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Monday, August 23, 2010

H-GAC Board Approves Hurricane Ike CDBG MOD

Board's Method of Distribution Allocates Millions to Galveston

The Houston-Galveston Area Council Board of Directors last week voted unanimously to approve the Community Development Block Grant Second Round Regional Allocation Formula Method of Distribution.

Harris County Commissioner Sylvia Garcia, chair of the Hurricane Ike Committee, made the motion for approval and Galveston Mayor Joe Jaworski seconded the motion.

The method of distribution approved by the H-GAC board includes \$50 million set aside for Galveston Public



Housing, \$20 million set aside for Galveston subsidized housing restoration, \$101 million allocated to local housing programs by formula and \$87 million for non-housing programs.

Photos and a Jim Guidry Webio Report with slides and video are posted on GuidryNews.com.

Houston City Council

Houston City Council last week voted 7-7, with Mayor Annise Parker, Brenda Stardig, Jarvis Johnson, Wanda Adams, Mike Sullivan, Al Hoang and Oliver Pennington in favor of approval, and Anne

Clutterbuck, Ed Gonzalez, James Rodriguez, Stephen Costello, Sue Lovell, Melissa Noriega and C.O. "Brad" Bradford opposed, to deny placing a proposal on the city's November 2 Special Election ballot to change the length of terms for city elective offices from two years to four years.

Due to a tie vote, the motion to place the item on the ballot failed.

Beaumont City Council

Beaumont City Council last week voted unanimously to approve an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for \$392,446 in State Public Transportation Funds.

Texas City City Commission

The Texas City City Commission last week voted unanimously to adopt the city's 2010-2011 Fiscal Year Budget.

Mitchell Historic Properties
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Tiki Island City Council

The Village of Tiki Island Board of Aldermen last week voted 4-1, with Gwen Schultea opposed to the motion, to deny a fence variance for property at 302 Admiral Circle.

Hitchcock City Commission

The Hitchcock City Commission last week voted unanimously to apply for a \$350,000, 2011-2012 Community Development Block Grant to fund installation of a sewer line.

Kemah City Council

Kemah City Council last week voted unanimously to publish a proposed tax rate of \$0.331487 per \$100 valuation for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

The rate is equal to the city's rollback tax rate, and is in excess of the effective tax rate, which is \$0.279586 per \$100 valuation. The city's current tax rate is \$0.280293.

Friendswood City Council

Friendswood City Council last week voted 6-1, with Deirdre Carey Brown opposed, to form a subcommittee to consider a directive for the city council forbidding any single council member from issuing a directive to a member of staff.

Clear Lake Shores Council

Clear Lake Shores City Council last week voted unanimously to approve \$160,000 in unencumbered funds for the Clear Lake Shores Economic Development Corporation for the

first phase of the Town Center Project along Clear Lake Road from FM 2094 to the south side of the Jarboe Bayou Bridge.

Seabrook City Council

Seabrook City Council last week, while not holding a formal vote, reached a consensus to develop an ordinance prohibiting the use of golf carts on the city's streets.

El Lago City Council

El Lago City Council last week voted unanimously to publish an intent to issue up to \$1.8 million in certificates of obligation for the construction of the El Lago Community Center at 419 Tallowood Drive.

Pasadena City Council

Pasadena City Council last week voted unanimously to approve the first reading of a \$10,200 contract with Pate Engineers, Inc. to conduct a preliminary engineering study to relocate two detention ponds to restore land that can be developed along Fairmont Parkway.

The city council voted unanimously to schedule a public hearing for August 31 to receive public input regarding the city's 2010-2011 budget.

Webster City Council

Webster City Council last week voted unanimously to schedule a public hearing on September 7 to receive public input on the 2010-2011 fiscal year budget.

Galveston County Court

Galveston County Commissioners Court last week unanimously approved deferring an order banning the carrying of handguns within the premises of various county owned and leased buildings.

The commissioners court passed a resolution expressing sympathy at the

passing of Sydney McClendon, who was extensively involved in beach renourishment and protection projects, a founder of the Friends of Galveston Island State Park, The West Galveston Island Property Owners Association and the County's Beach Erosion Task Force.



Brazoria County Court

Brazoria County Commissioners Court, in a special meeting last week, voted to appoint Cathleen Sbrusch as a Brazoria County Health Director.

She replaces Dr. Leo O'Gorman, who retired from the position in July.

Jefferson County Court

Jefferson County Commissioners Court last week voted unanimously to authorize County Judge Ron Walker to execute an amendment to an agreement with the Jefferson County Association of Deputy Sheriffs and Correction Officers to defer contractual wage rate increases for the county's correctional officers.

Walker said budget considerations were the reason for the deferred increase.

"We've been having some really tight considerations for the county, and obviously we're trying our best not to increase taxes," Walker said. "People have enough problems with the economy the way it is, rather than having to face another tax increase, and that's what we're desperately trying to ward off."

