



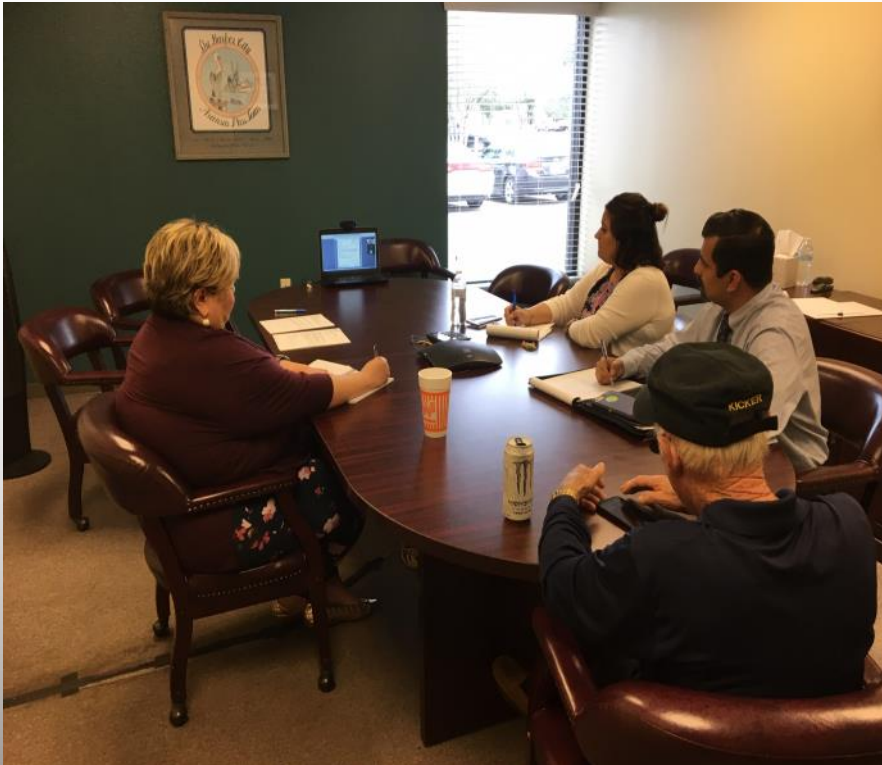
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KICK-OFF MEETING FOR THE EDA GRANT

Work on the nearly \$5 million dollar Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant began in December. Pictured below is the initial teleconference session with EDA officials. Meeting participants are Sandra Garcia, Finance Director, Fernando Quintanilla, Public Works Director, Chuck West, Harbormaster and Amber Ybarra, of the Finance Department. This grant will pay for new roads and a bike trail at the Conn Brown Harbor. These funds can only be used for this purpose. Later plans for Conn Brown are bulkhead repairs, restroom improvements, electrical repairs and a small park and extended sidewalks at the Harbor Point.



PLANS FOR A \$10 MILLION CDBG GRANT ARE UNDERWAY

The City of Aransas Pass has learned that \$10 million dollars in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are being made available to the City if we can tie the funding requests to Hurricane Harvey. A committee has been set up, including Councilmembers Vicki Abrego and Jan Moore, to work with our grant consultant, Grantworks, to submit the necessary applications. Current discussions involve drainage needs, as well as other infrastructure work.

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From the Aransas Pass Mayor, City Council & Staff



A.P. CONTINUES TO TACKLE DRAINAGE ISSUES

If you have travelled West on Highland, also known as County Road 128, you will have noticed the above detention pond to the North. It was built to handle stormwater runoff from the new Hogan Homes subdivision. Their city approved stormwater plans exceed the code requirements. In future building phases, the pond will change per plans. The final detention pond will will not open onto Highland. This is just one example of the high-tech tools for handling stormwater. However, as was pointed out in recent meetings, even the most elaborate drainage systems would have problems dealing with the two months of continual downpours we had in the late Summer and early Fall. There still is standing water in some parts of town due to those massive rains. Currently, the City is working on citywide drainage issues from two fronts. First, we are working on a citywide drainage study. Secondly, we are working with FEMA and possibly the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to handle some of the drainage difficulties created by Hurricane Harvey.

