

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS REPORT May 31, 2024

City Manager

• As a part of the FY 2025 budget and strategic plan development the City of Punta Gorda is hosting a Community Discussion on June 17th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Punta Gorda Library, located at 401 Shreve Street. Residents are invited to provide input and share opinions on areas of focus for both next fiscal year and long term focuses to help guide city resources toward our vision of preserving our small-town charm while fostering diversity, economic growth, and sustainability.

The core of the City's vision includes elements of sustainability. Sustainability is the ability of communities to consistently thrive over time as they make decisions to



improve the community today without sacrificing the future. Sustainability can provide an organizing framework for building better and stronger communities. Building sustainable communities is at the core of the leadership responsibilities of local government leaders. A sustainable community demonstrates through policy and practices a long-term view and respect for people and for place. Sustainable communities are those that maintain a reliable economic base, practice sound financial management, provide a stable environment for their residents, and act as stewards of their land and other environmental resources

The work of creating the budget and strategic plan are guided by the values that residents have previously identified. The City's values are to maintain a culture of community engagement, teamwork, partnerships, transparency, respect, customer service, and stewardship. Sustain pride in Punta Gorda's history and well-preserved historical areas and natural resources. Support and promote local businesses. Value a high level of openness, and the fair and equitable treatment of all residents. Ensure an ethical, transparent and accountable city government.

While the City's vision has set the course for the future, the strategic priorities provide the roadmap that encompasses governing policies and strategies, operational approaches to implementing the strategies and performance measures/timelines to ensure achievement of these strategies. The strategic plan clarifies goals that specify how the general policy directions of the organization's mission will be carried out, and action items that aim to accomplish desired goals. Based on input received during community engagement sessions, City Council has established five strategic priorities that include financial/economic sustainability, infrastructure sustainability, partnerships/collaborations, and strategic communications positioning that includes quality of life.

At the June 17th Community Discussion, keeping the City's mission, vision, and values in mind city department heads will share with residents what they see as critical items to be addressed in 2025, and moving into fiscal years 2026-2029. These items combined with resident input will be prepared for City Council feedback as a draft strategic plan and budget are developed.

Staff is looking forward to the community conversations that are not just about talking – they are about listening, learning, and connecting with one another. By providing a space for dialogue and collaboration, these discussions have the power to transform our community, foster understanding, and drive positive change. If you cannot make this Community Discussion process, we also welcome input and ideas from residents by emailing citymgr@cityofpuntagordafl.com and during public comment at the City Council meetings, held the first and third Wed., in June, first and second Wed., in July and the third Wed., in Aug. at 9 a.m. at the Military Heritage Museum. For further inquiries, contact City Manager Greg Murray at citymgr@cityofpuntagordafl.com or call the main office at (941) 575-3302.

Human Resources

- Open Positions The City of Punta Gorda offers a very generous benefit package to include medical, dental, vision, life insurance, and a defined contribution retirement plan with matching contributions. Currently hiring for the following professional position:
 - ➤ Utilities Maintenance Worker III Water Treatment Plant A skilled laborer position responsible for maintenance and repair of water treatment plant equipment and systems. Perform plumbing repairs, construction and maintenance of treatment facilities and grounds.



- ➤ Senior Accountant Finance A professional position responsible for applying the principles of accounting to analyze financial information and prepare financial reports by compiling information, preparing profit and loss statements, and utilizing appropriate accounting control procedures.
- ➤ **Permit Technician Building** A clerical position responsible for accepting and processing applications for building permits, issuing permits, and collecting and accounting for payments and fees collected by the Building Division.

The City of Punta Gorda has a variety of employment opportunities available learn more at https://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/.../employment.com

- **Perfect Season** Summer is the perfect season for outdoor fun, but with it comes an increased risk for accidents and injuries. From bug bites to cuts and scrapes, boo-boos are bound to happen. Prepare yourself for emergencies by having a first aid kit ready for when you need it.
- Customize your kit There are plenty of recommendations on what to keep in a basic first-aid kit and you can even buy them already assembled. But what makes it truly useful is when you customize your emergency kit based on your and your family's personal needs and activities. Some ideas include medications (epinephrine injection, insulin), emergency phone numbers, and important health information. Or a bike repair kit if you like to ride. Oh, and if your kids are of the furry type, add some extra supplies for them too. Pets need emergency kits too!
- **Keep it handy** Your first aid kit doesn't do you any good if it's not easily accessible, so think about the best place to keep it. It could be in your home, your car, at work or you can have several that you keep in different places. You may want a small one for your

- purse, diaper bag, or your bike, and a larger one for your home or car.
- **Keep it up-to-date** This seems impossible until you put a reminder in your phone. Do it right now! Set a reminder to check your first aid kit regularly maybe twice a year, or at the beginning of each season since your supplies may change. Make sure you replace anything that's expired, check batteries on flashlights or other electronics, and add anything that's seasonally appropriate (like sunscreen and mosquito repellant for summer).

