

**West Galveston Island Property Owners Association “Zoom” Meeting
July 18, 2020**

Report from Mayor ProTem Dr. Craig Brown

Crowd Control

- **The City is making plans for increased crowd control for the remaining summer weekends.**
- **The July 25th weekend may have an unusually large number of individuals on the Island and the City has increased security and police coverage. Plans are being finalized to add 100 additional officers above and beyond our normal police force.**
- **Traffic flow will be altered mainly on the Seawall area and north/south Parking on the Seawall will be closed in certain areas to provide a safer environment for our residents and visitors.**
- **The City will be monitoring the Vehicular Beach Access Points and if the number of vehicles increases to an unsafe level the Access Points will be closed to any additional vehicles.**
- **Closure of the Beaches is not contemplated for the rest of the summer unless unique circumstances develop, which are not expected.**

CoVid-19

- **Galveston has the highest number of infections in the County on a per capita basis.**
- **The number of young people accounting for hospitalizations is increasing.**
- **Currently UTMB is forecasting that the infections will peak around August 1st.**
- **The City, UTMB and the Galveston County Health Department have combined their resources to provide free testing, especially for those individuals who require financial assistance.**
- **Please report all infractions of CoVid-19 Precautions to the City Marshall, Butch Stroud at (409) 392-8653 or CStroud@galvestontx.gov.**

Financial Status of the City

- **The City is currently discussing their 2021 budget that will begin October 1st.**
- **A reduction of the Property Tax Rate is programmed in the Budget**
- **The overall budget is currently 7% less than the previous year.**
- **Water and Sewer rates will remain the same.**
- **The Budget also allows for the proper Pension and Collective Bargaining funding for our First Responders.**
- **City Services will not be negatively affected and Capital Improvement Projects in process and that are outlined in our last Bond Election will proceed.**