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Calendar of Events

June

2	6 p.m.	City Council Meeting
3	6 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (if needed)
9	6 p.m.	Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting
12	6 p.m.	Senior Game Night
15	9 a.m.-4p.m.	Ultimate Slammin' Summer Day Camp – INTO THE WILD begins
16	6 p.m.	City Council Meeting
17	6 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (if needed)
26	6 p.m.	Senior Game Night

July

6	9 a.m.-4p.m.	Ultimate Slammin' Summer Day Camp – TROPICAL PARADISE begins
7	6 p.m.	City Council Meeting
8	6 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (if needed)
10	6 p.m.	Senior Game Night
14	6 p.m.	Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting
20	9 a.m.-4p.m.	Ultimate Slammin' Summer Day Camp – SPORTS OF ALL SORTS begins
21	6 p.m.	City Council Meeting
22	6 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (if needed)
24	6 p.m.	Senior Game Night

August

3	9 a.m.-4p.m.	Ultimate Slammin' Summer Day Camp – BLAST FROM THE PAST begins
4	6 p.m.	City Council Meeting
7	6 p.m.	Senior Game Night
5	6 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (if needed)
11	6 p.m.	Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting
18	6 p.m.	City Council Meeting
19	6 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (if needed)
21	6 p.m.	Senior Game Night

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publish community news that impacts
the constituency of Webster.

On the cover – Webster touts a wide variety of fun for everyone.
Images courtesy of Main Event Entertainment and Putt Putt FunHouse

A Message From the City Manager



Wayne J. Sabo

As October 1 approaches, the Mayor and City Council are focused on the Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Budget. While economic conditions dictate a tightening of the City Budget, Council's priorities remain targeted on public service and municipal programs. During the annual Council Planning Session on April 18, 2009,

Webster City Council stated its priorities for the next budget year, which include enhancing public safety services within the Fire Department, revising zoning and development ordinances to correspond with the updated Comprehensive Plan and NASA Parkway Revitalization Plan, coordinating efforts to accommodate a commuter rail depot along Highway 3 at NASA Parkway, and completing vital infrastructure projects to augment retail recruitment and development.

The major priority for next year is public safety, specifically in the Fire Department. Given that Webster's volunteer pool has dwindled, the City relies on a dedicated core of part-time, paid firefighters, many of whom work in other cities. Since the current budget allows staffing for only one manned fire station during daylight hours with night time alarms being handled on a "call-in" basis, the response times at night are twice what they are during the day. Recent reports illustrate that the number of calls at night equals the daytime alarms, which is an unacceptable condition given Webster's growth. Therefore, Council's directive is to implement 24-hour staffing for firefighters. While the Fire Department is pursuing a grant to help establish and fund permanent part-time, paid positions on a 24-hour, 7 day a week basis, the issue of public safety is so paramount that this initiative will be funded even without the grant.

Another Fire Department issue is the status of Fire Station Number 1 at Texas Avenue. The building is incapable of housing the City's ladder truck and is not up to current windstorm specifications. The Fire Department is pursuing another grant for the

construction of a new fire station next to City Hall, and the City will receive \$400,000 in Hurricane Ike Recovery funding to pay for the design of the new, hurricane-resistant station. Other potential funding sources have been identified. This new fire station will have the proper equipment on the side of town where it is most needed and enhance response times throughout the City.

Commuter rail has been a topic for much discussion, as a commuter rail line is proposed to link the City of Houston with the City of Galveston on the existing State Highway 3 rail corridor. The commuter rail initiative seeks to reduce traffic congestion on Interstate 45 and aid in evacuation of Galveston Island. Given Webster's proximity to NASA-Johnson Space Center and the myriad commercial, medical and retail venues, Webster has a high probability of having a rail depot. When the time comes, Webster is poised to take advantage of this critical development.

Economic development is vital to Webster. The City's commercial successes help to control property taxes so that Webster citizens enjoy the lowest city tax and utility rates in the region. Despite the fact that a number of businesses have closed due to economic conditions, City Staff never ceases in its business recruitment efforts. As infrastructure is a necessary prerequisite for business development, Rice Creek Lane will prove to be a key commercial corridor. The design to construct the extension of Rice Creek Lane to I-45 is being completed with funding for construction in place.

Finally, the City continues to receive mandates for new regulations from the State and Federal governments. While new regulations enhance public safety and the environment, more often than not, they arrive without the means to fund them. City Staff pledges to search ways to fund these mandates with the least amount of burden to Webster's constituency.

The challenges of 2009/2010 are many, but Webster is committed to providing stability, efficiency, progress, and responsible growth.

