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COVER – Webster's potent tourism quotient is on the rise, and new hotels are underway, due to strategic positioning, economic growth, strong industry sectors, top-rated attractions, and complementary retail, dining, and entertainment venues.

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# The Mayor's Report – Webster's Tourism Quotient

by Donna Rogers



Donna Rogers, Mayor

Within Webster's 6.7 square mile footprint, there are 18 hotels with several more planned. A city this size would not feature this many hotels without consistently high occupancy rates and a steadily increasing tourism population—leisure and business—to support the addition of more properties. There are a number of reasons why Webster's tourism quotient is on the rise—strategic positioning midway between downtown Houston and Galveston, economic growth in the form of new commercial construction, strong industry sectors, top-rated attractions, and complementary retail, dining, and entertainment venues.

## *Tourists Bring Dollars*

Tourism is an important industry sector for the City, as it drives business activity, employment, and tax revenues—sales tax, property tax, and hotel occupancy tax. An overnight visitor in Webster spends, on average, between \$125 to \$200 daily on food, beverages, lodging, shopping, and entertainment/recreation. This figure can be compared to statistics compiled by the State of Texas for 2014, which revealed that out of state, overnight leisure travelers to Texas stayed an average of 3.4 nights and spent \$114 per person daily. Tourism is such a powerful economic engine for Webster in that visitors infuse money into the City that originates from outside the municipality. The opportunity to attract visitors who spend their “new, outside, uncirculated” money is impactful for area attractions, like Space Center Houston, just as it is for hotels, retailers,

restaurants, entertainment venues, convenience stores, and municipalities.

## *Strategic Positioning*

Webster's tourism quotient capitalizes on its positioning along the Interstate 45 corridor—the backbone of Texas. This primary artery that accommodates 250,000 vehicles daily accounts for a mammoth drive-in market—including millions of visitors annually who drive from the top-ranked Dallas/Fort Worth market—the number one most concentrated point of origin for Texas travelers accessing the Bay Area Houston-Galveston area—followed by Austin, San Antonio, and Harlingen. As tourism is big business, the State of Texas' Department of Economic Development and Tourism publishes statistics on travel demographics and ranks the Houston-Galveston Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) as number one out of 26 Texas MSAs for total visits to Texas. The allure of Galveston beaches is especially significant to the leisure market who resides approximately four drive hours away in Dallas/Fort Worth, just as the opportunity to visit Space Center Houston—NASA's Official Visitors Center—is a huge draw. For the business visitor, flight time from Dallas to nearby Hobby Airport is approximately 44 minutes, accompanied by the convenience of a south-side, inner-city, international airport with easy Interstate 45 access. As the Port of Galveston ranks as the nation's fourth busiest cruise port, accommodating over a million passengers annually, the path to the Port, just like Galveston Beach destinations, is via the Gulf Freeway—I-45, through Webster.

New commercial construction transpiring in the region has a profound effect on Webster's tourism quotient. Corporate teams who plan, build, and open stores, as well as hire and

train new employees, command an extensive number of hotel rooms for extended periods. And, with those hotel accommodations, visitors dine, shop, and seek entertainment—all of which augment Webster's economy. The many new businesses at Magnolia Court Business Park, Baybrook Mall, area chemical plants, and distribution centers, along with expansion within the medical and aerospace sectors, drive a steady stream of overnight visitors to Webster. New commercial construction continues to proliferate, as the destination development and Odyssey Business Park will accommodate a large number of new businesses, just as regional growth at Ellington Airport, Hobby Airport, The Reserve at Clear Lake City, Lago Mar in Texas City, warehouse/distribution facilities at Bayport, new and expanding terminals and distribution centers at the Houston Ship Channel, and new manufacturing plants in Pasadena and La Porte, in conjunction with more medical offices and aerospace contracts, translate into “heads in Webster beds” and vigorous, highly beneficial visitor activity.

## *Complementary Sectors*

For Webster, much of its tourism prowess emanates from and feeds its flourishing industry sectors—retail,



While Webster features six hotels along Bay Area Boulevard, West Texas Avenue is rapidly becoming “hotel row,” as this scenic corridor accommodates the exceptional Staybridge Suites, Hilton Garden Inn, and Home2 Suites, and, coming in 2018, Fairfield Inn and Suites.



Medical tourism is on the rise, as visitors from as far away as China seek world-class healthcare within the medical center of the south, amid area amenities and easy access from three airports. Houston Physicians Hospital and Bay Area Regional Medical Center are renowned as top-tier hospitals.

dining, entertainment, medical, and aerospace. Visitors are drawn to the top-performing furniture, jewelry, home goods, sporting goods, specialty, and discount retailers in the region, state, and, even the nation, in some instances. Just as Ashley Furniture and James Avery at Baybrook Gateway constitute the number one performing locations in Texas, Academy Sports + Outdoors is number one in the nation, which includes over 200 stores in 15 states. Too, Webster's Chuy's, La Madeleine, and Twin Peaks are number one in the United States. Prior to Las Vegas' recent May 2016 opening of TopGolf, Webster's TopGolf, which opened November 2015, performed at the top of its vibrant chain. The City features over 25 retail centers and more than 100 restaurants and entertainment venues—all of which augment Webster's potent tourism quotient.

