

# West Galveston Island Property Owners Association

West Galveston Island POA held a virtual “Zoom” meeting on September 19, 2020. Jerry Mohn, President called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. A quorum of Directors was present. Attendees present were Bill Leitch – Bermuda Beach, Jay Lendrum – Dunes of West Beach, Dick Kuriger – Pirates Beach & Cove, Julie Greenwell – Sea Isle, Peggy Zahler – Spanish Grant Beach, Debbie Reinhart, Beachside Village, John Lightfoot – Pointe San Luis, Peter Moss – Sands of Kahala, and Craig Vance – Terramar.

Minutes of the 9/19 meeting and financials as of 9/30/20 were approved by Peggy Zahler and second by Dick Kuriger.

The meeting was a candidate forum for Mayoral and District 6 City Council candidates. Vice President Peggy Zahler was the moderator. The Mayoral candidates present via Zoom were: Dr. Craig Brown, James Casey, Bill Keese, and Roger “Bo” Quiroga. Raymond Guzman, Jr., did not participate in the virtual forum but submitted answers to the requested questions, which were read at the meeting.

District 6 City Council Candidates present were Jackie Cole and Marie Robb.

The format for the meetings is described below:

## 4 Mayoral Candidates

Please introduce yourself and state why you are campaigning to be Mayor. (3 min each)

- Many on the West End are concerned about the city services provided vs other parts of the City. The condition of our streets, infrastructure, drainage, police patrol for holidays have been continuing problems for years. Please provide your ideas regarding West End services and identify your priorities for the West End if you are elected Mayor. (3.0 min each)
- There are ongoing issues with the condition of the beach public access areas with many eroded/damaged causing property owners and visitors to use alternate paths to the beach, thereby destroying the dunes. Please tell us your plans to address this issue including the overcrowding in the subdivisions due to more public visitors with the implementation of Seawall parking. (3.0 min each)
- Please assess the financial sustainability of the city and your approach to controlling the increase in future tax rates while still delivering the services needed to the West End. With the West End being approximately 50 % of the tax base of Galveston, what % of the Capital Improvement Plan each year do you think should be targeted for the West End? (3.0 min each)