Wayne J. Sabo
City Manager

City of Webster 2009 General Officers' Election

The General Election for City Officers was held on May 9, 2009. One hundred and seventy-one votes were cast, and both incumbents return for a second term. Incumbent Mel Ellis was opposed by Carlos J. Villagomez and Hubert M. Cook. Ellis received a majority vote and was re-elected to Position No. 1. Incumbent Beverly Gaines was unopposed and elected to return to Position No. 2.

This will be the second term for both Councilmembers. Ellis, who has resided in Webster since 1976, was employed in the Engineering field for 35 years. Additionally, Ellis owned and operated the Stitching Post located on Highway 3. He has served as a member of the Webster Planning and Zoning Commission

for nine years, presides as a member of the Webster Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, served on the Charter Review Committee, and presided as a board member of the Webster Economic Development Corporation.

Beverly Gaines includes in her experience the following: Vice President of the Webster Economic Development Corporation, service on the Zoning Board of Adjustments, member/Chair of the Celebration Committee, President of Harris County Mayors' and Councils' Association; and member of the Webster Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. Gaines is an independent, licensed insurance professional and has been a resident of Webster since 1999.

Official Election Results

May 9, 2009 General Election

Councilmember Pos. 1	Total	Election Day	Early Voting
Carlos J. Villagomez	49	29	20
Hubert M. Cook	25	13	12
Mel Ellis	97	40	57
Councilmember Pos. 2			
Beverly Gaines	127	55	72

Recreation News

Senior Game Nights Slated for Summer

Six game nights are scheduled this summer for seniors: June 12, 26; July 10, 24; and August 7, 21. Seniors are invited to enjoy a light meal and games of Farkle, "42," Phase 10, Chickenfoot, and more at the Webster Civic Center Complex from 6 to 9:30 p.m.

Ultimate Slammin' Summer Day Camp

Campers, ages 6-12, will find each two-week session packed with activities – from arts & crafts to swimming – designed to expand knowledge, creativity, and athleticism. Each camp includes a field trip:

INTO THE WILD – June 15-26

Field trip to the Houston Zoo

TROPICAL PARADISE – July 6-17

Field trip to Moody Gardens

SPORTS OF ALL SORTS – July 20-31

Field trip to Kemah Boardwalk

BLAST FROM THE PAST – August 3-14

Field trip to the Children's Museum

Camp begins at 9 a.m. at the Texas Avenue Park, 17100 Texas Avenue, and ends at 4 p.m. Cost for the *Ultimate Slammin' Summer Day Camp* is \$40 for the first child and \$30 for each additional child for Webster residents; \$80 for the first child and \$60 for each additional child for non-residents.

For more information, call Bryan P. Morgan, Recreation Manager, at 281-316-4137.

Faces Behind the City

The Spencer brothers, Fred and Dean, recently celebrated 30 years with the Webster Fire Department.

The twin brothers were born in France and lived on the East coast for 12 years before moving to Texas in 1978 when they joined the Fire Department.

Fred Spencer has served as Webster's Fire Inspector/Investigator for the past ten years. His duties include safety inspections, plan reviews for life safety systems, fire investigations, fire safety education, and fire



Fred Spencer



Dean Spencer

suppression. Fred is certified by the State of Texas in many areas, such as fire inspector, fire investigator, structural firefighter, emergency medical technician, and peace officer.

Dean Spencer serves as Training and Safety Captain for the Webster Fire Department, a position he has held for three years. Dean presides as safety officer for fire and fire training operations. Further, Dean is a state certified structural firefighter, fire inspector, fire investigator, emergency care attendant, and peace officer.

During their off-time, both brothers enjoy boating and wake boarding. Fred also enjoys snow skiing and riding motorcycles. Fred recently obtained a new title – Grandpa.

4th of July Celebration

4th of July Parade – 10 a.m.

Prizes given for best float, golf cart/stroller, costume, and bicycle.
Call Mary Fox at 281-316-4108 for information on specific categories.
(Entries meet at 9 a.m. at the corner of Henrietta and Houston.)

Grand Marshal of the Parade – Original Webster Residents:
Jay Corbin, Martha Griffith, Betty Denman, Herb Kobayashi, and Eddie Salbara.

Webster Civic Center – 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Enjoy lunch featuring hot dogs. Activities include 42 Tournament, Bingo, and contest for Best Tasting and Best Decorated dessert.
(Contest entries due by 11 a.m.)

Outdoor Fun for Children – 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Don't miss out on the games and prizes at the Webster Recreation Building.

Texas Avenue Park – 5 p.m.

Family fun featuring bingo, petting zoo, and inflatables, free watermelon and snow cones. Food will be available for purchase from local vendors.
Don't miss the Veterans Ceremony and the Break Dancers.

Fireworks begin at 9:15 p.m.

No alcoholic beverages or pets allowed!
Texas Avenue Park will close following the fireworks.

