

The City Council of the City of Seabrook met in regular teleconference session on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss, consider and if appropriate, take action on the items listed below.

THOSE PRESENT WERE:

THOM KOLUPSKI

ED KLEIN

LAURA DAVIS – Ex. Abs.

JEFF LARSON

NATALIE PICH

BUDDY HAMMANN

JOE MACHOL

GAYLE COOK

SEAN LANDIS

STEVE WEATHERED

ROBIN LENIO

MAYOR

COUNCIL PLACE NO. 1

COUNCIL PLACE NO. 2

COUNCIL PLACE NO. 3

MAYOR PRO TEM

COUNCIL PLACE NO. 4

COUNCIL PLACE NO. 5

COUNCIL PLACE NO. 6

CITY MANAGER

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

CITY ATTORNEY

CITY SECRETARY

Mayor Kolupski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and conducted roll call to establish a quorum of City Council members.

1. PRESENTATIONS

1.1 Presentation of a Proclamation to recognize March 16, 2021 as National Freedom of Information Day. *Thom Kolupski, Mayor*

Mayor Kolupski read aloud the Proclamation recognizing March 16, 2021 as National Freedom of Information Day.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Douglas Strebel, 2439 Lakewood Pointe, thanked Council for allowing him to speak at the meeting. Since he last addressed Council, Mr. Strebel has sent the City videos and decibel noise level readings of Barge 295 and Cabo. Speaking on both his own behalf and on behalf of the Lakewood Pointe Homeowners' Association, he said that most "quality of life" cities have noise ordinances that usually restrict noise to 65 decibels during the day, and 45 decibels during the evening, with the evening defined as beginning at 5:00 p.m., seven days per week. A new ordinance could also define a certain digital app that could be used to gather evidence of violations. Lakewood Pointe Homeowners' Association has hired a noise consultant, which has provided insightful recommendations in terms of equipment that could be used for evidence collection. We have yet to hear a sufficient explanation for why the subjective elements of the City's noise ordinance are not being enforced; every officer that I have spoken with only measures the objective elements of the ordinance. After reviewing the Council minutes and agendas, there does not appear to be an upcoming discussion of the noise ordinance, but we would be most supportive of that and would like to be a part of the discussion. We are now participating in a social app named "Nextdoor" and there are over 200 comments about the impact of noise from Barge 295 on

residents. Any member of City Council is welcome to come to their community to gain a firsthand experience of the noise. I would like for my comments to be included in the Council minutes in sufficient detail that others will be able to understand this issue.

3. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

3.1 Consider and take all appropriate action on the appointment of Guy Rodgers to the Seabrook Planning & Zoning Commission to replace Michael Giangrosso, for a term to expire January 1, 2022. *Council*

Mr. Rodgers addressed questions from Council regarding his prior service to the City on boards and committees, noting that he has been in the shipping industry for 38 years and has previously done some development in Seabrook, so he is familiar with the rezoning and replatting process.

Motion was made by Councilmember Klein and seconded by Councilmember Machol

To appoint Guy Rodgers to the Seabrook Planning & Zoning Commission to replace Michael Giangrosso, for a term to expire January 1, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

4. SPECIFIC PUBLIC HEARINGS

4.1 Conduct a Public Hearing on a request to amend the Code of the City of Seabrook, Appendix A, "Comprehensive Zoning", Article 3, "Establishment of Zoning Districts and Associated Regulations", Section 3.15, "Comprehensive Land Use Regulation Matrix", by requiring within a (WAD) Waterfront Activity Zoning District a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the following uses: Storage, Boat; Inside, and Storage, Recreational Vehicle, Inside. *Sean Landis, Deputy City Manager*

Mayor Kolupski opened the Public Hearing.

Deputy City Manager, Sean Landis, informed Council that on January 21, 2021, the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of this item. The Commission felt that such uses do not fit the Waterfront Activity Zoning District (WAD) well enough to be allowed as a use by right. By creating the additional conditional use requirements for these types of uses, Council and the Planning & Zoning Commission will have some oversight and be able to add conditions to these uses. Council discussed with Mr. Landis the types of uses and facilities to which the additional requirements would apply.

Douglas Strebel, 2439 Lakewood Pointe, commented that although he is very supportive of high-quality developments on the waterfront, some of the very tall open metal boat storage facilities that are common in places such as Miami can be easily torn apart during heavy storms.

91 Mayor Kolupski closed the Public Hearing.

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93 **4.2** Conduct a Public Hearing on a request to amend the Code of the City of Seabrook, Appendix
94 A, "Comprehensive Zoning", Article 3, "Establishment of Zoning Districts and Associated
95 Regulations", Section 3.15, "Comprehensive Land Use Regulation Matrix", by requiring within
96 (146-S) SH 146 South Commercial and (146-M) SH 146 Main Commercial Zoning Districts a
97 Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the following uses: Auto Repair/Detailing, Auto Rental and
98 Leasing, Quick Lube/Oil Change, and Tire Dealers and Service. *Sean Landis, Deputy City*
99 *Manager*

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101 Mayor Kolupski opened the Public Hearing.

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103 Deputy City Manager, Sean Landis, spoke about the proposed amendment, noting that on
104 January 21, 2021, the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of this item, and
105 that the proposed amendment does not prohibit such uses. By creating the additional conditional
106 use requirements for these types of uses, Council and the Planning & Zoning Commission will
107 have some oversight and be able to add conditions to these uses. Mr. Landis informed Council
108 that the proposed changes do not apply to existing uses, but they do apply to any future repurposing
109 of existing buildings in the city.

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111 No members of the public wished to speak during the public hearing.

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113 Mayor Kolupski closed the Public Hearing.

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115 **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

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117 **5.1** Approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2020-2021, as
118 required by the Public Funds Investment Act. *Michael Gibbs, Director of Finance*

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120 **5.2** Approve the minutes of the March 2, 2021 regular City Council meeting. *Robin Lenio, City*
121 *Secretary*

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123 *Motion was made by Council Machol and seconded by Councilmember Klein*

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125 *To approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.*

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127 **MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

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129 **6. NEW BUSINESS**

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131 **6.1** Consider and take all appropriate action on first reading of Ordinance 2021-08, "Revision to
132 Personnel Policy Work Week". *Yesenia Garza, Director of Human Resources*

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134 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEABROOK, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CITY OF
135 SEABROOK "PERSONNEL POLICIES", CHAPTER 5 "COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS",

SECTION 25 “WORK WEEK” BY REPLACING THE SECTION WITH AN UPDATED
“WORK WEEK” POLICY AND MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS
RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

City Manager Gayle Cook provided Council with an overview of the proposed revision to the policy, which have been written to replace an outdated section of the City’s personnel policies and to bring the City into compliance with the requirements of the City’s new payroll software program. Ms. Cook noted that the final sentence in each of the five proposed paragraphs need to have the word “worked” inserted in them, to make it clear that overtime begins after an employee has worked forty hours in their work week.

