



City of Belton, Texas

City Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, April 14, 2020 - 5:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

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Invocation. Councilmember Dan Kirkley will provide the invocation.

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2. Public Comments.

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3. Proclamation: 50th Anniversary of Earth Day – April 22, 2020.
4. Consider minutes of March 24, 2020, City Council Meeting.

5. Consider authorizing an amendment to the Local Disaster Declaration for a Public Health Emergency for the City of Belton, Texas.

Work Session

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7. Discuss engaging a firm to develop Water and Wastewater Master Plans.
8. Receive a report regarding the Strategic Plan Update.

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3. **Proclamation: 50th Anniversary of Earth Day – April 22, 2020.**

Mayor Pro Tem Carpenter requested this proclamation be presented recognizing the 50th anniversary of Earth Day.

4. **Consider minutes of March 24, 2020, City Council Meeting.**

A copy of the minutes is attached. Recommend approval.

5. **Consider authorizing an amendment to the Local Disaster Declaration for a Public Health Emergency for the City of Belton, Texas.**

See Staff Report from City Manager Sam Listi. Recommend an extension to the Local Disaster Declaration for a Public Health Emergency for the City of Belton, Texas.

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See Staff Report from Director of Finance Mike Rodgers. No action is required of the Council on this item.

7. **Discuss engaging a firm to develop Water and Wastewater Master Plans.**

See Staff Report from Director of Public Works Angellia Points. No action is required of the Council on this item.

8. **Receive a report regarding the Strategic Plan Update.**

See Staff Report from City Manager Sam Listi. No action is required of the Council on this item.

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WHEREAS, *April 22nd marks the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day which was founded in 1970 as a day of education about environmental issues and has grown into a global celebration that often extends into Earth Week, a full seven days of events focused on green living; and*

WHEREAS, *the global community now faces extraordinary challenges such as environmental degradation, climate change, food and water shortages, and global health issues; and*

WHEREAS, *all people, regardless of race, gender, income, or geography, have a moral right to a healthy, sustainable environment; and*

WHEREAS, *it is understood that the citizens of the global community must step forward and take action to create positive environmental change to combat the aforementioned global challenges; and*

WHEREAS, *a sustainable environment can be achieved on the individual level through educational efforts, public policy, and consumer activism campaigns; and*

WHEREAS, *it is necessary to broaden and diversify the environmental movement to achieve maximum success; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of Belton is pleased to celebrate Earth Day in Belton with an Earth Day Story Walk along the Nolan Creek hike and bike trail, featuring the book “The Giving Tree” by Shel Silverstein.*

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, I MARION GRAYSON, Mayor of the City of Belton, Texas, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, April 22, 2020 as

“Earth Day 2020 – 50th Anniversary”

in the City of Belton and ask that my fellow citizens support environmental initiatives in our City, and encourage participation in programs and activities that will protect our environment and contribute to a healthy, sustainable future.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Belton, Texas, to be affixed this the 14th day of April, 2020.

Marion Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy M. Casey, City Clerk

**Belton City Council Meeting
March 24, 2020 – 5:30 P.M.**

The Belton City Council met in a virtual session via Zoom meeting due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency that has been declared by Governor Greg Abbott, Bell County Judge David Blackburn and Belton Mayor Marion Grayson. Members present: Mayor Marion Grayson, Mayor Pro Tem Wayne Carpenter and Councilmembers David K. Leigh, John R. Holmes, Sr., Craig Pearson, Guy O'Banion and Dan Kirkley. Staff present included Sam Listi, Amy Casey, Gene Ellis, Mike Rodgers, Cheryl Maxwell, Wes Gilbreath, Paul Romer, Matt Bates, Chris Brown, Cynthia Hernandez and Angellia Points.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag were postponed. The Invocation was given by Councilmember Craig Pearson.

1. **Call to order.** Mayor Grayson called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.
2. **Public Comments.** *(Audio 3:23)*

Councilmember Leigh read a letter written by John Luther to a friend in 1527 when their town was facing the deadly Black Plague.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

3. **Consider a Local Disaster Declaration for Public Health Emergency in Belton, Texas.** *(Audio 5:07)*

Upon a motion by Councilmember Kirkley, and a second by Councilmember Pearson, the Local Disaster Declaration for Public Health Emergency was approved upon a vote of 7-0.

4. **Consider a resolution postponing the City's May 2, 2020, General Election to November 3, 2020, as allowed pursuant to a proclamation issued by Governor Greg Abbott on March 18, 2020.** *(Audio 7:26)*

Upon a motion for approval of the following captioned resolution by Councilmember Leigh, and a second by Councilmember Pearson, the General Election was postponed to November 3, 2020, upon a vote of 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-15-R

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELTON, TEXAS, POSTPONING THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 2ND DAY OF MAY, 2020, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AND TWO (2) CITY COUNCILMEMBERS, TO THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 UNIFORM ELECTION DATE; DESIGNATING POLLING PLACES; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF JOINT ELECTION CONTRACT FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 ELECTION; PROVIDING

A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

5. **Consider suspending, through September 30, 2020, the 4% fee and the \$1.25 convenience fee for credit card charges and internet payments included on the City of Belton Fee and Rate Schedule. (Audio 13:35)**

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Carpenter, and a second by Councilmember O'Banion, the suspension of certain fees was approved upon a vote of 7-0.

Consent Agenda (Audio 16:12)

Items 6-13 under this section are considered to be routine by the City Council and may be enacted by one motion. If discussion is desired by the Council, any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda prior to voting, at the request of any Councilmember, and it will be considered separately.

6. **Consider minutes of March 10, 2020, City Council Meeting.**
7. **Consider appointments to the following Boards/Commissions:**
 - A. **Housing Board of Adjustments and Appeals** – Johner Martin
 - B. **Belton Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors** – Matt Wood
 - C. **Historic Preservation Commission** – T.C. Lipe
 - D. **Texas Dormitory Finance Authority Board of Directors** – Bill Holmes, Blair Williams, Bry Ewan, Chuck Douglas, Danny Dossman and Dr. Andy Crowson
 - E. **Bell County Public Health District Board of Directors (Alternate)** – Ayse Clark
8. **Consider authorizing the City Manager to approve a one-year extension to the Lease Agreement on Miller Springs Nature Center property between the City of Belton, City of Temple, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.**
9. **Consider an ordinance prescribing the classifications for firefighter positions and the number of positions in each classification in order to reclassify one Lieutenant as a Captain.**
10. **Consider authorizing a 24-month extension to the Development Agreement between the Belton Economic Development Corporation and Belltec Industries, Inc.**
11. **Consider amending the Tax Abatement Agreement between the City of Belton, Bell County, and Belltec Industries, Inc.**
12. **Receive a report on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2019.**

13. **Consider a resolution suspending for 45 days the effective date proposed by Atmos Energy, Corporation – MidTex Division (“Atmos Energy”) in its application filed on or about February 28, 2020, pursuant to section 104.301 of the Gas Utility Regulatory Act, sometimes also referred to as the “GRIP” statute.**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Pearson, and a second by Councilmember Leigh, the Consent Agenda, including the following captioned ordinance and resolution, was approved upon a vote of 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-17

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE CLASSIFICATIONS FOR POLICE OFFICER AND FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS AND THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF POSITIONS IN EACH CLASSIFICATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-14-R

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF BELTON, TEXAS, ("CITY") RESPONDING TO THE APPLICATION OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION – MIDTEX DIVISION, TO INCREASE RATES UNDER THE GAS RELIABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM; SUSPENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RATE APPLICATION FOR FORTY-FIVE DAYS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN A COALITION OF CITIES KNOWN AS THE "ATMOS TEXAS MUNICIPALITIES;" DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED COMPLIED WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING SUCH OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Planning and Zoning

14. **Hold a public hearing and consider a zoning change from Commercial Highway District with a Specific Use Permit for the Sale of Landscaping Products with Outside Storage, to Commercial-Two Zoning District on a 0.6 acre tract located at 2002 S. IH 35 Service Road (Caliber Collision Auto Body Shop office), on the east side of IH 35, approximately 0.52 mile north of Loop 121. (Audio 19:20)**

Public Hearing: no one spoke for or against.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Holmes, and a second by Councilmember Pearson, 2002 S. IH 35 Service Road was rezoned to Commercial-Two Zoning District upon a vote of 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-14

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELTON BY CHANGING THE DESCRIBED DISTRICT FROM COMMERCIAL HIGHWAY DISTRICT WITH A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR THE SALE OF LANDSCAPING PRODUCTS WITH OUTSIDE STORAGE TO COMMERCIAL TWO DISTRICT ON A 0.606 ACRE TRACT, WITH DEVELOPMENT TO BE REGULATED UNDER TYPE AREA 2 DESIGN STANDARDS.

15. **Hold a public hearing and consider a zoning change from Agricultural District to Commercial-Two Zoning District on Lot 1, Kelpe Subdivision, located at 6990 W. Hwy 190 Service Road (Redbox+), approximately 1 mile west of George Wilson Road, on the north side of US 190/I-14, west of CF Supply Building Materials.** *(Audio 22:53)*

Public Hearing: no one spoke for or against.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Pearson, and a second by Councilmember Leigh, 6990 W. Hwy 190 Service Road was rezoned to Commercial-Two Zoning District upon a vote of 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-15

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELTON BY CHANGING THE DESCRIBED DISTRICT FROM AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO COMMERCIAL TWO DISTRICT ON APPROXIMATELY 3.7 ACRES, WITH DEVELOPMENT TO BE REGULATED UNDER TYPE AREA 4 DESIGN STANDARDS.

16. **Hold a public hearing and consider a zoning change from Agricultural District to Planned Development (Light Industrial) Zoning District on approximately 3.02 acres located at 8398 S. IH 35 Service Road, approximately 0.35 mile south of Dillard Road, north of Wolff Construction Co.** *(Audio 26:16)*

Public Hearing: no one spoke for or against.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Leigh, and a second by Councilmember Holmes, 8398 S. IH 35 Service Road was rezoned to Planned Development (Light Industrial) Zoning District upon a vote of 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-16

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELTON BY CHANGING THE DESCRIBED DISTRICT FROM AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) DISTRICT ON APPROXIMATELY 3.02 ACRES, WITH DEVELOPMENT TO BE REGULATED UNDER TYPE AREA 2 DESIGN STANDARDS.

17. **Consider a preliminary plat of Chick Addition, Phase VIII, comprising 13.79 acres, located along an extension of Saint John Street, on the west side of Lark Trail, south of W. Amity Road, in Belton's ETJ. (Audio 30:44)**

Mayor Pro Tem Carpenter made a motion for approval of the preliminary plat of Chick Addition, Phase VIII, including approval of variances to the water flow requirement and to the parkland dedication/fee requirement, and subject to the following:

- Confirmation of the water flow rate in relation to fire protection and a note on the plat warning future property owners of this condition;
- City letter of outstanding conditions for plat approval dated March 12, 2020.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Leigh, and was unanimously approved upon a vote of 7-0.

18. **Consider a final plat of Guess Dulany Subdivision, comprising 6.011 acres, located along an extension of E. 25th Avenue, between N. Beal Street and River Oaks Drive. (Audio 34:31)**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Kirkley, and a second by Councilmember Holmes, the final plat of Guess Dulany Subdivision was unanimously approved upon a vote of 7-0.

19. **Consider a final plat of Expo Plaza Replat No. 1, being a replat of Expo Plaza Subdivision, comprising 6.840 acres, located at 120, 140, and 160 W. Loop 121, near the northwest corner of I-35 and Loop 121, west of the 7-11 Convenience Store. (Audio 40:50)**

Councilmember Pearson made a motion for approval of the final plat of Expo Plaza Replat No. 1, including approval of the variance to the public street frontage requirement for Lots 1 and 2 to allow access via a 30' wide public access easement across Lot 3. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Carpenter, and was unanimously approved upon a vote of 7-0.