### *Medical and Space Tourism*

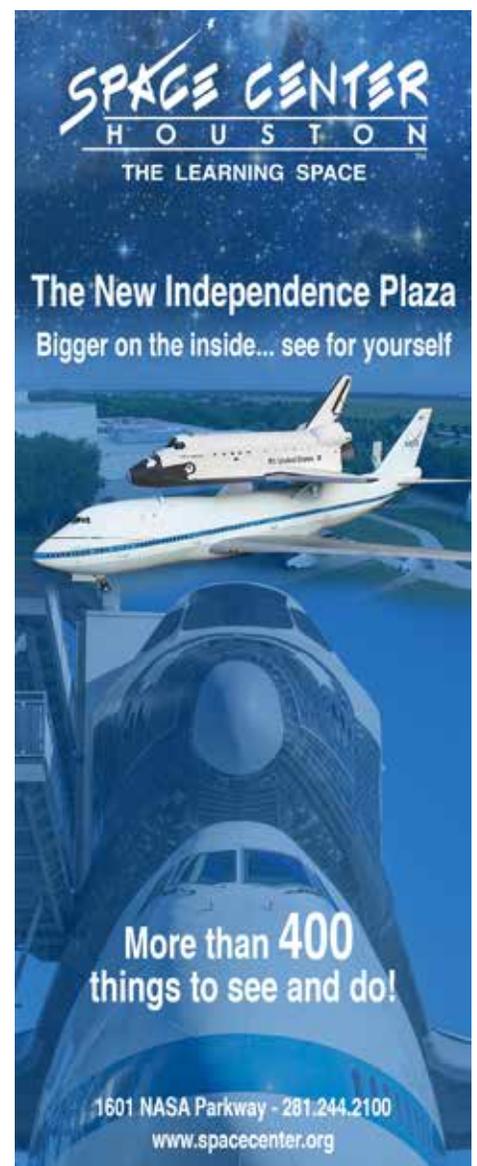
As the medical center of the south and the human space exploration capital of the United States, a significant number of visitors accompany these accolades. Webster's medical center, which touts four full-service hospitals, two long-term acute care hospitals, three rehabilitation hospitals, and the only hospital south of Houston's medical center to offer a Level II trauma center, pediatric and neonatal intensive

care, and Full Cycle II chest pain center, accommodates a medical service area population of 1,800,000. Medical tourism is escalating, as international visitors from China, especially, seek world-class healthcare in Webster.

Webster's aerospace sector, led by NASA and innovative companies, like NanoRacks, Ad Astra Rocket Company, TracLabs, Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Stinger Ghaffarian Technologies, and Airbus, fuel the City's tourism quotient by way of training seminars, workshops, conferences, global trade, and partnerships.

### *Award Winning Partnership*

Webster's tourism quotient is profoundly impacted by its 16-year partnership with the region's top attraction. The relationship that Webster enjoys with Space Center Houston, NASA's Official Visitors Center and Smithsonian affiliate, is both unique and invaluable, as it enables the municipality to align itself with a major attraction, along with famous brands, companies, and popular culture icons. The allure of space exploration and space history, coupled with NASA's worldwide recognition and appeal, drives nearly a million visitors annually to Space Center Houston and accounts for 40% of Webster's hotel activity. Space Center Houston promotes Webster hotels on its website, social media, and



Space Center Houston, the region's top tourist attraction, celebrates a 16-year partnership with the City of Webster.



Mayor Donna Rogers joins Webster's largest hotel developer and operator, Dr. Vic Patel, Lodgic Hospitality, who opened his first hotel at 506 West Bay Area Boulevard in 1998 – The Hampton Inn and Suites. Home2 Suites will open early 2017.

marketing collateral, just as it places educational, special event, and group business in the City's hotels. Webster's retail, dining, and entertainment venues benefit, too, from the municipality's promotional partnership with NASA's Official Visitors Center, whose travel demographics reveal that 82% of visitors are from outside the Greater Houston Metropolitan Statistical area, and 75% are first-time visitors.

International visitors are up 34% over the prior year and hail predominantly from Mexico and Canada.

*Continued Growth*

Webster features 18 hotels with nearly 1,600 guest rooms. Hotel occupancy continues to rise in Webster—up 22% from 2013 to 2014 and up 7% from 2014 to 2015. The Fairfield Inn and Suites, a Marriott

flag, is in the planning stage for 401 West Texas Avenue, an artery that is rapidly becoming “hotel row,” as it intersects with both Bay Area Boulevard and Highway 3, and features the Hilton Garden Inn, Home2 Suites, and Staybridge Suites – three premier hotels. The Fairfield Inn and Suites will tout 80 keys, a conference hall, and indoor pool. Also, Tru, a Hilton brand, is in the planning stage for Rogers Court, inside Baybrook Commons, adjacent to the Holiday Inn Express. Both of these new hotels are projected to open in 2018.

