

# Notes from City Hall

## August 2023

### Boards & Commissions

**Planning & Zoning Commission:** The City Council members

**Historic Commission:** Chair Laura Sanchez Fowler, Maury Domengeaux, Carlton Carl, Quintin Matthews, & Randy Bunker

**River Advisory Board:** Chair: Jay Daniels, Malcolm Johnson, Joy Jungers, Virginia Parker, & Dorothy McGovern

**Parks & Recreation:** Korey Rohlack, Angela Jimenez, Jeff Latimore, Vacant, & Vacant

As you can see the Parks Board is missing two people, please consider serving. Board members serve a two-year term. The terms are staggered so that only two or three of the members are either appointed for the first time or reappointed for a second or even a third term. The appointments happen every May or as needed to fill vacant positions.

### Martindale Grant Projects

**NW River Road Grant MIT** – Environmental studies have been completed. We will need to have an environmental architect present when the work is done between the two cemeteries. Langford is preparing homeowner's packets to negotiate right-of-way" terms.

### **CDBG-MIT LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLANS PROGRAM: Council of Governments Method of Distribution (COG MODs)**

The COG MOD is an extension of the CDBG-MIT grant. The City is to expect \$\$2,375,000.00 to develop or update local hazard mitigation plans or to provide cost share for hazard mitigation planning activities.

- Applications are due Friday, December 1, 2023, at 5:00 PM. [Est. four months]
- Internal grant planning begins August 21, 2023.

### **Resilient Communitas Program (RCP) GLO**

The RCP will fund the development, adoption, and implementation of modern and resilient building codes and flood damage prevention ordinances to ensure that structures built within the community can withstand future hazards.

The City applied the revitalization of a new comprehensive master plan. The Plan incorporates Building Code, Flood Ordinances, Land Use Plan, Zoning Ordinances & Public Service Activities.

The City's application has determined it to be eligible for funding [\$300,000.00]. The General Land Office (GLO) is currently processing the contract and once it is ready the City's administrative staff will receive an automated email notification for review, signature, and execution.

- Pending contract from GLO [TBD]

### **Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**

The primary objective of the Community Development Block Grant program is to develop viable communities by providing decent housing and suitable living environments and expanding economic opportunities principally for persons of low- to moderate income. Most funds are used for Public Facilities (water/wastewater infrastructure, street, drainage improvements, and housing activities).

The City applied for the repairs and improvements of the Crockett Lift Station and Wastewater Treatment Plant.

- TDA announced that contracts would be released late this year [TBD]

**TxDOT Transportation Assistance (TA)** Shared use path / Sidewalks. Application submitted, expect to hear in October.