Motion was made by Councilmember Klein and seconded by Councilmember Larson

To approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-08, "Revision to Personnel Policy Work Week" and, as requested above, adding the words "forty hours worked" to the policy.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

6.2 Consider and take all appropriate action on first reading of Ordinance 2021-07, "Add the uses of 'Auto Repair/Detailing, Auto Rental and Leasing, Quick Lube/Oil Change, and Tire Dealers and Service' to the Comprehensive Land Use Matrix as a Conditional Use". *Sean Landis, Deputy City Manager*

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SEABROOK APPENDIX A, COMPREHENSIVE ZONING, ARTICLE 3, “ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONING DISTRICTS AND ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS”, SECTION 3.15, “COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE REGULATION MATRIX,” BY REQUIRING WITHIN THE SH 146 SOUTH COMMERCIALDISTRICT, (146-S), AND THE SH 146 MAIN COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT, (146-M) , A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE FOLLOWING USES: “AUTO REPAIR/DETAILING”, “AUTO RENTAL AND LEASING”, “QUICK LUBE/OIL CHANGE”, AND TIRE DEALERS AND SERVICE”; PROVIDING A PENALTY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2000 FOR VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION HEREOF BY INCLUSION INTO THE CODE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion was made by Councilmember Klein and seconded by Councilmember Machol

To approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-07, "Add the uses of 'Auto Repair/Detailing, Auto Rental and Leasing, Quick Lube/Oil Change, and Tire Dealers and Service' to the Comprehensive Land Use Matrix as a Conditional Use"

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

180 **6.3** Consider and take all appropriate action on first reading of Ordinance 2021-06, "Add the uses
181 of 'Storage, Boat; Inside and Storage, Recreational Vehicle, Inside' to the Comprehensive Land
182 Use Matrix as a Conditional Use". *Sean Landis, Deputy City Manager*
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184 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SEABROOK APPENDIX A,
185 COMPREHENSIVE ZONING, ARTICLE 3, "ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONING DISTRICTS
186 AND ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS", SECTION 3.15, "COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE
187 REGULATION MATRIX," BY REQUIRING WITHIN A (WAD) WATERFRONT ACTIVITY
188 ZONING DISTRICT A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE FOLLOWING USES:
189 "STORAGE, BOAT; INSIDE", AND "STORAGE, RECREATIONAL VEHICLE; INSIDE";
190 PROVIDING A PENALTY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2000 FOR VIOLATION OF
191 ANY PROVISION HEREOF BY INCLUSION INTO THE CODE; REPEALING ALL
192 ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT
193 HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE
194 DATE
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196 *Motion was made by Councilmember Machol and seconded by Councilmember Klein*
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198 *To approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-06, "Add the uses of 'Storage, Boat; Inside and*
199 *Storage, Recreational Vehicle, Inside' to the Comprehensive Land Use Matrix as a Conditional*
200 *Use"*
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202 **MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**
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204 **6.4** Consider and take all appropriate action on Resolution 2021-05, "Opposition to House Bill
205 749 and Senate Bill 234". *Gayle Cook, City Manager*
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207 A RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 749 AND ITS COMPANION SENATE BILL 234
208 THAT WOULD PROHIBIT A LOCAL GOVERNMENT FROM EMPLOYING
209 PROFESSIONALS OR NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATIONS TO REPRESENT A COMMUNITY'S
210 INTEREST BEFORE STATE AND FEDERAL ENTITIES
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212 Mayor Pro Tem Picha provided Council with an update on the status of the proposed state
213 bill, which is losing some support at the committee level; however, new bills are being filed
214 immediately following. She remarked that while the proposed bill would prohibit the City from
215 hiring lobbyists to advocate for the City in Austin, the State of Texas expends over \$31,000,000 a
216 year on its own lobbyists to lobby the federal government on its behalf.
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218 Mayor Kolupski expressed his support for proposed Resolution 2021-05, commenting that
219 it is very important that smaller cities such as Seabrook are able to have their voices heard in
220 Austin. Without such representation, he said, only cities that can afford to station staff in Austin
221 would be heard by the State of Texas. Council discussed the ramifications of the State of Texas
222 passing the bill, the misleading advertisements that are being aired concerning the matter, and the
223 ongoing efforts of the State to remove power and authority from its local governments.
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225 *Motion was made by Councilmember Machol and seconded by Councilmember Klein*

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227 *To approve Resolution 2021-05, "Opposition to House Bill 749 and Senate Bill 234"*

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229 *MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT*

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231 **6.5** Consider and take all appropriate action on Resolution 2021-06, "Supporting House Bill
232 3029". *Gayle Cook, City Manager*

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234 A RESOLUTION PROVIDING CONDITIONAL CITY SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 3029, AN
235 ACT RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE GULF COAST PROTECTION DISTRICT.

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237 Council discussed the need for the creation of the Gulf Coast Protection District as a way
238 for the City of Seabrook to be able to give more input in major projects in the area, such as the
239 proposed coastal barrier and the pumping system for Clear Lake. Following the discussion, it was
240 the consensus of Council that the City is in favor of the coastal barrier, but that the City has some
241 reservations about the project and it would like to have input on the project at a future time. Mayor
242 Kolupski said that time is of the essence with this proposed resolution, as the report for the project
243 – which lacks any input from the City – is expected to be sent to Washington, D.C. soon.

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245 *Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Picha and seconded by Councilmember Machol*

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247 *To approve Resolution 2021-06, "Supporting House Bill 3029"*

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249 *MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT*

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251 **6.6** Consider and take all appropriate action in support of the Harris County Mayors' and Councils'
252 Association (HCMCA) appointment of Darrell Morrison as the Municipalities Waste Disposal
253 Council Representative to the Gulf Coast Authority Board of Directors, and on authorizing the
254 Mayor to sign an appointment approval letter to the HCMCA Board. *Natalie Picha, Mayor Pro*
255 *Tem*

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257 Mayor Pro Tem Natalie Picha asked for Council's support for the mayor to sign one or
258 more letters in support of the Harris County Mayors' and Councils' Association (HCMCA)
259 appointment of Darrell Morrison as the Municipalities Waste Disposal Council Representative to
260 the Gulf Coast Authority Board of Directors. She noted that in her capacity as president of
261 HCMCA, letters were sent via email in support of the appointment. Mayor Pro Tem Natalie Picha
262 said that she believes that Darrell Morrison is well-qualified for the role, and said that he would
263 like to be appointed. She anticipates pushback on the proposed appointment from the City of
264 Houston, which is why she asked that Council support Mayor Kolupski potentially signing
265 multiple letters of support over the coming thirty days or so.

