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FY 22 BUDGET PREPARATION UNDERWAY—SO FAR, SO GOOD

The City of Aransas Pass budget process has been underway for a couple of months. We've held the annual prioritization meeting between the City Council and Department Heads where the City Council decides on their budget priorities for the year based on the Department Head's requests. We've also had the week-long budget meetings where the department heads take their requests to the budget committee. See pic below. The committee is made up of the Finance Director, Sandra Garcia, City Councilwomen Vickie Abrego and City Manager Gary Edwards. Also in the pic in the upper left corner is Ashley Jensen of the Finance Department. The budget meetings give department heads an opportunity to defend their requests. Although it is early in the process, the General Fund still is standing strong. But...to repeat...it still is early in the process. In the case of the utility fund, there currently are issues with revenues when compared to the expenditures, but a rate study has been conducted to evaluate that matter. Such a study has not been conducted in years.



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MDD Commission Agrees To Finance A New Basketball Pavilion and Ballfield improvements

The Municipal Development District, which was formed to build and pay for the Civic Center, agreed during its Tuesday July 20th regular meeting to finance two additional projects. The MDD is funded by a half cent sales tax. It can legally fund these two additional community projects. Funding is available. Although bids have not been requested, it is estimated the two projects will cost in the neighborhood of \$1 mil. Mayor Gomez has campaigned for these two recreational facilities for over a year, saying these community additions are needed for the Youth of Aransas Pass. Below is a pic of the baseball youth, parents and coaches who showed up for the July 20th meeting.

The Euclid Pump Station Is undergoing Major Repairs

During meetings held last year, it was decided to prioritize the Euclid pump station for extensive repairs. Located at the end of Euclid Street, this pump station is a major reason for flooding problems in that area. An engineering firm was brought on board to review the problem and propose solutions. Additionally, work sessions were held with the City Council to further discuss this matter. Funding has been located and the City Council approved moving forward with the needed repairs and improvement. The pictures above and below show work now underway. Photos courtesy of the Aransas Pass Progress.



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Section of Conn Brown Harbor Bulkhead collapses During Repair Work

Portions of the Conn Brown Harbor bulkhead that were damaged by Hurricane Harvey currently are being repaired. This is a FEMA project. In fact, it is the last large FEMA project in Aransas Pass related to Harvey. The Contractor is repairing the section near Red Fish Willy's. On Thursday, July 22nd, a portion of that bulkhead began collapsing into the water. (see above pic) This was because of its age. Tie backs, installed decades ago to prevent the wall from falling into the water, had completely rusted away. The designing engineer immediately drove here from Corpus Christi and indicated this was an emergency situation. Steps were then taken by the contractor to keep the collapse from spreading further. They did so successfully. The designer, Doug Lawrence of Ardurra in Corpus Christi, began planning to prevent further collapses in that immediate area as repair work progressed.

Annual Customer Survey Will Be Out In August

Its that time again. During the month of August, you should be receiving in your utility bill the annual Customer Service Survey. When received, please take a few moments to fill out the survey and tell us what you think about your City services. After you complete it, return to City Hall by depositing in the marked box in the lobby or mail it to: Office of the City Manager, 600 W. Cleveland Blvd. Aransas Pass, Texas 78336. Or fill out the survey online by scanning a QR code. **All surveys must be completed and returned by September 1st.** Thank you for your participation. We use the results of the survey to compare to previous years and measure areas where progress is being made and improvements are needed.



2021 Customer Service Survey – City of Aransas Pass

Please take a few moments to fill out the survey below and tell us what you think about your City services. After you complete it, return to City Hall by depositing in a marked box in the lobby or mail it to: Office of City Manager, 600 W. Cleveland Blvd. Aransas Pass, TX 78336. Or fill out the survey on-line by scanning this QR code.



- How would you describe the City of Aransas Pass as a place to live?
 Excellent Good Fair Poor No Opinion
- How do you rate the overall quality of services provided by the City of Aransas Pass?
 Excellent Good Fair Poor No Opinion
- Were you treated courteously in your last contact with the City?
 Yes No
- How would you rate the overall appearance of the City?
 Excellent Good Fair Poor No Opinion
- How important is Code Enforcement to the City?
 Very Important Important Not Important
- Would you rather see naturally protected coastlines in and around Aransas Pass, or industrial development?
 Naturally Protected Coastlines Industrial Development

For each of the following City services and conditions, please indicate your overall opinion based on your experience with, or observations of, during the past 12 months.					
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Contact
Building Permits & Inspections					
Your experience obtaining various City permits					
Animal Control					
Fire					
Police					
Sewer Service					
Storm Water Drainage					
Regular Trash Pick-up					
Monthly bulk items Pick-up					
Street Maintenance					
City Sidewalks					
Utility bill payments i.e. (sewer/water)					
Aransas Pass Downtown					
Parks					
Civic Center					
Library					
Aquatic Center					
Municipal Court					
Emergency Services					
How safe do you feel living in Aransas Pass					

😊 Thank you! 😊