

The City of Palacios is currently undertaking several important projects to improve the quality of life for its residents and promote economic growth in the area. From infrastructure upgrades to new community initiatives, the city has a lot of exciting developments in progress. Below you will find an overview of some of the key projects underway in Palacios and the potential impact on the city and its residents.

Click the link below for more information.

## **Frontier Update**

- Frontier has completed two projects (work orders) and three projects (work orders) will be completed by the end of October. There are five remaining projects to be completed by the end of December.
- The main fiber feed from our facilities to connect all of these projects is congruently in progress.
- Frontier should be able to start doing installations of service to some residents at the start of November.
- Once Frontier gets to this point of the project, they will then be open for sale and will notify the City.
- Frontier looks to finish the build by the end of December.
- PROJECT COMPLETE!

## **Bethany Park Drainage Improvements**

- Mitigation Grant with the General Land Office (GLO): Surveying in process
- Cost Estimate: \$1.3 Million
- Our Match: \$0
- Project under redesign, rendering coming soon

## **City Wide Drainage Project**

- Design is Complete
- Mitigation Grant with the General Land Office (GLO)
- Design is approved by GLO – Construction bid done 10/26/23 Work starting soon

- Cost Estimate: \$5 Million
- Our Match: \$50K
- [View Project](#)

## Coastal Resiliency

- Oyster Reef to Protect the Beach and Seawall
- Grant with the General Land Office (GLO)
- Waiting on permit from Army Corp of Engineers
- Cost Estimate: \$6.8 Million
- Our Match: \$0
- [Guide to Living Shorelines in Texas](#)
- [View Project Map](#)

## Downtown Sidewalks

- The South side of Main Street
- Grant with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Cost Estimate: \$305K
- Our Match: \$45K
- [View Project](#)
- [View Map](#)
- Construction completed – going out for bids for 2nd phase

## Downtown Sewer Line and Lift Station

- Collaborative project – City and Economic Development Corporation
- Design Complete
- Construction on Program has begun
- Cost Estimate: \$535K
- Our Portion: \$135K
- EDC Portion: \$400K
- [View Project](#)

## Water Meters – Performance Services

- Meters approved by City Council on June 22
- Meter installation has begun
- Crews working daily on meter installation
- Work will continue until all meters have been replaced

Meters with Performance Services are actively being installed throughout the City of Palacios. Installation has begun and meters will be going in every day. As the crew goes around, they will be knocking on doors to inform residents that their meter is about to be changed out. Residents can expect to see a crew outside for 15-20 minutes, during which time the water will be shut off and then come back on again. The new endpoints are being installed as well, and in the next two weeks, residents will be able to login to the customer portal and view their water usage.

## **Bethany Park Lift Station – PROJECT COMPLETE!**

- Pull pumps and replace – pumps are 2005 model
- Have holes in the impeller
- One new pump in. Loaner pump in slot 2 until work complete
- Estimated Cost: \$25K – paid for from American Rescue Grant Funds
- Cost may increase, found leaks in elbows that need to be replaced, asked for quote
- PROJECT COMPLETE!

## **Fire Hydrant Project**

- 234 out of 276 have been done
- Need to replace 21 hydrants and need to repair 14
- Estimated Cost: \$70K – paid for from American Rescue Grant Funds

## **Smoke Test Repairs**

- Phase 1 complete!
- Phase 2 will begin in 2024-2025

## **Burn Site – DONE AND READY FOR USE!**

- Will be located at the Airport on TX35

- Will be open to the public for brush ONLY
- Survey is done, next step is for legal team to finalize the agreement
- City Council action planned for April 27
- Estimated cost: Matagorda County to pay for fencing and equipment
- Costs to have staff on hand when open will be shared with the County
- The City donated the property and did the survey which cost \$3K
- Paid for from budgeted funds.
- PROJECT COMPLETE!

## Lift Station Generators

- Grant with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Cost: \$431K
- Our Match: \$25,308 – Paid for FY 2021
- PROJECT COMPLETE!

## Airport Projects

- 2024 is 90/10 Match
- Up to \$100K per year in projects
- Currently working on T-Hangar Repairs

## Police Department/Court Lobby PROJECT COMPLETE!

- Project Complete!
- Cost: \$65K – paid for from budgeted funds

## Website

- The City has switched to CivicPlus for website development.
- City Secretary works on updating information on the new site daily.
- Please contact City Secretary, Aleigha Galvan, at (361)210-7812 if you see anything that needs to be changed or updated.

## **Caboose – PROJECT COMPLETE!**

- Volunteers completed their work
- The City will be doing the fine painting around letters as time allows
- Estimated Cost: \$500 for paint and supplies paid for from budgeted funds
- PROJECT COMPLETE!

## **Friends of Elder Citizens Building**

- The building and property have now been conveyed
- Documents are recorded at the county
- Ribbon cutting soon
- Cost of Survey: \$4K
- PROJECT COMPLETE!

## **Street Signs**

- We have replaced 129 street signs and all of Foley addition was done with the project
- We have a work order in to repaint the city hall handicap spaces blue and set signage
- Cost: \$23K paid for from budgeted funds
- PROJECT COMPLETE!

## **Drainage on 2nd Street and in front of the Drainage District/Donut Shop**

- TxDot will not improve, so we improved.
- We fixed drainage issue with a large collapse and hole underground that could have become a sinkhole
- Very dangerous with cars and buses passing over it
- Our Public Works Team did an outstanding job!
- In front of the drainage district/donut shop, we will finish soon; the gradall was out getting fixed and is back in service.
- PROJECT COMPLETE!

## 5th and Morton Property

- Finish cleaning it up and remove underground tanks
- Cost: Dumpsters, Labor, cost to remove underground tanks (getting bids)
- Environmental studies in progress

## Swimming Pool

- Working with Ed Rachal Foundation (ERF) to replat the property before they can transfer it to the City COMPLETE
- YMCA will operate
- ERF will pay all operating fees, but does not want the pool property
- The pool will be open and operating as scheduled
- Cost to the City: \$0. ERF is picking up all costs.
- Major reconstruction planned for Spring of 2024
- Pool drained and getting resurfaced
- New decking being put in
- Permanent shade structures being installed
- Estimated to be completed before the pool opens in the [summer](#)

## Water Mains

- Update Water Mains
- Grant with Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)
- Waiting on TDA to approve Environmental
- Cost Estimate: \$350K
- Approved work to begin in August
- [View Project Here](#)

## TxDOT Aviation Capital Improvement Project

- \$680K Project Match
- City Match \$68K
- [View Project Here](#)

## Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust Grant

- Grant for Fish Grinding/Cleaning Stations, Lighting, and a Splash Pad (all locations to be determined at a future date)
- \$497,000 Cost
- \$28,000 in kind maintenance match
- Grant approved by Council in February 2024
- Request for Bids/Proposals within the next few weeks
- Estimated completion date for all projects under this grant by the end of 2024

## Pearl of Palacios Planned Unit Development

The Pearl of Palacios PUD is designed to significantly enhance our community's development by merging residential, commercial, and recreational spaces. This initiative aims to not only elevate our city's quality of life but also to spur economic growth and foster a more vibrant community.

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