270 *Motion was made by Councilmember Hammann and seconded by Councilmember Machol*

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272 *To support Harris County Mayors' and Councils' Association (HCMCA) appointment of Darrell*
273 *Morrison as the Municipalities Waste Disposal Council Representative to the Gulf Coast Authority*
274 *Board of Directors, and authorizing the Mayor to sign an appointment approval letter to the*
275 *HCMCA Board.*

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277 *MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT*

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279 **7. DISCUSSION**

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281 **7.1** Discuss, consider, and if appropriate, take action on adoption of an ordinance regarding
282 Feeding of Wildlife in the City of Seabrook. *Sean Wright, Chief of Police and Gayle Cook, City*
283 *Manager*

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285 City Manager Gayle Cook introduced the item, which she said was included on the agenda
286 in order to get more direction from Council on the matter. Animal Control Officer Dwayne
287 Vanselous presented to Council as shown in Attachment A, noting that wildlife issues are causing
288 City departments problems and are presenting dangers to users of the City's trails. He believes
289 that the common practice of feeding wildlife and stray animals is exacerbating the situation. Mr.
290 Vanselous discussed citizens' comments that he has received about the proposed adoption of an
291 ordinance regarding feeding of wildlife in the City of Seabrook, and said that staff's
292 recommendation is to prohibit the feeding of wildlife on public property, rights-of-way, and trails
293 and parks. Staff also recommends including a section prohibiting the feeding of feral cats within
294 the city limits. Staff does not recommend a prohibition on the feeding of wildlife on private
295 property or a prohibition on the feeding of birds.

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297 Council discussed the proposal, including the abundant natural supply of food for wildlife
298 that is already present in Seabrook. Wild animals have a natural fear of humans, and that is a good
299 thing; feeding wild animals only serves to make them unafraid of humans, as is the case with a 9'
300 alligator that lives in a local pond and comes out to be fed by people, which is undesirable behavior.
301 Wild animals can carry diseases that could be detrimental to public health. Councilmember Larson
302 expressed his conditional support for extending the prohibition to private land, remarking that there
303 should be a mechanism by which a landowner can be assured that the nuisance caused by feeding
304 wild animals in a nearby or adjacent property does not affect their own property. He proposed that
305 only organizations that trap, neuter, and release feral cats should be allowed to feed feral cats.
306 Council also discussed the feasibility of having vandalism be a possible charge for anyone who
307 breaks the proposed ordinance, if adopted, and thereby causes damage to nearby properties.

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309 Following the discussion, Council directed that staff draft a proposed ordinance based on
310 the comments made during the discussion of this item.

314 **7.2** Presentation of an update and report by the Carothers Coastal Gardens Task Force II. *Rhonda*
315 *Thompson, Task Force Chair and Jesse Jones, Task Force Member*
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317 Rhonda Thompson, Task Force Chair of the Carothers Coastal Gardens Task Force II, said
318 that the Task Force has met on a monthly basis since being appointed by Council and has worked
319 hard to come up with a big-picture vision, so that every proposal works towards the same goal.
320 The Task Force, she said, would like Council's input on its working vision as shown in Attachment
321 B, so that it can then look at the financial cost of its proposals. The Task Force believes that the
322 best use of the property is as a serene seaside garden where visitors can enjoy the bay view as they
323 stroll on accessible trails through varied natural settings that emphasize their own distinct
324 ecosystems. Visitors should be able to connect with nature and with each other. The Carothers
325 House should be used for community meetings, enrichment classes, and exhibits. No new
326 structures are currently proposed; the Task Force sees less as more, making its vision for changes
327 to the property mostly focused on landscaping. The Task Force is still trying to decide what to do
328 with the tennis court, which is a large rectangle of concrete that appears to be inconsistent with the
329 Task Force's vision for the property. Ms. Thompson thanked Task Force member Jesse Jones for
330 creating the drawings for this evening's presentation.
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332 Task Force member Jesse Jones discussed the Task Force's proposal to include a
333 community garden. He remarked that the west tract of the property is largely derelict at the
334 moment, which would make a good location for the proposed garden. The existing land is covered
335 with gravel and sand, which will need some cleanup, but will then provide an excellent base for
336 the thirty proposed raised garden beds. Already, many community members and teachers have
337 expressed interest in participating in the community garden. The community garden could also
338 partner with local master gardeners and Urban Harvest to serve its visitors. The seed funding
339 requested at this time is \$20,000.
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341 Ms. Thompson and Council briefly discussed the large debt that the City has on the
342 property, the cost of maintaining the property, the organizational structure that would be the most
343 appropriate for the facility, and the possibility of conducting a cost-benefit analysis of the proposal
344 to determine the best path forward.
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346 **8. ROUTINE BUSINESS**
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348 **8.1** Update and report on various items that require no action, including SH 146 Expansion
349 Project, City of Seabrook CIP Projects, City of Seabrook Grant Administration, 2021 State
350 Legislative Session, and May 1, 2021 General Election. *Gayle Cook, City Manager and Robin*
351 *Lenio, City Secretary*
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353 Ms. Cook gave a report to City Council on SH 146 Expansion Project, City of Seabrook
354 CIP Projects, City of Seabrook Grant Administration, 2021 State Legislative Session, and May 1,
355 2021 General Election, as shown in Attachment C.
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357 **8.2** Update and discuss report by City Manager on COVID related issues, including information
358 regarding reopening timeline for Seabrook public meetings. *Gayle Cook, City Manager and Brad*
359 *Goudie, Director of Emergency Services*
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361 Ms. Cook gave the update as shown in Attachment D.
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363 **8.3** Establish future meeting dates and agenda items. *City Council*
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365 Councilmember Hammann requested to add an agenda item to the April 6, 2021 regular
366 meeting agenda for a discussion of the noise issue that is attributed to Barge 295 along with other
367 issues related to Barge 295 that affect the City of Seabrook or its citizens.
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369 Mayor Pro Tem Picha informed Council that she will not be able to attend the April 6, 2021
370 Council meeting.
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372 The next regular City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, by
373 teleconference, at 6:00p.m. The following regular City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday,
374 April 20, 2021, by teleconference, at 6:00p.m.
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376 Upon motion duly made and seconded, Mayor Kolupski adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.
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378 Approved this 6th day of April, 2021.
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381 *Thomas G. Kolupski*

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384 Thomas G. Kolupski
385 Mayor
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387 *Robin Lenio*

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387 Robin Lenio, TRMC
388 City Secretary

ATTACHMENT A

Feeding of Wildlife Draft Ordinance

Discussion Item

**Seabrook City Council Meeting
March 16, 2021**

Requested Ordinance to prohibit Wildlife Feeding

The feeding of wildlife in the City of Seabrook has caused issues that city staff has to address. Many city departments are affected by the feeding of wild life and have to constantly use resources to address the issue, there is also concern from citizens. Currently there is no ordinance prohibiting the feeding of wildlife.

