

West Galveston Island Property Owners Association

January 24, 2026

0800 Board Member Discussion

Review of annual budget. Motion to accept made by Guy Sullivan and seconded by John Lightfoot.

Guy discussed the current principles for WGIPOA and lack of foundational documents. He indicated that potential exposure and liability is negligible to individuals. Guy and Craig will meet to set up foundational documents to help with the transparency of WGIPOA.

0900 Call to Order – Craig Vance

0900 Introduction of Board Members

The WGIPOA meeting was held on January 24, 2026, at Marriott Courtyard on the Seawall. The meeting was called to order by Craig Vance, President. A quorum was established with the attendance of Craig Vance – Terramar; John Lightfoot – Pointe San Luis; Kim Van Camp – Condos; Boyd Carr – Isla del Sol; Guy Sullaway – Point West; Rosemarie Gonzales – Acapulco Village; Sarah Hoff – Sportsman Road; Chris Lauer – Bermuda Beach; and Doug Little – Pirate’s Beach and Lafitte’s Cove.

0902 Approve Annual Budget.

Moved by Guy and seconded by Rosemarie.

0902 Introduction of Elected Officials and Corporate Sponsors

In attendance were the following officials and candidates.

- Marie Robb, District 6 Representative – candidate mayor
- John Listowski – candidate for mayor
- Joe Giusti – County Commissioner, District 2 - candidate for Couty Commissioner
- Terri Leo Wilson – State Representative – candidate for State Representative
- Shane Chisholm – candidate for district 6 representative

Special thanks to our corporate sponsor Wellby Financial.

0903 City Update – Craig Brown and Brian Maxwell

Brian discussed preparations for the cold weather moving in this weekend. The rain this morning has helped stabilize the atmosphere and frozen precipitation will be very low on Sunday. There are indications that it may snow next weekend.

Preparations for the island include turning off water meters for irrigation across the island. You can check on the Ion Water app to check and see if your water has been turned off.

As soon as the roads dry today, TXDOT will be salting the roads. If you see ice, please call the Public Works non-emergency number at (409) 797-3630.

Mayor Craig Brown gave a general overview of changes made over his tenure in office. He discussed the water pumps used for dewatering the streets during storms and repairs to the streets in Galveston. He indicated that the Port of Galveston and Pelican Island improvements are continuing which lead to additional tax revenue for the City of Galveston.

Tourism is the primary driver of economic development on the island. About 10 million people come to the island every year, including 2 million people heading to the cruise ships. There has been a movement of just increasing the number of people heading to the island, to get quality tourists who are planning on staying on the island during their adventures. There are challenges with the increase of visitors including road improvements and increased tax rates.

Joe Giusti, County Commissioner indicated it was a heavy year for mosquitoes. They are down a pilot and spent a lot of the budget during a year that they usually don't spend much. They were able to pivot and stay on budget. If you have mosquito spraying issues or questions, please feel free to call Joe at (409) 771-3888.

Joe mentioned that the new sheriff is making good changes in town including shutting down Jeep Weekend and training sheriff deputies to be ICE agents. Galveston County also increased mental health services within the county and are now other counties are building and modeling their programs after.

Terri Leo Wilson mentioned that she is being attacked with negative mailers that are not telling the entire truth. She is planning to reduce property appraisals to every 5 years. Additional appraisal tax process reform will include spending caps and public-school tax rates.

If you have questions, you can reach her at (713) 249-5046.

1000 District 6 Happenings – Marie Robb

Marie endorsed Terri Leo Wilson for representative.

Within the last 5 years, the City has installed electric meters on the water meters that allow the City to turn off water to houses from a centralized location. This helps during emergency situations such as freeze events.

The beneficial dredge project was completed, but didn't bring as much sand as expected. The CEPRA follow-on project will occur in late spring this year.

Development within District 6 is ongoing. Marie indicated she is continuing to push for developers to include community improvements in their designs such as affordable housing and potential municipal utility districts (MUDs) to provide missing utilities like septic/sewer services.

If you have any questions or concerns, please text Marie Robb at (409) 256-4518 or email at Marie@MarieRobb.com, and she will answer and/or forward the issues to the appropriate people and groups.

1015 Announcements

WGIOPOA Board of Director positions are available, one per WGIOPOA subdivision. Please feel free to inquire about your representative or to become a representative for your HOA.

The next meeting will take place at the Marriott on February 28 at 0900. This meeting will feature candidates for District 6 representatives. Candidates for Mayor will speak at the March meeting.

If you'd like to make suggestions for topics or community volunteering or donations, please feel free to reach out to Craig at craigvance26@gmail.com.

1020 Adjournment