Within the leisure segment, tourism growth is attributed to the City's partnership with Space



Space Center Houston's new fall exhibit, Astronaut, presented by the City of Webster, launches a new level of space training.

Center Houston, whose new exhibit, Independence Plaza, continues to drive visitor counts and hotel room activity. In the business segment, Webster hotels accommodate growing numbers within the medical, aerospace, retail, light industrial, specialty chemical, and life sciences sectors. Workshops, training events, conferences, and travel associated with development of new office, retail, dining, and entertainment projects continue to be drivers for the business segment. As this regional hospitality market is considered one of the top ten in the United States for volume, it is in an expansion mode to keep pace with demand.

Tourism is a powerful economic engine for Webster in that visitors infuse money into the City that originates from the outside. Too, tourism is an employment, property tax, sales tax, and hotel tax generator.



Dr. Vic Patel chose Webster for his hotel operations headquarters, Lodgic Hospitality. The 10,000 SF corporate facility, located at 601 West Texas Avenue, opened in early 2016 and serves as operations for a growing hospitality company with ten hotels open, four under construction, and two in the planning stage, including Tru, at Baybrook Commons. Mayor Donna Rogers joins (from left) Douglas Bradley, Dr. Vic Patel, Carlos Sierra, Viraj Patel, Amit Patel, and Dee Northcutt.

# Plan for the Holidays with Webster Venues

As the holiday season approaches, Webster's array of restaurants, entertainment venues, and hotels that offer special event space is extensive. For private parties, corporate functions, group events, or special gatherings with family and friends, Webster features over 30 venues that make special occasions enjoyable, worry-free, memorable, and delicious.

There are several categories of venues, depending on the number of guests. For large events, Topgolf hosts events for up to 1,000 people, and Putt-Putt Fun House accommodates up to 620, just as the Webster Civic Center hosts 300, or Holiday Inn and Hilton Garden Inn seat up to 200 guests. Main Event offers the opportunity to "rent the event" for large groups, as does Cinemark. Las Haciendas' party room serves up great cuisine, drinks, and entertainment for 120 people, and TopGolf has multiple special event rooms for up to 200 guests.

For smaller functions, restaurants like Cheddar's, Rudy's, Pappas Seafood House, Franca's, and Mamacita's have private rooms, along with terrific menu offerings and amenities.

Holiday parties can be readily customized and themed with the number of unique special event venues in Webster.



Holiday Inn's banquet room can readily accommodate weddings, corporate events, and parties for 200 guests.



Las Haciendas' private party room, a separate room attached to the restaurant, can accommodate 120 guests with signature drinks, superb cuisine, and live music.



## Budgetel Inn

904 E NASA Pkwy - 281.333.3737  
www.budgetel.com – Meeting room for up to 20.



## Cheddars Casual Café

21001 Gulf Frwy - 281.332.3400  
www.cheddars.com – Special event room for up to 44.



## Chuy's Mexican Food

20975 Gulf Frwy - 281.554.2489 www.chuys.com  
Special event room for up to 50.



## Cinemark 18

20915 Gulf Frwy - 281.332.0951  
www.cinemark.com – Auditoriums for 175-485.



## Comfort Suites

16931 N Texas Ave - 281.554.5400  
www.choicehotels.com – Meeting room for up to 100.



## Extended Stay Deluxe Hotel

720 W Bay Area Blvd - 281.338.7711  
www.extendedstayhotels.com – Meeting room for 30.



## Franca's Real Italian Restaurant

1101 E NASA Pkwy - 281.488.2207  
www.franca'srealitalian.com - Private room for up to 65.



## Hampton Inn & Suites

506 W Bay Area Blvd - 281.332.7952  
www.hamptoninn.com – Meeting rooms for 50 or 70.



## Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet

155 W. Bay Area Blvd - 832.932.5795  
Private room for up to 60.



## Hilton Garden Inn

750 W Texas Ave - 281.332.6284  
www.hiltongardeninn.com – Ballroom for up to 200.



## Holiday Inn

302 W Bay Area Blvd - 281.335.627  
www.holidayinn.com – Meeting and banquet space for up to 200.



## Holiday Inn Express

900 Rogers Ct - 281.316.9750  
www.holidayinnexpress.com – Meeting space for 100.



## LaQuinta Inn & Suites

520 W Bay Area Blvd - 281.554.5290  
www.laquinta.com – Meeting room for up to 30.



## Las Haciendas Mexican Bar & Grill

1020 W NASA Pkwy – 281.557.3500  
www.lashaciendasgrill.com – Special event room for 120.



## Lupe Tortilla Mexican Restaurant

891 W Bay Area Blvd - 281.338.2711  
www.lupetortilla.com – Special event room for up to 20.



## Main Event Entertainment

1125 Magnolia Ave - 281.332.4500  
www.mainevent.com – Up to 200 or "Rent the Event"



Topgolf offers a variety of spectacular event space options, including "Signature Rooms" that accommodate 200 guests, "Rooftop Terrace" for 150 guests, "North/South Signature Rooms" for 100 guests, "Lower Lounge" for 75 guests, and "Conference Room" for 12 guests. Expect extraordinary cuisine, signature drinks, and outstanding service, as Topgolf offers a great venue for holiday parties, corporate events, team building, office parties, or social get-togethers.