Family Entertainment Capital

As the family entertainment capital, Webster ranks at the top for year-round, weather-proof fun. A super-regional population enjoys the impressive offerings at Webster's multi-venue entertainment attractions, theatres, skate parks and rinks, bowling, billiards, jumping, and sports centers.

Family fun is number one in Webster because the City, as the central business district of Bay Area Houston, features a compelling variety of top entertainment venues that capture both the residential and visitor population.

Main Event

Since its entrance to Webster in May 2007, Main Event Entertainment consistently touts the Webster venue as number one in the company's system,



Tag Opponents in Laser Tag

outperforming nine other Texas locations. Main Event's statistics attest to the vibrancy of Webster's prime family entertainment market and reputation as a clean, safe, and fun municipality.

Ensnconed inside Main Event is over 65,000 square feet of excitement that includes 28 bowling lanes, billiards, multi-level laser tag, 18 miniature holes of glow golf, over 100 of the latest video games, 3D motion theatre, café, giant TV screens, shuffleboard, air hockey, and full bars.

Main Event's private meeting and party rooms are exceedingly popular, too, as an average of 80 birthday parties transpire every weekend. Team building, corporate meetings, and private parties are perfect at this venue.

Within the last year, Main Event has expanded its menu offerings to



Futuristic Bowling with Laser Jam

include grilled sandwiches, salads, and smoothies, in addition to more traditional fare, like pizza, chicken strips, fajitas, and hamburgers. From a buffet-style menu to a la carte choices, Main Event customizes menus to fit guests' desires and accommodates any size group from eight people to 800. In fact, one of Main Event's special offerings includes "Rent the Event" for the ultimate party.

Main Event's slogan, "Let the Games Begin," encapsulates the celebratory theme of this exciting venue. For bowling enthusiasts, the 28 state-of-the-art lanes, with theatrical lighting and day-glow balls, along with private seating and service from Main Street Café and Shots Bar, make the bowling experience sensational.

Main Event's laser tag, a fast paced game of strategy, enables participants to don next generation equipment as they maneuver through a multi-level arena filled with glow-in-the-dark pillars, arches, passageways, and swirling fog, in an effort to "tag" opponents and overtake their base station.

Miniature golf takes on a new



Mad Wave Motion Theater

dimension at Main Event with its fluorescent graphics and adventurous settings. The 18-hole course, "Glow Golf," features unique theming that starts with underwater scenes, progresses to sports, and culminates in space.

With over 100 of the latest video, virtual, interactive, and redemption games at Main Event, the variety includes games like MaxFlight – in which players create a customized roller coaster ride in a virtual reality environment with a full 360 degree, two-axis motion platform; Dance Heads – in which up to two performers become bobble heads and create a music and dance DVD; UFO Stomper – in which players jump, run, stomp, and slide their feet to follow patterns; Mad Wave Motion Theatre – in which players immerse themselves in a fantasy roller



Exciting Glow Golf Action

coaster ride or high-speed racecar drive to feel a range of vibrations from shifting gears to a collision; Dance Machine – in which players enjoy excellent fitness benefits on a specially designed stage with step board as they synchronize moves to the latest movie hits; and XD3 Motion Theatre – in which up to six participants experience thrilling 3D motion simulated rides with on-screen action and accompanying G-Force.

Webster's Main Event is gearing up for a very busy summer season with ongoing and new promotions, such as Monday Night Madness, College Bowl Thursdays, Eat and Play Free, UFC Fight Night, and Fun on Tap.

Main Event Entertainment is owned by an Australian firm, Macquarie Leisure Trust Group, which acquired Texas' largest operator of indoor family

entertainment centers in August 2006.

Grind House

Family entertainment, “Webster style,” takes fun to a new level with the recent advent of Grind House Skatepark where skaters practice, take lessons, and compete – regardless of weather. Inside this exciting, new 15,000 square foot indoor skatepark is a mix of modern and “old school” courses, like the vintage “big bowl.” The walls surrounding Grind House’s courses are uniquely and elaborately painted or “tagged” by local artists.

While Webster is home to an extreme sports venue, Grind House offers participants and their families considerable benefits, such as air conditioned comfort, safe environment, café featuring great menu offerings, big screen TVs, video games, live DJs and bands on weekends, and private party rooms for birthdays and special events – options



Lots of Air at Grind House

that are unavailable in outdoor parks or parking lots.

Grind House Skatepark offers novice, intermediate, and advanced skaters of all ages a venue where they can excel with unlimited monthly memberships and classes, as well as a pro shop that sells decks, wheels, apparel, and accessories. In fact, one of the instructors, Nate McGlone, a professional skater since 1994, relies on Grind House to market his full line of clothing and apparel.

Parties and skateboarding coalesce at Grind House with several comprehensive packages that include party rooms with personal host, over an hour on the skate courses, pizzas, and coupons for discounted membership.

