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City to make offer to yet-to-be-named CM candidate

BY RYAN WEST
Palacios Beacon-Publisher

Roughly nine months since parting ways with former City Manager Cindy Raleigh, the Palacios City Council is poised to make an offer for the City's top leadership position following last week's regular meeting.

"Who is it?" you ask, is the lone finalist set to be offered the role atop the City of Palacios' leadership pyramid? Thus far, mum is still the word out of City Hall.

After retreating for nearly an hour behind executive session's closed doors, Council returned to open session with the vague motion by Victoria Duran to, "Offer the candidate for the City Manager position under the terms

discussed in closed session".

A second by Council's Joe Ramirez, brought the motion to a vote.

Council was unanimous in its approval.

When asked by interim City Manager, City Secretary Aleigha Galvan if the motion was meant to exclude the candidate's name, Council confirmed the omission was intentional.

No audit yet

Interim City Manager Galvan reported the City's 2024-25 fiscal audit was yet to be completed by auditing firm, Sorren.

"It won't be presented today, but it will be completed by the June 30th deadline," Galvan said.

The audit will be presented at either a special

meeting or the first regular meeting in July.

Bills Paid

Council pulled the Bills Paid from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Councilwoman Duran noted the recurrence of bills from the City's former water and sewer servicer, JZJ Utilities.

Councilman Larry Glenn acknowledged upwards of \$6,100 in invoices from JZJ not paid because they were duplicates.

"How much did we double, or triple pay?" questioned Duran.

Mayor Rick Cink interjected he'd had discussions with the City's auditors. Upon completion of the audit, he suggested consideration of a 'deep' forensic audit of the City's finances.

Lions HOT Tax Request

Palacios Lions Club's Jim Gardner presented an application for \$30,000 in Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) funds to support the Lions upcoming Fourth of July celebration.

Gardner outlined the costs associated with one of the biggest and best celebrations in Palacios Lions history.

After back and forth with Council on individual expenses in the Lions application, Council ultimately decided to approve up to \$10,000 in reimbursable HOT tax funds for legally allowable expenses incurred by the Lions.

Finance Committee Appointments

Council confirmed Mayor Rick Cink's rec- (See CITY, Page 6)

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**BEACON
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**Fourth of July
kid crafts Fri. &
Sat. at Museum**

The City by the Sea Museum will be celebrating the Fourth of July and America's 250th Birthday with back-to-back days of kid crafts from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. this Fri. - Sat. (July 3-4). On Friday, youth will create hand flags and dabble in pastel art. On Saturday, youth will create fire-cracker hats while enjoying cupcakes, cookies and lemonade. Both days, all materials will be provided. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Live music
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Stop in for a glass of wine or a beer and enjoy live music courtesy Al Flores each Friday and Saturday night at *The Cove*, located at 405 Main St.

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Shredding waves on South Bay...

THE strong south summer winds of last Sunday proved optimal for a kitesurfer along the waters of South Bay, between the 4th St. Pier and South Bay Boat Ramp. As the kitesurfer shredded across the foamy white-cap waves, a host of bathers opted for a dip into the shallows. (Beacon Photo by Ryan West)

MCND gets 'great news'

BY RYAN WEST
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After years of working through the government channels there is a light at the end of the tunnel for one of its largest projects in recent memory for Matagorda Co. Navigation District #1.

Port Director at the Port of Palacios Blake Welborn declared 'great news' as the MCND's Maritime Administration (MARAD) Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Energy & Resilience Project had begun making headway. The Port's MARAD project would consist of bulkhead replacement in Turning Basins 1 & 2.

"The MARAD project (See MCND, Page 2)



St. Anthony's Blessing of the Fleet Friday at Port of Palacios Harbor

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, located at 1004 Magnusson, will carry-on the tradition of the Blessing of the Fleet and invites the community to join in prayer on Friday, (July 3) at 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend the special Mass where Fr. Elicer Patiño will ask God's blessing upon all the people who work in the fishing and shrimping industry. All owners, captains, crew and families are invited to attend the Mass and then proceed to the Fisherman's Memorial (Turning Basin 3) for the of the Blessing of the Fleet procession.

Lions Club primed for Fourth of July celebration

The Palacios Lions Club invites residents and visitors alike to celebrate America's birthday during its annual Independence Day Celebration on July 3-4, 2026. The two-day event will feature family-friendly entertainment, patriotic ceremonies, carnival rides, bingo, a golf cart parade, live performances, and a spectacular fireworks display over South Bay.

Festivities begin Friday, July 3, as vendors arrive throughout the day in South Bay Park. Visitors can enjoy bingo from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

at the Palacios Educational Pavilion and carnival rides from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The celebration continues Saturday, July 4, with a patriotic Decorated Golf Cart Parade beginning at Railroad Park. The parade will depart at 10:30 a.m., traveling east on Main Street to South Bayshore Drive before proceeding around the Baptist Camp and ending at the Fourth Street Pier and flagpole area. Community members are encouraged to gather at the (See LIONS, Page 2)

PPA to host grand opening of Caboose Corner on July 4th

As Palacios joins communities across the nation in celebrating America's 250th anniversary, the Palacios Preservation Association invites residents and visitors to the grand opening of Caboose Corner on Friday, July 4, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. at Railroad Park.

Made possible through support from the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) and in partnership with the City of Palacios, and Tenaris, Caboose Corner transforms a beloved piece of local history into a new heritage destination. Located beside the city's historic caboose, the outdoor exhibit tells the story of how railroads helped shape Palacios,



connecting the community to opportunity, commerce, and the wider world. Visitors will discover his- toric photographs, local stories, interactive features, and (See PPA, Page 3)



Palacios Paddling Trails kiosks now installed

Press Release Courtesy
Dr. Bonnie Benson - Palacios Paddling Trails

It finally happened – all of our Kiosks are now up! And the countdown has begun.

The Kiosks are installed at the four Palacios Paddling Trail Access Points – which are near each boat ramp at Carl Park, East Bay Park, South Bay Park, and Jensen (See KIOSKS, Page 2)

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