20. **Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Development Agreement associated with The Ridge at Belle Meadows, Phase I, located south of W Ave O, east of Loop 121, and west of Laila Lane. (Audio 44:17)**

Upon a motion for approval by Mayor Pro Tem Carpenter, and a second by Councilmember Holmes, the Development Agreement associated with the Ridge at Belle Meadows, Phase I, including the following captioned resolution, was unanimously approved upon a vote of 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-13-R

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELTON, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BELTON, KDAVEO, LLC AND CLARK & FULLER, PLLC., FOR CONSTRUCTION ON PRIVATE PROPERTY ASSOCIATED WITH THE RIDGE AT BELLE MEADOWS PHASE I LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF W AVENUE O, BETWEEN S LOOP 121 AND CONNELL STREET; PROVIDING FOR DEVELOPER, CITY AND ENGINEER OBLIGATIONS; AND PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE.

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Marion Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy M. Casey, City Clerk



Staff Report – City Council Agenda Item

Agenda Item #5

Consider authorizing an amendment to the Local Disaster Declaration for a Public Health Emergency for the City of Belton, Texas.

Originating Departments

Administration – Sam A. Listi, City Manager

Summary Information

The Public Health Emergency, as a result of COVID-19, continues in the U.S., Texas, and Bell County. On March 31, 2020, Governor Abbott issued a new Executive Order (GA14), and on April 3, 2020, Judge Blackburn issued Directive #5 revising and extending the Emergency until at least April 30, 2020. In compliance with, and in support of these unprecedented but essential actions, the City of Belton recommends amending our local disaster declaration to address, in a comprehensive manner, this public health emergency.

While the Mayor can authorize a revised Declaration for a seven (7) day period, which she did on April 3, 2020, and will repeat on April 10, 2020, Council action is needed to extend it beyond that time period. With the scheduled Council meeting on April 14, 2020, we recommend action by the entire Belton City Council at that time to extend the Declaration to April 30, 2020.

As previously discussed, another important reason to consider a Local Disaster Declaration is the potential for us to recover funds expended by the City in this unfolding emergency through Bell County, the State of Texas, or Federal resources. Such a Declaration may be required for proper submittal of requests for reimbursements.

Fiscal Impact

Unknown - To Be Determined

Recommendation

Recommend approval of an amended Local Disaster Declaration for the ongoing Public Health Emergency in Belton, Texas, ratifying the time period from April 3 – April 14, and extending the Emergency to April 30, 2020.

Attachments

Texas Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-14 dated March 31, 2020
Bell County Judge Blackburn's Disaster Declaration, Directive #5 dated 04/03/2020
Revised Disaster Declaration for Public Health Emergency in Belton, Texas
Local Directives #7 and #8

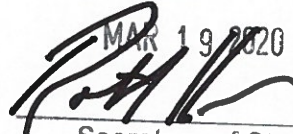


GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

March 19, 2020

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
11:59 AM O'CLOCK

The Honorable Ruth R. Hughs
Secretary of State
State Capitol Room 1E.8
Austin, Texas 78701

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Secretary of State

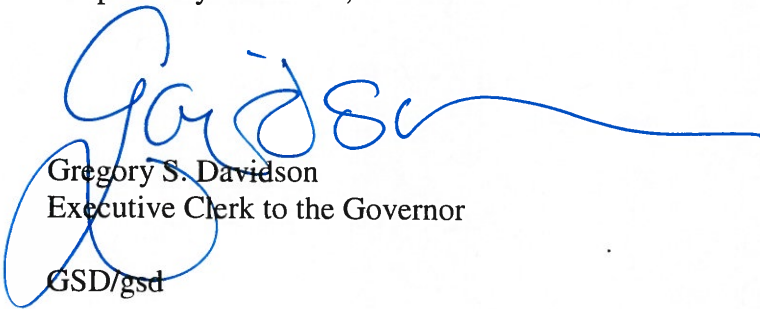
Dear Secretary Hughs:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

Executive Order No. GA-08 relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation.

The original executive order is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,


Gregory S. Davidson
Executive Clerk to the Governor

GSD/gsd

Attachment

Executive Order

BY THE
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Executive Department
Austin, Texas
March 19, 2020

EXECUTIVE ORDER
GA 08

Relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation.

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been recognized globally as a contagious respiratory virus; and

WHEREAS, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the state of Texas; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to spread and to pose an increasing, imminent threat of disaster throughout Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has advised that person-to-person contact heightens the risk of COVID-19 transmission; and

WHEREAS, the President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America, as promulgated by President Donald J. Trump and the CDC on March 16, 2020, call upon Americans to slow the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people, using drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options at restaurants and bars, and avoiding visitation at nursing homes, among other steps; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of State Health Services has now determined that, as of March 19, 2020, COVID-19 represents a public health disaster within the meaning of Chapter 81 of the Texas Health and Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, "[t]he governor is responsible for meeting . . . the dangers to the state and people presented by disasters" (Section 418.001 of the Texas Government Code), and the legislature has given the governor broad authority to fulfill that responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, do hereby order the following on a statewide basis effective 11:59 p.m. on March 20, 2020, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020, subject to extension thereafter based on the status of COVID-19 in Texas and the recommendations of the CDC:

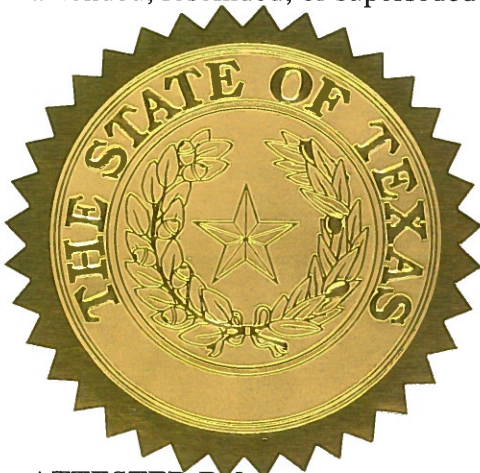
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- Order No. 1 In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, every person in Texas shall avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.
- Order No. 2 In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts, or visiting gyms or massage parlors; provided, however, that the use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options is allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of this executive order.
- Order No. 3 In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.
- Order No. 4 In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, schools shall temporarily close.

This executive order does not prohibit people from visiting a variety of places, including grocery stores, gas stations, parks, and banks, so long as the necessary precautions are maintained to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. This executive order does not mandate sheltering in place. All critical infrastructure will remain operational, domestic travel will remain unrestricted, and government entities and businesses will continue providing essential services. For offices and workplaces that remain open, employees should practice good hygiene and, where feasible, work from home in order to achieve optimum isolation from COVID-19. The more that people reduce their public contact, the sooner COVID-19 will be contained and the sooner this executive order will expire.

This executive order supersedes all previous orders on this matter that are in conflict or inconsistent with its terms, and this order shall remain in effect and in full force until 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020, subject to being extended, modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by me or by a succeeding governor.



Given under my hand this the
19th day of March, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

GREG ABBOTT
Governor

ATTESTED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ruth R. Hughes".

RUTH R. HUGHES
Secretary of State

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
11:59 AM O'CLOCK

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Bell County Disaster Declaration

Directive #5

Stay Home Stay Safe

DATE AMENDED ORDER & DIRECTIVE ISSUED: April 3, 2020

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, Bell County Judge David Blackburn issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency and Directive #1 on March 18, 2020, due to a novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, Judge Blackburn issued Directive #2 in furtherance of his authority to protect the safety and welfare of the public by slowing the spread of the virus; and,

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, Judge Blackburn issued Directive #3 in furtherance of his authority to protect the safety and welfare of the public by slowing the spread of the virus ;and

WHEREAS, on March 23 2020, Judge Blackburn issued Directive #4 in furtherance of his authority to protect the safety and welfare of the public by slowing the spread of the virus ;and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2020, President Trump announced the extension of federal restrictive social distancing guidelines to extend through April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, Governor Abbott issued Executive Order GA-14, which directed every person in Texas, except where necessary to provide or obtain essential services, minimize social gatherings and minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household; and

WHEREAS, GA-14 also adopted the US Department of Homeland Security Guidance on Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, Version 2.0 as providing the listing of essential infrastructure, workers and industry sectors and as such may be amended or modified by the Texas Division of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, GA-14 directed that any conflicting order issued by local declarations, to the extent such local declaration conflicts with GA-14 be prohibited; and

WHEREAS GA-14 directed that any restriction on essential services, as defined in GA-14 or as may be defined by the Texas Division of Emergency Management, be prohibited; and

WHEREAS, there continues to be on-going evaluation of the circumstances related to the virus and the updated recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and the Texas Department of State Health Services and Bell County Public Health District warrant that the March 27, 2020 Order of County Judge David Blackburn be modified;

THEREFORE, the March 27, 2020, Directive #4, of County Judge David Blackburn is hereby rescinded and the following Directive #5 is hereby ORDERED:

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 418.108, BELL COUNTY JUDGE DAVID BLACKBURN HEREBY ORDERS:

1. Office of the Governor Executive Orders GA-09, GA-11, GA-12, GA-13 and GA-14 are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference into this Order.
2. Effective as of 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020, and continuing until 11:59 a.m. on April 30, 2020:
 - (a) All individuals currently living within Bell County are hereby ordered to stay in their residence, save and except to provide or obtain essential services.
 - (b) 'Essential services' shall consist of the definition given to it by Executive Order GA-14, Governor, State of Texas, issued March 31, 2020 and as may hereafter be amended by the Governor's Office and/or the Texas Division of Emergency Management.
 - (c) For purposes of this Order and the shelter in place provision, the following definitions and guidelines apply:
 - a. "Residence" includes structures that are single family, multi-family, hotels, motels, shared rentals, and similar facilities.
 - b. To the extent individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces, they must at all times as reasonably as possible maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any other person when they are outside their residence.
 - c. All persons may leave their residences for providing or obtaining essential services and engaging in essential daily activities.
 - (d) All non-essential services and activities are required to cease at facilities and locations located within the County, save and except as provided below:
 - a. All businesses may continue, and are encouraged to continue, operations consisting exclusively of employees or contractors performing activities at their own residences (i.e. working from home).
 - (e) In accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, all public or private gatherings of 10 or more people occurring outside a single household or living unit are prohibited, save and except religious services conducted in churches, congregations, and houses of worship. Religious services conducted in churches, congregations, and houses of worship should follow the guidance set forth by the Joint Guidance Document from the Governor and Attorney General's Office, released on April 1, 2020.
 - (f) All individuals and businesses should comply, to the extent possible, with social distancing requirements of six feet and other social distancing guidelines that may be recommended in order to best protect self and others.
 - (g) All delivery hour restrictions for transport to or from any entity involved in the selling or distribution of food products, medicine, or medical supplies in Bell County is hereby suspended until May 31, 2020.
 - (h) If someone in a household has tested positive for COVID19, the household is ordered to isolate at home and follow the directives from their health care provider. Members of the household cannot go to work, school, or any other community function, provided that workers included in Essential Healthcare Operations may continue to work in accordance with CDC guidance. All persons are encouraged to take advantage of telehealth services offered by healthcare providers, including expanded telehealth services now available to Medicare patients.

