts were made to address water leaks at various locations, with installations and repairs in progress. Service installations were completed at designated sites, while sewer issues remained minimal. Meter sets were finalized at specific locations to ensure accurate water measurement and management.

On the streets front, essential maintenance tasks were completed, including the installation of signage and a stop sign at Nimitz and Norton. Wildlife management efforts included the removal of a deceased deer, while routine maintenance activities such as chipping, and pothole repairs were conducted to enhance road safety and functionality.

At water treatment plants #1 and #3, routine operations continued, encompassing daily lab tests, sample submissions, chlorine residuals testing, and general maintenance activities. Similar maintenance and operational tasks were undertaken at the wastewater treatment plant and lift stations, with a focus on ensuring optimal functionality and compliance with regulatory standards. Effluent disposal efforts remained consistent, including irrigation scheduling and SCADA integration initiatives for enhanced monitoring and management.

Golf Course

The final week of March, being a leap year, coincided with both Good Friday and Easter, traditionally marking one of the busiest periods in the golf business. On Good Friday, the course saw a significant turnout with 140 golfers, and the weekend continued with another two hundred golfers hitting the course.

In addition to the holiday weekend, Saturday featured the first Demo-Custom Fit Day in over five years. TaylorMade, was the featured vendor, and presented alongside our PGA Head Golf Professional to conduct the fittings. The event garnered exceptional attendance and interest, resulting in a total of \$5,000 in sales from special orders.

Parks and Recreation

The FAA conducted an inspection at the airport, resulting in a minimal punch list primarily focused on tasks such as replacing light bulbs. These minor tasks are being addressed promptly to ensure compliance and safety.

Local plumbers were engaged to repair and replace shower heads as needed at the aquatic facility. This proactive maintenance ensures a pleasant experience for visitors and contributes to the overall upkeep of the facility.

Despite one mower being sidelined for repairs, the Parks and Recreation team has diligently continued with routine maintenance operations. Their commitment to maintaining park facilities ensures a pleasant environment for the community to enjoy.

Significant progress has been made in golf course maintenance, with two pallets of sod laid to level low areas. Excess sod will be utilized on other greens, optimizing resources, and minimizing waste. Additionally, repairs on rough mowers have been completed, and the team is actively working to catch up on mowing duties, ensuring the course remains in top condition for players.

Economic Development

The Economic Development Director undertook several key initiatives aimed at fostering economic growth and development within the city. This included a productive meeting with a broker representing property at 1431/Lohman, discussing potential opportunities

and strategies for development in the area. Additionally, a phone call was conducted with a broker working on a pad site in the Lowe's Center, further exploring prospects for commercial expansion. One significant highlight was the meeting with representatives from Opportunity Austin alongside the City Manager, where plans for Opportunity Austin 5.0—a transformative 5-year regional economic development initiative—were rolled out, signaling exciting prospects for future collaboration and progress.

On the communication and marketing front, the Communications and Marketing Coordinator remained actively engaged in promoting city events and initiatives through various channels. Numerous posts were made on social media platforms, the city website, and the digital sign, effectively disseminating information and engaging the community. Furthermore, participation in a podcast aimed at promoting Lago Fest highlighted efforts to enhance visibility and participation in upcoming events. Attendance at the Lago Fest Meeting on Tuesday and the final Eclipse meeting on Wednesday underscored the commitment to event planning and coordination, ensuring seamless execution and successful outcomes.

Information Technology

This week in IT, considerable progress was made in various projects and system upgrades. The migration of Active Directory (AD) to the cloud is nearing completion, with only a few workstations remaining in the transition process. A productive meeting was held with our Microsoft provider to discuss ongoing projects and ensure alignment with our objectives.

Another milestone was achieved as we finalized the collection of new extension numbers for the upcoming implementation of the new phone system. These numbers have been promptly forwarded to the vendor for programming into the new system. Additionally, preparations were made to accommodate the new phones at the Police Department (PD) by arranging for additional network drops, as the new system necessitates separate RJ45 drops for the phones. Coordination with the network drop vendor was initiated to expedite this process.

Maintaining system security remains a top priority, and all servers were updated and patched with the latest security updates for their respective operating systems. Additionally, the IT team has completed preparations for the launch of the new Help Desk

system, having submitted documentation for approval before initiating employee notifications to commence using the new system.

Municipal Court

The clerks prepared for the upcoming regular court dockets scheduled for April 9th, ensuring all necessary documentation and logistics are in order. Additionally, they processed new citations received from the Police Department, maintaining the workflow of the court proceedings. To enhance communication with individuals scheduled for court appearances on April 9, 2024, the clerks sent out text reminders, aiming to facilitate attendance and adherence to schedules.

In addition to court-related tasks, the clerks dedicated time processing the quarterly report for the Department of Public Safety (DPS). They also managed the submission of monthly reports for various entities, including the City Council, the State, and the court's collection agency, ensuring timely and accurate dissemination of pertinent information.

Furthermore, the clerks initiated the process for an upcoming jury trial scheduled for April 23, 2024, by sending out jury summons to eligible individuals. This proactive approach contributes to the efficient management of judicial proceedings and supports the judicial system's functioning.

Police Department

End of Week Report for 03/25/2024 – 03/31/2024

Calls for Service			352
Traffic Stops			106
Citations			29
Warnings			62
Arrests			3
Average Response Time (ART)			2 minutes

Last week, Chief Boshears and Captain Chrane represented the department at the annual Texas Police Chief's Association Conference. During this event, they engaged in valuable training sessions and received updates on various topics crucial to law enforcement, including recruiting and retention strategies, fostering inclusive workplaces, enhancing

officer safety, and staying informed about new policies and procedures from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. Additionally, they had the opportunity to network with other law enforcement leaders, exchanging insights and best practices.

Library

The Director attended a special-called meeting of the Library Advisory Board Thursday, at which time the 2024 Library Long Range Plan was approved. Other topics of discussion included the Board's annual report to the City Council and a list of items to include in the Board's annual work plan. The next meeting of the Advisory Board is scheduled to take place on Monday, July 1.

In preparation for Monday's eclipse, retired science teacher and amateur astronomer, Tom Campbell will present a special program for all ages on what to expect during the eclipse. The program will take place on Saturday, April 5 at 10:00 a.m. in the Library Meeting Room.

The Library still has a limited supply of eclipse glasses for the public.

The Director received word this week that her application for a Lago Vista Women's Club grant was approved. The Library will receive the funds during the Club's May luncheon.