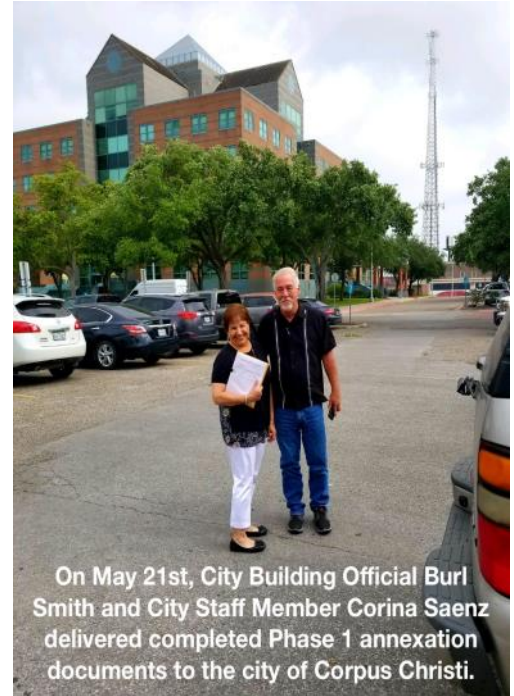# ARANSAS PASS CITY NEWS

City Annexations In 3 Phases

The City of Aransas Pass annexation plan is divided into three phases. Phase 1 was approved on May 21st and has effectively blocked Corpus Christi from encroaching too closely upon our City.

Phase 2 is scheduled to be approved by the Aransas Pass City Council in June. Phase 2 is designed to protect part of the highway 35 Bypass corridor north of town and parts of the Coastline, also north of town.

Phase 3 is scheduled to be approved by the City in June. Phase 3 is designed to protect the Western entrance into the City at Wheeler and 35 Bypass.

Each phase has two public hearings.

House Bill 347 is now approved by the Governor and will make annexations very difficult, even when it is necessary to protect a city from unwanted encroachment. Fortunately, annexations that were already underway at the time of the Governor's signature, may proceed. That is the case for all three Aransas Pass phases..

On May 21st, City Building Official Burl Smith and City Staff Member Corina Saenz delivered completed Phase 1 annexation documents to the city of Corpus Christi.

NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILMEMBERS SWORN-IN

Shown above being sworn into office are on May 13, 2019: left to right, Place 3 Councilmember, Jan Moore, Mayor Ram Gomez, Place 1 Councilmember Carrie Scruggs. Conducting the swearing-in is City Secretary Mary Juarez.

The May 4th municipal election saw no change in the Mayor's seat nor the City Council offices. In the race for Mayor, incumbent and winner Ram Gomez received 298 votes (44.95%), former Mayor Adan Chapa got 284 votes (42.84%) and former Mayor Tommy Knight had 81 votes (12.22%).

In the Place 1 Councilmember race, incumbent Carrie Scruggs won with 379 votes (58.94%). Her challenger, Eric Kindervater received 264 votes (41.06%).

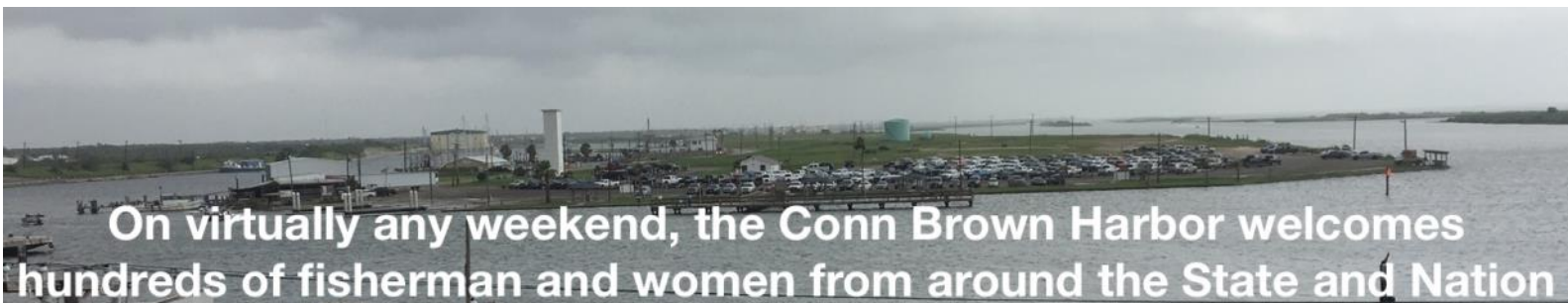Incumbent Jan Moore, Place 3, was unopposed.

Crime Control Sales Tax Overwhelming approved

The Crime Control 1/2 cent sales tax 10 year renewal was easily approved by voters on May 4th. 501 said yes and 133 said no. It was approved with 79.29% of the vote. Funds for this tax are used to support municipal law enforcement.

World's largest swim lesson—in June

It's time again for the World's Largest Swim Lesson. This will be the third year the Aquatics Center will be attempting to break the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest simultaneous swim lesson. See <wlsl.org>   Free to the public, it will be held June 20th at 10 am at the Aransas Pass Aquatics Center. Swimming lessons save lives!! Below is a picture of the most recent World's Largest Swim Lesson held at the Aransas Pass Aquatics Center.