- (i) For individuals who are 65 and older and individuals with compromised immune systems or underlying health conditions, the following recommendations are made and strongly urged:
 - a. Remain indoors
 - b. Outdoor exercise activities should be solitary
 - c. Prescreen all essential visitors
 - d. Do not visit homes or places with more than one person
 - e. Ask all visitors to wear masks
 - f. Follow social distancing guidelines
 - g. Do not use public transit except in an emergency
- 3. This Order shall be effective until 11:59 a.m. on April 30, 2020, or until it is either rescinded, superseded, or amended pursuant to applicable law.
- 4. Failure to comply with this Directive and the orders contained herein is an offense punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 per day or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days
- 5. Bell County shall provide copies of this Order by posting on the Bell County website and by filing with the Bell County Clerk. In addition, the owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is likely to be impacted by this Order is strongly encouraged to post a copy of this Order onsite and to provide a copy to any member of the public asking for a copy. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED

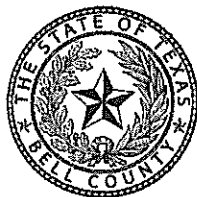


**DAVID BLACKBURN
COUNTY JUDGE**

Filed this the 3rd day of April, 2020 in the Office of the County Clerk.

Accepted : _____

Shelley Coston, County Clerk



Bell County Social Distancing Recommendations

1) High Risk Populations

- High Risk populations, per the CDC, are:
 - People 65 years old and older, and
 - People with underlying health conditions such as heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, kidney disease and compromised immune systems.
- For High Risk populations:
 - Stay home
 - Outdoor exercise should be a solitary activity
 - Prescreen all essential visitors to your home
 - Don't visit homes or places where gatherings are occurring
 - Ask all visitors to your home to wear a mask
 - Follow social distancing guidelines
 - Don't use public transit except in an emergency
 - Don't be around people who are sick

2) Workplace and Businesses: Minimize Exposure

- Suspend nonessential employee travel.
- Review and determine who are essential and non-essential workers and allow non-essential workers to stay home.
- Ensure employees practice social distancing and do not work within six feet of one another.
- Urge essential employees to stay home when they are sick and maximize flexibility in sick leave benefits.
- Do not require a doctor's note for employees who are sick.
- Maximize telecommuting options.
- Persons who need to be at work to provide essential services of great benefits to the community must take steps in their workplace to minimize risk.

3) Schools: Safety First

- Do not have your child attend school if sick.
- If you have a child with chronic health conditions, consult the child's doctor about school attendance.
- School should equip all classrooms with hand sanitizers and tissues.
- Recommend rescheduling or cancelling events that are not essential.
- Explore remote teaching and online options to continue learning.
- Schools should develop a plan for citywide school closures, and families should prepare for further closures.

4) Transit: Cleaning and Protection

- Increase cleaning of vehicles and high touch surface areas.
- Provide hand washing/hand sanitizers and tissues in stations and on vehicles.
- Ensure social distancing practices are implemented to the full extent possible.

5) Health Care Settings: Avoid as possible, protect the vulnerable

- Long-term care facilities should have a COVID-19 plan in accordance with CDC or state guidelines.
- Long-term care facilities should restrict all visitation except for certain compassionate care situations, such as end of life situations.
- The general public should avoid going to medical settings such as hospitals, nursing homes and long-term care facilities, even if you are not ill.
- If you are ill, call your health care provider ahead of time ... you may be able to be served by phone and avoid a trip
- Do not visit emergency rooms unless it is essential.
- Follow guidance and directions of all facilities.

6) Everyone: Do your part

The best way for all Bell County residents to reduce their risk of getting sick, as with seasonal colds or the flu, still applies to prevent COVID-10:

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue. Throw the tissue in the trash.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Try alternatives to shaking hands, like an elbow bump or wave.
- If you have recently returned from a country, state or region with ongoing COVID-19 infections, monitor your health and follow the instructions of public health officials and CDC guidance.
- Wear cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies) , especially in areas of significant community-based transmission

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You can also prepare for the disruption caused by an outbreak. Preparedness actions include:

- Prepare to work from home if that is possible for your job, and your employer.
- Make sure you have a supply of all essential medications for your family.
- Prepare a child care plan if you or a caregiver are sick.
- Make arrangements about how your family will manage school closures.
- Plan for how you can care for a sick family member without getting sick yourself.
- Take care of each other and check in by phone with friends, family and neighbors that are vulnerable to serious illness or death if they get COVID-19.
- Keep common spaces clean to help maintain a healthy environment for you and others. Frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned regularly with disinfecting sprays, wipes or common household cleaning products.



Guidance for Houses of Worship During the COVID-19 Crisis

During these challenging times, government and faith communities throughout Texas need to work together to stop the spread of Coronavirus. To facilitate this collaboration, State and local governments must clearly articulate their directives aimed at mitigating spread of the virus. This joint guidance from the Office of the Attorney General and the Office of the Governor responds to frequently asked questions by members of the faith community and is the official guidance regarding the effect of Executive Order GA 14 on religious services conducted in churches, congregations, and houses of worship.

The government must give special consideration to houses of worship when issuing orders related to the COVID-19 crisis.

The First Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I of the Texas Constitution protect the right of Texans to freely exercise their religion. In addition, the Texas Religious Freedom Restoration Act ("RFRA") provides even stronger protections to faith communities, and government must ensure that it complies with RFRA when it acts. Thus, when state or local governments issue orders prohibiting people from providing or obtaining certain services, they must ensure that these orders do not violate these constitutional and statutory rights.

Houses of worship provide "essential services."

On March 31, 2020, Governor Abbott issued Executive Order GA 14, which defines essential services to include "religious services conducted in churches, congregations, and houses of worship."¹ Institutions providing these essential services can provide them under certain conditions described in Executive Order GA 14 and local orders by counties or municipalities that are consistent with GA 14. To the extent there is conflict between the Governor's Executive Order GA 14 and local orders, GA 14 controls.

Houses of worship must, whenever possible, conduct their activities from home or through remote audio or video services.

Houses of worship often gather as large groups of people in one building during a religious service or activity. But during this public health crisis, in accordance with guidance from the White House, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), and Texas Department of State Health Services ("Texas DSHS"), providers of essential services must follow certain mitigation strategies to slow the spread of the

¹ Exec. Order No. GA 14 at 2 (Mar. 31, 2020).

virus.² Thus, under the Governor's Executive Order GA 14, houses of worship should conduct remote audio, video, or teleconference activities whenever possible.

If a house of worship cannot conduct its activities remotely, then the White House and CDC guidelines still control in order to stop the spread of Coronavirus.

If a house of worship cannot conduct its service remotely due to a lack of capability (technological or financial), then it should follow the Governor's Executive Order GA 14, that houses of worship are to conduct their activities in accordance with the White House Guidelines.³ For example:

- Instruct sick employees, volunteers, and guests to stay home;
- Practice social distancing by maintaining appropriate distance between people;
- Maintain good hygiene by washing your hands frequently, using hand sanitizer, using your elbow to cover coughs, and not touching your face; and
- Clean and disinfect work areas frequently.

Houses of worship, like providers of other essential services, are to follow additional guidance from the White House and CDC whenever possible.⁴

Some houses of worship must avoid large gatherings.

Texas is a big state and the transmission rate of COVID-19 varies in different communities. Given this, houses of worship should work with counties and municipalities to evaluate the rate of local community spread and determine the appropriate level of mitigation strategies to implement. For example, more detailed guidance from the CDC currently recommends that if a community is experiencing substantial community spread of COVID-19, then the houses of worship in that community should cancel all in-person gatherings of any size. But if a community is experiencing moderate to substantial spread, then the CDC recommends a reduction of activities in coordination with local health officials, possible smaller gatherings incorporating social-distancing measures, cancelation of activities with 10 or more people when high-risk populations attend in person (including those over 65 and those with underlying medical conditions),⁵ and use of creative means to deliver other

² Ctr. for Disease Control, Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) (Mar. 21, 2020), <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>; Tex. Dep't of State Health Servs., Prevention of COVID-19 (Mar. 31, 2020), <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/#prevent>.

³ The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America, 30 Days to Slow the Spread (Mar. 31, 2020), https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.16.20_coronavirus-guidance_8.5x11_315PM.pdf.

⁴ CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>. Texas DSHS: <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/#prevent>.

⁵ CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>.

faith-based services. For more information, houses of worship should consult CDC guidance.⁶

For example, a church may hold Easter services in its parking lot, with attendees remaining in their cars (windows down), parked in every other parking spot, with the minister using amplification to preach. Or because Executive Order GA 14 permits drive-thrus to operate, then a house of worship may, according to their faith practices, provide communion or a blessing through a similar drive-up service. Or pastors with smaller congregations may consider conducting multiple services of 10 people or fewer in their sanctuaries, so long as they maintain appropriate social distancing, properly sanitize the building between each service, and provide hand sanitizer.

These restrictions do not violate the religious liberty of houses of worship.

Under the extraordinary circumstances in which we temporarily live, these restrictions do not violate the religious liberty of houses of worship because the government has a compelling interest for implementing the rules (stopping contagion) and the rules are the least restrictive means of burdening religious practice (they allow houses of worship to stay open for ministry, but suggest ways that help stop the spread of COVID-19).

⁶ CDC, Interim Guidance for Administrators and Leaders of Community- and Faith-Based Organizations to Plan, Prepare, and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) (Mar. 23, 2020), <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/guidance-community-faith-organizations.html>.



REVISED
CITY OF BELTON, TEXAS
DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
APRIL 14, 2020

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 virus mainly spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the Belton City Council issued a Local Disaster Declaration certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster to the City; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, Governor Abbott issued a new Executive Order (GA14); and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, Bell County Judge David Blackburn issued Directive #5 revising and extending the Emergency until at least April 30, 2020 to mitigate spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, and April 10, 2020, Belton Mayor Marion Grayson issued a Revised Disaster Declaration and Local Directives; and

WHEREAS, Bell County, the Bell County Public Health District and the City of Belton are taking extraordinary measures to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease in our community; and

WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE CITY OF BELTON, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: That a state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared to be extended for Belton, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, in

accordance with the City of Belton's Directive #5 and #6 and Bell County's Directive #5 and all associated references issued by the Bell County Judge.

SECTION 2: That pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity.

SECTION 3: That pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates and maintains the City of Belton, Texas, emergency management plan, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under this declaration.

SECTION 4: That this declaration authorizes the City to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, including, but not limited to, the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, regulating ingress and egress from the City, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the City's rules and directives.

SECTION 5: That this declaration hereby limits the size of gatherings to not more than 10 people and mandates the cancellation of all such gatherings of more than 10 people until further notice. A "gathering" refers generally to a scheduled event or common endeavor where 10 persons are present in a confined space, room or area.

SECTION 6: In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this declaration commits an offense, punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 per day.

SECTION 7: That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

SECTION 8: That this declaration ratifies action taken by the Mayor to extend the Disaster Declaration on April 3, 2020 and April 10, 2020, it shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and/or re-issuance by the Mayor and, upon approval by the City Council on April 14, 2020, shall continue in effect until terminated by the Mayor or further extended by the Mayor or City Council. Pursuant to this declaration, additional directives may be issued by the Mayor at any time as deemed necessary.

DECLARED ON THIS 14th DAY OF APRIL, 2020.

Marion Grayson, Mayor
City of Belton, Texas

ATTEST:

Amy M. Casey, City Clerk
City of Belton, Texas



CITY OF BELTON, TEXAS

Local Disaster Declaration for Public Health Emergency

COVID-19

Directive #7

APRIL 14, 2020

Summary: A Declaration of Local State of Disaster due to Public Health Emergency associated with COVID-19 has been issued by the City of Belton and remains in effect. In accordance with the Declaration, this Directive #7 is being issued.

