



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR MAYOR

FEBRUARY, 2021

CLS Citizens and Business Owners,



I hope everyone was able to enjoy the holidays with their families and friends despite the COVID pandemic. I know 2020 was quite interesting to say the least, but now we move onto 2021, and I hope and pray it just gets better going forward.

Thanks to everyone that came out for the City Christmas Tree Lighting. What a spectacular show with some fountain fireworks donated by Asst. Chief Donaldson and Lt. Gist. It looked like everyone enjoyed some hot cocoa donated by our neighborhood friends Soulfreak, snacks donated by CLS Civic Club & Soulfreak, and some great spirit items for the kids provided by the City. We even had some Christmas caroling to go with along with the activities. Oh, and did I mention how great the tree looked, courtesy of Diane Chronister and her many elves? You know who you are and I thank you for all you do. I cannot wait until next year as I hope to bump this event up a notch. Stay tuned for more to come on that.

It's official as we have secured the R-O-W for the Danial Dror Avenue road construction. Stand-by as construction on this new road which basically straightens Hanson road connecting straight to FM 518 with a four-way intersection. This will ease traffic from the South from Hwy 96 through FM 518 and FM 2094 and open the doors to our local retail like Home Depot, Target, and Specs!

Secondly, it looks like we will be getting a new neighbor moving into the old Strawberry Fields daycare building on FM 2094, which will become Galveston Bay Beer Company. The EDC has been spearheading this project from the very beginning, and I thank them for all they have done for bringing this to a reality. This will basically bring our commercial Town Center to a maximum capacity with the shared parking arrangements that we have put into place for all these businesses to use.

City Council passed the Short-Term Rental ordinance at the last council meeting which is beneficial to all the residents. Thank you to our ad-hoc committee members; Councilwoman Christy Lyons, Councilman Rick Fischer, Allen Batchelor, Kitty Chalfant, Mark Thompson and Craig Ward for all their hard work on this project. It takes a village!



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A couple of other things happening is that we have added to our city's website, under the community tab, a place to report code violations, concerns, compliments, and non-emergency crimes directly to the city. Then, I am sure most of you have seen the work trucks on the island hanging some new fiber optic cables and Frontier is bringing fiber optic network connectivity right to our homes. The installation should be wrapping up by the time of this reading and sales of the service should be available sometime in late February or March time-frame. Please look at the January 19, 2021 Council meeting video with Frontier's presentation if you want to see more.

Lastly, we have seen a significant increase in the city's active COVID cases compounded by several I have heard also being sick as well and not getting tested. Let us please continue our spatial distancing and following good hygiene processes along with receiving the vaccine as all these together buy down the overall risk of controlling this pandemic.

I feel we have come a long way over the last few years, and you can look around and see many of them including being more transparent with increased communications on all fronts, fiscal responsibility, and creating a City Strategic plan of which many of the goals have been already accomplished ahead of schedule. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call or email.

May God Bless CLS,  
Mayor Kurt

*Where every sunset is celebrated, and we look forward to every sunrise!*

Island Life & Golf Cart Rides