Problems generated by Wildlife feeding:

- Public, private and Right of Way property damage
- Danger to individuals on the trails
- Danger to pets
- Prevents the trapping of nuisance animals

These issues were presented to council and a draft ordinance has been discussed.

Feeding of wildlife on public property, trails and parks that have caused issues with citizens.

- Unwanted interactions with raccoons during daylight hours at Pine Gully Park.
- Citizens being charged by feral hogs on the trails at Robinson Park and the Wildlife Park off Red Bluff Road
- Deer approaching citizens in both the Pine Gully Cemetery and on trails at the Wildlife Park off Red Bluff Road
- Yards destroyed by feral hogs

Photos



Correspondence from citizens on the issue

Hello Robin,

I would like to provide the following comments/feedback to city staff/council who are rewriting the wildlife ordinance:

Please consider the following suggestions in the revised wildlife ordinance:

Feeding of wildlife should not be prohibited on resident's private property:

If someone wants to keep deer out of their yard then there are many things that they can do including:

- Fence
- Fence/netting around garden (this is what we have done around our vegetable garden and have no issues)
- Putting in fragrant plants around plants they do not want eaten: you can use lavender and mint.
- Add wind chimes as deer are scared of the noise
- Use a deterrent spray

Correspondence continued

Allow residents on their property supplementing diet by providing what would be part of their normal diet

Deer eat fruit, veg, nuts, seeds and corn (thanks to hunters)

Most ducks normal diet consists of grain or corn waste from farmlands; this a staple of the Black Bellied Whistling Duck; due to development their feeding areas have greatly diminished.

Prohibiting feed will not solve the feral pig issue; probably make it more evident

Birds are very good pest controller as they eat lots of bugs

One council member mentioned keeping Wildlife “Wild” not “tame life”. I agree that we should not provide “human processed” food (i.e. lucky charms) to animals and we should maintain an good distance from them. We should not lure them to hand feed. Observing them is a gift and a wonderful thing. You can learn so much watching animal behavior it is very enriching! Let’s word the ordinance to specify this.

Correspondence continued

Several council members mentioned water pollution. I have attached the 2020 Health of the Bay report card put out by GBF that shows the largest source of pollution in the bay being loss of habitat, industry and agriculture. I have never heard of wildlife causing pollution. People do need to pick up after their dogs and that is a source of pollution as the food they eat contains antibiotics, feces and all types of thing.

Natural food the wildlife eat certainly does not contain any such pollutants. I do not think canals are great places for swim activity due to boat pollution; fuel in the water. I know that it is prohibited to swim in local marinas for that reason.

Create a committee made up of residents, city staff rep, council rep and lets open this up for discussion. I do not feel that the decision should be made by few council members.

Thank you very much and enjoy your day!

Staff Recommendations

- ✓ Staff recommends that an ordinance be enacted to prohibit the feeding of wildlife on **public property, right of ways, trails and parks.**
- ✓ Staff recommends the ordinance includes a section that **prohibits the feeding of feral cats** in the City of Seabrook.
- ✓ Although a **private property** prohibition was mentioned in the previous discussion, **it is not recommended at this time.**
- ✓ Without an ordinance there will be no **enforcement tool** to prohibit the feeding of wildlife and problems will continue and may increase.



Task Force II Update

March 16 ,2021



Working Vision

Carothers Coastal Gardens is a serene garden retreat where Seabrook residents and visitors enjoy the bay view and stroll through prairie gardens from shore to woodland creek and marsh. These varied natural settings make up a conservancy emphasizing native plants and supporting many species of birds and other wildlife. Here, visitors—families, nature and garden enthusiasts, hikers and cyclists, artists and photographers alike—find calm and connection.

Connecting with Nature

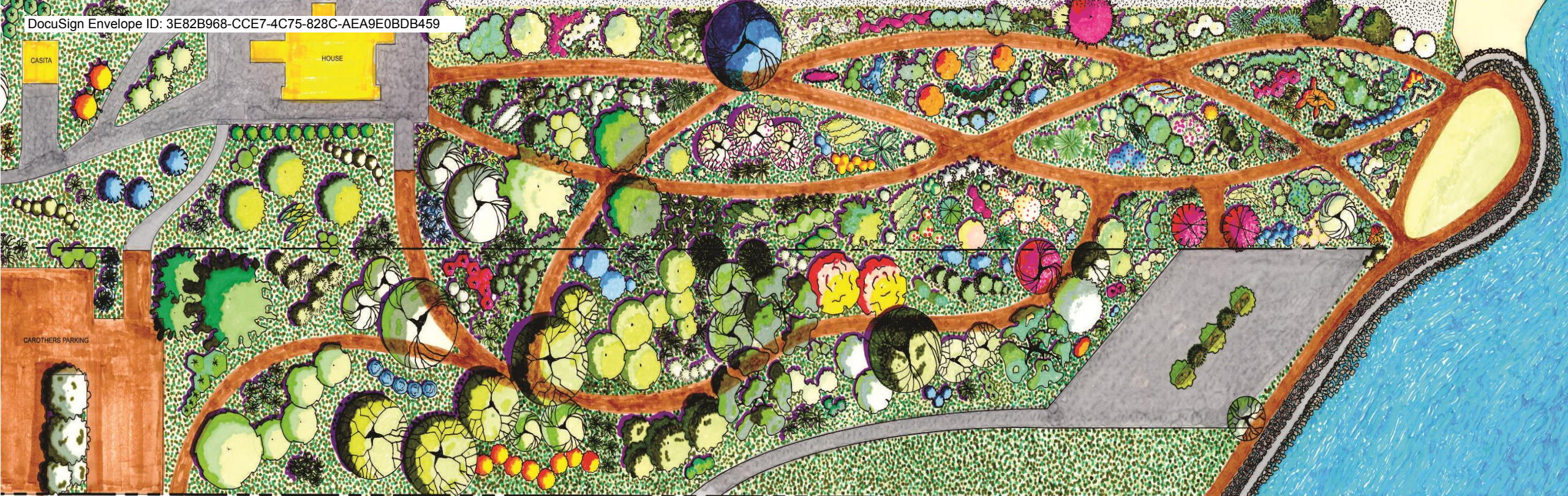
- Green boundaries and long sight lines give visitors a peaceful sense of seclusion and enticing views.
- Strolling gardens, accessible for all, create the perfect setting to observe coastal flora, fauna and wildlife.
- Restored prairie plantings and native flowering trees support resident and migrant birds and pollinators—a colorful palette for visitors to enjoy.