The virus that causes the 2019 Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is easily transmitted through person to person contact, especially in group settings, and it is essential that the spread of the virus be slowed to protect the ability of public and private health care providers to handle the influx of new patients and safeguard public health and safety.

Because of the risk that health care authorities have identified, due to the rapid spread of the virus, and the need to protect the most vulnerable members of the community, this Directive #7 prohibits gatherings of more than 10 persons anywhere in the City, under the specified terms and conditions set forth below, beginning at midnight tonight, April 14, 2020, until at least midnight on April 30, 2020, and continuing until such time as a future Directive removes such prohibition.

For all gatherings and locations not included within this Directive, the City Council and Bell County Public Health District strongly recommend and urge actively practicing social distancing whenever and wherever possible.

It is the intent of this Directive for the terms and provisions to be interpreted and applied broadly and in accordance with the primary objective of limiting the number of people at gatherings to no more than 10 people and to achieve active social distancing.

Under the authority of Section 418.108, Texas Government Code, and Local Disaster Declaration of Belton, Texas dated April 14, 2020, the following orders are hereby issued:

1. Public or private gatherings, as defined below, are prohibited anywhere in the City. Said gatherings are:
 - a. A restaurant with or without drive-through services; a drive-through restaurant; microbrewery, micro-distillery, or winery; however, any of these establishments may continue to provide take-out, delivery or drive-through or drive-up services as may be allowed by law;
 - b. A location with alcoholic beverage consumption for on-premise consumption, including a bar, lounge, or tavern or private club; and
 - c. Indoor recreational and personal care facilities, including gyms, health clubs, indoor amusement facilities, bowling alleys, pool halls, movie theaters, and massage parlors.
2. Visitation of nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities, unless to provide critical assistance, is prohibited.
3. Schools shall temporarily close until 11:59 p.m. on May 4, 2020.
4. For purposes of this Directive, a “gathering” is any indoor or outdoor event or convening, subject to the exceptions and clarifications below, that brings together, or is likely to bring together, ten (10) or more persons at the same time in a single room or other single confined or enclosed space, such as an auditorium, stadium (indoor or outdoor), tent, arena or event center, music venue, meeting hall, conference center, large cafeteria or any other confined indoor or outdoor space. A “confined” or “enclosed” space includes any area that has a barrier such as a fence or railing or other barrier on more than one side of the area.
5. For purposes of clarity, a “gathering” does not include the following, or other similar uses, so long as social distancing is being practiced:
 - a. Spaces where ten (10) or more persons may be in transit or waiting for transit such as airports, bus stations or terminals;
 - b. Office spaces, public and private schools, child-care facilities, residences, or any type of temporary sheltering or housing;
 - c. Grocery stores, convenience stores, shopping centers or malls, or other retail and business establishments where numbers might exceed ten (10) or more, but where it would be unusual for people to be within six (6) feet of one another for extended periods; and
 - d. Medical facilities.
 - e. Church services.
6. Failure to comply with this Directive is an offense punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 per day.
7. This Directive shall be filed in the Office of the City Clerk and posted on the City of Belton website. In addition, every owner, manager or operator of any facility that is impacted by this Directive is encouraged to post a copy of the Directive onsite.

DIRECTED AND ORDERED ON THIS 14th DAY OF APRIL, 2020.

Marion Grayson, Mayor
City of Belton, Texas

ATTEST:

Amy M. Casey, City Clerk
City of Belton, Texas



CITY OF BELTON, TEXAS

Local Disaster Declaration for Public Health Emergency

COVID-19

Directive #8

APRIL 14, 2020

Summary: A Declaration of Local State of Disaster due to Public Health Emergency associated with COVID-19 has been issued by the City of Belton. In accordance with the Declaration, this Directive #8 is being issued.

Under the authority of Section 418.108, Texas Government Code, and Local Disaster Declaration of Belton, Texas dated April 14, 2020, the following orders are hereby issued:

1. Effective immediately upon action on April 14, 2020, and continuing until such time as Governor Greg Abbott lifts the State of Texas' Disaster Declaration, or until such time as the Belton City Council votes to rescind, supersede or amend it pursuant to applicable law:
 - (a) All individuals currently living within Belton are hereby ordered to shelter at their place of residence. For the purposes of this Order, residences include hotels, motels, shared rentals, and similar facilities. To the extent individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces, they must at all times, as reasonably as possible, maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any other person when they are outside their residence. All persons may leave their residences only for Essential Activities, or to provide or perform Essential Governmental Functions, or to operate Essential Businesses, all as further defined in this Directive.
 - (b) All businesses operating within Belton, except Essential Businesses as defined in below in Section 2, are required to cease all activities at facilities located within the City. For clarity, businesses may continue operations consisting exclusively of employees or contractors performing activities at their own residences (i.e. working from home). To the greatest extent possible, all Essential Businesses shall comply

with the Social Distancing Guidelines attached, including maintaining six foot social distancing for both employees and the general public.

- (c) All public or private gatherings of 10 or more people occurring outside a single household or living unit are prohibited, except as otherwise provided herein. Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members of a household or living unit.
- (d) Restaurants with or without drive-in or drive-through services and microbreweries, micro-distilleries, or wineries may only provide take out, delivery, or drive-through services as allowed by law.
- (e) Religious and worship services are considered essential services, but should follow the Social Distancing Guidelines including the six foot social distancing.
- (f) All elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures are prohibited anywhere in Bell County. Hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, dental offices and other medical facilities are directed to identify procedures that are deemed “elective” by assessing which procedures can be postponed or cancelled based on patient risk considering the emergency need for redirection of resources to COVID-19 response.

2. Definitions:

- (a) For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence only to perform any of the following “Essential Activities”:
 - i. To engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or household members (for example, obtaining medical supplies or medication, visiting a health care professional, or obtaining supplies need to work from home).
 - ii. To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others (for example, food, pet supply, and any other household consumer products, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences).
 - iii. To engage in outdoor activity, provided the individuals comply with social distancing requirements of six feet (for example, walking, biking, hiking or running).
 - iv. To perform work providing essential products and services at an Essential Business or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Order.
 - v. To care for a family member or pet in another household.
- (b) For purposes of this Order, “Essential Businesses” means:
 - i. **Essential Healthcare Operations.** Healthcare operations, including hospitals, clinics, dentist, pharmacies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, mental health providers, substance abuse service providers, blood banks, medical research, laboratory services, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services. Home-based and residential-based care for seniors, adults, or children are also considered healthcare operations. Healthcare operations also includes veterinary care and all health and welfare services provided to animals. This exemption shall be viewed broadly to avoid any impacts to the delivery of healthcare. Healthcare operations do not include fitness and exercise gyms and similar facilities. Healthcare operations do not include elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures as established in accordance with Subsection 1(g) of this Order.
 - ii. **Essential Government Functions.** All services provided by political subdivisions of the State needed to ensure the continuing operation of those agencies to provide for the health, safety, education, and welfare of the public. Further, nothing in this order shall prohibit any individual from performing or accessing “Essential

Government Functions.” All Essential Government Functions shall be performed in compliance with social distancing requirements of six feet, to the extent possible.

- iii. **Essential Critical Infrastructure and Activities.** Work that is necessary to the operations and maintenance of the critical infrastructure sectors as identified by the National Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA), Memorandum dated March 28, 2020 (attached to this Directive) including public works construction, residential and commercial construction, airport operations, water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil refining, roads and highways, public transportation, solid waste collection and removal, internet, and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services), financial institutions, defense and national security-related operations, essential manufacturing operations provided that they carry out those services or that work in compliance with social distancing requirements of six feet, to the extent possible. Essential Businesses providing essential infrastructure should implement screening precautions to protect employees and all activity shall be performed in compliance with social distancing guidelines attached.
- iv. **Essential Retail.** Food service providers, including grocery stores, warehouse stores, big-box stores, bodegas, liquor stores, gas stations and convenience stores, farmers’ markets that sell food products and household staples. Food cultivation, including farming, fishing, and livestock. Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences. Restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food, but only for delivery or carry out. Schools and other entities that typically provide free services to students or members of the public on a pick-up and take-away basis only. The restriction of delivery or carry out does not apply to cafes and restaurants located within hospital and medical facilities. Laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service providers. Gas stations, automobile sales, auto-supply, auto and bicycle repair, hardware stores, construction supply stores, and related facilities. Businesses that supply products needed for people to work from home.
- v. **Providers of Basic Necessities to Economically Disadvantaged Populations.** Businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals.
- vi. **Essential Services Necessary to Maintain Essential Operations of Residences or Other Essential Businesses.** Trash and recycling collections, processing and disposal, mail and shipping services, building cleaning and maintenance, warehouse/distribution and fulfillment, storage for essential businesses, funeral homes, crematoriums and cemeteries. Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, and other services providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operations of residences and Essential Businesses. Professional services, such as legal or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities. Businesses that supply other essential businesses with the support of supplies needed to operate.
- vii. **News Media.** Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services.
- viii. **Childcare Services.** Childcare facilities may continue to operate; however, to the extent possible, it is recommended that groups consist of no more than 10 and be kept separate.

3. Any manufacturer who retools so that a substantial part of their business is for the purpose of manufacturing and producing ventilators may apply for an “essential business” exemption under this Order.
4. Grocery stores, supermarkets, warehouse stores, hospitals, and medical facilities are experiencing high levels of demand for a large number of products, requiring more deliveries from manufacturers and distribution centers to serve their customers. A number of Texas cities and local associations have implemented restrictions on delivery hours to stores to mitigate truck noise and traffic. Due to the need to deliver products as quickly and efficiently as possible during this critical timeframe, this Order hereby suspends all delivery hour restrictions for transport to or from any entity involved in the selling or distribution of food products, medicine, or medical supplies in Bell County for the next 60 days.
5. If someone in a household has tested positive for coronavirus, the household is ordered to isolate at home and follow the directives from their health care provider. Members of the household cannot go to work, school, or any other community function, provided that workers included in Essential Healthcare Operations may continue to work in accordance with CDC guidance. All persons are encouraged to take advantage of telehealth services offered by healthcare providers, including expanded telehealth services now available to Medicare patients.
6. Nursing homes, retirement, and long-term care facilities are instructed by this order to prohibit non-essential visitors from accessing their facilities unless to provide critical assistance or for end-of-life visitation. These facilities are also required to institute temperature checking of all staff entering the facility at least twice per day and limit physical contact between residents in the facility wherever possible.
7. For individuals who are 65 and older and individuals with compromised immune systems or underlying health conditions, the following recommendations are made:
 - (a) Remain indoors
 - (b) Outdoor exercise activities should be solitary
 - (c) Prescreen all essential visitors
 - (d) Do not visit homes or places with more than one person
 - (e) Ask all visitors to wear masks
 - (f) Follow social distancing guidelines
 - (g) Do not use public transit except in an emergency
8. Daycare facilities may continue to operate but it is recommended that groups in the facility consist of 10 or fewer in those settings and be kept separate to the extent possible.
9. This Order shall be in effect until such time as Governor Greg Abbott lifts the State of Texas’ Disaster Declaration, or until such time as the Belton City Council votes to rescind, supersede or amend it pursuant to applicable law.
10. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order.

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DIRECTED AND ORDERED ON THIS 14th DAY OF APRIL, 2020.

Marion Grayson, Mayor
City of Belton, Texas

ATTEST:

Amy M. Casey, City Clerk
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Staff Report – City Council Agenda Item

Agenda Item #6

Receive an update on the FY 2020 budget, in light of the Public Health Emergency.

