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## Work Has Started on the American Rescue Plan Utility Line Projects

The picture below shows that city crews have begun installing a water line on McClung. This is the part of the project which the City will be doing with its own crews. The other sections will be constructed by contractors. They are as follows:

Project #1 -South 9th and 10th Alley from Deberry to Greenwood.

- 2,500 linear feet of 6" water main
- 1,000 linear feet of 8" gravity wastewater main

Project #2 -South Rife and McCampbell alley from Highland to 1200 feet Northeast

- 1,200 Linear ft of 6" water main
- 1,200 linear feet of 8" gravity wastewater main

Project #3 -N. Whitney and Lamont Alley from Maddox to Myrtle

- 2,000 linear feet of 6" water main
- 2,200 linear feet of 8" gravity wastewater main

Project #4 **-(Alternate Project)** McClung from S. 11th/12th Alley to S. Avenue "A".

- 2,700 Linear feet of 8" gravity wastewater main

Project #5 **-(Being completed in-house by city crews).** See pic below. S. 11th/12th Alley from DeBerry to McClung.

- 1,200 linear feet of 6" water main





## McC Campbell Ditch Work Going Well

The McC Campbell Ditch (see above before and after pic) clearing project is well underway. When completed, the ditch will do a better job of performing a primary function of being a storm drain channel during a heavy rain. McC Campbell Ditch carries a large amount of storm water to the bay. Until this work started, the ditch was restricted with vegetation and silt which reduces the volume and rate of flow for stormwater. The cost of the overall projects now has dropped about \$100,000. This is because city staff is able to do the work themselves. The McC Campbell Ditch extends from behind Pelican Cove and crosses Commercial St. It serves as a major drainage artery for the City.

## AP Police Chief Recognized for a Decade of Service

Aransas Pass police chief Eric Blanchard was recognized on June 8th (see pic below) by his staff, members of the community and other city staff members for his 10 years of service to the City. Chief Blanchard is known across the state for his excellent work.



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## ART IN AP

### City Hall Mural Work Is Underway

Mural Artist Leah Grundhauser is seen in the picture below at the early stages of painting a City Hall mural. The project should be completed by mid to late July.



### Three Dead Palm Trees Converted to Works of Art

At the entrance to Community Park, the Public Works staff was planning to cut down three dead palm trees. Instead it was decided to hire Wildman Custom Creations, to convert the palms to aquatic themed statues. See pic below.



## SENIOR MEETING SCHEDULE

JULY 11  
1-2PM

### BLUE STAR MEMORIAL AT THE HARBOR

Learn from Dawn Ballard with the Hibiscus Garden Club about the new project honoring our past and present service men and women.



LEGAL SHIELD  
Hear from Gae Callaway about the benefits of legal shield and how to protect your identity. JULY 25  
1-2PM



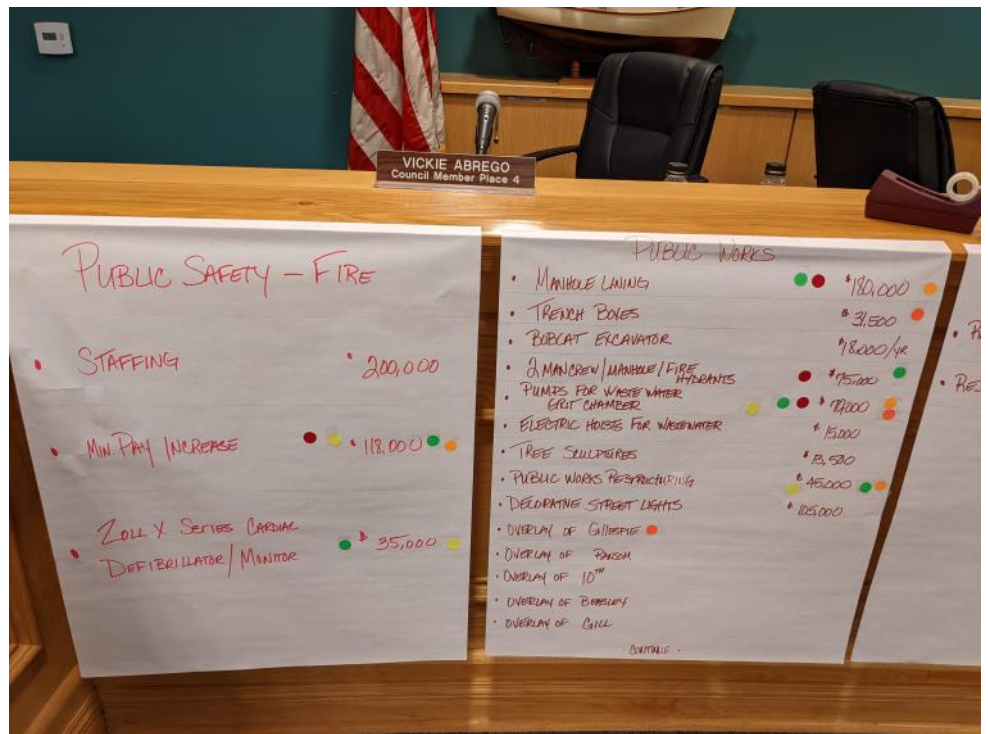
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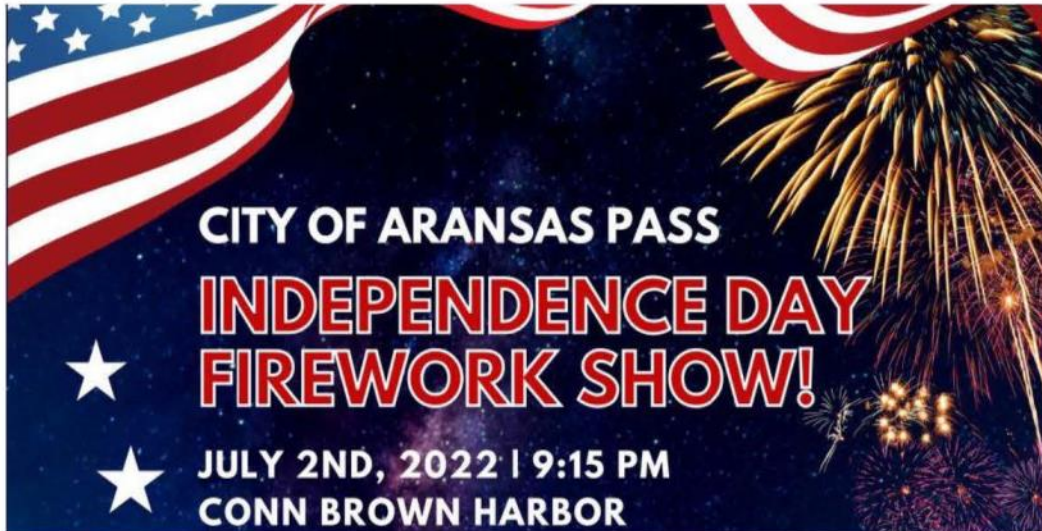
## Annual City Strategic Budget Meeting Held in Mid-June