KICK-OFF MEETING FOR DESIGN OF NEW CONN BROWN ROADS

During the month of May, a kick-off meeting was held between the Dannenbaum Company and City of Aransas Pass. Dannenbnaum has been selected to design new roads and a bike/walking trail at Conn Brown. The new roads, which will be concrete with curbs, will be paid for with $5 mil in grant dollars from the Economic Development Administration (EDA). When completed, the trail will be the longest in this area and one of the most scenic, Pictured below are EDA officials and City Staff holding the kick-off design meeting for the Conn Brown Harbor improvements.

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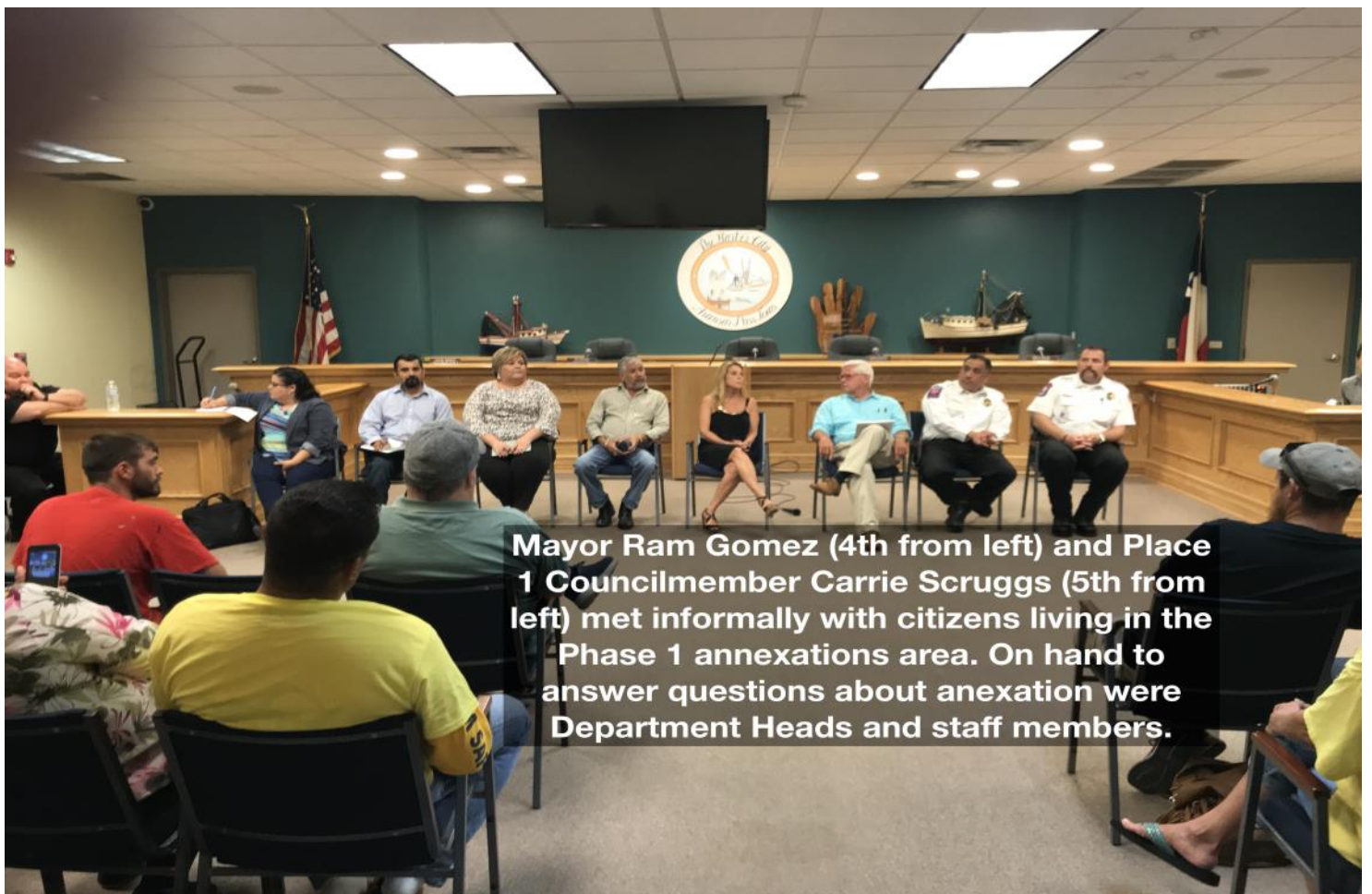♿ Lift Equipped/Accessible Each Trip.

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CORPUS CHRISTI REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Honored with life saving awards during the May 20th City Council meeting were members of the Police and Fire departments. Left to Right are Police Chief Eric Blanchard, Officer David Piper, Sergeant Travis Baker, Fire Captain J.J. Cruz, Firefighter Kade Norman, Firefighter Matt Wilhelm and Fire Chief Nathan Kelley. Chief Blanchard and Chief Kelly presented the awards.

Mayor Ram Gomez (4th from left) and Place 1 Councilmember Carrie Scruggs (5th from left) met informally with citizens living in the Phase 1 annexations area. On hand to answer questions about anexation were Department Heads and staff members.