Connecting with Others

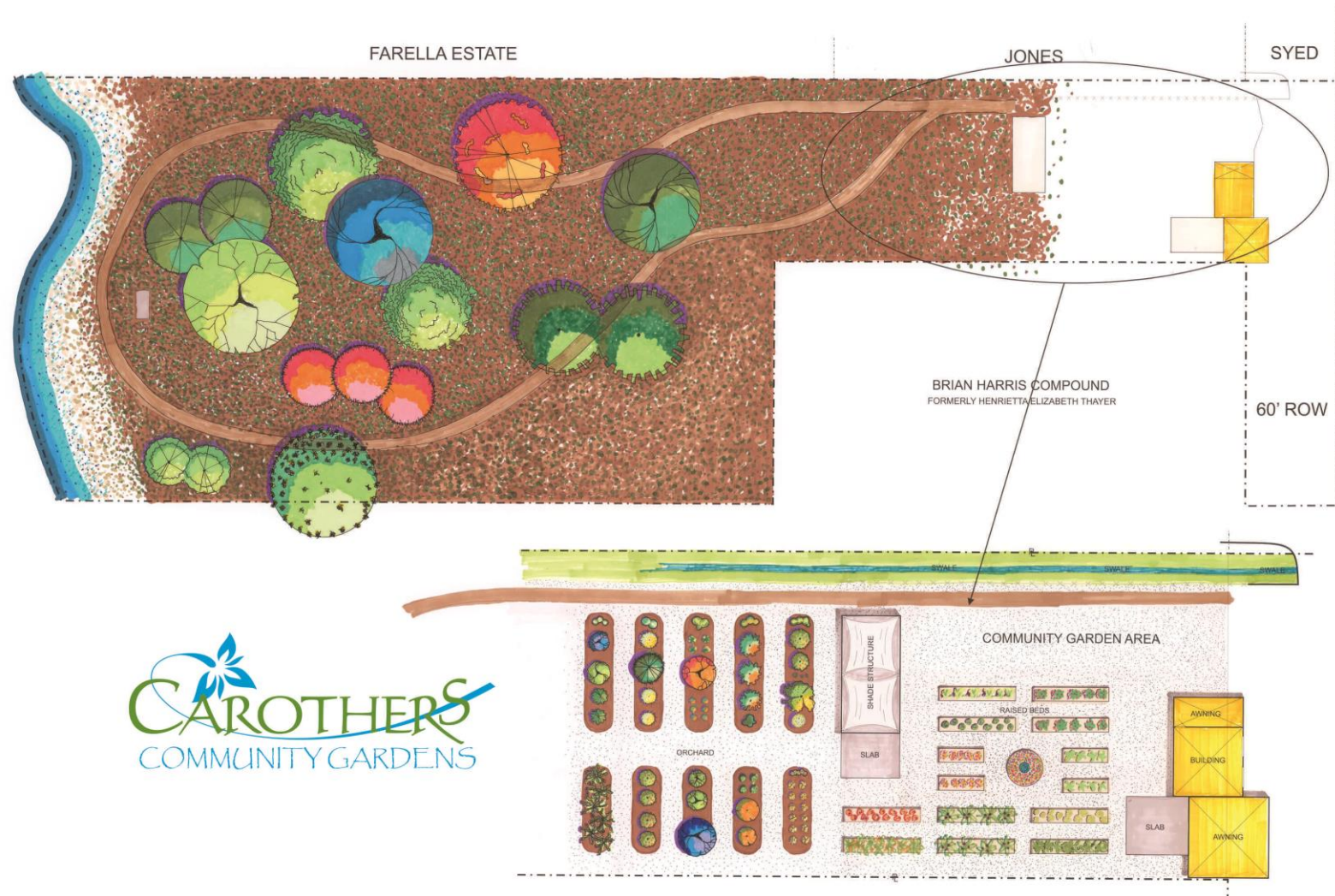
- The Carothers House hosts community meetings, enrichment classes and exhibits to benefit Seabrook residents.
- A dedicated area for community gardens is maintained by Seabrook residents—from beginners to master gardeners.
- Beautiful outdoor spaces designed with a Hacienda flair provide an inspiring venue for conversation and reflection.






CAROTHERS
COASTAL GARDENS

Carothers Coastal Gardens – West Tract



Next Steps

Assess

- Assess neighborhood impact

Develop

- Develop budget and phased timeline

Identify

- Identify funding sources and partnerships

Launch

- Launch community gardens

Why plant a Community Garden?

- Strong interest in Seabrook – 150 volunteers signed up within 24 hours!
- Outdoor, family-oriented and group learning activities
- Partnership with area master gardeners and Urban Harvest
- Repurpose existing buildings, structure and infrastructure
- Grow more ornamental plants to beautify Seabrook

