

BROOKSIDE VILLAGE

First Annual State of the City & Town Hall

PRESENTED BY MAYOR GLENDA HUNDL

FEBRUARY 9, 2023



SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to the IBVC for welcoming us to your monthly potluck, and thank you for your continued support of our community.



MEET THE TEAM

COUNCIL

Richard Cantu – Mayor-Pro Tempore

Beth Croix – Council Member

Apollo Gonzales – Council Member

Jana Largent – Council Member

Philip Martinez – Council Member

STAFF

Cleofas Rodriguez – City Secretary

Dolores Rodriguez – Court Clerk

Bobby Lira – Code Enforcement and Flood Plane Officer

Joe Escobedo – City Maintenance

POLICE

Kevin Garcia- Chief

JC Rosas

Rick Rivera

Fermin Vasquez

Vivian Tamez- Reserve

Frank Cornwall- Reserve

TONIGHT'S TOPICS

Finances

Grants

Capital Improvements

External Support

Police Department

Fire Department

Committees

City Hall

Final Thoughts

Meet the Team

Questions & Comments

FINANCES

- Brookside Village is in a strong financial position
- 4 Years of delinquent audits DONE!
- All financial audits will be complete by May
- New technology in place to make finances more efficient
- New policies in place to ensure future timeliness
- **THIS MEANS:** We now meet requirements to seek millions in grant dollars to improve our community.



GRANTS

- Houston Galveston Area Council (HGAC) - We secured \$1.5m towards a Master Drainage Plan, and some drainage improvement
- Broadband Technology Grant – better internet for City Hall, better emergency communications, more secure and modern servers, modern software and systems, and more to come in Phase II
- CDBG GLO Project – restarted the East side road project after major issues with contractor, complete sometime in April (depending on weather)



CITY MAINTENANCE & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Gradall Purchase
- Street Signs Completed
- Brazoria Country Precinct 3 Road Work Approved for several long neglected roads
- Addressed Potholes, Overgrown Brush, Culverts, Debris



EXTERNAL SUPPORT & RELATIONSHIPS

- City Management Consulting with Mr. Ron Cox whose recommendations have improved systems
- Meetings with Constable, Commissioner, Drainage District 4, State Rep. Ed Thompson, Brazoria County Sherriff's department, GLO, Brazoria County Emergency Management, Animal Control, County Judge, and HGAC.
- Exploring or in process: hiring new accountant, changing bank, new payroll provider, on-demand city engineer



POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Updated in-car computers
- Updated cameras
- Updated Reserve Officer Policies
- Exploring Software updates to reduce hours spent at the desk, and increase hours in the community
- In the process of updating the Police Policy Manual



FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Increased funding in order to increase volunteers and update equipment
- Accepted donation from Chevron Phillips Pasadena Plastics Plant
- Exploring boat equipment to assist in extreme weather events



COMMITTEES

GRANTS

- Seeks millions in Federal, State, and Private Grant money for projects
- Projects include parks, sidewalks, flood protection, art project, street lights and other community improvement projects

ORDINANCES

- Review old ordinances to make recommendations for updates
- Identify gaps where new ordinances may be in the community's interest



CITY IMPROVEMENTS, TO BETTER SERVE THE COMMUNITY

Updated Handicap Parking

Replaced tattered flags

New façade

New lights and cameras

Repaired and replaced awnings

Updated signs

Painted offices and lobby

Added more desks for staff

Replaced old carpet

Cleaning of maintenance and storage spaces

Updated website

Put forms online



CLOSING THOUGHTS FROM MAYOR HUNDL

- We are here to serve the interests of the **entire** community
- Moving our city forward requires a **full-time Mayor** committed to getting things done
- We're working harder than ever to correct years of inefficient systems and neglect and **we have made huge progress**
- Mayor and Council have now completed hours of required and recommended trainings
- Council is working to secure federal and state dollars to funding long needed projects
- We're more financially secure than we've been in years, and maybe ever
- Your voice matters, the Mayor has an **open-door policy**, come on down to City Hall or come to council meetings
- We are dedicated to keeping you informed and listening to your needs