



A MESSAGE FROM



OUR MAYOR

DECEMBER 2022

CLS Citizens and Business Owners,

Are you all ready for the Holidays? I can't believe they are already here, and I need to get to work on getting something special for my wife Teresa. I owe her so much for everything she does and puts up with.


City Council and the EDC is moving forward with the purchase of the Pro Paint and Body Shop located at the front of the entrance to the island. This will allow the city to square off the ownership of this property as well as demolition of the old building while opening additional parking as well as beautification of our front landscapes. The City and EDC are also looking into some much-needed improvements to this parking lot as well as the parking lot between Oakies and Skippers by having them paved. This will eliminate the holes, dust and will add approximately 25 more spots.

I know and hate this as much as you do but after discussion with Galveston County Commissioner Appfel, the Daniel Dror Ave has still not opened. Unfortunately, the roadway is not wide enough to accommodate large vehicles making the turn coming off of Hanson Rd to Danial Dror Ave. By working with Commissioner Appfel, Galveston County has agreed to pave the roadway further into the ROW to accommodate the larger vehicles and a right-hand turn lane as well. Lastly, there still is no power at FM518 warning light due to a wrong transformer installed and will be R/R by CenterPoint here shortly. Once corrected the power meter can be installed, and power connected. When lights are working, they will then open the road.

DH Construction completed the drainage project at Okies which is owned and being paid for through Plaza Ten-06 funding. The Golf Cart parking area was closed during construction and business owners were notified of construction. Thanks to everyone in working with us while we had this done. I know the local business Soul-freak has been flooded several times with heavy rains and hopefully this will provide some relief on the drainage system and lessen their risk of flooding from existing impeding drainage from Clear Lake Rd. as well. Kudos to The CLS Civic Club that does so much on this Island with hosting events and giving back, and to add to that they have recently purchased a new commercial refrigerator (\$5K) to replace the failing one at the clubhouse. Let's also give it up for the WCID #12 who has awarded the contract for painting the elevated water storage tower. They will also be using a new CLS EDC logo on it to showcase our city.

TPWD has reviewed the RFQ with the City for the Shell Bottom Park Boat Ramp and preparing for release to receive bids. Once bids are received this project will get underway. Details of the park can be found by clicking on the following [link](#).

The City has contracted with a 3rd party Plan Review, Permitting, and Inspection company SAFEbuilt for performing much of the building official's work. Please work with us while we make this transition and while we consider future plans as to whether or not our city can fulfill the need for having a full-time Building Official. In addition, we will also be transferring over to an electronic system MyGov to assist us in managing all our building permitting processes as well. Stand by for more on this over the next few months.



On the City Council front, the council unanimously passed to appoint Doug Whitmarsh and Craig Ramsey to the Waterfront Compliance Committee, appoint Richard Sowrey, Alex Scanlon, and Tony Peterson to the Roads and Drainage Committee, appoint Pam Zuteck and Richard Sowrey to the Zoning Board of Adjustments appoint Michael Pons, Patrick Michaelski, and Charlotte Jones to the Planning and Zoning Commission, appoint Diana Chronister to the Parks and Pool Committee, appoint Councilwoman Monica Ledet and Kellen Scanlon to the Galveston County Health District Animal Control Services, Councilwoman Monica Ledet and Councilman Alex Scanlon (Alt.) to the Harris-Galveston Area Council and passed unanimously reappointing of 4 members to the Economic Development Corporation consisting of Jonny Boultinghouse, Thomas Haaland, Mike Pons, and Shawn Dunegan. Let's all give them a big THANKS for VOLUNTEERING and appreciating all that they do for our community.

October 12, 2022, Special City Council meeting resulted in an Executive Session action consisting of; accepting the Chief of Police Tracy Keele resignation, reinstatement of David Donaldson as Interim Chief, and vote of "Lack of Confidence" in City Administrator Brent Spier, which resulted in his separation from the City, and we approved unanimously an increased cost of \$17,531.60 for procurement of 5GLTE technology router systems and outfitting of (7) PD vehicles.

During November 1, 2022, regular meeting. Ordinance 2022-08: Texas amending article vii, short-term rentals, of chapter 18 was tabled for another committee meeting to be conducted and come back to the December 6th CC meeting.

At the November 8, 2022, special council meeting; we unanimously accepted a contract with Clear Career Professionals, LLC to perform the City search for a City Administrator with a cost of \$15K, failed to form a City Council Committee of two or more councilmembers to participate in the search and return with a recommendation to City Council, failed the proposal from Clear Career Professionals, LLC to assist in the selection of a new Chief of Police, and unanimously voted "Lack of Confidence" for new City Building Official and mayor executing termination of his employment.

November 15, 2022, passed unanimously approval of the employee Health Benefit Rates for the Calendar year 2023, passed unanimously for Texas First Group to search and provide Interim City Administrator applicants for City Council to select an Interim City Administrator.

More details can be found in the Council meeting agenda and minutes or by viewing the meeting online at <https://clearlakeshores-tx.gov>

As you can see a whole lot has transpired over the last few months for our little city and although there is not much I can say on most of it, due to a pending internal investigation, adhering to City Council executive sessions protocols and separation agreements with some of the city employees, do know we are all working hard to make sure we maintain our little Slice of Paradise. I know many things have been out on social media and we as a city cannot conduct city business on social media, so I encourage anyone that has questions on anything going on in our fine city to contact me directly and ask questions. I am a resident just like each and every one of you, and I only want what is best for this city and I try to make sure each and every citizen and business owner is considered in every decision that affects the city.

I wish a Happy Holiday Season from our Family to Yours.
May God Bless CLS,

Mayor Kurt

Where every sunset is celebrated, and we look forward to every sunrise!
Island Life & Golf Cart Rides

