



STATE OF THE CITY 2019

CELEBRATING 180 YEARS OF SERVICE



In the last five years, the City of Galveston has made significant progress improving infrastructure and identifying and implementing efficiencies within city government, while planning for Galveston's future.

These improvements are visible all over the island.

East of 45th Street



- 27th Street Corridor reconstruction project and landscaping
- 43rd Street Corridor reconstruction project
- 25th Street Corridor project in development
- Market Street improvements from 25th to 33rd streets, revitalized downtown
- Sealy Avenue improvements 25th to 33rd streets
- Completed Strand brick paver crosswalk replacement
- Harborside Drive – improvements from 2nd to 51st streets; installed enhancements to improve walkability, landscaping
- 30th Street Water and Electric Light Station and 30th Street tank demolition
- New Public Works Facility on Market under construction
- New Fire Station 1, anticipated completion July 2019
- Replaced downtown gas lamps
- Lindale Park improvements

45th to 61st Street



- 45th Street Corridor reconstruction project underway
- Crockett Park – completed construction of new state-of-the-art baseball complex
- New 59th Street pump station built to withstand storms
- New water storage tank at 59th Street to meet island's water needs
- Demolition and treatment of Old Municipal Incinerator
- Numerous road improvements along Avenue S from 53rd Street to 61st Street
- Installed crosswalk at dangerous crossing on Seawall Avenue near 51st Street
- Increased neighborhood lighting and various street improvement projects
- Avenue S waterline replacement

61st to 103rd Street



- Stewart Road improvements
- Lee and Joe Jamail Bay Park
- Beach building program extending beach west of 61st Street
- Airport wastewater treatment plant rehabilitation
- New improvements on airport runways, property and airport terminal
- Numerous neighborhood improvements to add lighting
- Installment of sidewalks and curbs in subdivisions
- Numerous street improvements, including on Dominique Drive, Golf Crest Drive and Lakeview Drive

West of 103rd

- 8 Mile Road sanitary sewer improvements
- Reached agreement with county for the management of pocket parks and planning improvements for the condition of parks
- Stewart Road waterline from 7 Mile Road to 10 Mile Road
- Bermuda Beach sanitary sewer improvements
- 11 Mile Road drainage and ditch improvements
- 10 Mile Road elevated water storage tank rehabilitation
- Improvements to lift station #55
- Terramar wastewater treatment plant upgrade
- Improvements to lift station #51



Citywide and internal



- Completion of main wastewater treatment plant, a state-of-the-art facility designed to handle storms
- Hired Brian Maxwell as City Manager
- Seawall improvements
- Three bond sales, including two water and sewer and one general obligation
- Developed the City's current Land Development Regulations
- Enhanced City's water supply system by hardening it to reduce potential storm damage
- Improved City's bond rating as a result of better financial reporting and results
- Revised and enhanced City purchasing policies
- Negotiated new jail contract with the county to result in savings

Citywide and internal (cont.)



- City now preparing Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
- Began quarterly finance reporting in 2014
- Installed long-term planning process in 2015 (financial planning cycle)
- Installed and completed water meter upgrade
- Identified overcharge in water and sewer rates, which created refund to citizens
- Returned airport to sustainable operating status
- Completed Phase I of improving the financial condition of the City's three pension plans. Effected change in state law to ensure the long-range governance and financial issues which led to the problems do not occur again

Citywide and internal (cont.)



- Completed and implemented a compensation study ensuring staff pay and salaries are appropriate within the market
- Developed the City's first financial policy which incorporates all financial-related policies
- Developed the City's first debt management policy
- Created a transparency page for the City website to provide greater visibility to City's financial data
- Facilitating return of fixed-rail trolleys
- Implementation of rubber wheel trolley service
- Feral cat TNR ordinance

Citywide and internal (cont.)



- Hired a more skilled professional staff eliminating the need for outside consultants
- Significant advances in the City's use of technology
- In the process of finalizing first off island information technology secondary data center ensuring sustainable technology services in the event of a natural disaster
- Replaced antiquated city technology assets, computers, phones and aging technology infrastructure
- Completed Phase I of an asset review of City-owned assets managed by third parties
- Moved the police academy from the mainland to Galveston College
- Created Galveston University to improve transparency and public engagement

Citywide and internal (cont.)

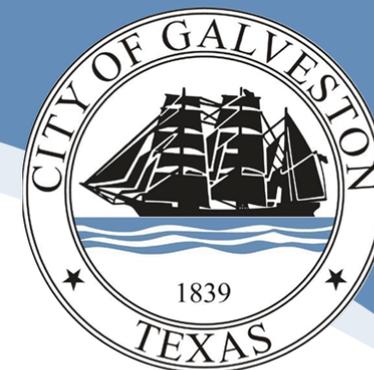


- Developed the City's first leadership training curriculum in coordination with Galveston College for the training of City staff
- Reached resolution to pre-existing liability with CDM and issued payment without materially impacting City operations
- Created the City Marshal's office, which has acted on 16,579 code and enforcement since its creation in 2017
- Broadway oaks replanted
- Improved transparency through expanding the City's PIO role and establishing a community liaison in the Manager's office to interact with civic groups and organizations in relation to City activities and functions

Citywide and internal (cont.)

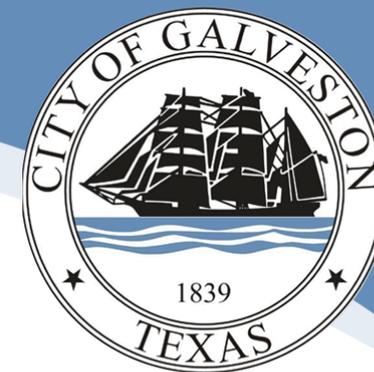


- Initiated and continue a top-down review of existing City contracts and interlocal agreements to determine greater efficiencies and changes to City structure for success
- Continue to place focus on high-quality customer service to our residents across all departments
- Reviewed and updated Master Drainage Plan with objectives to identify funding for future projects
- Performed comprehensive audit of water losses and continue to implement plan to reduce losses
- In the process of a comprehensive review and update of the Beach Access Plan to address various stakeholders' interests and concerns



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