MAYOR GOMEZ ACCEPTS CHECK FOR BUSINESSES

On November 29th Mayor Ramiro Gomez accepted a \$19,000 check that was made out to the City, but will be turned over to the A.P. Chamber of Commerce. The funds will help the Chamber recover from Hurricane Damage. The dollars come from the Corpus Christi Mayor's Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund. The Rebuild Texas Fund and Coastal Bend United assisted with the financing. In addition to Mayor Gomez (L), also shown below are Christina Cisneros-Guzman of CITGO and Corpus Christi Mayor Joe McCombs.



City Meter Readers are working with the Public Works Department to replace the scores of street signs missing due to Hurricane Harvey. The two departments are working together to complete this very large project. Seen above is David Harris of the Utilities Department.

PUBLIC WORKS PARADE FLOAT

The City Public Works Department had an impressive float entry in the Annual Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade. Pictured below are Clarissa and Katya Quintanilla. Santa is Michael Bonner.



CLEAN-UP BY DEMOLITION MOVES FORWARD

The City Council has instructed staff to show progress with community clean-up. One of the clean-up tools is the demolition of buildings that are a health and safety danger to the community. The City Attorney and other staff members, such as Burl Smith, Cory Elrod and Kat Comeaux have been spearheading this effort. Shown below is the site of the former LWR Building at Rife and Deberry. The demolition was completed several weeks ago.



FIRE CHIEF NATHAN KELLEY SWEARS IN ASST. CHIEF EDWARD BORREGO as an academy trained Police Officer. Borrego will remain Fire Marshall with the Fire Department. The swearing –in occurred during the December 17th City Council meeting.



FINAL SURVEY OVERLAY

First-Ever Comprehensive Conn Brown Survey is complete

After months of research, it has been determined that, in years past, there have been partial land surveys, and even plans for a full survey, of Conn Brown Harbor. But until now, a full city sponsored survey of that property has not been completed. Also, for the first time, we now have accurate legal descriptions of the harbor properties the City is leasing. The Texas General Land Office (GLO) conducted its own survey a few years ago when liens were being put on Conn Brown for environmental reasons, But that simply was a partial boundary survey.

The survey was conducted by Griffith and Brundrett of Rockport. Conn Brown has a total of 195.22 acres of land. 64.98 acres are submerged and 20.508 acres are leased properties. The surveyor went through 11 different Plats dating from 1909 to 2006. Also 8 deeds were reviewed, 12 partial surveys and Descriptions were incorporated and 13 leased properties were located and staked. A complete survey is necessary for future development at Conn Brown. A report on the completed survey by Griffith & Brundrett will be given to the City Council during the January 7th City Council meeting.

A NEW CITY WEBPAGE IS COMING IN JANUARY!





Brush and Bulky FAQ

When are bulky items collected?

This service is provided for residential accounts within the City Limits that have a garbage account with the City of Aransas Pass. **Bulky items will not be picked up on vacant lots.** The bulky items and limbs should be in separate piles please do not have them mixed. Leaves may be bagged in clear bags and set on the curb to be pickup with brush and bulk items. The amount to be collected is fifteen (15) cubic yards per resident.

Your week will start on Monday and we ask everyone to please put your bulk out at your curbside by 7:00 AM on Monday so they will be ready to be picked up at the start of your scheduled week. We also ask to please "do-not" put any bulk out until your scheduled week. This will help to prevent having unsightly items piles all over town. If the truck has already been by your street, please do not put bulk out until the following month.

The schedule for bulk pickup is based on the division of the town site, which is divided into four (4) sections. Starting with the first full week of the month:

-  The 1ST Monday of the month will be section 1 (PINK) which is on the north side of W. Wheeler, then along the northeast side of Harrison to Commercial.
-  The 2ND Monday of the month will be section 2 (ORANGE) which is between W. Wheeler and W. Highland and east of 11th St. to Harrison and Commercial.
-  The 3RD Monday of the month will be section 3 (BLUE) which is between W. Beasley and Highland then on the west side of 11th St. to W. Wheeler then west to the city limits.
-  The 4TH Monday of the month will be section 4 (YELLOW) which is everyone on the East side of South and North Commercial.

What do you consider as bulky waste?

Bulky waste includes stoves, water tanks, washing machines, furniture and other items too large or too heavy to fit in the cart. Refrigerators, A/C and Freezers must be tagged by professional HVAC that Freon has been removed. Leaves may be bagged in clear bags and set on the curb to be pickup with brush and bulk items (once a month by zone).

What items will they not be picked up?

Concrete, Hazardous Waste, Tires or Construction Debris which includes waste building materials resulting from construction, remodeling, repair or demolition operations.