Originating Department

Finance Department – Mike Rodgers, Director of Finance

Summary Information

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought many changes to the daily lives of people throughout the world. The virus, along with the actions taken to prevent its spread, may have everlasting consequences. Its effect upon the City of Belton FY 2020 Annual Budget will be presented.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

None

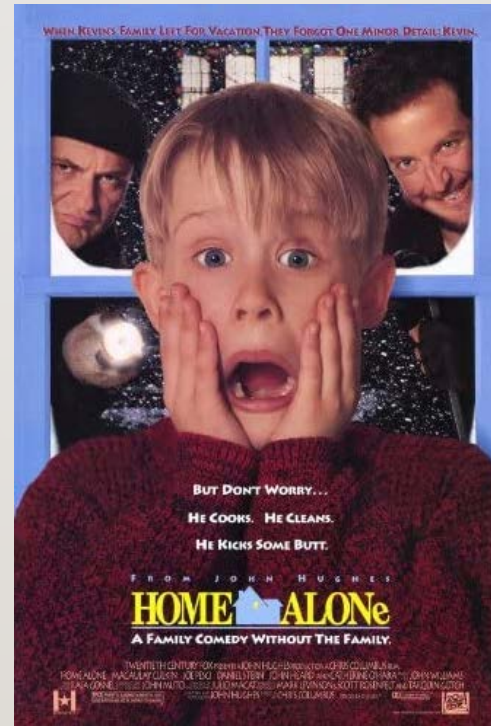
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Presentation


BUDGET UPDATE FISCAL YEAR 2020

AS OF APRIL 14, 2020

2 EFFECT OF COVID-19



3 WHAT WE KNOW

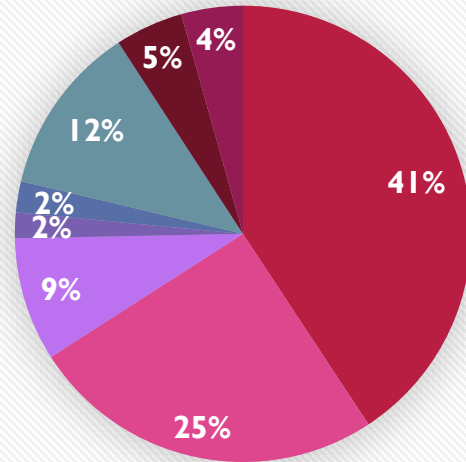
- The impact upon citizens and business is unprecedented
 - Recovery may take several months
 - S&P declared a negative outlook for the entire U.S. public sector
 - Most forms of City revenue will be impacted in some way
 - Too early to fully measure the financial consequences
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4 CITY OF BELTON POSITIVE FINANCIAL POSITION

- Healthy reserve levels
- Relatively stable major revenue sources
- Conservative fiscal management

5 COMPONENTS OF GENERAL FUND REVENUE

FY 2020 Annual Budget



- Property Tax
- Sales Tax
- Franchise & Other Taxes
- Permits & License Fees
- Court Fines & Fees
- Charges for Services
- Other Revenues
- Transfers

6 PROPERTY TAX REVENUE

- Little or no impact expected for FY 2020
- 41% of General Fund revenue is derived from property taxes
- 95% of tax levy has been received
- 66% of taxable value is residential in nature
- Valuations for FY 2021 occurred before COVID-19

7 SALES TAX REVENUE

- Moderate impact expected for FY 2020 depending upon the duration of closures and recovery
- 25% of General Fund revenue is derived from sales taxes
- Largest remitters remain open
- \$100,000 - \$200,000 negative impact over two months
- Budget surplus prior to outbreak should soften the impact

8 TOP 30 SALES TAX REMITTERS

CEFCO	Belco Manufacture	McCoy Corp	Taco Bell	TXU Energy
McDonald's	Norman Building	Circle K	Tex-Mix Partners	Mexicano Grill
Brushmasters	Reliant Energy	Grand Av Theater	Schoepf's	Whataburger
Associated Supply	Spectrum	Wal-Mart	Amazon.com	Sonic Drive In
Airgas	Starbucks	CF Supply	Grande Comm	Ratliff Ready-Mix
UMHB	H-E-B Food Store	Miller's	New Cingular	Ace Hardware

9 SALES TAX PROJECTION

Projection of Sales Tax Revenue

Month	2020 Actuals	Year-End Estimate	City of Belton	BEDC	% To Date
October	468,479.00	6,511,664	4,341,326	2,170,338	7.2%
November	432,001.00	6,301,243	4,201,039	2,100,204	14.3%
December	574,741.00	6,073,929	4,049,489	2,024,441	24.3%
January	453,518.00	6,118,887	4,079,462	2,039,425	31.5%
February	395,435.82	6,039,973	4,026,850	2,013,123	38.5%
March	450,000.00	5,750,103	3,833,593	1,916,509	48.2%
April	390,000.00	5,651,970	3,768,169	1,883,802	56.0%
Total	<u>3,164,174.82</u>				
	Budget	5,644,680	3,763,120	1,881,560	
	Estimate	5,651,970	3,768,169	1,883,802	
	Add: Oct audit collection	3,419	2,279	1,140	
	Add: Dec audit collection	10,631	7,088	3,543	
	Add: Jan audit collection	87,351	58,237	29,114	
	Adjusted Estimate	<u>5,753,371</u>	<u>3,835,773</u>	<u>1,917,599</u>	
	Estimate of Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>108,691</u>	<u>72,653</u>	<u>36,039</u>	

10 OTHER GENERAL FUND REVENUE

- Most franchise fees should surpass budgeted amounts
- Permit and license fees may fall from the previous year although building permits continue to be issued
- Court fines and fees are lower than anticipated
- Recreation-related revenues may be weak

II FY 2020 REVENUE FORECAST AS OF MARCH 31, 2020

General Fund Revenue Type	FY 2020 Budget	FY 2020 Estimate	Difference
Property Tax	\$ 6,082,428	\$ 6,042,735	\$ (39,693)
Sales Tax	3,763,120	3,835,773	72,653
Franchise & Other Taxes	1,309,440	1,362,133	52,693
Permits & License Fees	270,190	216,753	(53,437)
Court Fines & Fees	330,750	289,798	(40,952)
Charges for Service	1,808,540	2,006,301	197,761
Other Revenues	720,370	927,101	206,731
Transfers	652,481	638,756	(13,725)
Totals	\$ 14,937,319	\$ 15,319,350	\$ 382,031

12 GENERAL FUND RESERVES

Unassigned Fund Balance, Oct 1, 2019		\$5,077,904
Estimated FY 2020 Revenues	\$15,319,350	
Less: Budgeted FY 2020 Expenditures	14,937,305	
Addition to Fund Balance FY 2020		382,045
Projected Unassigned Fund Balance, Sept 30, 2020		\$5,459,949
Required Minimum Reserve Level	3 Months	\$3,734,326
Reserves in Excess of Minimum Requirement	1.4 Months	\$2,107,668

13 WATER & SEWER FUND

- Some adjustments have been made to help customers
 - No penalties or disconnects due to nonpayment
 - Credit card fees have been suspended
- Requests for new service have continued
- 20% of customers typically paid late before COVID-19
- Top customers may lower consumption during virus

14 TOP 10 WATER CUSTOMERS

Bell County	River Springs at Barge Ranch
Belton ISD	Ratliff Ready Mix
Tex-Mix Partners	Bell County Expo Center
Turtle Creek Village	Legacy Landing
Belle Oaks Apartments	Today's Car Wash

15 FY 2020 REVENUE FORECAST AS OF MARCH 31, 2020

Water & Sewer Fund Revenue Type	FY 2020 Budget	FY 2020 Estimate	Difference
Water/Sewer Sales	\$ 8,153,555	\$ 8,762,840	\$ 609,285
Fees & Other Revenue	478,216	506,187	27,971
Other Income	180,358	198,255	17,897
Totals	\$ 8,812,129	\$ 9,467,282	\$ 655,153

16 WATER & SEWER FUND RESERVES

Unrestricted Fund Balance, Oct 1, 2019		\$6,254,943
Estimated FY 2020 Revenues	\$9,467,282	
Less: Budgeted FY 2020 Expenses	8,811,520	
Addition to Fund Balance FY 2020		655,762
Projected Unrestricted Fund Balance, Sept 30, 2020		\$6,910,705
Required Minimum Reserve Level is 3 Months of Expenses Plus One Year of Debt Service		\$3,785,613
Reserves in Excess of Minimum Requirement	5.6 Months	\$3,125,092

17 HOTEL / MOTEL FUND

- This fund will be hit hardest by the coronavirus outbreak
- Two months or more of revenue will simply disappear
- Recovery will depend upon how soon the Bell County Expo Center reopens and tourism returns to the area

18 FY 2020 REVENUE FORECAST AS OF MARCH 31, 2020

Hotel/Motel Fund Revenue Type	FY 2020 Budget	FY 2020 Estimate	Difference
Hotel/Motel Tax	\$ 186,000	\$ 172,295	\$ (13,705)
Other Income	4,436	4,150	(286)
Totals	\$ 190,436	\$ 176,445	\$ (13,991)

19 HOTEL/MOTEL FUND RESERVES

Restricted Fund Balance, Oct 1, 2019		\$ 285,959
Estimated FY 2020 Revenues	\$ 176,446	
Less: Budgeted FY 2020 Expenditures	310,436	
Reduction to Fund Balance FY 2020		(133,990)
Projected Unrestricted Fund Balance, Sept 30, 2020		\$ 151,969

20 BUDGET UPDATE CONCLUSION

- Revenues will be impacted by COVID-19
- Strong performance to-date along with a diversified customer base will help mitigate the decline in many funds
- Cautious optimism will prevail for the remainder of the year



Staff Report – City Council Agenda Item

Agenda Item #7

Discuss engaging a firm to develop Water and Wastewater Master Plans.

Originating Departments

Public Works – Angellia Points, Director of Public Works

Summary Information

We will conduct a Work Session to review the process to develop Water and Wastewater Master Plans for the City. Current plans date to 2008, with minor updates in 2015. Growth, utility system improvements, and a need to plan for the future justify this planning effort.

A Powerpoint summarizing this process is included in the agenda packet.

Fiscal Impact

The FY '20 budget allocates \$400,000 for development of master plans and GIS assistance.

Recommendation

No final Council action anticipated today. At the April 28th meeting, we will seek Council approval to allow staff to begin negotiations with Halff Associates. Final contract will be presented to Council for final action in the near future.

