**Overview**

* Board approved **$48 million** general obligation bond issuance, the city's first in **6 years**, to fund fire apparatus, road resurfacing, Southeast Park, and McEwen Phase 4
* Selected **4** priority capital investment projects totaling **$54 million**: Goose Creek bypass (**$40 million**), Eddy Lane improvements (**$9.5 million**), South Margin intersection (**$3.15 million**), and Mallory Lane improvements (**$4.3 million**)
* Approved new unsafe structures ordinance giving building officials more authority to address dilapidated buildings
* Authorized final meeting in current City Hall location before offices relocate to Columbia Avenue and 9th Avenue until **June 2027**
* Approved Franklin Pride Festival permit for **June 7th, 2025** at Harlinsdale Farm

**Final meeting at current City Hall location**

* Mayor announced this as final meeting in current City Hall before **June 2027** return date
* City offices relocated to Columbia Avenue and 9th Avenue for interim period
* Original hand-molded bricks from building distributed to aldermen and former elected officials as mementos

**Title VI compliance and infrastructure design criteria**

* Board reviewed annual Title VI regulations compliance resolution
* Updated municipal code to align with TDEC requirements for water and sewer infrastructure design
* Paul clarified changes removed specifications for items not used in Franklin's system, like centrifugally cast fiberglass pipe
* Added provision allowing city administrator's designee to grant immediate sanitary sewer approvals for emergency situations

**Development customer service survey results**

* Survey sent to **400** development professionals with **66** responses (**17%** response rate)
* Key findings:
	+ Customer service and communications rated highly across all service areas
	+ **84%** highest rating received for permitting customer service
	+ Nearly half of respondents interact with department several times monthly
* Recommendations:
	+ Implement help desk function for immediate issue resolution
	+ Improve coordination between departments
	+ Enhance communication about roles and expectations
	+ Consider dedicated staff for development consulting

**Robinson Lake Dam project and park development**

* Board reviewed **$13,482,000** construction contract with Heron Construction
* Project includes:
	+ Dam repair and compliance with Safe Dams Act
	+ Lake dredging
	+ Walking trails around entire lake
	+ Additional parking facilities
* Paul noted project expanded from initial **$5 million** dam-only estimate through community engagement process

**Capital investment plan priorities and funding**

* Board identified top priority projects totaling **$54 million**:
	+ Goose Creek bypass and Carruthers Parkway extension: **$40 million**
	+ Eddy Lane improvements: **$9.5 million**
	+ South Margin Street and 5th Avenue intersection: **$3.15 million**
	+ Mallory Lane and Cool Springs Boulevard: **$4.3 million**
* Agreed to add Creekside property acquisition for consideration in next round
* **$76 million** remaining capacity for additional project prioritization

**General obligation bonds issuance for $48 million**

* Christine presented **$48 million** bond issuance plan for four major projects:
	+ Three fire apparatus purchases
	+ Road resurfacing program covering **3** paving seasons
	+ Southeast Park construction (**$30 million**)
	+ McEwen Phase 4 utility relocation (**$5 million**)
* Current outstanding general obligation principal: **$99.5 million**
* City maintains Triple-A bond ratings from Moody's and Standard & Poor's
* Final maturity set for **2045** with **20-year** term
* Competitive bond sale planned for **mid-March 2025**

**Franklin Pride Festival permit review**

* Approved permit for **June 7th, 2025** at Harlinsdale Farm
* Event entering its **5th** year
* Previous attendance:
	+ **2024**: **6,000-7,000** (weather impacted)
	+ **2023**: **8,000-10,000**
	+ **2022**: Approximately **5,000**

**Unsafe structures ordinance proposal**

* Approved new ordinance streamlining process for addressing unsafe/unsanitary structures
* Gives building official authority to declare structures unfit for human occupancy
* Establishes Building and Street Standards Board of Appeals as hearing body
* Allows city to place liens on properties for demolition or repair costs
* Requires administrative warrant for interior inspections without owner permission

**Pearl Bransford naming rights for southeast complex**

* Board reviewed resolution to assign permanent naming rights for southeast municipal complex in honor of Pearl Bransford
* Decision based on Ordinance 2024-37 acknowledging substantial contributions to city