



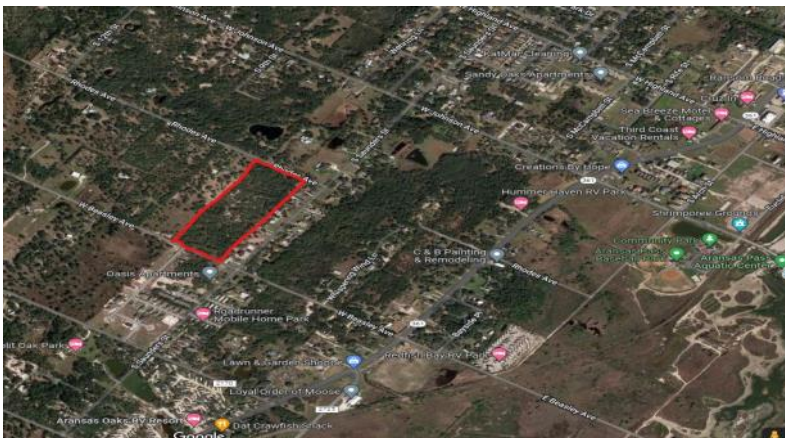
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A Recent City Council Vote Proved To Be Especially Difficult

A majority of the Aransas Pass City Council recently voted to approve a Preliminary Plat for the proposed Great Egrit subdivision (see location map below). It would have been much easier to accept the vocal demands of the citizens who were present at the Council meeting and vote against the Preliminary Plat. It was an especially difficult vote because many of the citizen arguments were correct. However, the Council had to take into consideration the entire City. Every member of the Council already knew that to turn down the Preliminary Plat after the developer met all of the City's requirements (which they did meet), would have paved the road for a lawsuit against Aransas Pass and would have been difficult for the City to win. That expense would have been carried by the entire City. Also, a Preliminary Plat is not the final decision. It does not give a final OK for construction to start. It only allows the developer to continue his design work to be reviewed by staff and eventually the City Council. It also allows for the double-checking of calculations on such things as drainage. An important point made by the Council is that many of the complaints about existing drainage and sewer voiced by residents living near the proposed subdivision are correct. But, it is up to the Council and its engineers to confirm this proposed subdivision does not add to these problems. Additionally, it takes rooftops (more homes) such as the proposed subdivision, to get the needed funding to more quickly eliminate the citywide drainage and citywide sewer problems.



Facts:

If given final approval, The Great Egrit Subdivision will have 26 homes on 10,000 SF lots on nearly 14 acres. Homes will be in the area of 2,500 SF. The subdivision will have 4 retention ponds



McCampbell Ditch Work To Begin Soon

The McCampbell Ditch (see above pic) is in need of attention now that Hurricane season is here. It is restricted with vegetation and silt which reduces the volume and rate of flow for stormwater as it empties into the bay. The City went out to bid to have the ditch cleared, but the bids came in too high. Consequently, Public Works Director, David Flores looked into the City doing the work ourselves. By going this route, we are able to buy a piece of equipment we need for this and other projects. With these changes, the cost of the overall project now is reduced by about \$100,000. The McCampbell Ditch extends from behind Pelican Cove and crosses Commercial St. It serves as a major drainage artery for the City.

Two Councilmembers Return To Office

Councilmembers Vickie Abrego and Jason Knight are pictured below being sworn into office on May 16th by City Secretary, Mary Juarez. Abrego was unopposed and Knight had opposition from a write-in candidate. Both Abrego and Knight were incumbents



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YOUR CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Ram Gomez

**Place 1—Carrie Scruggs,
Mayor Pro Tem**

Place 2— Jason Knight

Place 3 - Jan Moore

Place 4—Vickie Abrego

AP Police Assist with Uvalde Crisis

Following the Uvalde mass shooting, the Texas Police Chief's Association requested assistance from law-enforcement agencies across the state. Because so many cities were helpful to AP following Hurricane Harvey, we try to help other municipalities when possible. Aransas Pass PD sent two officers and two dispatchers.



Trains Return to Aransas Pass

After a hiatus of possibly two decades, trains are starting to roll through Aransas Pass once again. The above pic was taken the week of May 23rd. The rail line through AP is simply a spur and will service industries to our North between AP and Rockport. In years past, this spur served former industries located in the same area.



On May 21st from 9 am to 1 pm, a Citywide Clean-up was a huge success (see above pic. courtesy of the AP Progress). The clean-up was to help citizens prepare for the upcoming hurricane season and to help beautify AP. A special thanks to Public Works, the Meter Readers, Keep AP Beautiful, Clean Green AP, the 1st Baptist youth group and many volunteers.

Library Board Recognizes Long-time Member

On May 19th the Ed and Hazel Richmond Library board celebrated Member Patsy Crumine for her 31 years of service (seated—on the right). This summer she will be moving to Fort Worth to be close to her daughter. For the more than three decades of membership on the library board, she has seen the library grow from the small original building on N. Lamont to the current renovated building.



The AP Library Will Be A Pantry Site

Beginning in June the AP Library will be receiving a new community Pantry Box thanks to a local teen who is completing a project to earn her Eagle Scout Badge. Eryn Wilson (see pic below) designed the idea to build and install a community pantry at the library as a resource for community members in need to have access to food and toiletry items.

