### WEST GALVESTON ISLAND PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

#### **AGENDA**

## August 19, 2023

Note: The meeting was held at Waterman's Restaurant, 14302 Stewart Road, just down the street from the country club

1. Call to order Jerry Mohn 9:00 AM

#### 2. Introduce Board Members

9:01

The WGIPOA meeting was held on August 19, 2023 at Waterman's Restaurant. The meeting was called to order by Jerry Mohn, President. A quorum was established with the attendance of Jerry Mohn – President; Rosemarie Gonzales – Acapulco Village, John Lightfoot – San Luis Pass; Sara Hawkes – Sportsman Road; Julie Greenwell – Sea Isle; Craig Vance – Terramar; Mary Olson – Palm Beach; Peggy Zahler – Spanish Grant Beach; Boyd Carr – Isla del Sol; Joe Trum - Dunes of West Beach; and Kim Van Camp - Condos

3. Introduce Elected Officials/Police Officers:

9:05

Lt. Joel Caldwell – Galveston Police Dept; Beverly Ferguson-representing State Senator Mayes Middleton office; Lieutenant Chambers- Galveston Police Dept.; Marie Robb- District 6; County Commissioner Joe Giusti and mayoral candidate in 2026

4. Introduce candidates for office

9:08

5. Approve July 15, 2023, minutes, and July 31, 2023 financials. Motion made by Peggy Zahler and seconded by Craig Vance.

9:10

6. District 6 Happenings – City Council Member Marie Robb

9:11

- Beach Access Plan- Have not denied all 3 items
- Tax Rate-lowering by \$.04/ not lowering property taxes. No increase for next year on property taxes. We raise \$1 car by cruise parking (~1.5MM/year) and by short term rental fee.
- Babe's Beach nourishment project starts in November.
- Sand Socks installed in front of The Riviera (haven't happened since 1998). City is very supportive of getting sand on beach.
- Wind Storm- no rate increase, 4 against/ 5 for. Has to be a majority. Board is not in our favor. The Board is partially insurance agents that don't even write policies on the island.
- Pelican Island Bridge- scheduled start is 2025, but Pelican Island Committee (by Chamber) says 2027 start. This bridge is dangerous and will cost more money to repair the longer the project is pushed. A barge just hit the bridge recently. Marie Robb is fighting to get back to a 2025 start.
- AT&T installed 5 new 5G towers at Terramar.
- Water Treatment Plant- Redoing plant in Pirate's Beach. Trying to get people off Septic.
- There will be a new west end sand source which will save the city money.
- Text Marie Robb @ 409-256-4518 to repair potholes. She'll call to get them repaired.

### 8. Galveston West End Police Report – Lt. Chambers

9:30

- Down 16 officers due to salary and heavy work load.
- Car Theft Ring in the west end is bad at this time. (off 103<sup>rd</sup>). Don't keep key in glove compartment or in car. Thieves are breaking into cars, stealing them and vandalizing and stealing from other cars.

• Per Marie Robb, she is trying to get city to approve more Flock Cameras. These cameras records license plates and is being used to help catch criminals. They are currently in Jamaica Beach and Pirate's Beach West and have helped solve a couple of crimes.

# 9. Sally Bakko – Gulf Coast Protection District

9:50

- Coastal Spine project is too big; Needs to be broken into buckets.
- Double Dune storm system- US Army Corp of Engineers are putting budgets together. They have \$1B in unallocated funds.
- We need \$50MM to get started with pre-engineering and design.
- Part of a Texas delegation and visited Washington DC.

## 10. Craig Vance - BMAC Report

10:00

- Sargassum- currents are keeping it East... to Florida. The growing season has passed so we won't see any Sargassum here.
- El Nino is keeping storms away from the Gulf Coast.

#### 11. Chris Archambault, Porter Law Firm

10:10

- Property Owner's Associations/ HOA Attorney reviewed all the various bills that were passed by the recent 88th Texas Legislative Session. 7 bills were passed and over 100 bills were defeated or died in committee. Important bills that were passed include HB 2024 Amendment to the Statue of Repose; HB 2022 Amendment to the Residential Liability Construction Act (RCLA); HB 998 relating to insurance coverage; HB 1193 regarding tenant's method of payment; HB 614 Formal Fine Policy; HB 886 Notice of Delinquency; SB 1668 HOA Fencing Regulations and ACC Membership. Chris also had a list of bills that failed. Porter Law Firm is actively engaged with the Texas Legislature and want to hear from property owner's associations.
- 12. Nicholas (Nick) Yeley with City Marshal's office
  - Have 7 deputies that covers Galveston Island and reviewed what they do. Thanked and recognized his team for all their hard work. Anytime you'd like to beautify your neighborhood and need help- give them a call. 409-797-3680.

## 11. Adjournment

11:00

Next Meeting: September 16, 2023, with guest speaker LTC Ian O'Sullivan from the Galveston District of the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers at the Galveston Country Club