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H-GAC Hurricane Ike Committee Discusses Allocations

Galveston Mayor Joe Jaworski Reports \$271 Million for Galveston

The Houston-Galveston Area Council Hurricane Ike Recovery Committee met on Friday to discuss Round Two Funding of Community Development Block Grant Funds for Hurricane Ike Recovery.

"We saw for the first time the proposed allocation for Round Two funding," said Galveston Mayor Joe Jaworski, vice-chair of the committee, which is chaired by Harris County Commissioner Sylvia Garcia. "The bottom line is, Galveston's proposed allocated share is \$271 million."



Jaworski said that the allocation is based on the conciliation agreement between the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, the State of Texas and the "fair housing advocates" who objected to previous plans. The agreement provides for specific direct set asides for the Galveston Housing Authority and Section 8 properties.

"Of that \$271 million, \$70 million is directly set aside out of this conciliation agreement to Galveston itself," he said. "The remaining \$200 million goes for housing and non-housing, like Round One did."

Jaworski said the allocation appears to be a "very good result" but he said the plan could change.

"It's not set in stone, so people could object, and say 'Galveston is getting too much' or *we* could object and say we are not getting enough," Jaworski said. "But, the important thing is it looks like we were treated with special consideration, in large part because HUD told the state to do that."

Galveston College Regents

Galveston College Regent Ross Novelli, Jr. last week announced his resignation from the Board of Regents.



"Circumstances have changed since my election, and my business endeavors demand more of my time," Novelli said in an open letter posted on the GuidryNews.com Forum. "It has been a valuable learning experience working with the board, but the frustrations far outweighed the positive aspects."

Galveston City Council

Galveston City Council last week voted to reappoint Roland Bassett to the Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves and also appointed Eddie Walsh to the wharves board.

The city council voted to appoint Sheryl Rozier to fill the remainder of the Park Board of Trustees term she left to run unsuccessfully for city council, and to appoint James "Beau"

Yarbrough, Miguel Aleman and Shane McDermott to the park board.

Audio excerpts from the meeting are posted on GuidryNews.com.



Texas City City Commission

The Texas City City Commission last week voted unanimously to promote Laura Boyd to the position of Director of Finance.

La Marque City Council

La Marque City Council last week voted unanimously to approve the first reading of a resolution that requires at least two council members to put a previously approved ordinance or resolution on a city council meeting agenda for re-consideration.

Santa Fe City Council

Santa Fe City Council last week voted 4-1, with Ronald "Bubba" Jannett opposed, to accept a \$50,000 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant for reimbursement of energy efficient projects.

Jannett has expressed concerns about the Obama Stimulus Program.

The funds will be used for a new electrical system at Santa Fe City Hall.

Kemah City Council

Kemah City Council last week voted unanimously to join the Galveston County Transit District.

Taylor Lake Village Council

Taylor Lake Village last week voted 3-1 with Alan Koelemay opposed, to approve a new contract clarifying the remuneration for the city's building official.

Seabrook City Council

Seabrook City Council last week voted unanimously to adopt updated rules of procedure for conducting city council meetings, but agreed to remove a provision that includes a penalty "in an amount not to exceed \$500" for violations of the policy.

Clear Lake Shores Council

Clear Lake Shores City Council last week voted unanimously to approve a \$174,844 contract with Millis Equipment LLC for the Jarboe Bridge Project.

Pasadena City Council

Pasadena City Council last week voted unanimously to approve the Streamlined 5-Year PHA Plan for Fiscal Years 2010-2015 and the Streamlined Annual PHA Plan for Fiscal Year 2010.

Webster City Council

Webster City Council last week voted 6-1, with Mayor Floyd Myers opposed, to execute a \$789,673 contract with the Texas Department of Rural Affairs for the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Non-Entitlement Grant Program.

Houston City Council

Houston City Council last week voted to approve the final contract amount of \$1,837,502 with Times Construction, Inc. for Municipal

Courts Phase II Renovations. The final amount is 15.49 percent over the original contract amount.

Galveston County Court

Galveston County Commissioners Court last week voted unanimously to approve an extension, until January 7, 2011, for placement of manufactured homes and readily fabricated dwellings in a group site location in High Island and for placement of FEMA provided manufactured homes and readily fabricated dwellings to individuals and families located within the 100-year flood plain.

Houston School District

Aaron Spence has been named as the new Chief High Schools Officer for the Houston Independent School District.



"I am excited about Dr. Spence joining our team of chief schools officers," said Superintendent Terry Grier. "Aaron brings a dynamic administrative and leadership skill set to HISD that is deeply tied to his profound belief that all children can learn and all children must be college and career ready when they graduate from high school. He will be a great asset to Team HISD."

Grier last week also promoted Tamera J. Bolden, East Early College High School's Dean of Students, to the position of principal.

US Army Corps of Engineers

Colonel Christopher W. Sallase last week assumed command of the Galveston District of the United States Army Corps of Engineers from outgoing commander Colonel David C. Weston.



