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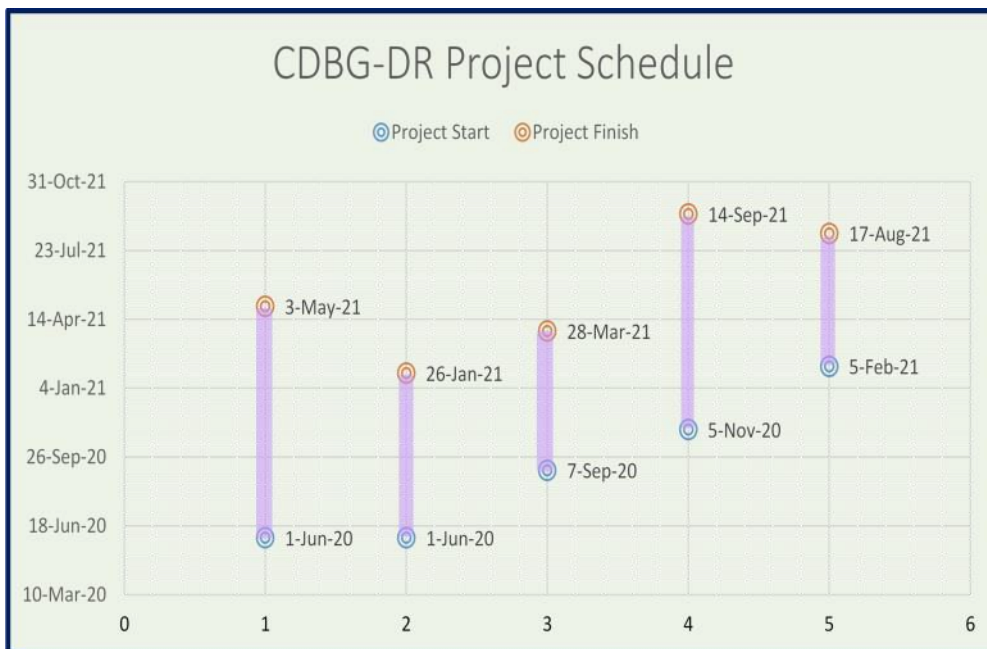
Timeline Is Set For \$10 mil CDBG Grant

(Stapp-McCampbell leads the list)

Once word was received that The City of Aransas Pass was awarded a \$10 mil CDBG-DR grant for drainage and sewer work, the Public Works Department and our engineer started preparing a time-line. See chart below. High on the list and beginning first are the Stapp/McCampbell/Rife/King Storm projects. That work begins today, June 1st. Also beginning June first is the Whering/Wheeler Sewer project. Other work begins in September and November 2020 and February of 2021.

This grant has a very short completion time. All 15 projects must be completed by late 2021. For a grant of this size, that is a very short turnaround time.

Except for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement funds, this CDBG-DR grant is probably the largest received in the City's history. Although much more funding is needed to solve these long-neglected infrastructure problems, this grant will go a long way toward addressing many of the City's drainage, and sewer issues.



- Legend
- 1 Stapp/McCampbell/Rife/King Storm
 - 2 Whering/Wheeler Sewer
 - 3 Johnson/Highland Storm
 - 4 Deberry/Saunders/Greenwood Storm
 - 5 13th/Wilson/Nelson Storm



Large Group Shows Up for Harbormaster Bldg Pre-Bid Meeting

The Harbormaster Building at Conn Brown Harbor was literally blown away during Hurricane Harvey. Nothing is standing at its original location. FEMA has approved the construction of a replacement building. A pre-bid meeting was held in May at the building site. An exceptionally large group of contractors showed up for the meeting. See pic below. Bids will be opened on June 4th.

The Harbormaster building is the central location for Conn Brown Harbor business. It also serves as the office for the Harbor-master. 90% funding will be provided by FEMA. 10% by the City.



Aransas Pass Gets It's First Ladder Fire Truck

Pictured above is the actual Aransas Pass fire truck recently purchased for \$1.4 mil. It took approximately one year to build. The new engine replaces current worn out and potentially dangerous equipment. The new ladder truck will have a much larger pumping capacity. Importantly, the ladder will allow Fire personnel to perform rescues and provides an elevated water stream. This is the City's first ladder truck. With this new equipment we can now allow buildings to be built three stories and higher. The new truck also will help the City ISO rating, which in turn could lessen the amount a city homeowner pays for insurance.

Civic Center Sign now restored

Destroyed by Hurricane Harvey, the City's Civic Center outside marquee is restored and operable. The restoration work is part of the large repair project currently underway, but mostly completed. The sign is seen by a few million people every year as they travel to the Port Aransas Ferry.



Important Conn Brown Facts

During the May 26th Groundbreaking ceremony, Councilmember Billy Ellis and Councilmember Vickie Abrego delivered comments about the Conn Brown History and the Harbor's importance. Ellis, whose family has a long history in Aransas Pass, discussed the early years of Conn Brown, including its famous Shrimping era. He also pointed out how the Harbor has recovered from years of decline and is on the way toward a strong recovery. Councilmember Vickie Abrego explained that Conn Brown is important to our City, our region and our state. It is important to the City because it currently and will continue to be destination for hundreds of boaters and fishermen each week, providing an important boost to the local economy. She further pointed out that Conn Brown is important to the State because of anticipated development here.



Conn Brown Construction Begins

A groundbreaking ceremony for the \$5 mil Conn Brown Harbor improvements was held on May 26th. See above pic. Also, this is the day construction began. The work should be completed in about one year.. The project will see completely rebuilt roads and an adjacent bike/walking path, a paved parking lot at Harbor Point Park, water lines, the completion of a looped road system at the park, new lighting for all these additions and a large roundabout at the entrance to Conn Brown Harbor. All are part of this project. Councilmember Billy Ellis delivered remarks at the groundbreaking pointing out Conn Brown's history (below left). Councilmember Vickie Abrego explained the importance of the Harbor to the City, region and State (below right) Photos courtesy of Jeff Martin and Seth Warren.



Pre-Hurricane Season Citywide Clean-Up

June 6, 2020

8:AM—12 Noon



Grab your gloves and come on over to City Hall (600 W. Cleveland Blvd), so we can **TEAM-UP TO CLEAN-UP!** We encourage all business owners and residential citizens to join us on June 6th to clean up our city. We will have large roll-offs (dumpsters) on the corner of N. Lamont and Cleveland Blvd and Deberry and S. Rife Street for residents to bring large bulky items. These roll offs only will be for residents and not for commercial haulers.

Tires will NOT be allowed. If you have a pickup, trailer or just want to come in and help, we will meet at City Hall at 8:00 AM and divide into teams. This clean-up is one of several that have been held in the past two years.

Take Pride in AP and Keep It Clean!

**Contact Code Enforcement at 361-758
-5224 if you would like to volunteer**

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WHO ARE YOUR
MAYOR AND CITY
COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Mayor Ram Gomez
2. Carrie Scruggs-Place 1
3. Billy Ellis—Place 2
4. Mayor Pro-Tem Jan Moore
Place 3
5. Vickie Abrego—Place 4

600 W. Cleveland Blvd
Aransas Pass., Tx 78336

361-758-5301

June Budget Events

**June 18th—Strategic
Budget Planning Ses-
sion**

**June 19th—Budget
Worksheets are re-
turned to the City
Manager and Director
of Finance**

**June 26th thru July
2nd—Budget Com-
mittee meets with De-
partment Heads giv-
ing Department
Heads the opportuni-
ty to defend their
budget requests.**