Topgolf's inviting Rooftop Terrace includes bar, stage, mood lighting, fire pit, lounge furniture, amid incredible views. Topgolf's entire venue can be rented for events up to 1,000 guests.



Putt-Putt Fun House, which has been providing family fun in Webster for more than three decades, can accommodate a handful of guests for small parties and special functions or up to 620 guests for large events. Games in the Fun House include PuttPutt golf, Hwy 66 bowling, laser tag, bumper boats, and more.



**Mamacita's Mexican Restaurant**  
515 E NASA Pkwy - 281.332.5362  
www.mamacitasmexicanrestaurant.com  
Special event rooms for up to 80.



**Mom Alone Mexican Grill**  
1111 E NASA Pkwy - 281.480.3170  
www.momalonerestaurant.com  
Special event room for up to 60.



**Pappas Seafood House**  
19991 Gulf Frwy - 281.332.7546  
www.pappasseafood.com  
Private dining room for up to 50.



**Pinot's Palette**  
1020 W. Nasa Rd 1 - 832.905.4085  
www.pinotpalette.com/webster - Space for up to 40.



**Premiere NASA Dollar 8**  
20833 Gulf Frwy - 281.332.4403  
www.pccmovies.com - Auditoriums for up to 200.



**Putt-Putt Fun House**  
806 E NASA Pkwy - 281.333.0579  
www.puttputtfunhouse.com  
Party spaces of many sizes for up to 620.



**Rudy's Country Store & Bar-B-Q**  
21361 Gulf Freeway - 281.338.0462  
www.rudys.com - Private room for up to 40.



**Saloon Door Brewing**  
105A Magellan Circle - 281.332.5800  
www.saloondoorbrewing.com - Meeting space at the brewery up to for 60.



**Saltgrass Steak House**  
20241 Gulf Frwy - 281.338.9778  
www.saltgrass.com - Two private rooms for 20 or 45.



**Samurai Japanese Steak & Sushi**  
133 W Bay Area Blvd - 281.338.0809  
www.samuraisteakandsushi.com  
Special event room for up to 20.



**SpringHill Suites**  
1101 Magnolia Ave - 281.332.2999  
www.springhillsuites.com  
Boardroom & Conference Room, for up to 60.



**Staybridge Suites**  
501 W Texas Ave - 281.338.0900  
www.staybridge.com - Meeting room for up to 50.



**Topgolf-Webster**  
21404 Gulf Frwy. - 281.657.1300  
www.topgolf.com/webster - Multiple meeting rooms for up to 200 or rent the entire venue for up to 1,000.



**Tradição Brazilian Steakhouse**  
201 W Bay Area Blvd - 281.557.9999  
www.tradicaosteakhouse.com  
Private rooms accommodating 20, 40 or 70.



**Webster Civic Center**  
311 Pennsylvania Ave - 281.332.1826  
www.cityofwebster.com/meeting  
Special event center for up to 300.

## New CEOs at the Helm

Two of Webster's foremost industry sectors, retail and medical, match two Webster businesses with their strongest locations, and both feature new CEOs at the helm.

J.K. Symancyk, President and CEO of Academy Sports + Outdoors, oversees more than 200 stores in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas, with the Webster location operating as the top performer in the entire system. Headquartered in Katy, Academy Sports + Outdoors operates 96 stores in Texas. Academy is the third largest private employer in Houston, and under the leadership of Symancyk, this retail giant exhibits no signs of slowing down.

In similar manner, Todd Caliva, CEO of Clear Lake Regional Medical Center, oversees one of the nation's top producing for profit hospitals and the busiest hospital within the parent company's HCA Gulf Coast Division, which includes ten Houston-area campuses. This Webster full-service, acute care hospital, recognized as an accredited Chest Pain Center and Level II Trauma Center, features 531 beds, a medical staff of more than 900 and a total workforce exceeding 2,000. For 2015, the hospital admitted 22,000 patients and delivered more than 4,000 babies.



Webster's Academy Sports + Outdoors is the number one performing store in the company, which consists of more than 200 stores in 15 states. Academy Sports + Outdoors' winning mix of quality hunting, fishing, camping gear, extensive inventory of sports and leisure products, footwear, apparel, and more at everyday low prices works.

### *Academy Sports + Outdoors*

As both Academy Sports + Outdoors and Clear Lake Regional Medical Center are ultra-successful—with a history of top-notch operations and escalating profits, the new CEOs have landed in high growth markets with great opportunities and expectations. When Academy Sports + Outdoors landed in Webster in 2006 at 21351 Gulf Freeway, the City worked with company founder Arthur Gochman to accommodate what was then the largest Academy store—113,000 square feet. Today, Webster's Academy remains among the three largest stores in the system, but, more importantly, performs at the top in sales. This statistic attests to the strength of Webster's prime market, as this store outperforms more than 200 others in sales volume.