Great exercise, camaraderie, and fun transpire daily at Grind House. The



Wet and Wild Ride in Bumper Boats

courses are vigorous and challenging with configurations, such as pyramids, rainbow rails, hubba ledges, and a kidney bowl. Within this venue, skateboarding etiquette is highly visible; more experienced skaters assist and encourage beginners, while the act of taking turns and exhibiting courtesy is the norm. Indeed, Grind House is a skate haven with great sound equipment, ambiance, and menu offerings.

One of the driving forces behind Grind House’s inception and considerable investment by Owner Merlina Porter was a Webster location. Porter attests to the numerous, compelling factors for choosing Webster: central location, business-friendly city, neighboring restaurants and retailers at Clear Lake Center, and vibrant market that attracts a significant population base.

Plenty of action is slated for the summer, as Grind House opens daily at 10 a.m. The skate park will host its inaugural competition in late June, and a four-day summer camp for all ages is scheduled for the second week of July.

Putt-Putt FunHouse

For the past 30 years, Putt-Putt FunHouse has been delivering memorable family fun to a super-regional residential



Roller Coaster Ride on the MaxFlight Simulator

base and a significant visitor population. Putt-Putt FunHouse’s attractions and offerings continually evolve and grow to keep pace with the latest entertainment technology and inventions, as well as an expanding market population.

For year-round, daily fun, Putt-Putt FunHouse presents unique, comprehensive entertainment that includes 54 holes of Putt-Putt golf, two giant game rooms featuring the latest in video and redemption games, bumper boats, multi-level Lazer Runner laser tag, 3D motion theater, rock climbing wall, Highway 66 Bowling, Wild and Crazy Karaoke, Kid’s Space – an interactive child’s play area, FunHouse Café, and themed private birthday party rooms.

Putt-Putt FunHouse is unique in that the venue incorporates fun house components that are participatory and unusual, such as morphing mirrors, optical illusions, brain teaser art, slanted



Running Battle in Lazer Runner Laser Tag

walls, vortex hallway with air blaster, puzzle gate, infinity mirror, and much more. Owners Jim and Carol Saxe’s personalities are embedded in this one-of-a-kind attraction – they love children and relish providing an exciting, interactive, fun environment that they and their families can enjoy; they ascribe to the value of creating and sustaining a wholesome, family-oriented venue that appeals to all; and they believe in Webster.

One of the most popular activities since the venue’s inception is Putt-Putt golf, where the three 18-hole courses are rated “number one” by the *Houston Chronicle’s Chron.com* and among the top five in the nation. Miniature golf, considered America’s favorite entertainment sport, is both energizing and relaxing at Putt-Putt FunHouse where the courses

are awarded “best maintained” in the United States.

For more intense activity, Egyptian-themed laser tag offers an interactive “Lazer Runner” experience where 15-to-20 players don special high-tech vests and are equipped with laser phasers, as they maneuver inside a 6,000 square foot, multi-level arena.

Rock climbing is a challenging attraction at Putt-Putt FunHouse with five climbing areas that span over 22 feet tall for climbers of all ages and abilities. With “real rock” construction, climbers can test their skills and compete for best times. The most difficult course is aptly entitled “Mt. Everest,” which entails navigating a tricky wall with dips that forces climbers to rely on upper body strength.

For a wild and wet ride, bumper boats offer great excitement. Putt-Putt FunHouse is the only venue in the region to feature this exhilarating activity.



Nothing but Net while Shooting Hoops

Within a 140,000 gallon pool, 15 bumper boats await “captains” to bump and splash their way amid great fun.

The latest video arcade games, along with traditional favorites, abound in an expansive space-themed game room. From Stock Car Challenge 2, Jumpin’ Jackpot, and Haunted House, to Highway 66 Bowling, and Ice Ball, Putt-Putt features an exciting, interactive, and comprehensive array of video, redemption, and arcade games.

For an exhilarating, 3D motion adventure, the XD theatre provides five minutes of intense fun. The special action-packed videos, like Haunted Mine, have participants gripping their seats, as they encounter hair-raising challenges.

Birthday parties and special events are most popular at Putt-Putt FunHouse



Climb the Highest Peaks in the World

where 30+ parties transpire every weekend in five themed party rooms. Each of the party rooms is special, and the largest one – the Jungle Room – can hold up to 55 people. Putt-Putt FunHouse parties offer many packages, all with a party entertainer who will personalize the event.

The FunHouse Café dishes up a variety of fabulous family cuisine, including pizza, hot sandwiches on ciabatta bread, famous Greek salads, smoothies, and ice cream. The Café, with its unique fun house accoutrements, can accommodate up to 192 guests.

