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**Mayor's Update
City Council Meeting
April 11, 2024**



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- Infrastructure
 - Ignored for too long
 - Half of waste water treatment plant is inoperable
 - Sewer lines need evaluation and cleaning
 - Manholes leak
 - Water meters at end of their life
 - Significant water ingress during rain and high tide
- Status
 - Completed 2 more sections of Water line replacement
 - Upgraded 2 lift stations
 - Bid and completing upgrades to remaining lift stations
 - Small section of sewer lines scoped and cleaned
 - Inoperable side of treatment plant is cleaned and isolated from other side
 - Priority focus on finalizing overall infrastructure plan



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- Technology
 - Ignored for too long
- Status
 - Moving all applications to web based cloud access
 - Removes server and the need for server maintenance
 - Allows remote work during need to evacuate
 - Eliminates unsupported software applications
 - Most software moving to cloud platform
 - Water Billing
 - Cloud Permit (Short Term Rental payments and registration, Building permits, Code Enforcement, Marina Permits)
 - Police Camera systems
 - Court software
 - Accounting software
 - Pursuing Starlink for backup and mobile internet access



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- Maintenance
- Status
 - Elevator being updated
 - New roof at City Hall
 - Deck refurbishment at pool
 - Filters at pool
 - Pumps at pool
 - Pavilion doors painted
 - Fans at pavilion (Proposal to install heaters in the fall)



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- Communications/Technology
 - Progress but room for improvement
- Status
 - Website updated
 - Old website archived
 - Online sign up for heavy trash pickup
 - Online reservation system for beach Mobi Chair
 - All Ordinances now available
 - Cloud permit will allow website access to online Building permits, Marina permits, Short Term Rental registrations and Hotel/motel tax payments
 - Blackboard utilized for time critical communications
 - City Facebook page
 - New phone system allows remote connection



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- Beach

- Optimizing location for beach dumpsters
- Preliminary discussions with GLO regarding Beach User Fee options

- Events

- Sandy, Tina, Chief and all the wonderful volunteers have made our events extra special
- Wonderful activities
- Engaged citizens
- Planning more activities at the Pavilion and Pool
 - Monthly Bingo
 - Movie Nights



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- Court
 - Backlog of old citations ~ 4500
 - New Software will streamline collections process
- Water
 - Backlog of CSI reports not done since 2018
- Finance
 - 2019-2020 audit waiting on final review
 - Starting to pull info for 2020-2021 audit



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- Short Term Rentals
 - Updated registrations
 - Citations issued for unregistered rentals
 - Collecting back taxes due
 - Evaluating direct payments from rental/host platforms
 - Evaluating use of current “trolling” software
 - Finalizing proposals for extra patrols on Friday and Saturday night



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- Amenities/beautification projects being considered
 - Exercise/walking trail around wastewater treatment plant
 - Trees “in loving memory of”
 - Pool office mural
 - Community raised garden(s) at wastewater treatment plant
 - Pickle ball court on city owned lot on John Silver
 - Banners utilizing existing sign posts on the south west side of city hall



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- Upcoming
 - Election: Impressive slate of candidates
 - Planning visionary/goal setting town hall in September
 - No carry signs to abide with Texas Penal Code
 - Fire Safety presentation this Saturday at the Pavilion, 9:30
 - Emergency/Hurricane preparedness