J.K. Symancyk takes impressive and extensive reins from Rodney Faldyn who grew Academy's store count by 50% during his decade-long tenure. As Academy continues its growth path with its winning mix of quality hunting, fishing, and camping equipment and gear, along with sports and leisure products, footwear, apparel, and much more at competitive, every day low prices with excellent customer service, Symancyk leads the way in this exciting retail sector—as Academy's model and formula work: sports + outdoors = success.



Clear Lake Regional Medical Center invested \$92M in an expansion and renovation project that resulted in a magnificent Main Tower expansion. The new entrance with modern, spacious lobby is indicative of the welcoming atmosphere surrounding this remarkable hospital that has been a cornerstone of Webster for 45 years.

### *Clear Lake Regional Medical Center*

Todd Caliva takes the weighty helm from his predecessor Stephen Jones, as Clear Lake Regional Medical Center is a mammoth operation, ensconced within a 19-acre campus that never ceases to grow. Since its inception in 1972, Clear Lake Regional Medical Center has embarked on numerous expansion and remodel projects, along with augmenting and adding services and specialties.

For 2016, capital investments include \$15.5M in ER expansion and renovation, ICU expansion, and technology upgrades, while several years ago, a \$92M project resulted in a new 155,000 square foot patient tower, additional operating rooms, new 30-bed adult intensive care unit, and a women's and children's center.

Clear Lake Regional Medical Center opened its Heart & Vascular Hospital in 2007—a \$100M facility encompassing 255,000 square feet—and five years later, completed its \$17M expansion to build out the specialty hospital to 305,000 square feet.

Both of the new CEOs head up winning companies for Webster where their strongest location attests to the municipality's vibrant, super-regional market, business-friendly climate, strategic positioning, and synergistic, complementary industry sectors.



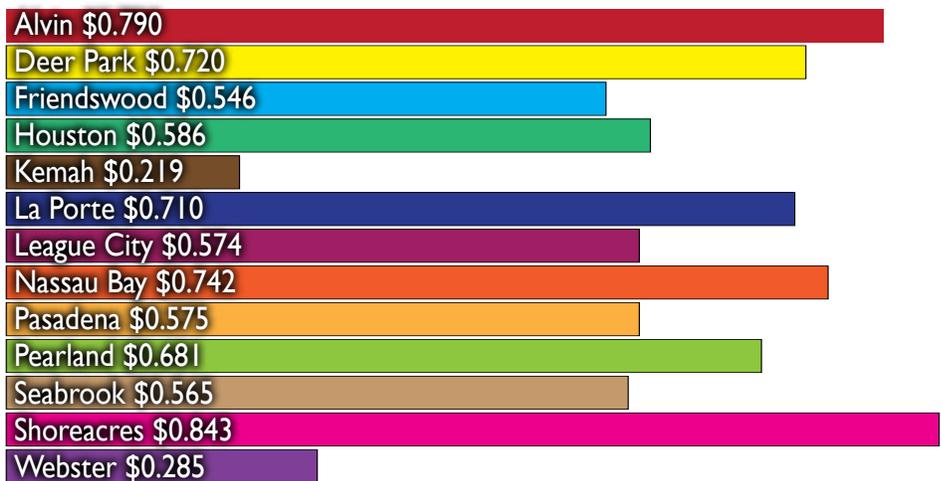
Clear Lake Regional Medical Center's Main Tower expansion complements the hospital's vision to be a world-class hospital with a mission to provide compassionate care and exceptional service to every patient, every day.

# The Webster Advantage – Ultra-low Property Tax Rate

There are many benefits to be derived from locating a business in Webster. One powerful benefit that impacts a company's bottom line, year after year, is the City's ultra-low ad valorem tax rate.

A recent survey of area cities reveals that Webster's property tax rate of \$0.28450 is one of the lowest in the region.

Webster's low ad valorem tax rate is a built-in incentive that translates into considerable annual savings. Other components of The Webster Advantage include low impact fees and utility rates, an ISO rating of 1, fast efficient permitting process, and unsurpassed public safety.



## Public Meeting Notes

### March 1, 2016 City Council Meeting

- Recognized IHOP's National Pancake Day and Shriners Hospitals for Children Day.
- Approved the second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 22, Article II (Food Business Establishments). (Unanimous).
- Approved a resolution accepting the requirements of a grant from the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's office for the body-worn camera program. (Unanimous).
- Approved a resolution continuing Chapter 58, Article IV "Curfew" of the City of Webster Code of Ordinances. (Unanimous).
- Approved the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 90 (Vegetation) of the Code of Ordinances. (Unanimous).
- Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 16, 2016. (Unanimous).

### March 15, 2016 City Council Meeting

- Held a Public Hearing to receive all comments regarding the proposed Development Guidelines for the Edgewater Park, an area within Planned Development Number 3, City of Webster.
- Approved the second reading of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 90 (Vegetation), Articles I (In General) and II (Landscaping). (For: Rogers, Heidt, Tosto, Gaines, Dolan, Graves).
- Approved the first reading of an ordinance

for the proposed planned development guidelines for Edgewater Park. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Tosto, Gaines, Dolan, Graves).