Coming soon to Putt-Putt FunHouse will be additional Highway 66 bowling lanes, Ballocity – two levels of slides, bridges, and action amid 50,000 foam balls where parents can play with their children, and ultra-exciting bumper cars. Putt-Putt is adding 7,000 square feet of fun, which is slated to be completed by the end of November 2009.

More Family Fun

For year-round, family fun, Webster is the family entertainment destination. The youngest crowd revels at Jump N Jungle and Monkey ‘N Around – both indoor children’s play and party facilities



High Speed Air Hockey Action

with large inflatable structures that include giant slides, jumpers, mazes, and obstacle courses. Whereas Monkey ‘N Around caters to infants, toddlers, and children up to the age of 6, Jump N Jungle is geared toward children and adults of all ages. Both venues provide guests with exciting programs and party packages.

The Sports House, with its 22,000 square foot state-of-the-art athletic training facility, complete with party room and arcade, offers training programs for youth in baseball, softball, volleyball, and basketball, as well as a nationally-acclaimed “SoccerTots” program for younger children. The Sports House features a variety of programs, like summer camp, boot camp, baseball camp, basketball camp, and speed and agility training.

Bowling, skating, and movies complete the daily, year-round family fun enter-



Celebrate Every Birthday in Special Party Rooms

tainment offerings in Webster. AMF Alpha Lanes features a variety of leagues and special events, such as Xtreme Bowling with an adventure of lights, music, bowling challenges, amid great food and beverages. Parties are a big success at AMF Alpha Lanes and Fun City Sk8 & Play, which offers rollerskating, games, and competitions.

Movie fans within a super-regional market make Webster their destination. Cinemark, with 18 screens, stadium seating, and restaurant, along with Star Cinema Grill, with theatre dining concept, including beverage service, both offer the latest releases daily, while Premiere NASA Dollar 8 features second-run movies at bargain prices.

For year-round fun, Webster captures the market for family entertainment.

Yards of the Month



April – Business

Edgewater Entrance Tower – 100 Water Street



May – Business

The Preserve – 444 Medical Center Blvd.



April – Residential

Robyn Oxley – 207 Slossen St.



May – Residential

Ken & Camille Goodwin – 894 Kings Gate

Hurricane Season begins June 1

While Hurricane Ike was a costly event for Gulf Coast residents, the City of Webster learned many lessons from this hurricane and is prepared to be more efficient, as hurricane season commences.

Emergency Registration System: The 2-1-1 system has proven effective for several years, so before a storm threatens the area, residents with special healthcare or transportation needs are encouraged to call 2-1-1, where operators will register callers. The 2-1-1 list is updated and procedures are added to anticipate ambulance needs.

Electrical Power: An electrical liaison has been identified and added to the Webster Emergency Operations Center Staff to track electrical outages and directly coordinate with power teams in the field to ensure priorities are met in the City.

Webster's Radio Station: The City of Webster maintains radio station 1610 AM, so in the event of an emergency, tune to 1610 AM for information and instructions. During non-emergency situations, the station broadcasts general community information.

Connect CTY: Residents and businesses are encouraged to register

for Connect CTY, a free, vitally important service that enables residents and businesses to be notified quickly of an emergency, such as a mandatory evacuation order. Constituents are encouraged to adhere to mandatory evacuation orders from Webster officials.

Emergency Supplies: Maintain adequate supplies to survive for at least three days. If possible, keep supplies in an easily accessible, separate container or special cupboard, and indicate to household members that these supplies are for emergencies only. Check expiration dates of food and update kits periodically. Also, maintain at least a half tank of fuel in vehicles.

Essential Records: Compile and maintain essential records. In the event of evacuation, copies of these documents are most useful, such as banking information, birth records, contracts, leases, driver's license, insurance, medical history, pet records, income tax records, inventory of personal property, marriage certificate, and vehicle title.

Webster's Website: For more information and emergency updates, visit the City of Webster's website at www.cityofwebster.com.

Easter Hop-pennings



EGG-CITING fun in Walnut Park

The annual Webster Easter Egg Hunt kicked-off on April 11 at Walnut Park. Children and seniors hunted for eggs. Each group found prize eggs and had the opportunity for a photo and visit with the Easter Bunny.

Community Development – Building a Better City

Planning and Zoning



L to R – Erich Pen, Tommy Riehl, Susan Raeihle, Helen Warren, Sandy Ducharme, James Stewart

BOAT Award

Each year, the Building Officials of Texas Association (BOAT) recognizes cities for professionalism and outstanding contributions to the building profession and the community. For 2009, the City of Webster received the Award of Excellence for Small Cities.

James Stewart, Chief Building Official, stated that the City of Webster was chosen to receive the Award because of its dedication to building safety and to the protection of life, health, and property by the Staff of the Building Department. Stewart added, "Without them and their efforts, the Award would not have been possible."