Attachments

Powerpoint Presentation: Water and Wastewater Master Plan: Firm Selection

WATER AND WASTEWATER MASTER PLAN: FIRM SELECTION

APRIL 14, 2020

COUNCIL WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

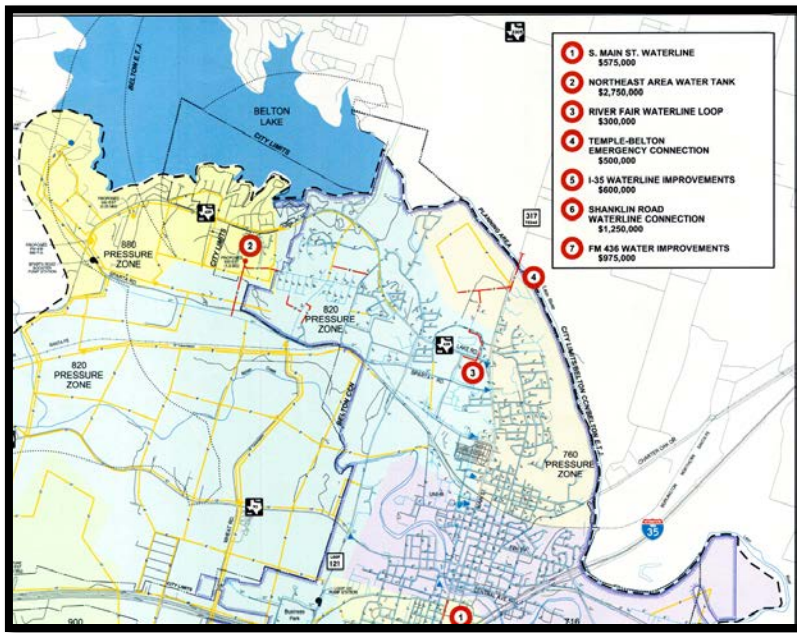


TODAY'S DISCUSSION POINTS



- Why master plans are important
- Why does Belton need to update the utility master plans
- What is the process to update the plans
- RFQ process to-date
- Staff recommendation and plan to move forward

MASTER PLANNING BACKGROUND

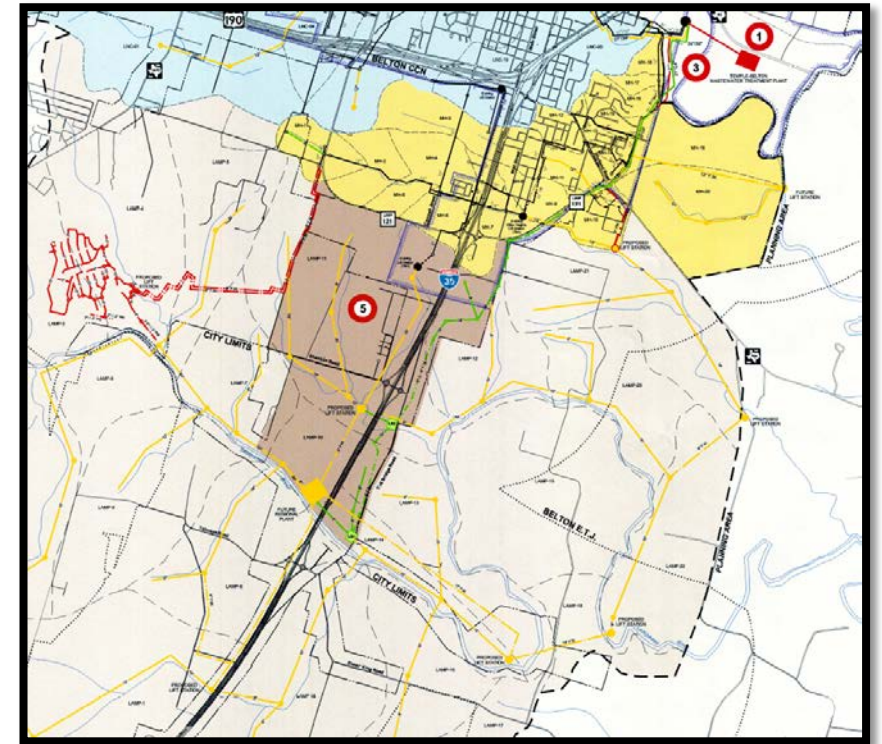


Snapshot of 2015 Water Master Plan

- Water & Wastewater Master Plans accomplish 3 major objectives:
 - Plan for growth (location and line sizes needed in CCN/service areas)
 - Evaluate existing infrastructure needs (aging infrastructure, in-fill development, bottlenecks/low pressure areas)
 - Prioritize and schedule Capital Improvement Projects (with consideration of available funding)
- Master plans are ‘living’ documents; intended to be used and modified as conditions change. Typically, they are updated every 5 years. Belton’s latest Water & Wastewater Master Plans were created in 2008, with minor updates in 2015.

MASTER PLAN UPDATES NEEDED

- Utility master plans need to be redone. Projects have been completed, significant growth/changes have occurred since 2015, FLUM adopted since 2015, treatment plant decision made.
 - Water Master Plan: Need to establish realistic water demands (gallons per day/person), follow future land use and thoroughfare plans, create and perform water model to determine low flow/pressure areas & feasible solutions, and present a workable model for City use.
 - Sewer Master Plan: Need to establish realistic flow guidelines (gallons per day/person, inflow/infiltration, peaking factors), projected flows with future land use map and zoning, plan for economical approach to service delivery. Create and perform model to determine bottlenecks with feasible solutions. Multiple treatment plants unrealistic, and lift stations should be reduced.
- Staff has been anticipating need. We are prepared to update the master plans, starting in FY20, with \$400,000 allocated for master plan updates and related GIS assistance.



Snapshot of 2015 Wastewater Master Plan

Professional Services Procurement Act (PSPA)

STEP 1
SELECT

Establish Evaluation
Criteria through a Request
for Qualifications (RFQ)
(Not fees or pricing)

Gather Statements of
Qualifications (SOQ) for
Professional Services of
Engineers, Architects or Land Surveyors
(No fee or pricing information)

Evaluate SOQs
and
Rank in a List

*Qualification
Based
Selection
Process*

STEP 2
CONTRACT

Top Firm is Selected and
Assists in Defining Scope
of Work

Contract Agreement
on Terms and Fee?*

YES

NO

Go to the Next
Qualified Firm
on the List**

Retain the
Selected Firm

TEXAS' PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROCUREMENT ACT

Texas Local Government Code 2254.0004

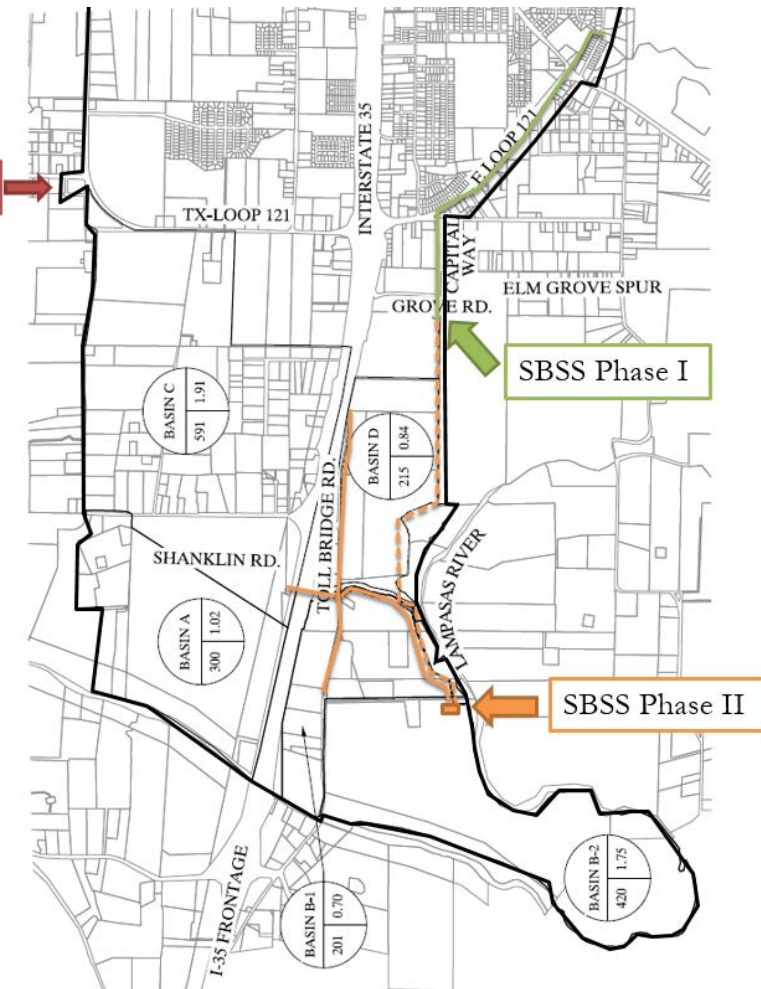
- To select a firm to assist in this work, a *qualification*-based selection is required.
- 2018: City issued and received responses on a Request of Qualifications for professional services, including master planning. Valid for 2 years.
- Of the respondents, 5 top-scoring firms were selected to present to a review panel to discuss their qualifications regarding creating master plans.
 - Firms selected for interviews: Freese and Nichols, Halff Associates, KPA, MRB Group, and RJN Group.
- Staff then ranked all 5 firms in terms of qualifications for this specific task, including updating the City's GIS, for master plan modeling according to:
 - Experience to perform work
 - Work quality and customer service
 - Capability to perform work

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- The review panel (City Manager, DPW, Director of Finance, ADPW, & City Clerk) ranked Halff Associates as the most qualified firm to perform this task to develop Belton's Water & Wastewater Master Plans.
- Halff presented their extensive and successful experience in utility master planning for cities of all sizes, and focused on Belton's 3 master plan objectives.
 - Exhibited a growth-minded focus: Halff understands future land use/zoning, planning for projected flows/growth, balancing needed projects with a consideration for available funding.
 - Emphasized maintenance of existing infrastructure: Halff has a balanced understanding of a City's growth needs, while maintaining existing infrastructure for long-term service and infill development, with considerations of costs to maintain aging infrastructure.
 - Demonstrated commitment to develop prioritized schedule of CIP projects and GIS mapping of systems.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION & NEXT STEPS

- Halff has experience with the City of Belton with the very successful design & construction of South Belton Sewer Phase I & Shady Lane Sewer Interceptor projects. Currently designing SBSS Phase II (easements pending).
 - SBSS Phase I: Designed the sewer to handle South Belton flows while also designing the line to offload 2 existing, problematic lift stations.
 - SBSS Phase II: Currently designing the sewer system to install 1 regional lift station instead of 4 lift stations + 1 new treatment plant.
- Staff is here for your questions on the process. No final Council action is expected today.
- ❖ April 28, 2020 Council Meeting: Agenda item will seek City Council approval to allow Staff to begin negotiations with Halff Associates to update the City's master plans with related GIS and modeling efforts, with final contract to follow in near future.



Snapshot of South Belton Service Area



Staff Report – City Council Agenda Item

Agenda Item #8

Receive a report regarding the Strategic Plan Update.

Originating Departments

Administration – Sam A. Listi, City Manager

Summary Information

On February 27, 2020, a City Council Strategic Plan Retreat was held with Consultant Eric Haugeberg. Since that time, efforts have been underway to translate Council input into a Summary of Guiding Themes and Targeted Initiatives. The Themes, combined with the Seven (7) Targeted Initiatives, form an excellent framework for development of an updated Strategic Plan for the next five years.

Consultant Eric Haugeberg will review these elements with Council and seek your input, clarification, and direction for the next phase of Plan refinement.

Recommendation

No final action needed, seeking Council input.

Attachments

Strategic Plan Update, Consultant Summary
Strategic Plan Update Report Powerpoint



City of Belton Strategic Plan Retreat Update Consultant Summary April 14, 2020

The City Council has continued its in-depth, periodic review of the City's comprehensive, Strategic Plan, with the objective of identifying long-range priorities and current challenges for the City of Belton. This review and the associated conversations between council members, city manager and staff revealed powerful insights that will serve as the underpinning for the direction and implementation of city goals and activities in the upcoming years. These identified themes will be incorporated into the annual budget process and in the development of the multi-year implementation plan resulting from this update.

Vision and Mission

The Vision and Mission statements serve as a common framework for all citizens of the City of Belton, and form the foundation for all activities within the city's governmental structure. These statements serve as the common values of the community as a whole, which gives inspiration and directs the actions of all stakeholders, members of the council, and city staff.

Below are the Vision and Mission statements of the City of Belton, as well as the six Goal Categories and Outcome Statements. These elements of the current Strategic Plan were discussed, and the City Council agreed that these Statements were appropriate, remain valid, and continue to articulate the direction to be pursued in the next several years.

Vision Statement

Belton is the Community of Choice in Central Texas, providing an Exceptional Quality of Life.

Mission Statement

Enhance Belton's quality of life through visionary leadership that preserves its character while planning for its future.

