



Old City Landmark Is Coming Down

(Other demolitions also are progressing well)

As part of the ongoing effort to clean-up the City, a deteriorating landmark is being demolished. See picture above. It's the old round building at Lamont and Deberry. This structure may have been the City's first water storage tank. It later was converted to a Public Works office before it was converted to a storage facility. For the past few years, it has been rapidly deteriorating. This upcoming demolition is part of the 131 structures that have been torn down in the past year and a half as an important part of the City clean-up effort.

DESIGN FOR THE BULKHEAD REPAIRS AT CONN BROWN ALMOST COMPLETE

(See picture below of this FEMA financed project)



NO CITY TAX RATE INCREASE FOR A.P.

The total Aransas Pass tax rate for the current Fiscal Year is \$0.799194 per \$100 valuation. For this coming fiscal year it will remain the same at \$0.799194. In other words, the City property tax rate remains unchanged as we enter into the upcoming fiscal year. However, if you made improvements to your property and because of recent annexations, the amount of revenue the City gets from that unchanged rate should increase. A public hearing on the unchanged tax rate will be held September 8th at 6:00 PM at the Aransas Pass City Hall.

STRONG GENERAL FUND BALANCE ANTICIPATED

Just a few days following Hurricane Harvey it became clear that A.P. had a multi-year history of weak budgets. Work by the Mayor and City Council and staff began immediately and continues to this day to strengthen the budget. A good measurement of the budget and the City's financial stability is the General Fund Balance. In 2017 and before, it was in the very low single digits. For the past 3 years, the Mayor and Council and staff and Finance Department have worked hard to bring that number up to an acceptable minimum of at least 25%. With the upcoming FY20-21 budget it is anticipated the General Fund balance will be just a little less than 40%. The budget will be approved in September. More details on this in the next newsletter.

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

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CITY HAS A STATE-OF-THE-ART VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Everyday, Public Works Staff is required to fill out a daily maintenance inspection sheet for each vehicle they use (see above check list). This is part of the comprehensive vehicle/equipment program implemented about five years ago by Public Works Director Fernando Quintanilla. Previously, and for years, the City received complaints that it was not maintaining its vehicles and equipment. But now, if something is found to be wrong during the daily inspection, it is documented and submitted to the mechanic. Major problems are handled immediately. The mechanic will review the daily sheets and schedule any item needing attention. If the mechanic sees that an item may cause further damage, he will make the call to tag out the vehicle or equipment until repaired. In addition to the daily maintenance inspections, crews are scheduled weekly to perform thorough inspections of all vehicles and equipment. Each employee is assigned vehicles and/or equipment for which they are responsible. This program has prolonged the life of city vehicles and equipment.



CITY OF ARANSAS PASS



Fact Sheet - 2020 Charter Amendment Election

The City of Aransas Pass has called an election for November 3, 2020 that will include 11 charter amendments. The following details the ballot language for each amendment. *(La Ciudad de Aransas Pass ha convocado una elección el 3 de noviembre 2020 que incluirá 11 enmiendas de carta. A continuación se detalla el idioma de la boleta para cada enmienda.)*

PROPOSITION A

Shall City Manager have sole authority to appoint and terminate city department heads? *(Deberá el Administrador de la Ciudad tener la autoridad exclusiva para designar y despedir a los jefes de los departamentos de la ciudad?)*

PROPOSITION B

May the Municipal Court Judge reside outside the City limits? *(Puede el Juez del Tribunal Municipal residir fuera de los límites de la ciudad?)*

PROPOSITION C

Shall the City Secretary or a deputy be an ex officio clerk of the municipal court? *(Deberá el Secretario de la Ciudad o un subsecretario ser un secretario de oficio del tribunal municipal?)*

PROPOSITION D

Shall a person filing as a candidate for City Council be required to have all bills, accounts and taxes owed to the City be paid before qualifying as a candidate? *(Deberá una persona que presenta una candidatura para el Consejo Municipal tener todas las facturas, cuentas e impuestos adeudados a la Ciudad pagos antes de quedar habilitado como candidato?)*

PROPOSITION E

Shall the City Manager be appointed for a definite term? *(Se deberá designar al Administrador de la Ciudad por un término definido?)*

PROPOSITION F

Shall the City Finance Director be in charge of the administration of the financial affairs of the City? *(Deberá el Director de Finanzas de la Ciudad estar a cargo de la administración de los asuntos financieros de la Ciudad?)*

PROPOSITON G

Shall the City Manager have the authority to prepare rules and regulations for the sale of City property having an estimated value of one thousand dollars or less? *(Deberá el Administrador de la Ciudad tener la autoridad para preparar reglas y normas para la*

venta de propiedad de la Ciudad que tenga un valor estimado de mil dólares o menos?)

PROPOSITION H

Shall the sale of city property valued at more than one thousand dollars be advertised for sale and request bids in the official newspaper, city webpage, and other media resources of the City of Aransas Pass? *(Se deberá anunciar la venta de propiedad de la ciudad que valga más de mil dólares para venta y solicitar licitaciones en el periódico oficial, página web de la ciudad y otros recursos mediáticos de la Ciudad de Aransas Pass?)*

PROPOSITION I

May the City Council adopt a more detailed purchasing policy which shall not conflict with state law or the city charter? *(Puede el Consejo Municipal adoptar una política de compras más detallada que no entrará en conflicto con la ley estatal o la carta orgánica de la ciudad?)*

PROPOSITION J

Should the City be authorized to expend public funds to promote state and local economic development and to stimulate business and commercial activity in the City pursuant to State law? *(Debería la Ciudad estar autorizada para desembolsar fondos públicos para promover el desarrollo económico estatal y local y para estimular la actividad empresarial y comercial en la Ciudad en virtud de la ley estatal?)*

PROPOSITION K

Should the City Charter be reviewed for possible amendments every two years as allowed under the Texas Constitution? *(Debería revisarse la Carta Orgánica de la Ciudad para buscar posibles enmiendas cada dos años según lo permitido por la Constitución de Texas?)*

Copies of the current City Charter and this Voter's Guide are available at:

- Aransas Pass City Hall, 600 W. Cleveland
- Ed & Hazel Richmond Library, 110 N. Lamont
- Public Works Department, 601 N. Avenue A
- City Website – www.aptx.gov

Aransas Pass Charter Amendment Election Information

IMPORTANT DATES

Early Voting: Oct. 13 – Oct. 30

**Election Day: Nov. 3
(7 am – 7 pm)**

Aransas Pass Early Voting Dates & Times at Aransas Pass Civic Center – Lightning Welk Rm. 700 W. Wheeler

DATE	TIME
October 13 – 16	10 am – 6 pm
October 17	9 am – 4 pm
October 19 – 23	10 am – 6 pm
October 26 & 28	10 am – 6 pm
October 27 & 29	8 am – 8 pm
October 30	8 am – 4 pm