

February 18, 2025

## **Project Report and Update**

## **Action Items**

- Authorization accepting Engineers recommendation to award the Old Town Revitalization Paving Project Improvements to Gulf Pride Paving (base bid and alternates 2 and 3). See attached bid tabulation.
- 2. Authorization to advertise for Construction Bids for the Bay St. Louis Harbor Dredging (FEMA 4576) Project.

## **Discussion Items**

- 1. Hurricane Ida Road Repair Project surface treatment
- 2. ARPA Phase 3 lateral lining

## **Project Updates**

- 1. General
  - A. Coordinating a workshop with personnel from NOAA to discuss abnormally high tides, sea level rise and other recent flooding in low lying areas of The City.
  - B. NRCS Main Drain Improvements Topographic surveying has commenced and is approximately 95% complete. Coordinating drainage model.
  - C. MEMA Drainage Hazard Mitigation Grant has been submitted to MEMA and is under review. Waiting on comments or further direction from MEMA.
  - D. Finalizing preliminary plans for City Wide Box Culvert Repairs (Webster, Good, McDonald Lane and Dunbar Ave). Dunbar Ave culvert has two blockages, a set of timber piling supporting the timber bridge on the west side of the culvert and an abandoned force main on the east side of the culver. Based on preliminary data, the culvert does appear to be undersized for the drainage basin. There are also concerns about the invert elevation of the box culvert crossing Beach Blvd near Felicity St. as the survey shots



indicate the Dunbar Ave culvert is approximately 1' higher than the Felicity St. culvert. We do recommend the piling to be relocated and the force main removed to eliminate any potential debris from being trapped on these obstructions which can lead to storm water backing up during rain events. It is anticipated that these improvements would be eligible items for the other drainage improvements grants from NRCS and MEMA.

- E. Coordinating GIS updates with city personnel and MyGov Online.
- 2. Building Department
  - A. CFM
    - 1) Currently working with MEMA on Flood Plain Ordinance Revisions to include:
      - a. Increased enclosure SF for AE zones reviewing impacts to CRS rating.
      - b. Revised substantial damage cost comparison language
    - 2) City website and call system has information relative to flood hazards, flood notifications and corrective actions taken to reduce the risk of localized flooding.
    - 3) Working on notification letters based on MEMA potential violation list. FEMA has cleared many of the violations.
    - 4) Coordinating MEMA CAV visit for onsite inspections of properties in the SFHA.
    - 5) Coordinating Flood Ordinance Text Amendments with City personnel.
  - B. CRS
    - 1) Requested all SOS properties for drainage and open space preservation.
    - 2) CAV has been closed and the City maintained a 7 Rating.
    - 3) Coordinating CRS annual recertification with City Personnel.
- 3. Public Works
  - A. MS 4 Permit Annual Report Annual Report was submitted to MDEQ on January 28, 2025.



- 4. Beyer Drive Sidewalk Improvements Notice To Proceed has been issued for November 4, 2024.
- 5. Washington St. Pathway Improvements This project is under construction.
- 6. Coordinating MDOT activation procedures for the Old Spanish Trail Lighting Project, and Ranch/Pine St. Sidewalk Projects. Seube St. and Felicity St. sidewalks are slated to be funded in FY 26. GRPC has merged all sidewalk projects into 1 City Wide project.
- HWY 603 Turning Lane Extension Project Final design is approximately 75% complete. LPA 700 Design Variance was approved by MDOT. ENV 160 has been submitted to MDOT and we are waiting on comments.
- 8. ADA Transition Study Field evaluation of City facilities has commenced.
- 9. MEMA Hazard Mitigation Ward 6 road elevation MEMA has asked for additional information regarding the existing utilities.
- 10. Hurricane Zeta Damage
  - A. Harbor
    - 1) Phase 2 Repairs authorization to award the contract has been requested.
    - 2) Phase 3 Dredging Final permit has been issued.
- 11. Hurricane Ida Damage Repairs FEMA has approved the additional \$1.9 million for the road repairs. The City has accepted the updated PW00180 and are presently waiting for FEMA to obligate the funds. The City will request an improved project from FEMA once funds are obligated.
- 12. Sunset Sewer Improvements Notice to Proceed has been set for February 24, 2025.
- 13. Ramoneda St. Sewer Improvements project to advertise February 20 and 27 and bids are due March 26 at 2:00 PM.
- 14. Proposed Water Well Project We are waiting on contracts from Thompson Brother Drilling.
- 15. Canal Dredging and Sampling 2 of the 5 samples passed the required tests. We are coordinating grant applications for funding to dredge the approved areas.



- 16. ARPA City Wide Sewer Rehabilitation
  - A. Phase 2 Gravity Sewer Main Repairs and Lining Notice to Proceed is February 24, 2025
- 17. Downtown Striping Plan latest plan is under review.
- 18. Downtown Board Walk DMR has approved Tidelands amendment for tidelands funds to be used as a match for Phase 2. Plans are being finalized and we anticipate to request authorization to advertise for construction bids in March.
- 19. Julia St. Park Improvements cost estimate and site plan have been submitted for review.
- 20. Bayou Lacroix Boat Launch Improvements Phase 2 Project bid date, February 18, 2025.
- 21. Old Town Depot Revitalization Parking Improvements (GCRF grant) Bids were received on February 4, 2025.