



June 17, 2025

## **Project Report and Update**

### **Action Items**

1. Motion to accept the Engineers Recommendation to award contract to Gills Crane and Dozer Service General Harbor Repairs as a Result of Damage from Hurricane Zeta and to authorize the Mayor to execute all construction documents.
2. Motion to approve WO 15-007-039 Scianna Lane Marsh Buggie Rental in the estimated amount of \$35,000.
3. Motion to authorize The Mayor to execute and submit an FY 27 Tidelands Grant application for Harbor Repairs and other Beach Front Amenities.

### **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 culvert. 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) CRS Rating has been finalized (94% passing rate). We have maintained a rating of 7.

## 3. Public Works

A. Coordinating updated standard details.

B. Reviewing proposed developments for compliance with drainage ordinance.

4. Beyer Drive Sidewalk Improvements – Under construction, addressing utility conflicts and proposed drainage improvements near Woods Place.



5. Washington St. Pathway Improvements – Construction is almost complete. Coordinating Supplemental Agreement for additional landscaping, fencing and speed table to be added to the existing contract.
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.
7. HWY 603 Turning Lane Extension Project – Office review was held in April. Working on PS&E.
8. ADA Transition Study – Final draft report was submitted to MDOT for review.
9. MEMA Hazard Mitigation Ward 6 road elevation – MEMA has asked for additional information regarding the existing utilities. We have responded and are awaiting further correspondence.
10. Hurricane Zeta Damage
  - A. Harbor
    - 1) Phase 2 Repairs – authorization to award the contract has been requested.
    - 2) Phase 3 Dredging – Bid were received on April 15<sup>th</sup>. City to request cost adjustment to be submitted to FEMA.
11. Hurricane Ida Damage Repairs – FEMA has approved the request to recategorize the project to an improved project to pave the damaged streets with asphalt.
12. Sunset Sewer Improvements – Construction is substantially completed.
13. Ramoneda St. Sewer Improvements – Bid package has been submitted to DEQ for approval.
14. Proposed Water Well Project – NTP is 7/7/25.
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 was February 24, 2025, and construction has commenced.
  - B. Coordinating with City on lift station evaluation and lateral lining project.



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.
19. Julia St. Park Improvements – cost estimate and site plan have been submitted for review.
20. McDonald Park Master Plan – coordinating with City personnel on master plan improvements.
21. Bayou Lacroix Boat Launch Improvements Phase 2 – Pre-construction meeting was on 3/20. Currently, waiting on permit for approval to commence with construction.
22. Old Town Depot Revitalization Parking Improvements (GCRF grant) – Contracts were executed. Notice to Proceed was April 21, 2025, and construction has commenced.