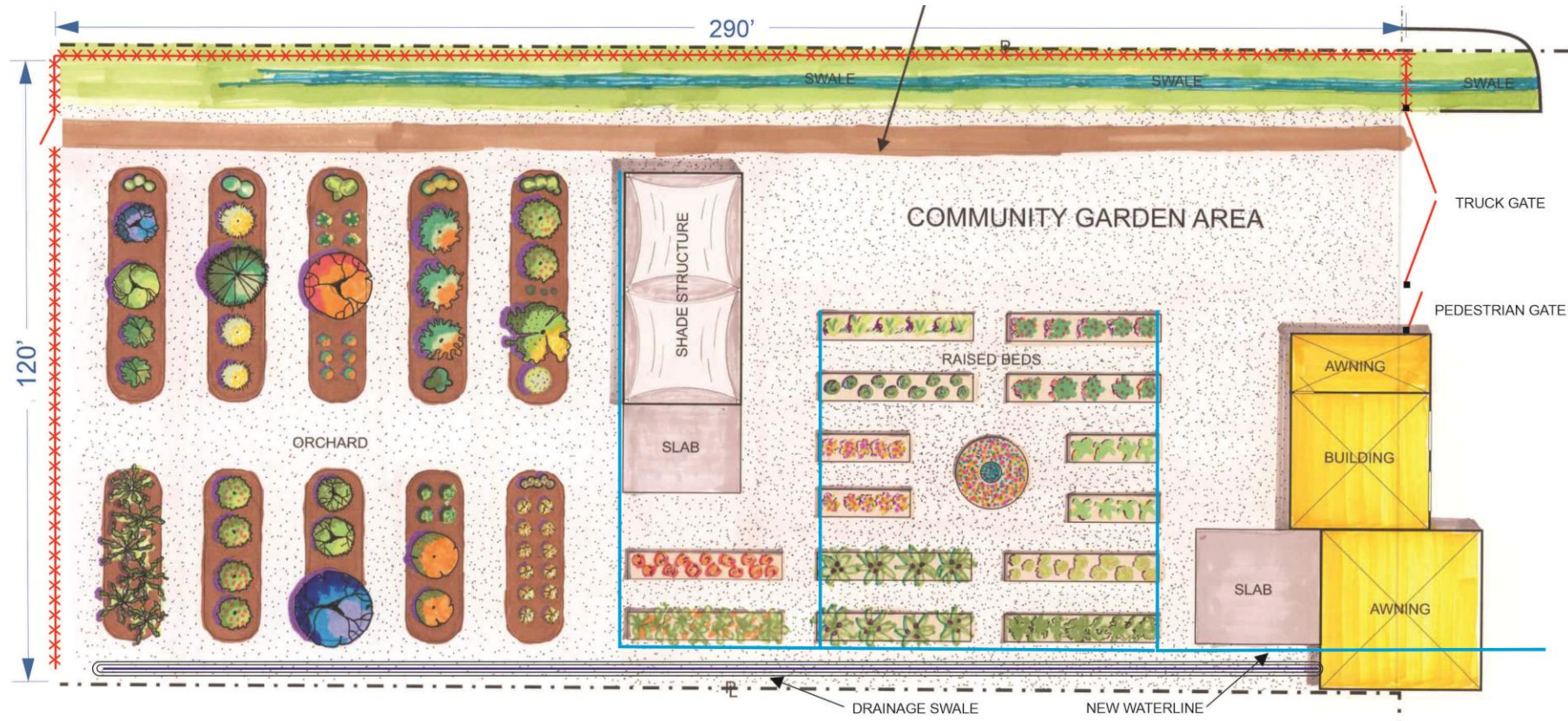


Proposed Carothers Community Gardens Site

Proposal: Carothers Community Gardens

- Launch spring 2021
- Minimal improvements required: clear weeds and debris, install fencing and upgrade water
- Initial offering of 30 raised beds, constructed by volunteers
- Gardeners sign agreement for one-year bed use; participate in seasonal workdays to maintain common space
- Building on strong volunteer base, task force will recommend leadership structure for long-term sustainability





Carothers Community Gardens Launch Budget



30 Raised beds	\$8,500
120- 2 x 12 x 10' treated	
30- 2 x 12 x 8' treated	
45- 4 x 4 x 8' treated	
500- galvanized deck screws	
Volunteer labor	
410' Black Hurricane Fencing with Gates	\$9,000
Based on quote from Bay Area Fence	
Plumbing Infrastructure	\$774
300'- 1.25" PVC pressure waterline \$150	
1- 1.25" backflow preventer \$150	
80'- 3/4" PVC pressure waterline \$50	
36- 1.25 T to 3/4" risers \$100	
36- 3/4" hose bibb \$180	
36- support T-posts \$144	
Primarily volunteer labor	
Miscellaneous	\$1,726
Total Budget	\$20,000

Task Force Requests

1. FEEDBACK

- Are we going in the right direction?
- What do you strongly support?
- What are your concerns/questions?

2. COMMUNITY GARDENS

- Approval to launch in spring 2021
- Seed funding of \$20,000

Thank you!
Seabrook, let's all...



**KEEP
CALM
AND
PLANT
A GARDEN**

MEMORANDUM

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE



To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Gayle Cook, City Manager
Date: March 16, 2021
Subject: City Council Update

SH 146 Expansion

Northbound Frontage Road paving has started today. Project team is monitoring and exploring additional side intersection closures to expenditure paving.



Alternating lane closures expected throughout corridor as paving is underway.

MEMORANDUM

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

**SH 146 Expansion - Red Bluff to
Spencer**

On February 18, 2021, TxDOT published the presentation materials for the virtual public hearing:
<https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/houston/021821.html>

Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)

**Pine Gully Wastewater Treatment Plan Retrofit \$35,946,438 (C.O.s/HMGP) –DRAFT
 Environmental Assessment to be published March 4, 2021 and March 18, 2021 with a 30 day
 comment period**

This project is the complete infrastructure retrofit of the City's Waste Water System to include the relocation of the treatment plant from Main Street to a site located adjacent to the new Public Works facility. This project contains both phases (phase 1 - design; phase 2 - construction) of the waste water system retrofit. The City's existing WWTP suffered significant damage during Hurricane Ike due to its location to Galveston Bay.

Phase I – Complete Design and Engineering

Phase II – Pending Approval for Construction Grant with Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

SH 146 City Utility Relocates (CIP W7 and WW8) \$3,694,358 (SIB) In Progress

The purpose of this project is to relocate the existing water and sewer line facilities with the existing TxDOT SH146 ROW to a location outside of the new proposed highway improvements.

Public Works reports that a waterline connect near Capri is ready for install and an abandonment of an old line will be completed this week.

**SMART Meter (CIP FAC6) \$3,000,000 (C.O.s 2020) Pending Presentation April 6, 2021 to
 Council**

AMI water meter conversion program will upgrade manual read water meters to AMI type installations. Project will also include the implementation of behavior-based software – such as WaterSmart, DropCounter, or other providers – using the data provided by the AMI system. This software will help customers identify leaks on the customer side of the meter, and will also promote municipal conservation measures appropriate to their homes or facilities. This project includes replacing all of the City's water meters.

**Seascope and Baybrook Subdivision HCFCD Bond E-07 (D11 and D12) \$2,238,000 (Total Project
 Cost) Agreement on Council Meeting March 2, 2021**

2018 HCFCD Bond project to modify the Red Bluff Road drainage crossing to F220-02-00 tributary, perform detail study of the storm sewer system in Seascope Subdivision Sec.2 and make improvements based on the study. As part of the Certificates of Obligation recently issued for 2020, Seascope and Baybrook Subdivision drainage improvement projects were approved as a 50%/50% partnership. Engineering with the County has completed environmental assessments and staff has met on design options.

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Red Bluff Road Expansion TxDOT and Harris County Project Est. Completion April 2021

The project will construct two eastbound traffic lanes and convert the existing roadway to a one-way westbound operation. The project will improve the roadway on the existing bridge over Taylor Lake to include the addition of a new bridge parallel to the existing bridge. This existing bridge, located north of the new bridge, will be re-stripped to two lanes of westbound traffic. The new bridge will include two lanes of eastbound traffic and a 10-foot-wide pedestrian walkway.

Girders are planned for placement on new bridge mid-March and are expected to be complete in 6 days.