• Authorized the Mayor to execute an updated and revised Interlocal Agreement with Harris County to utilize Harris County's assistance to construct a new communications tower at 217 Pennsylvania Avenue. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Tosto, Gaines, Dolan, Graves).

• Authorized the Mayor to execute a Communications System Agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. to construct a new communications tower at 217 Pennsylvania Avenue. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Tosto, Gaines, Dolan, Graves).

• Accepted the Webster Police Department's 2015 Racial Profiling Report as filed with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement and the 2015 Racial Profiling Report Analysis. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Tosto, Gaines, Dolan, Graves).

• Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 1, 2016. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Tosto, Gaines, Dolan, Graves).

• Excused the absence of Andrea Wilson. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Tosto, Gaines, Dolan, Graves).

### April 5, 2016 City Council Meeting

• Approved the second reading of an ordinance for the proposed planned development guidelines for the Edgewater

Park Site. (For: Heidt, Wilson, Tosto, Gaines, Dolan, Graves).

• Approved the proposal to establish a Galveston Bay Foundation Rain Barrel Program. (For: Heidt, Wilson, Tosto, Gaines, Dolan, Graves).

• Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 15, 2016. (For: Heidt, Wilson, Tosto, Gaines, Dolan, Graves).

• Excused the absence of Donna Rogers. (For: Heidt, Wilson, Tosto, Gaines, Dolan, Graves).

### April 9, 2016 City Council Special Meeting

• Held a Council/Staff Strategic Planning Session to discuss the upcoming Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget.

### April 19, 2016 City Council Meeting

• Presented a proclamation to Bay Area Turning Point recognizing Bay Area Turning Point and Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

• Held a Public Hearing to receive all comments regarding the proposed Special Use Permit request to expand an existing church located at 471 South Austin Street to include properties at 513 and 515 South Austin Street.

• Approved a Special Use Permit request to expand an existing church located at 471 South Austin Street to include properties at 513 and 515 South Austin Street. (Unanimous).

• Approved requests for hotel occupancy

tax funding to the Bay Area Houston Ballet, Space Center Houston, and Wings over Houston. (Unanimous).

- Authorized the Mayor to execute a contract with the City of Nassau Bay for detention and dispatching services. (Unanimous).
- Authorized the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of the Air Force 147th Reconnaissance Wing for Police Response Services. (Unanimous).
- Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 5, 2016. (Unanimous).

#### May 3, 2016 City Council Meeting

- Approved a resolution denying CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric LLC's proposed rate increase for electricity services in the City of Webster. (For: Heidt, Wilson, Tosto, Gaines, Dolan, Graves).
- Authorized the City to sell two surplus police vehicles to Brazosport College Police Department. (For: Heidt, Wilson, Tosto, Gaines, Dolan, Graves).
- Approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of April 9, 2016 and the Regular Meeting of April 19, 2016. (For: Heidt, Wilson, Tosto, Gaines, Dolan, Graves).
- Excused the absence of Donna Rogers. (For: Heidt, Wilson, Tosto, Gaines, Dolan, Graves).

#### May 17, 2016 City Council Meeting

- Held the official canvass of the General Election conducted in the City of Webster on May 7, 2016.
- Approved a resolution canvassing the returns of the General Election held on the 7th day of May 2016. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Wilson, Tosto, Gaines, Dolan, Graves).
- Installed the Newly Elected Officers.
- Recognized National Public Works Week (May 15-21, 2016).
- Recognized the Winner of the National Public Works Week T-Shirt Design Contest from Clear View High School.
- Elected Larry Tosto as Mayor Pro Tem for a one-year term. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Wilson, Tosto, Gaines, Graves).
- Approved a request from Houston Symphony League-Bay Area for funding from the City's General Fund for fiscal year 2016-2017. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Wilson, Tosto, Gaines, Graves).

- Approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Annual Budget. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Wilson, Tosto, Gaines, Graves).
- Approved renovations to the Webster Police Department Communications Center, by Evans Consoles Incorporated. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Wilson, Tosto, Gaines, Graves).
- Accepted the Investment Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2016. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Wilson, Tosto, Gaines, Graves).
- Authorized the Mayor to execute an interlocal agreement with the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Task Force for the purpose of fighting the illegal drug trafficking trade. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Wilson, Tosto, Gaines, Graves).
- Authorized the Mayor to execute an interlocal agreement with the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) for the purpose of fighting the illegal drug trafficking trade. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Wilson, Tosto, Gaines, Graves).
- Appointed the Mayor and Council Positions 1-6 to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Board for the position numbers 1-7 with terms expiring May 31, 2018. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Wilson, Tosto, Gaines, Graves).
- Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 3, 2016. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Wilson, Tosto, Gaines, Graves).

