



Rejected: City's offer for CM declined

BY RYAN WEST
Palacios Beacon-Publisher

What once seemed like a sure thing, quickly turned into the City of Palacios' being left at the altar and its search for a new City Manager rages on.

After an exhaustive process to whittle down the list of prospective candidates to the point of offering a contract, the City of Palacios returns to drawing board in the quest to find a new leader.

The Palacios City Council approved an contract offer at the July 9 meeting to lone finalist for the vacancy, Tamela Louvier, the City Administrator at the City of Florence, Texas and presented it to her the following

day.

The City received no response from Louvier to the City's offer over the weekend, but when communication silence extended into the following Mon. and Tues. (July 13-14), confidence began to wain.

Louvier was listed on the City of Florence Council meeting agenda on July 13 for discussion in Executive Session.

Louvier finally responded to correspondence from Palacios City Attorney and interim City Manager on the morning of July 15.

In her an email to interim City Manager Aleigha Galvan obtained by the *Beacon*, Louvier extended thanks for all the 'time, communication and kindness' throughout the hiring process.

She then attempted to let the City offer down gently.

"After a great deal of thought and careful consideration, I have made the difficult decision to respectfully decline the offer for the City Manager position," Louvier wrote. "This was not an easy decision, as I have the utmost respect for the City and the people I had the privilege of meeting during the interview process."

"Please extend my sincere gratitude to the Mayor and each member of the City Council for the confidence they placed in me and for the opportunity to be considered. I truly appreciate the time they invested in getting to know me and the warm welcome they extended throughout the process. I wish the

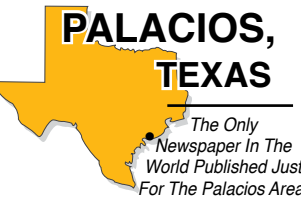
City of Palacios continued success as you move forward with selecting the right leader for your community. I have no doubt that the City has a bright future, and I am grateful to have had the opportunity to be part of the process."

After receipt of Louvier's rejection letter, Palacios Mayor Rick Cink expressed 'extreme disappointment' that Louvier turned down the post.

"She seemed so positive whenever Mayor Pro Tem Larry Glenn and I made a verbal offer to her," Cink stated. "I'm also disappointed that she did not communicate with me or Mayor Pro Tem Glenn directly that she

(See CITY, Page 3)

**WEDNESDAY
JULY 22, 2026
VOL. 119 • NO.29**



P. O. Box 817 • 310 Fifth St.
Palacios, TX 77465
(361) 972-3009
palaciosbeacon@gmail.com
www.palaciosbeacon.com

**Beacon Deadline
4:30 p.m. Friday**

Except for paid advertising, all articles, photos or other information submitted on Monday will be published on a space available basis only.

**Open 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Beacon Closed Wednesday**

Observing Our
119th
Year
1907-2026

**BEACON
BRIEFS**

**Party In the
Park Sat. at
Sanford Center**

Don't miss out at Sanford's Party in the Park on July 25, a community picnic presented by the Sanford Community Center, located at 907 8th St. Come enjoy a host of kids games and activities, local vendors, cakes, piñata and music entertainment provided by DJ Roc'N Pulido.

**Live music Fri.
& Sun. at El Maton
National Hall**

The *El Maton National Hall*, located at 565 FM 1095 in El Maton, will feature *The Emotions* at 8 p.m. on Fri. (July 24), and opens its doors every Sun. at 1 p.m., with live music from 3-5 p.m. Stop in, wet your whistle and hear some tunes.

**The Outrigger
Events presents
Dallas Burrow
Sat. at Pavilion**

The Outrigger Events presents *Dallas Burrow* at 7:30 p.m. on Sat. (July 25) at the Palacios Pavilion. For ticket information visit, www.outrigger-events.com.

**Booster Club
meets Tues. at CofC**

The Palacios Athletic Booster Club will hold its first meeting of the 2026-27 school year at 5:30 p.m. on Tues. (July 28) at the Chamber of Commerce, located at 420 Main St.