Six Goal Categories and Outcome Statements

1. **Governance** – Belton's governance is fair, transparent, and fiscally responsible.
2. **Public Safety** – Belton is safe and family friendly.
3. **Quality of Life** – Belton has an outstanding quality of life for its citizens.
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6. **Parks/Natural Beauty** – Belton has dynamic recreational opportunities and natural beauty.

Guiding Themes

During the strategic planning process, and within the context of continuous improvement, several themes emerged. These themes can serve as a guide to focus current efforts to improve departmental functions and activities, as well as to focus the development of both short-term and long-term changes to current operations. Achieving balance among competing objectives including funding, growth, and workforce was emphasized throughout the discussions. Summaries of these themes are listed below.

A. Current Infrastructure

Maintaining the City's current infrastructure is a top priority. These efforts need to be detailed in various, comprehensive, multi-year plans and need to be reflected as line items in the budget. A shift is needed from an external to an internal focus. However, the Council recognizes that the development of expanded infrastructure is vital to the healthy growth of the city and that a new project, when determined to be critically important to the city's future, will need to be prioritized and funded with current resources.

B. Funding of General Operating Budget

To the greatest extent possible, the general operating budget should be funded through internal sources, with the ultimate goal to be debt free in the future. The role of grants and external funding sources are useful to advance one-time, capital and equipment expenditures. Large expenditures anticipated in the future should be itemized early and incorporated into multi-year budgets in order to be completely funded with current resources, as much as possible. However, the Council recognizes that securing debt is a tool that may be needed, on a limited basis, to accomplish the City's mission.

C. City Charter and Ordinance Changes

An expedited review of the City Charter and Ordinances is warranted. Potential changes and modernization of the Charter may be appropriate in order to provide more solid foundation for the operations of the city's government, processes and procedures. Specific items discussed were length of terms of council members, the election of the mayor, and various development ordinances.

D. Customer Service

The City of Belton promotes a culture of customer service where its processes and procedures are efficient and streamlined. Employee interactions with the public shall be, by nature, solution-oriented.

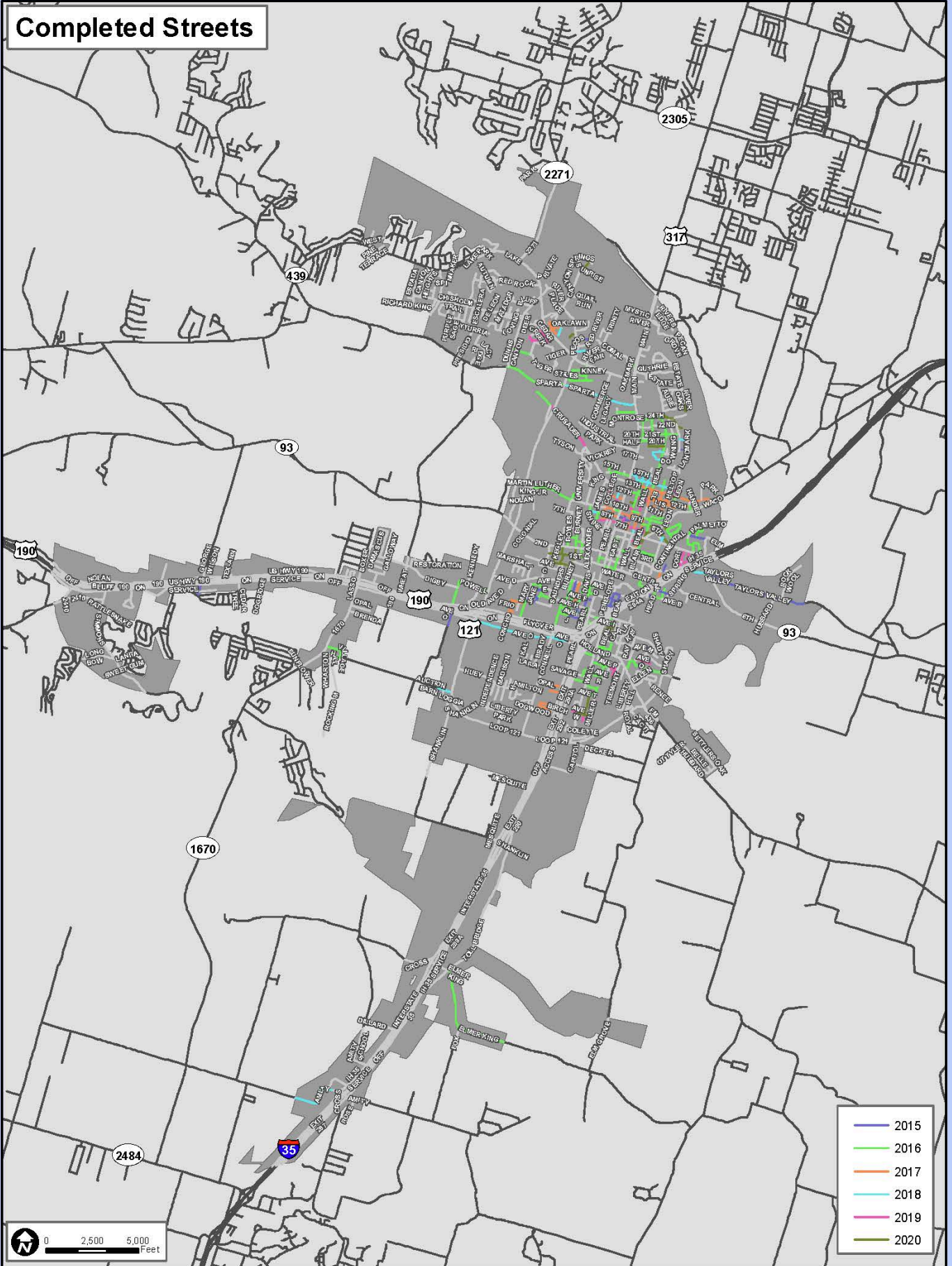
Targeted Initiatives

In order facilitate the incorporation of the guiding themes that emerged from the recent strategic planning process, the current Multi-Year Implementation Plan was reviewed and several targeted initiatives were developed. These targeted initiatives and their associated activities and timelines are shown below.

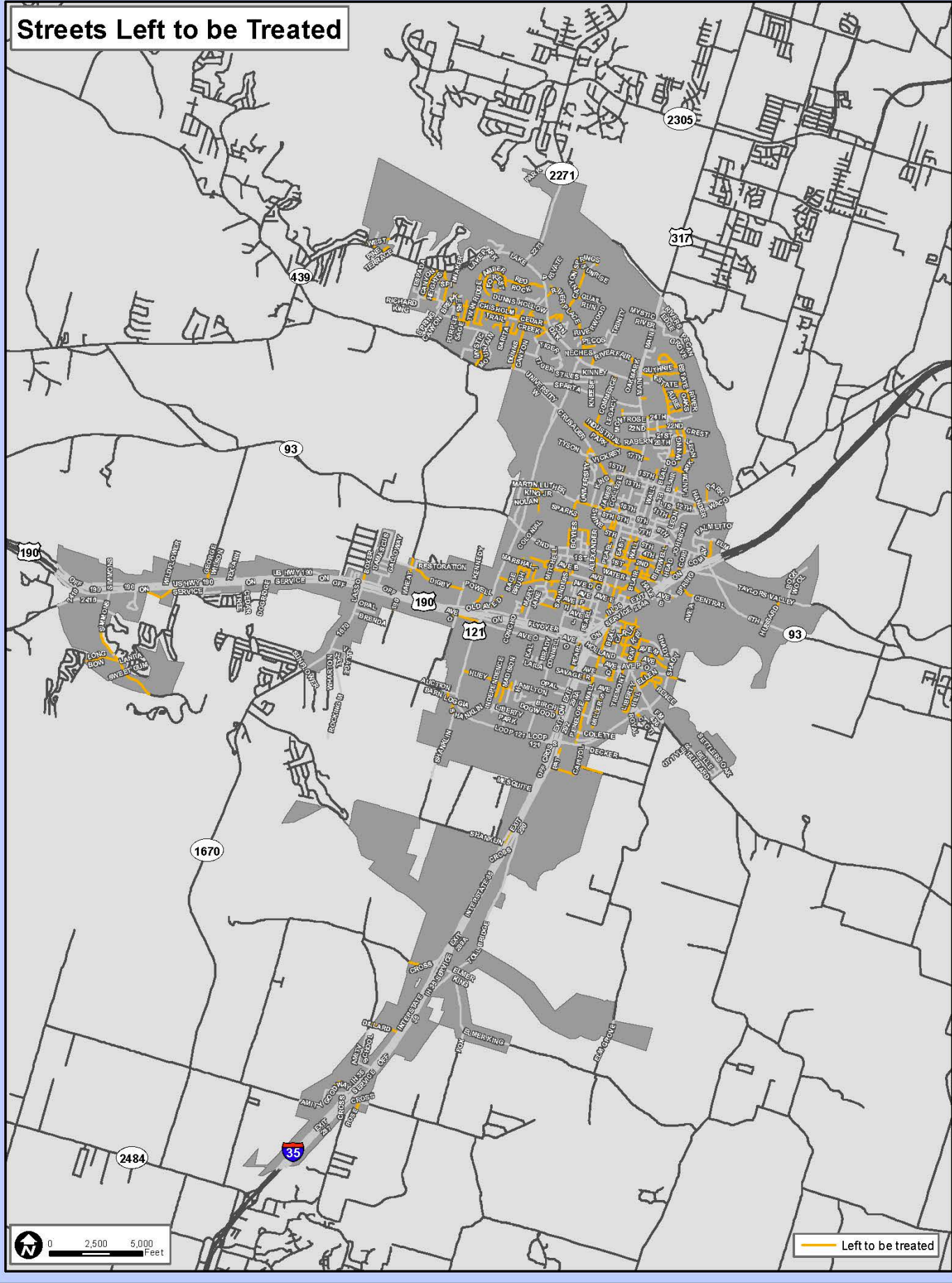
Targeted Initiative 1	
Maintain current infrastructure through the updating and prioritizing of the current street maintenance plan with associated costs and timelines for completion.	
Activity	Estimated Completion
1. Identify recent street maintenance projects and percentage of city addressed.	04/01/20
2. Evaluate and update street maintenance needs assessment and list as individual projects.	05/01/20
3. Determine updated pricing for each individual project.	05/01/20
4. Prioritize the projects through Council, staff, and community input.	Summer 2020
5. Develop budgets and timelines for completion, including general operating budget or debt strategies.	Summer 2020
6. Incorporate into the annual budget or debt schedule.	Summer 2020



Completed Streets



Streets Left to be Treated



Future Reconstruction Streets



Targeted Initiative 2

Maintain current infrastructure through the updating and prioritizing of the current utility maintenance plan with associated costs and timelines for completion.

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Targeted Initiative 3

Maintain current infrastructure through the updating and prioritizing of other capital projects and equipment plan with associated costs and timelines for completion.

Activity	Estimated Completion
1. Identify other recent capital projects and equipment.	04/15/20
2. Evaluate and update capital projects and equipment needs assessment and list as individual projects and equipment.	05/01/20
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Targeted Initiative 4

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4. Hold public hearings on proposed changes.	07/28/20
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7. Advertise in Belton Journal.	10/08/20 & 10/15/20
8. Hold election.	11/03/20
9. Adopt Charter Amendments.	11/10/20



Targeted Initiative 5	
Review and refine the development review process to be more customer friendly (i.e. simplified and expedited).	
Activity	Estimated Completion
1. Review current development review processes including standard and codes.	06/01/20
2. Meet with stakeholders and solicit input.	07/01/20
3. Develop options for clarifying, streamlining, and expediting processes in order to enhance flexibility for staff.	Spring 2020: Misc. Amendments Winter 2020: Perimeter Streets; Sidewalks
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6. Implement new processes.	2021



Targeted Initiative 6	
Develop a process to finalize the future of Belton TIRZ and its expiration in 2024.	
Activity	Estimated Completion
1. Develop options for TIRZ evaluation.	06/01/20
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4. Present to Council for approval.	December 2020
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Targeted Initiative 7	
Maintain a competitive staff compensation plan.	
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Current City of Belton's Multi-Year Implementation Plan to follow next.