Code Enforcement

Susan Raeihle, Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Webster, was recently named as one of nine finalists for the title of American Association of Code Enforcement (AACE) Code Enforcement Officer of the Year.

James A. Stewart, Chief Building Official for the City of Webster, said, "Susan tirelessly demonstrates efficiency, effectiveness and professionalism in her duties." Describing Raeihle as focused and organized with excellent customer service skills, Stewart continued, "The citizens and business owners in the City of Webster know that they can count on Susan to help them in resolving any Code Enforcement issues."

Raeihle, who serves as the sole Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Webster, annually responds to over 3,100 calls and performs over 2,900 inspections. Of the nearly 500 letters of code violations issued, 95% were resolved within two weeks.



L to R – Leo Waltz, Troy Stewart, Marlene Eakman-Herbst, Frank Moreno, Travis Tanner, Keith Tucker

The City of Webster's Planning and Zoning Commission's mission is to guide growth and development in the City by making recommendations to City Council regarding the Comprehensive Plan, zoning decisions, and proposed subdivisions. The Commission consists of a dedicated group of five volunteers, chaired by Leo Waltz.

Recently, the Commission met for a training session, initiated by City Planner Travis Tanner, to review plans and discuss subdivision regulations, in an effort to remain apprised of City ordinances, new statutes, and the City's updated Comprehensive Plan.

40th Anniversary of Lunar Landing



"Houston, Tranquility Base here, the Eagle has landed."

On July 20, 1969, the Lunar Module "Eagle" landed at Sea of Tranquility, ushering in a new era of space exploration. Commander Neil Armstrong and Lunar Module Pilot Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin spent the next 21 hours on the Moon carrying out a series of planned activities – deployment of experiments, collection of lunar samples, and photographing the events.

The two lunar explorers rejoined Command Module Pilot Michael Collins aboard the "Columbia" and returned to Earth, with 46 lbs. of Moon rocks, less than 200 hours after launch.

Webster, the Aerospace Capital of the Southwest, with its strong contingency of NASA contractors and partnership with Space Center Houston, celebrate this historic event.

Public Meeting Notes

January 6, 2009 Regular Council Meeting

- Chief Ray Smiley recognized Officer Daniel Robolledo, Handler, and the City's K-9, Igor. Igor has successfully completed three tracks and 11 car searches which has resulted in a total of 12 arrests.
- Approved purchase of a backhoe for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$76,850. (Unanimous)
- Approved not to amend the distance requirements and monitor clubs for compliance with existing noise ordinance. (Unanimous)
- Approved an amendment to the Water and Wastewater Agreement between the City of League City and the City of Webster. (Unanimous)
- Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 2, 2008. (Unanimous)

January 20, 2009 Regular Council Meeting

- Director of Public Works Shannon Hicks presented an award to Water Operators Harry Bookout and Mike Norman for their efforts in obtaining the TCEQ Award of the Total Coliform Rule Program Award 2007.
- Held a public hearing to receive public comments on the City of Webster Comprehensive Plan Update.
- Held a public hearing to receive public comments on the NASA Parkway Revitalization Plan.
- Approved the high bid of \$114,900 from Kevin Lee and Ngan Vin for Lot 55, Green Acres Subdivision, Harris County, Texas. (Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz)
- Approved and authorized the Mayor to execute an agreement to participate in an Advertising/Marketing Program with Space Center Houston. (Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz)
- Approved the first reading of an ordinance adopting the Comprehensive Plan Update. (Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz)
- Approved the first reading of an ordinance adopting the NASA Parkway Revitalization Plan. (Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz)
- Received a report, held a discussion, and directed staff to proceed with completion of the project bid design package for FM 270 Park and table it until additional funding mechanisms can be determined. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Donehue, Waltz. Against: Gaines)
- Approved the first reading of an ordinance amending the City's Code of Ordinances by repealing Chapter 30 Emergency Services Article II, "Alarm Systems". (Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz)
- Approved and authorized the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Forest Bend Volunteer Fire Department for dispatching services provided by the Webster Police Department. (Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz)
- Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Jan. 6, 2009.
- Excused Mayor Myers and Councilmember Dolan's absence. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue. Abstain: Waltz)

February 3, 2009 Regular Council Meeting

- Approved the second reading of an ordinance adopting the Comprehensive Plan Update. (For: Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Dolan, Rogers. Abstain: Myers)
- Approved the second reading of an ordinance adopting the NASA Parkway Revitalization Plan. (For: Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Dolan, Rogers. Abstain: Myers)
- Authorized the Mayor to execute a revised Engagement Letter with Belt Harris and Associates, LLLP for the performance of professional auditing services, including a Single Audit if necessary, for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2008, 2009, and 2010 in the amounts of \$8,599, \$9,180, and \$9,915, if needed. (Unanimous)
- Accepted the Investment Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2008. (Unanimous)
- Approved the first reading of an ordinance amending the City's Code of Ordinances by repealing Chapter 30 Emergency Services Article II, "Alarm Systems." (Unanimous)
- Authorized the Police Department to reorganize its

