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Alleyways, fronted funds & a goodbye at Council

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Alleyways, an adieu and a round of new fronted funds led last week's meeting of the Palacios City Council.

Meeting for the first time with all seven members of the recently restructured City Council, a small step was taken towards making the Hotel Tres Palacios project a reality - the abandonment of a long-ago-lost alleyway.

Council approved the final reading of an ordinance abandoning a long-lost alleyway behind the former Luther Hotel and the 400 block of Commerce St. on a 6-1 vote. Councilwoman Victoria Duran was the lone vote in opposition.

Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust Project

Council unanimously approved the contract with the Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust (MBMT) for a \$363,315 grant Matagorda Bay Critical Public Access Project. The approved project includes the installation and five years maintenance of an elevator at the Palacios Pavilion, roof repairs for the Pavilion and nearby gazebos, lighting, transfer power from 2 phase to 3 phase to install fish cleaning station, outdoor Pavilion restroom reconfiguration, and trash cans and signage near The Point on East Bay.

The grant is a reimbursement grant, which means the City would be on the hook for paying the project's tasks up front, and then getting reimbursed by the MBMT.

Interim City Manager Aleigha Galvan, explained, "We spend the funds and they reimburse us."

"Typically in the past, the reimbursement (timeline) takes 2-3 months. We'll get reimbursed once we give them receipts and show the work has been completed."

While all are in favor of the scope of the project, the City has one issue. Money.

The City will once again turn to the Palacios Economic Development Corp. to assist with its funding shortfall.

According to Galvan, the Palacios Economic Development Corp. (PEDC) will place an item on their upcoming agenda for Wed. (June 3) for a front on the matching funds.

"They will front us that money each time

there is a project," she said. "Say we're going to do the fish cleaning stations or Pavilion roof repair first, say it'll cost \$100,000. PEDC will front the money to the City, we will pay the contractor to get the work done, once done, we'll send the receipts in to MBMT, they reimburse us and we give the money back to the PEDC."

Should the PEDC agree to opening up the coin purse, Galvan said, "That'll be on the next agenda for you guys (Council) to approve and inter-local agreement to move inter-governmental funds from PEDC to City of Palacios, as needed for each project."

City Attorney Odefey explained, "You don't have to spend the whole, \$363,000

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PPA unveils future plans with Palacios Pathways project

Last Wednesday, the Sanford Community Center wall of windows classroom was completely full of partners, advisors, organization representatives, elected officials, and volunteers of the Palacios Preservation Association for their inaugural Palacios Pathways: Where History Meets the Horizon project orientation and planning meeting.

Hearts of gratitude were beaming towards the sole trustee of the Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust, Steven J. Raabe, P.E., and Mary his wife, for the generous grant, the PPA and all the volunteers belonging to this cherished community shaped by the bay. Mayor Rick Cink welcomed everyone

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PARTICIPANTS and attendees at the PPA's inaugural Palacios Pathways: Where History Meets the Horizon project orientation and planning meeting were Laurie & Fred Beck, Blake Welborn, Robert Turner, Cynthia Garrett, Margaret Doughty, Edith Gower, Grace Pierce, Anna Sac Dao, Sandra Davidson, Natalie Hansen, Chuck Madeley, Lee Raymond, Jackie Miller, Ellie Gonzalez, Linh Chau, Darlene Tresselt, Rob & Sarentha Kessler, Brandi G. West, Steven & Mary Raabe, Brandi Pitman, and Jorge Sanhueza-Lyon.

CM interviews at City Special Meeting Tues.

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There may be a light at the end of the tunnel, for after nearly eight months without a full-fledged City Manager, the City of Palacios is set to embark on in-person interviews.

The Palacios City Council ordered a Special Called Meeting for this past Tues. (June 2) with an early tee time of 10 a.m.

The lone topic slated on the Special Meeting agenda is the interviewing of potential City Manager candidates, behind the closed doors of executive session.

CofC General Membership Luncheon Thurs.

The Palacios Chamber of Commerce invites all members and guests to attend its upcoming General Membership Luncheon and Meeting. This monthly event provides an opportunity for local business leaders, community members, and stakeholders to connect, collaborate, and stay informed on important community developments.

The luncheon will be held on Thursday, June 4 at 11:30 a.m. at the Palacios Educational Pavilion. The program will feature Stuart Lynn, CEO Lynn Group: Three Keys to Building Something

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THE Collegeport community celebrated its 118th Collegeport Day last Saturday at the Mopac House. Hundreds congregated for food, fellowship and storytelling. (Beacon Photo by Ryan West)



Memorial Day at Hawley

On Monday May 25th Hawley Cemetery held its annual Memorial Day Program. The weather was beautiful and the event had a great turnout. Student guest speakers were Tidehaven High School graduates of 2026 Jaxon Talbert and Jack Bonnot. Cecil Lee Post # 649 Chaplin Dorsy Womak gave the invocation and benediction. Guest speaker was Mr. D. Kirk Shaffer of Bay City. Mr. Shaffer was a graduate of Bay City ISD Class of 1969

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