City of Belton Strategic Plan Update Report

April 14, 2020

Report Outline



- Vision, Mission, Goal Categories, and Outcome Statements
- Guiding Themes
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- Questions



Vision, Mission, Goal Categories and Outcome Statements



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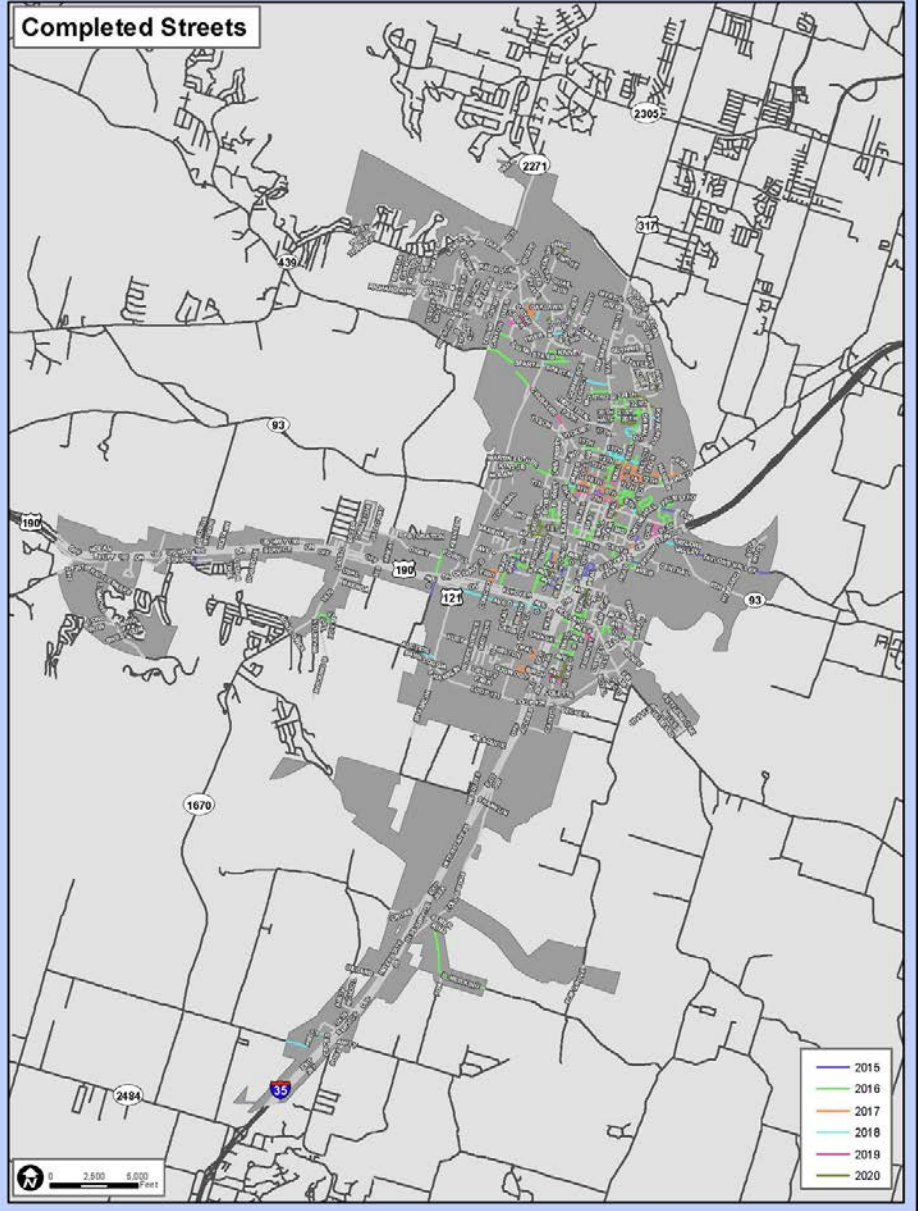
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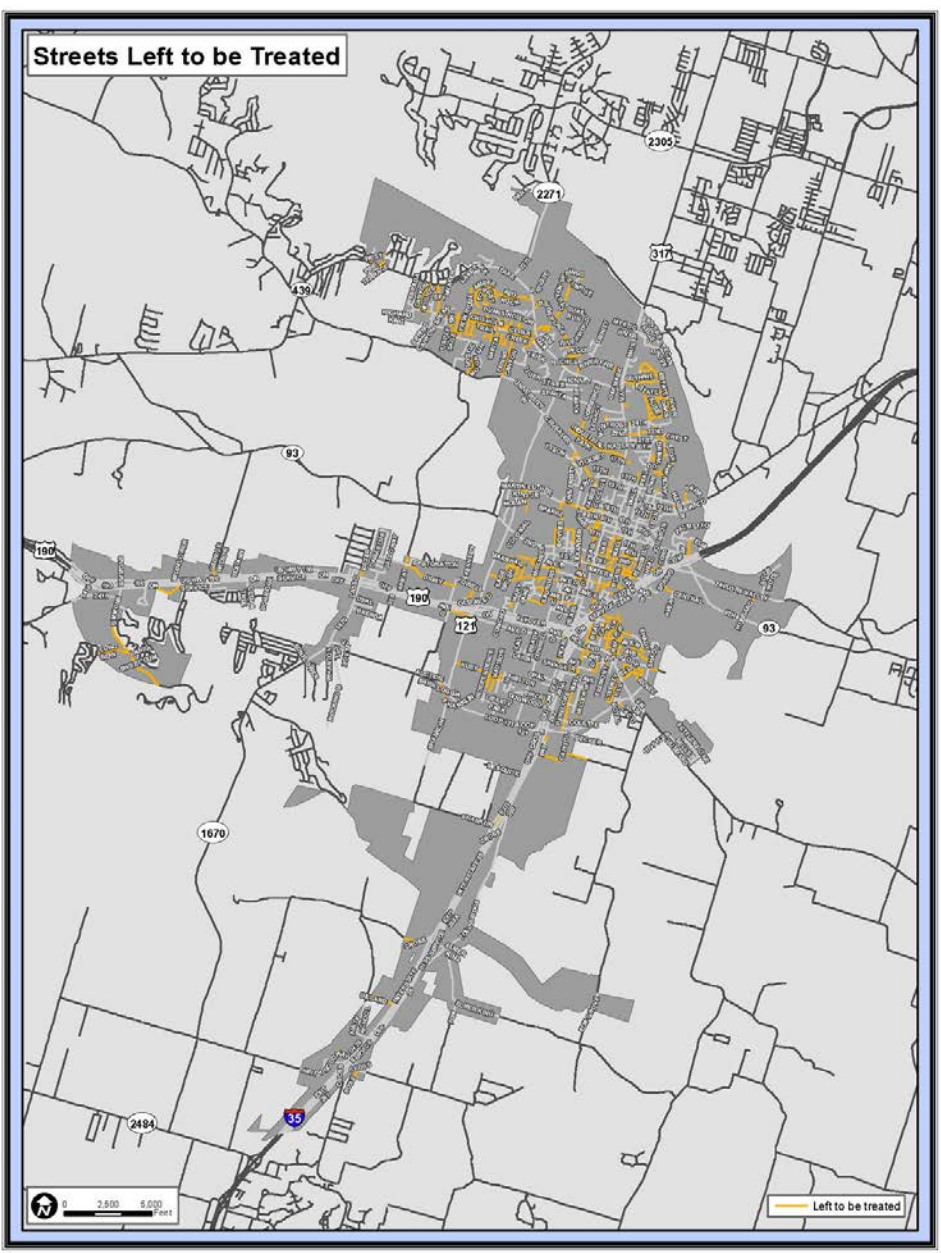
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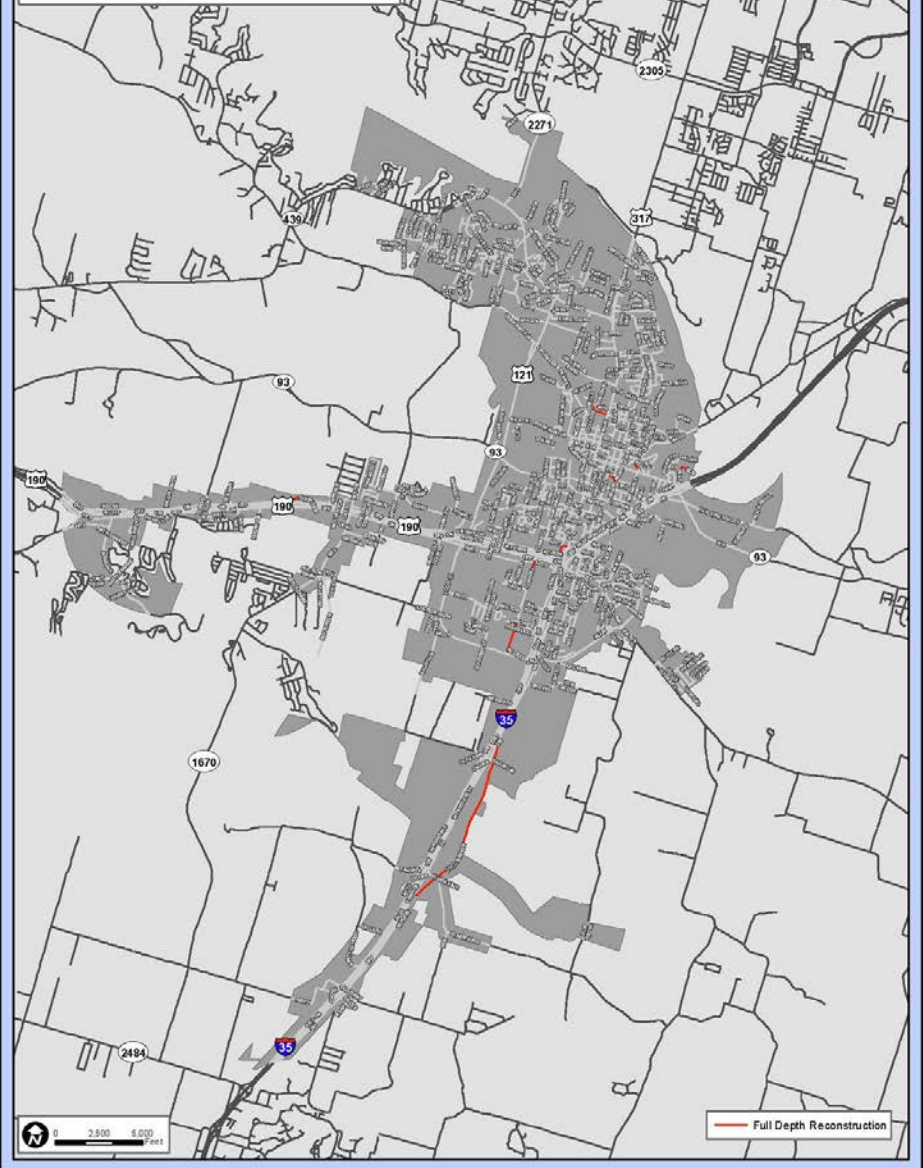
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