El Mar Ditch HCFCD Bond E-07 (D2) \$3,905,527 (Total Project Cost) Presentation before City Council April 6, 2021

This ditch is in the center of El Mar Lane and is too shallow to provide proper drainage to the subdivision area or the commercial area along SH146 that is connected to it. The City has attempted to improve the drainage within the Miramar Subdivision several times, but the depth of this channel has precluded reaching a satisfactory outcome that stretches from Meyer to Hester Gully to the bay. The intent would be to provide a 100-year storm capacity for the SH146 & Miramar area.

City staff has received report from Harris County on this project and will be giving presentation and recommendations before city council on April 6, 2021.

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Community Projects Update**White Elementary Drainage**

By agreement with the City of Seabrook, CCISD is performing a drainage connection along the Lakeside and Repsdorph Circle area.

- Demo west driveway within fence – move sign
- Remove asphalt and install storm sewer
- Rebar, form, and pour west driveway
- Finish top dress and irrigation replacement
- Walk through
- **Estimated Completion 3/26/2021**

Coastal Texas Study

The Coastal Texas Study is a 5.5 year, \$19.8M comprehensive study led by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in partnership with its non-federal cost-share sponsor, the Texas General Land Office. The purpose of the study to identify feasible projects that reduce risks to public health and the economy, restore critical ecosystems, and advance coastal resiliency.

The results of the engineering, economic and environmental examinations will result in a final recommended plan that consists of coastal storm risk management and ecosystem restoration features. This plan will be submitted to Congress for authorization and funding in late Spring of 2021. To view a draft version of that report, see the Draft Proposal. [DRAFT PROPOSAL](#)

Resolution 2021-03 was submitted by Seabrook City Council in response of review of Draft Proposal [Resolution](#)

Resolution 2021-05 introduced to Council March 16, 2021 for the creation of the Gulf Coast Protection District

Lower Clear Creek Study

The Lower Clear Creek and Dickinson Bayou Watershed Study, led by the City of League City in cooperation with the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), will develop a comprehensive flood mitigation plan for the Lower Clear Creek and Dickinson Bayou watersheds.

Recommend Funding Mechanisms

Present Findings and Recommendations – March

Final Public Meetings to Present Conclusions - March

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Rail Spur Project (Port of Houston and FUSED Industries)

Construction of approximately 6500 track feet of rail at the Bayport Terminal. This rail will cross State Highway (SH) 146 and connect the existing rail from Strang Rail line to within 900 feet of the Container Freight Station (CFS) Road in the Bayport Intermodal Facility. This project will also include clearing, grubbing, drainage, rail crossings, signalization and perhaps a sound wall, if required.

Contractor change - Project completion now estimated July 2021

Grants Update

Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant (TPWG) Pending Environmental Report and Kick Off

This project consists of approximately 4,500 linear feet of decomposed granite and two bridge crossings over Pine Gully for a hike and bike trail at the far north side of the city limits and will have portions of the trail atop the berm system.

Livable Centers Program (HGAC) – Old Seabrook District \$194,000

Seabrook EDC applied and received a grant with Harris-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) for a Livable Centers Program. The Program will formulate a planning document to recommend projects that would encourage walkability, connection within and between nodes of community activity and build on environment strategies that support local economic development and employment.

Community Engagement Meeting #1: April 13, 2021 6:00 pm

Website www.oldseabrookdistrict.com

CDBG-MIT Pending – General Land Office is in the process of scoring applications. All competitions were oversubscribed leading to a longer than anticipated review period. Two competitions have been announced and Harvey awards are expected within the next two weeks.

Application for the Wastewater Treatment Plant cost sharing match from the city for 25% through this program \$8.8 million. An application was submitted October 28, 2020 and a response is expected early 2021.

Hurricane Laura - FEMA PA Approved and pending payment

Emergency Management Director has submitted the Public Assistance submittals for Hurricane Laura in an amount of \$118,818. This submittal includes is for 75% reimbursement for labor, rental equipment and material costs.

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Storm Uri – FEMA PA CAT B \$117,150

On February 13, 2021, a local disaster declaration was issued for a Winter Weather Storm that spanned the State of Texas. Locally, the City of Seabrook suffered minor facility and infrastructure costs, but did close facilities and utilized round the clock staffing in several areas of essential services. Emergency Management staff is preparing cost data for FEMA Public Assistance submittal.

COVID-19 – FEMA PA CAT B Cost Collection In Progress

On March 13, 2020, a local disaster declaration was issued for the pandemic. Locally, the City of Seabrook began tracking all applicable reimbursable costs such as sanitation services, supplies, essential personnel with COVID safety requirements, and facility changes to specify a few accounted for to date.

Harris County – Partnership Grants Submitted

Harris County Precinct 2 is seeking potential Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) and maintenance projects to be funded in partnership with other area agencies to serve the citizens of Harris County. This program applies only to the allocation of Harris County resources: funding for study, final design, right-of-way acquisition and construction of capital and maintenance projects

1. Commercial Road
2. Todville Bridge
3. SH 146 to Meyer Hike and Bike Trail

Port of Houston – Community Grant Submitted Letter of Interest – Initial Response due back by March 19, 2021 and full application will be brought before city council due by April 16, 2021

Port Houston's Community Grants Program is a community outreach initiative focused on investing resources into meaningful projects and programs that enhance our local communities while advancing our mission and vision as a part of our 2020 Strategic Plan.

1. Seabrook Wildlife Trail Head Improvements

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City Election - May 1, 2021

<http://seabrooktx.gov/124/City-Elections>

Early voting by personal

Monday, April 19 – Tuesday, April 20 7:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, April 21–Thursday, April 22 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.
 Friday, April 23 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday, April 24 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday, April 25 NO EARLY VOTING
 Monday, April 26 – Tuesday, April 27 7:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Early Voting by Mail.

Applications for ballots by mail shall be sent by mail or in person to Robin Lenio, Early Voting Clerk, Seabrook City Hall, 1700 First Street, Seabrook, Texas 77586, OR by email at rlenio@seabrooktx.gov. The last day for receiving applications from a voter in person for a ballot to be voted by mail shall be Friday, April 16, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Applications for early ballots by mail shall be accepted by mail until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

Events



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MARCH 19–21, 2021

Friday, March 19

5:30 PM Kids 1K
5:45 PM 5K Run (Seabrook Trails)
 Time limit: 1 hour, 15 minutes

(Sunset is around 7:30 PM.
 Bring lights if necessary.)