On June 17th The City's Annual Strategic Budget Planning Session was held. At that event, department heads present to the City Council their high priority projects for the coming fiscal year. The City Council then selects the projects they would prefer to see in the budget. That information then is taken to the budget meetings where every line of the financial document is scrutinized. Below is a pic of only two lists of projects. The room was filled with such lists from which the Council selected. Each year, the meeting is open to the public.



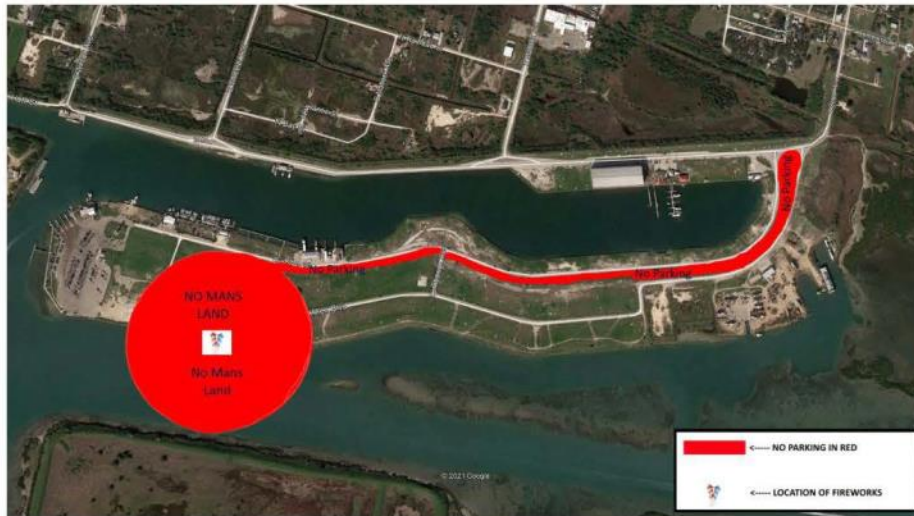
# Independence Day Celebration

by Chief of Police | Wednesday, June 29, 2022 | Headline, Police Blotter



This year's Independence Day celebration happens at [Conn Brown Harbor Park](#) on Saturday, July 2nd. Fireworks will **blast off promptly at 9:15 p.m.**, barring any unforeseen events. Please take note of these important details related to the event.

## Parking & Traffic Restrictions to Note



Parking is limited. **DO NOT** drive on or over the walking paths or curbs. There will be barriers set up and **violators will be cited**.

No Man's Land is exactly what it means. **Do not park or venture into the red-shaded areas**. The only exception here is those business owners on the north-eastern portion of the red area and those operating the fireworks equipment.

**Parking violations could result in towing due to safety requirements.** In addition, violations of the traffic plan could also cause damage to the, still newly constructed, walking trail. Such damage could result in criminal charges. Again, **DO NOT DRIVE on or across the walking path** except through open and obviously designated inlets and exits.