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Deaths

Dr. Arthur G. Hansen, who served as chancellor of The Texas A&M University System from 1982 until 1986, died on July 5 in Fort Myers, Florida, following surgery-related complications.

Richard Hugh Branson (65) passed away Thursday, July 8, 2010, at his home in Dickinson, Texas.

Anna Jane Knowles (71) of Port Arthur, passed away July 5, 2010 at her residence.

Marvin Oscar Jones, Sr. (60) of Texas City passed away Tuesday, July 6, 2010 at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston.

Mildred Ruth Mantzel (88) passed away on Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at Gracious Living in Dickinson, Texas.

Meetings and Events

Monday, July 12

- 1:30 Jefferson County Commissioners Court
- 5:00 Galveston Housing Authority Board of Commissioners
- 5:30 College of the Mainland Board of Trustees
- 6:00 Friendswood City Council
- 6:00 La Marque City Council
- 6:00 La Porte City Council
- 6:00 Nassau Bay City Council
- 6:30 Pearland City Council Workshop
- 7:00 Shoreacres City Council
- 7:00 Dickinson Independent School District Board of Trustees
- 7:30 Pearland City Council

Tuesday July 13

- 8:30 Port Arthur City Council

9:00 **Galveston Hurricane Preparedness Meeting**, City Council Chambers

10:00 **Harris County**

Commissioners Court

12:00 **Rotary Club of Texas City**, Nessler Center Captain's Room.

United States Secret Service Agent Michael Matranga will speak

1:30 **Houston City Council**

1:30 **Beaumont City Council**

6:00 **League City City Council**

6:30 **Bayou Vista City Council**

7:00 **Dickinson City Council**

7:00 **Morgan's Point City Council**

7:30 **Pasadena City Council**

7:30 **Texas City Independent School District Board of Trustees**

7:30 **Galveston Beach Band**

Concert, Sealy Pavilion

7:30 **Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap**, Alley Theatre

8:00 **Wicked**, Broadway Across America, Hobby Center

8:15 **Little Shop of Horrors**, Miller Outdoor Theatre

Wednesday, July 14

9:00 **University of Texas System Regents**, Ashbel Smith Hall, Austin

9:00 **Houston City Council**

9:30 **Galveston County**

Commissioners Court

5:30 **Galveston College Board of Regents**

6:00 **Friendswood Independent School District Board of Trustees**

7:30 **Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap**, Alley Theatre

8:00 **Wicked**, Broadway Across America, Hobby Center

8:15 **Little Shop of Horrors**, Miller Outdoor Theatre

Thursday, July 15

8:00 **University of Texas System Regents**, Ashbel Smith Hall, Austin

7:30 **Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap**, Alley Theatre

7:30 **St. Nicholas (Preview)**, Alley Theatre

7:30 **Five Guys Named Moe**, Ensemble Theatre

8:00 **Gypsy**, Island etc at The Strand Theatre

8:00 **A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum**, Bay Area

Harbour Playhouse

8:00 **Cabaret**, College of the Mainland Community Theatre

8:00 **Wicked**, Broadway Across America, Hobby Center

8:15 **Little Shop of Horrors**, Miller Outdoor Theatre

Friday, July 16

8:00 **A Year with Frog and Toad**, Stagedoor Inc.

8:00 **Gypsy**, Island etc at The Strand Theatre

8:00 **Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap**, Alley Theatre

8:00 **St. Nicholas (Preview)**, Alley Theatre

8:00 **A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum**, Bay Area

Harbour Playhouse

8:00 **Cabaret**, College of the Mainland Community Theatre

8:00 **Wicked**, Broadway Across America, Hobby Center

8:00 **Agatha Christie's The Hollow**, Company OnStage

8:00 **Five Guys Named Moe**, Ensemble Theatre

8:15 **Little Shop of Horrors**, Miller Outdoor Theatre

Saturday, July 17

11:00 **Beauty and the Beast**, Company OnStage

1:30 **Beauty and the Beast**, Company OnStage

2:00 **Wicked**, Broadway Across America, Hobby Center

2:00 **Five Guys Named Moe**, Ensemble Theatre

2:30 **Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap**, Alley Theatre

8:00 **A Year with Frog and Toad**, Stagedoor Inc.

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8:00 **Agatha Christie's The Hollow**, Company OnStage

8:00 **Five Guys Named Moe**, Ensemble Theatre

8:15 **Little Shop of Horrors**, Miller Outdoor Theatre

Sunday, July 18

2:00 **Wicked**, Broadway Across America, Hobby Center

2:30 **Gypsy**, Island etc at The Strand Theatre

2:30 **Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap**, Alley Theatre

2:30 **St. Nicholas**, Alley Theatre

2:30 **A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum**, Bay Area

Harbour Playhouse

2:30 **Cabaret**, College of the Mainland Community Theatre

3:00 **Five Guys Named Moe**, Ensemble Theatre

3:00 **A Year with Frog and Toad**, Stagedoor Inc.

7:30 **Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap**, Alley Theatre

7:30 **St. Nicholas**, Alley Theatre

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