Saturday, March 20

6:00 AM Early Marathon Walkers ONLY
7:15 AM Marathon and ¾ Marathon
7:30 AM Half Marathon
2:15 PM Course closes

Sunday, March 21

7:15 AM Half Marathon*
7:30 AM ¼ Marathon
11:15 AM Course closes

*2 hour time limit

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EASTER EGG HUNT



PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL EVENTS MAY BE ALTERED, POSTPONED, OR CANCELED DEPENDING ON THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON OUR COMMUNITY.

Join us for this community event held at Meador Park the Saturday prior to Easter each year. The City of Seabrook Parks and Recreation Department holds this great event for the children of Seabrook. This family event is free to the public and includes an Easter Egg Hunt, a moon walk, children's activities, plus hotdogs and refreshments.

Date: Saturday, April 3, 2021

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: [Rex Meador Park](#)

This is a FREE Community Event.

Newsletter

[Newsletter - March 2021](#)

THE **seabrook connection** a monthly community newsletter



INSIDE THIS MONTH'S

EDITION

- City Facilities
- Water Leaks
- Trash Bash
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- Splash Pad Opening Soon

- Community Business Resources
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- Heat Stress
- Park of the Month: Robinson Park
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To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Gayle Cook, City Manager
Date: March 16, 2021
Subject: City Council COVID Update

Federal

The American Rescue Plan

- March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (HR 1319).
- \$350 billion for states, municipalities, counties, tribes and territories
- \$150 billion for local government split evenly between municipalities and counties
- Funding will be released in 2 allotments, half in next 60 days following enactment
- Funding of second half 12 months after first payment
- Small municipalities cannot receive a grant larger than an amount equal to 75% of their pre-pandemic budget

Small Municipalities - < 50,000 population

- State is required to suballocate funding according to a simple per-capita formula
- Seabrook's rough calculation \$3.09 million
- Limitations still unknown as to the language that would restrain tax rate movement lower

City

- EOC remains at a Level III for the local COVID-19 Disaster Declaration
- City Council and Board Meetings – Pushed to May 4th
- City Facilities and City Employees will maintain Face Covering and Social Distance Guidelines
- All lobbies still closed will reopen March 24th
- Solicitor and Peddler Permits – March 24th
- Pool Opens - June 1st with safety protocols
- Splash Pad - April 1st with limited capacity

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Active Cases by Zip Code

77571

Total Population: 37,360
Active Cases: 135
Total Confirmed Cases: 2,790
Deaths: 21

77581

Total Population: 49,612
Active Cases: 0-5
Total Confirmed Cases: 102
Deaths: 0-5

77586

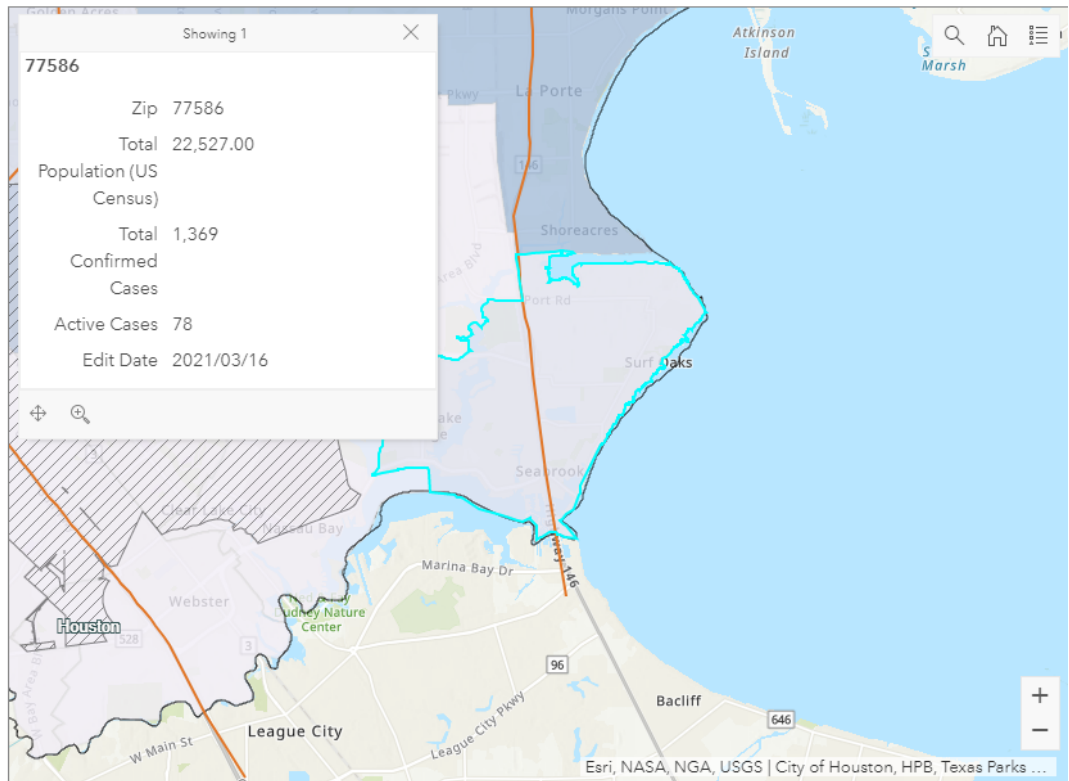
Total Population: 22,527
Active Cases: 78
Total Confirmed Cases: 1,369
Deaths: 0-5

77587

Total Population: 17,040
Active Cases: 43
Total Confirmed Cases: 1,757
Deaths: 15

77508

Data Updated: 2021/03/16
*Population values acquired from census.gov.



State

[GA - 34](#)

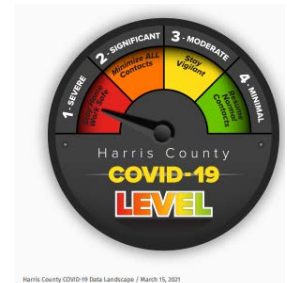
Executive Order (GA-34) lifting the mask mandate in Texas and allowing capacity of all businesses and facilities to 100%. Within the order, the Governor outlines certain parameters within the Trauma Center Areas. Immediately after Judge Hidalgo spoke in response to the new order and cautioned the public on lifting all the safety.

County

www.readyharris.org

(3-15-2021)

- The 14-day average of new cases in Harris County reported within 14 days of the test date is 708 new cases per day. Our goal to reach before moving to Orange is 400 new cases per day.
- The 14-day average of positive tests is 11.5%. Our goal to reach before moving to Orange is 5%.
- The 14-day average of the COVID-19 ICU population is 21.7% of capacity. Our goal to reach before moving to Orange is 15%.
- The 14-day trends for both COVID General Population and ICU Population are negative, meaning that more COVID-19 patients are leaving the ICU and general hospital population than are going in.



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Vaccination Sites



Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) has a GIS Map available with vaccination sites:
[Vaccination Sites](#)