

WEST GALVESTON ISLAND POA (WGIPOA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The WGIPOA held a Board meeting on February 25, 2017 at the Galveston Country Club.

Jerry Mohn, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. A quorum was established by the attendance of Bill Ferrary – Bermuda Beach, Jay Lendrum – Dunes of West Beach, Boyd Carr – Isla Del Sol, Dick Kuriger – Pirates POA, Todd Hinz – Pointe West, Peggy Zahler – Spanish Grant Beach, Paul Voinis – Sportsman Road, and Craig Vance – Terramar, and Charles Jones - Sea Isle.

Jerry Mohn recognized officials: Brian Maxwell, City Manager, and Carolyn Sunseri – City Council. Sponsor present were Peggy Zahler - Johnson Space Center.

The Board approved the minutes of January 21, 2017, and February 16, 2017, financial report as presented.

Community Policing: Officer Joey Quiroga cautioned to keep doors and cars locked at all times. If any questions or a problem develops to please call his cell: 409-256-0762.

Sand Motor Concept: Ben Ritt, TAMUG, sitting in for Dr. Tom Linton, gave a power point presentation on the type of studies they are performing since Dellanara Park dune construction and beach nourishment project. The program will be used to compare distributing sand at the end of the Seawall. The “sand motor” concept developed by Holland places large quantities of sand at the end of the Seawall so the littoral currents carry the sand to the west end of the island. The power point as attached:

WSEAWALL.pptx

District 6 Happenings: City Council Carolyn Sunseri advised streets are being done throughout the west end and now concentrating in Havre Lafitte’s area. The Water Meters are reaching the end of their useful life and the City is spending over \$1 million to replace them, island wide. There will be a bond election in early May for massive capital improvement projects especially streets and sewers for the west end. Two parks that are being underutilized at Jones and James Park. The City is looking at shutting down these parks, possibly selling them and relocating to other areas in the city where they would be utilized. There will be a Galveston County day March 1 in Austin at the Capital. The Galveston County Economic Development Committee and the Galveston Regional Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring the event. 175 people plan to go to discuss with legislator’s beach access, storm surge system, public schools, support of the ports and tourism. Over 6.5 million people visited Galveston Island last year.

City of Galveston Water and Drainage: Mike Loftin – Asst. City Manager; Mike Abner – Director of Utilities; and, Kyle Hockersmith – Director of Public Infrastructure

Mike Loftin -Asst. City Manager gave a power point presentation (attached) on water distribution for the west end and the City's waterworks and sewer system, and the capital improvement plan.

Water Presentation Waterworks and
West End HOA February Sewer System Fund F)

Mike Abner – Director of Utilities advised the electronic water meter readers are at the end of their cycle and will be replaced. For a pool fill, the residents that have them will not be over charged and for the owners to please contact the City Utilities Department. The City purchases 21 million gallons of water from the Gulf Coast Water Authority. There are 7000 water valves in the city and unfortunately there is no system in maintain them. \$4 million has been allocated to replace all the fire hydrants in the City. The average residential increase in the water bills has been 29% and 23% on sewer.

Kyle Hockersmith, Director of Public Infrastructure, advised if any problems to call the Public Works Customer Service at: 409-797-3630 . Mr. Hockersmith's personal email address was given at: khockersmith@galvestontx.gov. Kyle introduced his team: Clarence Swannegan - Assistant Director of Public Works; Charles West - Superintendent of Traffic; and Walter Hawkins - Superintendent of Streets & Drainage.

There is a work order software system in process of being implemented which will be operated by staff. This software will allow for the work orders to be addressed in a timely manner. Kyle advised of the west end projects as follows:

- 9 new culverts have been installed in the west end and work continues to clean out the existing culverts.
- Clean storm and sanitary sewers: 336 linear feet of storm sewer mains last month and 8700 linear feet of culverts cleaned. He enlisted the citizens help by not placing grass cuttings and leaves in the gutters as this hampers storm drainage and clogs drains.
- 320 miles of pavement are swept and cleaned every month.
- Drainage ditches: 3640 linear feet of drainage ditches cleaned out – there is a new ditch cutting program.
- 18 different zones in the west end
- Once a week maintain each area
- Do the entire island in a manageable time – 3 years. The program is as follows:
 - Week 9, 10 – Terramar
 - Week 11 – Isla del Sol
 - Week 12, 13, 14 – Sea Isle
 - Week 15 – Pirates Beach West
 - Week 16 – Palm Beach
 - Week 17-20 – Pirates Beach/Cove

For the City Kyle advised the following:

- Street program: Patch pot holes – 373 potholes patched in January alone and so far, 13,350 linear feet of streets crack sealed in the City
- Traffic Division: upgrading signals – salt corrosion biggest problem and upgrading the wires; 360 feet of signal wires replaced in January.
- New LED Traffic Signals down Broadway – 137 new signal heads replaced and 220 signal heads total for the project
- 57 street signs replaced in January
- Data Collection project on going: DTS Services is a contractor assisting the City in conducting a new street condition assessment as well as gathering information on the following: manholes; valves; signs; and sidewalks. The street assessment data will be analyzed to spend road rehabilitation funds where most needed based on pavement condition score.
- Street signs – are currently being analyzed. If warranted, the City is replacing faded and missing signs. Currently, the City system contains over 17,000 signs.
- Special events: there were 550,000 people during the big Mardi Gras first weekend and special cleanings are necessary. For a city of 50,000, big weekends like Mardi Gras are taxing and needs lots of planning and as usual the City performance has been great.
- Road overlay program: Current spending - \$2 million.
- Traffic signal coordination: ongoing modifications to signal equipment and signal timing to provide best overall traffic flow synchronization and to filter connectivity.
- Nottingham Campsite Drainage Ditches (11-mile @ FM3005): Coordinate with TXDOT project to clean ditches as major reconstruction of this area will be required.

TXDOT is looking at elevating FM 3005 again (2-4 inches possibly more in areas) and the City will coordinate with them to clean the ditches at the same time. Concept of the project is to elevate the roadway to a 10-year rain event. City will provide updates as able. Project is projected to begin in 2019-time frame and be complete 1-2 years following.

Other: Parks Board sand nourishment: Jerry Mohn advised the start of a \$20 million sand nourishment, one million cubic yards, from 12th to 61st street and to widen the beach area from 100 to 150 feet and should be completed by the end of March. There has been a total now of three programs by the Parks Board, City, and GLO, total \$44 million with the first at Dellanara Park (1/2 mile), “Babes Beach” – 15 blocks of 61st Street.

The Board adjourned at 11:00 AM