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This is the City Manager's week in review for the week of May 22, 2023.

MDOT Bridge Work – Heads up to motorists. Exit 41 will be closing down as soon as Tuesday, May 30th for three months of work on the overpass.

The detour route for **exit 41** (proposed for June 1 to August 22) is:



Local Road Projects – Local road projects were completed over the past two weeks. Sections of Wiley, South, and Randolph Streets were resurfaced with asphalt. Other roads throughout the community received a chip seal treatment. Chip seal is a combination of an asphalt emulsion and fine gravel that helps to seal the surface of the road to prevent water from getting under the asphalt. Chip seal is intended to prolong the life of the paved surface.

Blue Star Drain and Sidewalk Project – Work wrapped up in time for the Memorial Day weekend on the drain and sidewalk project on Blue Star Highway. Overall, the project went smoothly with only some minor coordination issues with the property owner. This section of sidewalk creates pedestrian access along Blue Star Highway from Wiley Road to Chestnut Street.

Facilitator – Last week City Staff and Council met in separate sessions with a facilitator to team build and outline expectations. Facilitator Lew Bender is well known in the Public Administration community and last held a session with staff and council in 2020.

Pyramid Sculpture – Following the annual Memorial Day parade, the City's newest sculpture will be unveiled in front of the Police Department.

Budget – Two weeks ago, City Council held a marathon work session to review the final version of the draft budget. The meeting lasted until nearly 11:00 p.m. The public notice for the budget adoption was published in this week’s newspaper. The budget hearing will be held at the next City Council meeting on June 5.

Westshore – Staff met with the developer of the next phase of the Westshore development which proposes 22 housing units. Routinely, staff will review draft plans and provide feedback to the developer prior to the plans going to the Planning Commission.

Recycling Stations – The Allegan Conservation District donated fishing line recycle stations to the City this week. New recycling stations were installed at Union Street Boat Launch and at Veterans Memorial Walk under the Blue Star Bridge. In addition, a litter cleanup station was installed at Wades Bayou. Thank you ACD.

Memorial Day – City offices will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day. Have a wonderful and safe weekend.



That is all I have for now.

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City Manager