Administrative Division. (Unanimous)

- Approved a resolution calling a General Municipal Election to be held on May 9, 2009, for the purpose of electing two councilmembers. (Unanimous)
- Approved a resolution declaring March 16-20, 2009, and September 28-October 2, 2009 as "Webster Clean Up Week," offering and agreeing to haul off disposable articles from residents free of charge. (Unanimous)
- Directed Staff to determine a mutual date convenient to the consultants and Council regarding holding a workshop on the Drainage Fee Study and the Water Rate Design Study.
- Approved waiving pet registration fees during the City of Webster's Animal Control event, Pet Health Safety Day, on March 7, 2009. (Unanimous)
- Directed Staff to meet with the developer to negotiate two points of dispute in the agreement and the Mayor to attend meetings regarding a scope change, a reallocation of funding and amendments to the Development Agreement and Utility Agreement between the City of Webster the Webster Economic Development Corporation and Cherokee Webster Development, L.P. for the Edgewater Project. (Unanimous)
- Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 20, 2009. (Unanimous)

February 17, 2009 Regular Council Meeting

- Mayor Myers presented a proclamation to Peter Wentzel recognizing Communities in Schools – Bay Area.
- Mayor Myers presented a proclamation to Norm Miller recognizing IHOP's National Pancake Day (Shriners Hospital)
- Mayor Myers presented a proclamation to Stephen Glasco and Paulina Urbanowicz recognizing Clear Lake High School Soundwaves.
- Approved the second reading of an ordinance amending the City's Code of Ordinances by repealing Chapter 30 Emergency Services Article II, "Alarm Systems". (Unanimous)
- Appointed Donna Rogers, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the City of Webster Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1 (TIRZ) for the term ending January 1, 2010 by acclamation. (Unanimous)
- Accepted the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2008. (Unanimous)
- Approved a scope change, a reallocation of funding and amendments to the Development Agreement and Utility Agreement between the City of Webster, the Webster Economic Development Corporation and Cherokee Webster, L.P. for the Edgewater Project as presented in the Developer's amended agreement. (For: Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Dolan, Rogers. Against: Myers)
- Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 3, 2009. (Unanimous)

March 3, 2009 Regular Council Meeting

- Council directed Staff to pursue implementing a drainage fee.
- Council directed Staff to bring back an action item for implementation of the utility rate study for Council consideration.
- Council approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 17, 2009. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Dolan)
- Excused Councilmember Rogers's absence. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Dolan. Abstain: Waltz)

March 17, 2009 Regular Council Meeting

- City Manager Wayne Sabo recognized Fire Chief Patrick Shipp for completing the National Fire Academy's "Executive Fire Officer Program."
- Waived the civic center rental fee, but approved charging a deposit for the dates of Monday, November 16, 2009; 12-3 p.m. and Tuesday, November 17, 2009; 2-7 p.m. for the Volunteer Bay Area Houston. (For: Myers, Ellis, Donehue, Waltz. Abstain: Gaines)
- Received a report regarding the City's new emergency notification system, Connect-CTY.
- Approved and authorized the Mayor to execute an Interlocal

- Agreement for Law Enforcement Services between the Webster Police Department and Clear Creek Independent School District (CCISD) (Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz)
- Accepted the 2008 Racial Profiling Report for the Webster Police Department. (Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz)
- Approved and authorized the Mayor to execute an Interagency Agreement with Harris County for construction improvements on Bay Area Boulevard from I.H. 45 to S.H. 3. (Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz)
- Approved a resolution confirming the acceptance of five-year utility rate design structure. (For: Ellis Gaines, Donehue, Waltz. Against: Myers)
- Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 3, 2009. (Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz)