#### June 7, 2016 City Council Meeting

- Approved the first reading of an ordinance establishing an Emergency Management Department and relocating the IT Department from the Finance and Administration Department to the Emergency Management Department. (Unanimous).
- Approved the purchase of forty VML 750 LTE Modems from Motorola Solutions, Inc. (Unanimous).
- Appointed Edward Lapeyre as Councilmember representative for an unexpired term ending in 8-31-17; Donna Rogers as Councilmember representative for an unexpired term ending in 8-31-18; Natalie Dolan as Webster resident for a unexpired term ending in 8-31-16 and a regular two-year term expiring 9-31-18; and Carlos Villagomez as Webster Business Representative for a regular two-year term expiring 8-31-18 to the Webster Economic

Development Corporation (WEDC). (Unanimous).

- Held an Executive Session to deliberate the City Manager's mid-year performance evaluation.
- Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 17, 2016. (Unanimous).
- Excused the absence of Edward Lapeyre from the May 17, 2016 City Council Meeting. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Wilson, Tosto, Gaines, Graves. Abstain: Lapeyre).

#### June 21, 2016 City Council Meeting

- Approved the second reading of an ordinance establishing an Emergency Management Department and relocating the IT Department from the Finance and Administration Department to the Emergency Management Department. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Tosto, Gaines, Lapeyre, Graves).
- Approved a resolution supporting an improved statutory procedure that provides for unitization of depleted Texas Gulf Coast Oilfields for purposes of tertiary enhanced oil recovery. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Tosto, Gaines, Lapeyre, Graves).
- Approved the first reading of an ordinance updating firearm regulations in the City. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Tosto, Gaines, Lapeyre, Graves).
- Approved a resolution amending certain charges for miscellaneous fees within the City. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Tosto, Gaines, Lapeyre, Graves).
- Approved the Mayor to execute a contract with the Lakeview Police Department for detention and dispatching services. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Tosto, Gaines, Lapeyre, Graves).
- Amended the acquisition cost of electronic ticket writing software and equipment from Tyler Technologies, Inc. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Tosto, Gaines, Lapeyre, Graves).
- Appointed Dr. Sara Kessler and Merry Wilks, regular members, and Henry Wilson alternate member, with terms expiring 6-30-2019 to the Animal Control Board. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Tosto, Gaines, Lapeyre, Graves).
- Appointed Paul Dolan, regular member and Gerald Griffith, alternate member to the Building Board Of Adjustments And Appeals,

with terms expiring 6-30-2021. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Tosto, Gaines, Lapeyre, Graves).

- Appointed Kaz Hamidian and Bill Coleman as regular members and Camia Lowman as an alternate member for terms expiring 6-30-2018 to the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Tosto, Gaines, Lapeyre, Graves).

- Appointed Taylor Biddle and Jerry Lou Ellis as regular members with terms expiring 6-30-2019; Bill Jones as a regular member for a term expiring 6-30-2017; and Alfonso Sanchez Jr. as an alternate member for a term expiring 6-30-2018 to the Parks, Recreation, and Beautification Board. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Tosto, Gaines, Lapeyre, Graves).

- Appointed Wendi Adams-Luprete as an alternate member for a term expiring 6-30-2017 to the Parks, Recreation, and Beautification Board. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Tosto, Gaines, Lapeyre, Graves).

- Appointed Keith Tucker and Marlene Eakman-Herbst as regular members and Dr. Tim Hughes as an alternate member for terms expiring 6-30-2018 to the Planning and Zoning Commission. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Tosto, Gaines, Lapeyre, Graves).

- Cancelled the scheduled City Council Meeting for July 5, 2016. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Tosto, Gaines, Lapeyre, Graves).

- Held an Executive Session to deliberate on the City Secretary's probationary performance evaluation.

- Approved a one-step pay increase for the City Secretary based on probationary performance evaluation. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Tosto, Gaines, Lapeyre, Graves).

- Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 7, 2016. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Tosto, Gaines, Lapeyre, Graves).

- Excused the absence of Andrea Wilson from the June 21, 2016 City Council Meeting. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Tosto, Gaines, Lapeyre, Graves).

#### **July 19, 2016 City Council Meeting**

- Recognized Police Officer Brenda Muniz for Outstanding Police Service.

- Approved the second reading of an ordinance updating firearm regulations in the City. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Wilson, Gaines, Lapeyre, Graves).

- Held an Executive Session to discuss the appointment of the Human Resources Director.

- Confirmed the City Manager's appointment of Carmen Williams as the Director of Human Resources for the City of Webster, effective August 1, 2016. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Wilson, Gaines, Lapeyre, Graves).

- Approved the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 14 (Animals), for the purpose of promoting native Texas bees and other native Texas pollinators within the City of Webster. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Wilson, Gaines, Lapeyre, Graves).

- Approved the first reading of an ordinance amending and clarifying accrual leave time for Firefighters. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Wilson, Gaines, Lapeyre, Graves).

- Approved an amendment to the Webster Economic Development Corporation Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Annual Budget. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Wilson, Gaines, Lapeyre, Graves).

- Approved the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Annual Budget for the Webster Economic Development Corporation. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Wilson, Gaines, Lapeyre, Graves).

