

**2014 State of the City
City of Bee Cave
by Mayor Caroline Murphy**

The City of Bee Cave Wishes You a Safe and Happy New Year!

Travis Askey Named City Manager

The City Council has unanimously appointed Travis Askey, Deputy City Manager, as the new City Manager for the City of Bee Cave. Mr. Askey joined the City in 2004, and except for a brief stint in the private sector, has been with the City for the majority of the past decade. Mr. Askey has been serving as the Interim City Manager since the departure of the previous city manager, Frank Salvato, in September. Please join me in congratulating Mr. Askey on his promotion.

Bee Cave Working on Area Traffic Congestion / RR 620 Feasibility Study Committee

The City Council and TXDOT are assessing the impact, design, and cost of some potential short term improvements on the portion of RR 620, a state highway, within Bee Cave's city limits. These short term improvements could provide some immediate relief to the current traffic congestion. For a long term solution, the City Council is also working with TXDOT, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty, and Lakeway elected officials on a RR 620 Corridor Study focusing on the entire length of RR 620 between Bee Cave and Hwy 183. The Committee will be chaired by Bruce Byron, the 360/620 Feasibility Project Manager and Public Involvement Lead with TXDOT's Austin District. The City is currently accepting applications from Bee Cave citizens and business owners within the City limits to represent Bee Cave on the feasibility study committee. Interested citizens and business owners that would like to be considered for appointment to the feasibility study committee should complete and submit an application located on the City's website. The City Council will consider appointments to the committee at their regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 13, 2015.

Regarding additional state highway work currently in progress, TXDOT reports that the lane and curb additions on State Highway 71 west of Hamilton Pool Road are scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2015. Also, TXDOT plans to start work in early 2015 on Hamilton Pool Road between Hwy 71 and Cueva Drive that includes adding shoulders and a center turn lane.

Comprehensive Master Plan Update

The City has published a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for an update to its current Comprehensive Master Plan. A copy of the RFQ is available on the City's website or at City Hall.

Hike and Bike Trail Connectivity Plan Update

At a December 15th Special City Council Meeting, the company of Lee and Associates was selected to update the City's hike and bike trail connectivity plan. The plan will be incorporated into the Comprehensive Master Plan and map out existing trails as well as identify proposed locations for future hike and bike trails in order to provide and promote alternative options for traversing the City.

Backyard at Bee Cave (Movie Studios) and Terraces (Offices and Condos) Projects Approved

Chris Milam, managing partner and developer of two projects called the Backyard at Bee Cave and the Terraces, received City Council approval on December 9th to move forward. Many of the comments and concerns discussed at previous meetings were incorporated into the revised Planned Development District documents governing each project. Both projects were significantly downsized from their original proposals. The developer received no incentives from the City; however, the developer is required to provide several million dollars' worth of infrastructure improvements including but not limited to the following: additional dedicated west bound right turn lane from Bee Cave Parkway to northbound RR 620; public tennis courts and splash pad in Bee Cave Central Park; hike and bike trails along Bee Cave Parkway and along the future road that will connect from the Backyard to Hwy 71; and landscaping of the medians on Bee Cave Parkway.

Visit the City's Website

The City's website has deployed a friendlier search feature and contains announcements about City and Library events as well as information on matters such as permitting requirements, ordinances, and code criteria. Please feel free to contact me or any of the elected officials or staff at the City of Bee Cave, or visit our website: www.beecavetexas.gov. The City Council meets at Bee Cave City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. The public is welcome to attend.