Palacios BEACON

USPS 418460

Proudly Serving The City By The Sea Since 1907

1 SECTION, 8 PAGES

\$1.00



Contruaction concrete clean up on 1st St...

CONSTRUCTION crews were busy hauling away broken up concrete from the City of Palacios' drainage project at Bethany Park. (Beacon Photo by Ryan West)

Filing begins for pair MCND#1 board seats

BY RYAN WEST
Palacios Beacon-Publisher

Filing is now underway for two seats up for grabs on the Matagorda Co. Navigation District board of commissioners in the November 3 general election.

On the ballot will be the six year-terms for Pos. 3 and Pos. 4, currently held by Commissioners Jimmy Neely and Victor Eggemeyer, respectively.

Candidate qualifications

Individuals who desire to become a candidate must: (1) Be a resident of the MCND #1 District (2) Be a freehold taxpayer of the District (3) Be a qualified elector (registered voter) of Matagorda County (4) Have never been convicted of a felony. Candidates for these offices must file a written Declaration of Candidacy during the filing period be-

(See MCND, Page 3)

Garcia appointed to Pos. 2 on PISD Board of Trustees

BY AMY LIPSCOMB
Palacios Beacon

The Palacios ISD Board of Trustees will once again be fully staffed after an appointment was made to the lone vacant seat at last week's regular monthly meeting.

The Trustees were unanimous in their approval to appoint Rafael Garcia to Pos. 2 on the Board of Trustees. Garcia takes over the seat vacated by Ron Laws, who had just defeated Luis Pina, Jr. in a reelection bid in May. Laws cited health reasons when announced his resignation from

the board in late May.

Palacios Educational Foundation in Focus

PISD Superintendent of Schools Jason Valentine opened the meeting welcoming Carolyn Kubecka, Executive Director of the Palacios Educational Foundation, to present an overview of the important work underway at the foundation. The mission of the Foundation is to partner with the community to equip our students and teachers with innovative opportunities to achieve their maximum potential. Kubecka emphasized the Palacios Educational Foundation is separate from PISD and operates as a non-profit organization to help give back to the community it serves. The foundation started in 2007 and has been providing annual student school supplies and scholarships to Palacios ISD students for many years.

The Palacios Educational Foundation generously provides a total of two \$50,000 scholarships, one to each of the PISD campuses, seventy-five \$1300 scholarships to graduating seniors as well as hosting pancake breakfasts, spaghetti suppers and offering spirit shirts for new PISD students. Debra Trammell, Vice President of the Pala-



Pictured are: (front, l-r) PISD Ed. Foundation members Debra Trammell, Yen Tran, Carolyn Kubecka, Stacy Greenawalt, Joanne Linden, Tuyen Gonzalez; (back) PISD Supt. Jason Valentine, PISD Trustees Dane Kubecka, Fabian Marroquin, Karen Botbyl, Carl Filip, Haley Garcia and Marcos Aparicio. (Beacon Photo by Amy Lipscomb)

cios Educational Foundation, spoke about the organization's future goals.

"The ultimate goal is to set up programs where teachers can apply for grants to help fund their projects" Kubecka said said.

The Foundation is working on making that future goal a reality in support of all PISD teachers.

The organization raises

funds throughout the year and their biggest fundraiser is Bingo Night which is scheduled for April 3, 2027. Looking ahead Kubecka encourages the community to make plans to participate adding the foundation is always looking for sponsorships and auction items for Bingo Night.

Funds Accepted

Two motions were con-

sidered at tonight's meeting accepting donations on behalf of Palacios ISD. The Board of Trustees accepted a \$50,000 donation from the Palacios Educational Foundation to the Palacios Junior Senior High School to be used toward the design, production, and installment of permanent school murals.

(See PISD, Page 2)

• Deadline for Articles, Classified & Display Ads 4:30 p.m. Friday •