- Approved the purchase of 53 body-worn cameras for the Police Department. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Wilson, Gaines, Lapeyre, Graves).

- Received a presentation of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Proposed Annual Budget for the City of Webster.

- Scheduled a City Council Budget Workshop on August 9, 2016 and August 10, 2016, if needed. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Wilson, Gaines, Lapeyre, Graves).

- Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 21, 2016. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Wilson, Gaines, Lapeyre, Graves).

- Excused the absence of Larry Tosto from the July 19, 2016 City Council Meeting. (For: Rogers, Heidt, Wilson, Gaines, Lapeyre, Graves).

#### **August 2, 2016 City Council Meeting**

- Recognized Assistant Public Works Director John Warnement for obtaining his Masters in Business Administration.

- Recognized Coach David Briseno for Outstanding Service to the Webster

Recreation Summer Camp Program.

- Approved the second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 14 (Animals), for the purpose of promoting native Texas bees and other native Texas pollinators within the City of Webster. (Unanimous).

- Approved the second reading of an ordinance amending and clarifying accrual leave time for Firefighters. (Unanimous).

- Postponed consideration of a request for hotel occupancy tax funding from Auto Corsa. (Unanimous).

- Reappointed Municipal Court Judge Glenn Chaney and Associate Judges David Salinsky and James Woltz for a term expiring September 30, 2018. (Unanimous).

- Postponed receiving a report and providing direction to Staff regarding the construction of a new City Animal Shelter. (Unanimous).

- Accepted the Investment Report for the quarter ended June 30, 2016. (Unanimous).

- Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 19, 2016. (Unanimous).

#### **August 9, 2016**

##### **City Council Special Meeting**

- Held a Council/Staff Budget Workshop to discuss the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Annual Budget.

##### **August 16, 2016 City Council Meeting**

- Special recognition of the United States Army Community Covenant Program.

- Denied a request for hotel occupancy tax funding from Auto Corsa. (Against: Rogers, Heidt, Wilson, Tosto, Gaines, Lapeyre, Graves).

- Authorized the Mayor to appoint the Director of Interfaith Caring Ministries as Donations Coordinator in the event of a disaster or catastrophic occurrence. (Unanimous).

- Approved and authorized the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Webster and Clear Lake Regional Medical Center to serve as a secondary evacuation facility during a hurricane or natural disaster. (Unanimous).

- Called for a Public Hearing regarding the City of Webster Proposed Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 on September 20, 2016. (Unanimous).

- Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 2, 2016. (Unanimous).



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**City Officials**

Mayor: Donna Rogers.....	281.678.4090
Council Position No. 1: Jennifer Heidt.....	281.332.1826
Council Position No. 2: Andrea Wilson.....	281.332.1826
Council Position No. 3: Larry Tosto.....	281.332.1826
Council Position No. 4: Beverly Gaines.....	281.332.1826
Council Position No. 5: Edward Lapeyre.....	281.332.1826
Council Position No. 6: Martin Graves.....	281.332.1826

**City Offices – 101 Pennsylvania Ave.**

EMERGENCY Ambulance-Fire-Police.....	9-1-1
City Hall Main Switchboard.....	281.332.1826
Building Permits.....	281.338.2925
Chief Building Official.....	281.316.4131
City Manager.....	281.332.1826
City Secretary.....	281.332.1826
City Planner.....	281.316.4122
Code Enforcement.....	281.316.4106
Community Development Director.....	281.316.4129
Economic Development Director.....	281.316.4116
Economic Development Specialist.....	281.316.4135
Emergency Management.....	281.316.3712
Environmental Health Inspector.....	281.316.4133
Finance Director.....	281.316.4102
Fire Department (Non-Emergency).....	281.332.2711
Fire Station #1 & Fire Marshal – 18300 Hwy. 3.....	281.332.2711
Fire Station #2 – 18208 Egret Bay Blvd.....	281.332.2711
Human Resources (Personnel).....	281.332.1826
Marketing & Tourism.....	281.316.4121
Municipal Court.....	281.338.6702
Police Department (Non-Emergency) 217 Pennsylvania Ave.....	281.332.2426
Public Works Service Center.....	281.316.3700
Recreation.....	281.316.4137
Webmaster.....	281.316.4121

**City Services**

Animal Control.....	281.316.3700
City Trash Hauling.....	281.316.3700
Civic Center Rental.....	281.316.4114
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

**Telephone & Utility Services**

AT&T.....	800.464.7928
CenterPoint Energy.....	713.659.2111
Comcast.....	800.776.9993
Reliant Energy.....	713.207.7777
Verizon.....	800.483.4000

**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

**Community Services**

Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership.....	832.536.3255
Bay Area Houston Transportation Partnership.....	832.771.0773
Bay Area Turning Point Hotline (domestic violence, sexual assault, homeless).....	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**



Jennifer Heidt  
Council Position 1



Andrea Wilson  
Council Position 2



Larry Tosto  
Council Position 3



Donna Rogers  
Mayor



Beverly Gaines  
Council Position 4



Edward Lapeyre  
Council Position 5



Martin Graves  
Council Position 6