Houston ISD School Board

The Houston Independent School District Board of Education last week voted unanimously to hold a special election on November 2 to fill the District VIII Trustee seat previously held by Diana Davila.

The school board received an update on the district's teacher review process for the 2010-2011 school year.

"This year's staff review system is a key step toward providing a more robust and meaningful appraisal and development system for our teachers," said HISD's Chief Human Resource Officer, Ann Best, "It will not only help us identify and recognize HISD's top teachers but also identify those who need support to improve."

Galveston ISD School Board

The Galveston Independent School District Board of Trustees last week voted unanimously to order an election for November 2 for Trustee Districts 2-B, currently held by David O'Neal, Jr., and 7-G, which is held by Sandra Simmons.

Santa Fe ISD School Board

The Santa Fe Independent School District Board of Trustees last week voted unanimously to approve a proposed tax rate of \$1.4192 per \$100 valuation to fund the 2010-2011 fiscal year budget.

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Deaths

William Kent Coulter (71) a veteran Houston newsman died on August 20, 2010.

Metropolitan Christopher Kovacevich (81) Archpastor and Spiritual Father of the Serbian Orthodox Metropolitanate of Libertyville-Chicago, who was born in Galveston, died on August 18, 2010.

Rita Don Ousley (78) passed from this life Saturday morning, August 21, 2010, in Tyler.

David Bruce McAllister (66) of Galveston died Friday, August 20, 2010 at his residence.

Murray Lee Switzer (75) passed from this life Friday afternoon, August 20, 2010, in Odessa, Texas.

James Richard Whitten (67) of Galveston died Thursday, August 19, 2010 at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston.

Feliz Galindo (89) of Galveston died Wednesday, August 17, 2010 at her residence in Galveston.

Clarence Lee "Do-Boy" Williams, Sr. (80) expired August 17, 2010, at Gulf Health Care Center in Galveston.

Reggie Moses (52) passed away peacefully at UTMB Hospital of August 15, 2010.

James E. Puckett, Sr. (87) passed from this life Saturday, August 14, 2010, at his home.

Clayton Howard (52) passed from this life Saturday afternoon, August 14, 2010, in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Brainard Victoria (45) passed away August 13, 2010 following a sudden illness.

Nancy Louise York (68) of Galveston died Friday, August 13, 2010 at her residence in Galveston.

Homer Strain (66) passed from this life Friday, August 13, 2010, at his home. **Mardi Ortiz** (41) of Galveston passed away Friday, August 13, 2010 at Mainland Medical Center in Texas City.

Meetings and Events

Monday, August 23

8:00 Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves Finance Committee

9:00 Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves

1:30 Jefferson County Commissioners Court

5:30 Galveston College Board of Regents Special Meeting

6:00 Jamaica Beach City Council

6:00 La Marque City Council

6:00 La Porte City Council

6:00 Pearland City Council Workshop, Public Safety Building

6:00 Kemah City Council Workshop

6:30 Dickinson Independent School District Board of Trustees

6:30 Friendswood City Council

6:30 Pearland City Council

Public Hearing, Public Safety Building

7:00 Clear Creek Independent School District Board of Trustees

7:00 Shoreacres City Council

7:15 Pearland City Council Special Meeting, Public Safety Building

7:30 Pearland City Council, Public Safety Building

7:30 Pearland City Council, Public Safety Building

Tuesday, August 24

9:00 Brazoria County Commissioners Court

10:00 Harris County Commissioners Court

10:00 Pasadena City Council

1:30 Houston City Council

1:30 Beaumont City Council

1:30 Galveston Park Board of Trustees

6:00 Dickinson City Council Workshop

6:00 League City City Council

6:00 Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees

6:30 Hitchcock Independent School District Board of Trustees

6:30 Santa Fe City Council Special Meeting

7:00 Dickinson City Council

Wednesday, August 25

9:00 Houston City Council

9:30 Galveston County Commissioners Court

Thursday, August 26

12:00 Galveston City Council Workshop

4:00 Galveston City Council

6:30 La Marque Independent School

District Board of Trustees

8:00 Get Smart!, Bay Area Harbour Playhouse

Friday, August 27

9:30 Houston-Galveston Area Council Transportation Policy Council

8:00 Come Back to the Five & Dime

Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean, Stage Door Inc.

8:00 Aladdin, Jr., Clear Creek Community Theatre

8:00 Get Smart!, Bay Area Harbour Playhouse

8:00 Golden Dragon Acrobats of China, Miller Outdoor Theatre

Saturday, August 28

8:00 Come Back to the Five & Dime

Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean, Stage Door Inc.

8:00 Aladdin, Jr., Clear Creek Community Theatre

8:00 Get Smart!, Bay Area Harbour Playhouse

8:00 Golden Dragon Acrobats of China, Miller Outdoor Theatre

Sunday, August 29

2:30 Get Smart!, Bay Area Harbour Playhouse

3:00 Come Back to the Five & Dime

Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean, Stage Door Inc.

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