April 7, 2009 Regular Council Meeting

- John Brown, Building Official for City of West University and BOAT Board of Directors member, presented the BOAT Award to Building Department Staff.
- Director of Finance and Administration Mike Rodgers announced that the City of Webster received the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Award.
- Approved request from The Clear Lake Arts Alliance for Hotel Occupancy Tax Funding (Unanimous)
- Approved request from Ballunar Lifftoff Festival for Hotel Occupancy Tax Funding. (Unanimous)
- Approved request from Bay Area Houston Ballet for Hotel Occupancy Tax Funding. (Unanimous)
- Approved request from Bay Area Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau for Hotel Occupancy Tax Funding. (Unanimous)
- Approved request from Space Center Houston for Hotel Occupancy Tax Funding. (Unanimous)
- Approved request from Wings Over Houston Airshow for Hotel Occupancy Tax Funding. (Unanimous)
- Appointed William P. Coleman as one regular member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals for an unexpired term ending June 30, 2010. (Unanimous)
- Approved the NASA Parkway Plaza Final Plat. (Unanimous)
- Authorized the Mayor to execute an agreement between Harris County and the City of Webster for the participation in the application and distribution of Hurricane Ike disaster Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. (Unanimous)
- Approved and authorized the Mayor to execute an Interlocal Contractual Agreement concerning a Breath Alcohol Technical Supervisor. (Unanimous)
- Approved and authorized the Mayor to execute an agreement with Harris County for election equipment and related services for the May 9, 2009, City election and any related subsequent election. (Unanimous)
- Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 17, 2009. (Unanimous)
- Excused the absences of Councilmembers Donna Rogers and Natalie Dolan at the March 17, 2009 City Council Meeting. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Dolan, Rogers. Abstain: Waltz)

April 18, 2009 Special Council Meeting

- Held a workshop for the annual City Council/Staff Planning Session.

April 21, 2009 Regular Council Meeting

- Approved the first reading of an ordinance adopting a drought contingency plan. (Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Rogers)
- Approved the first reading of an ordinance altering the prima facie speed limit established for vehicles on NASA Road 1, aka – NASA Bypass. (Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Rogers)
- Approved a resolution adopting an identity theft prevention program. (Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Rogers)
- Accepted the Investment Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2009. (Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Rogers)
- Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 7, 2009
- Excused the absence of Mayor Myers and Councilmember Natalie Dolan. (For: Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Rogers. Abstain: Waltz)

City Officials

Mayor: Floyd Myers.....	281.332.1826
Council Position No. 1: Melvin Ellis.....	281.332.1826
Council Position No. 2: Beverly Gaines.....	281.332.1826
Council Position No. 3: Mel Donehue.....	281.332.1826
Council Position No. 4: Steve Waltz.....	281.332.1826
Council Position No. 5: Natalie Dolan.....	281.332.1826
Council Position No. 6: Donna Rogers.....	281.332.1826



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City Offices – 101 Pennsylvania Ave.

City Hall Main Switchboard.....	281.332.1826
EMERGENCY Ambulance-Fire-Police.....	9-1-1
Police Department (Non-Emergency) 217 Pennsylvania Ave.....	281.332.2426
Fire Department (Non-Emergency).....	281.332.2711
Fire Station #1 17100 Texas Avenue.....	281.332.2711
Fire Station #2 18208 Egret Bay Blvd.....	281.332.2711
Fire Marshal 18208 Egret Bay Blvd.....	281.332.2711
City Manager.....	281.332.1826
City Secretary.....	281.332.1826
City Planner.....	281.316.4122
Community Development Director.....	281.316.4113
Economic Development Director.....	281.316.4116
Economic Development Specialist.....	281.316.4135
Human Resources (Personnel).....	281.332.1826
Municipal Court.....	281.338.6702
Marketing and Tourism.....	281.316.4121
Public Works Service Center.....	281.316.3700

City Services

Animal Control.....	281.316.3700
Building Permits.....	281.338.2925
City Trash Hauling.....	281.316.3700
Civic Center Rental.....	281.316.4114
Code Enforcement.....	281.316.4106
Republic Services (residential).....	281.446.2030
Republic Services (commercial).....	713.849.0400
Tickets - To Pay By Credit Card.....	281.338.6702
Utility Billing.....	281.316.4120
Water/Sewer Line Breaks.....	281.316.3700

Government Services

Clear Lake City Water Authority.....	281.488.1164
Clear Lake Courthouse Annex.....	281.486.7250
Harris County Tax Office.....	713.224.1919
Harris County Public Health.....	713.439.6000
Poison Control (UTMB).....	800.222.1222
Texas Dept. of Public Safety (Drivers License).....	281.486.8242
U.S. Post Office, 17077 Texas Avenue.....	281.316.0379

Telephone & Utility Services

AT&T.....	800.464.7928
CenterPoint Energy.....	281.534.4569
Comcast.....	800.776.9993
Reliant Energy.....	713.207.7777
Verizon.....	800.483.4000

Community Services

Bay Area Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau.....	281.338.0333
Bay Area Turning Point Hotline.....	281.286.2525
Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce.....	281.488.7676
Clear Lake City-County Freeman Branch Library.....	281.488.1906
Innovative Alternatives.....	832.864.6000
Interfaith Caring Ministries.....	281.332.3881



City Council

Standing – From Left

Mel Donehue
Council Position 3

Melvin Ellis
Council Position 1

Beverly Gaines
Council Position 2

Natalie Dolan
Council Position 5

Donna Rogers
Council Position 6

Steve Waltz
Council Position 4

Seated
Floyd H. Myers
Mayor