Basic First Aid Kit Supplies:

- ➤ Adhesive bandages
- > Antiseptic wipes
- > Antibiotic ointment
- > Sterile gauze pads
- ➤ Adhesive tape
- ➤ Hand sanitizer
- > Sterile eye wash
- ➤ Latex gloves
- > Flashlight
- Matches
- Instant cold pack
- Safety pins
- > Thermometer
- > Seasonal items (i.e., Bug spray, sunscreen, ice scraper)
- > Eye shield or pad
- Blanket
- > Lists of emergency phone numbers
- Pen and paper
- ➤ Whistle

Urban Design

Upcoming Events

- Charlotte Harbor Event Center, 75 Taylor St. For additional information, visit https://www.charlotteharborecc.com/events
- Fishermen's Village events can be accessed at https://www.fishville.com/events/
- Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce events can be accessed at https://puntagordachamber.com/calendar-events/
- Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce events can be accessed at https://business.charlottecountychamber.org/events/calendar
- Military Heritage Museum events can be accessed at <u>Upcoming Events Military Heritage Museum</u>
- Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association, 2001 Shreve Street; for all community events and class information, visit https://pgica.org/.
- The Visual Arts Center events can be accessed at Welcome to the Visual Arts Center of Punta Gorda, FL (visualartcenter.org)
- June 1, Island Vibe, Laishley Park, 96 Nesbit Street, for more information contact jerrycleffi001@gmail.com
- June 29, Freedom Festival, Laishley Park, 96 Nesbit Street, for more information contact jerrycleffi001@gmail.com



Lot Mowing Program

- The City has completed mowing, edging and trimming the following areas on May 26.
- ➤ PGI (Bal Harbor Boulevard, Deborah Drive, Ryan Boulevard, Suzi Street, and Casey Key Drive).
- ➤ PGI Bird Section (Almar Drive, Albatross Drive, Whippoorwill Boulevard, and Turtle Dove Boulevard).
- Colony Point (Colony Point Drive, West Marion Avenue, Socorro Drive, and Coronado Drive).
- ➤ PGI (Magdalina Drive, Via Veneto, W Henry Street, Appian Drive, and Columbian Drive).
- ➤ Burnt Store Isles (Monaco Drive, Tripoli Boulevard, Madrid Boulevard, and Macedonia Drive).
- Burnt Store Meadows (Areas of Tamiami Trail, N. Blue Sage, S. Blue Sage, Royal Poinciana, and Gold Tree).
- ➤ Downtown and Historic District (W. Marion Avenue, W. Olympia Avenue, Shreve Street, and Harvey Street)
- ➤ The Historic District East of 41 and the area behind Dunkin Donuts (E. Marion Avenue, E Olympia Avenue, Narranja Street, E Henry Street, and Cooper Street).
- Planning Corner On May 29, Urban Design staff attended the Transit Public Input Workshop for the Charlotte County Transit Development Plan (TDP). Every five years, a major update of the TDP is required from Charlotte County government to maintain continued eligibility for Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Section 5307 funds and State Transit Block Grant funds. The update takes population,





employment, and market projects and blends them with community goals, as expressed through public input, to guide public transportation objectives. The TDP's update addresses mobility issues in Punta Gorda. The current draft recommends a trolley service for downtown Punta Gorda, running from Fisherman's Village to ShorePoint Health, as well as a Harbor

Hopper Ferry that makes rounds from Laishley Marina to Sunseeker Resort and over to Stump Pass Beach State Park as part of the county's ten-year transit needs. The projected needs also include transit route from downtown to Babcock Ranch, from Punta Gorda to Fort Myers, and US 41 to the airport. The County is requesting that Charlotte County residents complete the TDP survey found here: Charlotte County Transit (net-fs.com). For more information, please visit the virtual workshop and click on the boards in the virtual room: Charlotte County Transit (net-fs.com).

Public Works

- **Canal Maintenance Production** Crews filled depressions at 16 locations and fabricated 90 seawall panels due to Hurricane Ian.
- **Dockside Dredging** Property owners that are listed on the Hurricane Ian Seawall Damage list will not be allowed to have dockside dredging performed adjacent to the seawall until the seawall has been repaired. Any dredging along the damaged seawall may cause damage.
- **Stabilizing Erosion** Just a friendly reminder for property owners to regularly check the condition of their tarps or plastic that is protecting the eroded areas. Tarps and plastic tend to become brittle in the sun and may start falling apart. Utilizing plastic during a rain event will help keep the soil in place preventing further erosion.
- Canal Maintenance Seawall Failure Update Construction schedules have been updated and are posted on the Canal Maintenance website for the next six months look ahead. There are 17 projects in Punta Gorda Isles under construction with 83 projects completed, and 10 projects under construction with 16 completed in Burnt Store Isles. Hurricane Ian Related Seawall Failures | City of Punta Gorda, FL (punta-gorda.fl.us)
- Establishing sod after seawall replacement Placing the sod is the final phase of seawall replacement construction. As per the City ordinance, property owners are responsible for establishing the sod after it has been placed and the City will not reimburse the owners for their water usage.
- Vessel Speeds Canal Maintenance is asking people to be mindful of the current situation in the canals with seawalls being damaged. City code states that the operation of vessels in the canals shall be Slow Speed Minimum Wake in the waterways within the City limits. The speed and operation in the Ponce Inlet, Pompano Inlet, Bass, and Snook Inlet are Idle Speed and No Wake. Wakes from watercraft can cause additional erosion and damage to seawalls already compromised.
- **Dock Match Program** The Punta Gorda and Charlotte Harbor Boaters Alliance has created a program that connects boat owners who need a temporary relocation of their boats with owners that have available dock space. This information can be found at Punta Gorda Boaters Alliance (boat2puntagorda.org) click on the Dock Match button for information.

Engineering

• The swale contractor has completed Don Quixote Dr., Brazilia Ct., Darin Dr., Padre Island Dr., Casey Key Dr. (SW), Ussepa Ct., Casey Key Dr. (SE) Turtle Dove Cir which have been finalized and turned over to the homeowner. The contractor will be watering the sod

for the next 30 days weather permitting at Sea Horse Ct. and Sea Fan Dr. The contractor has begun to excavate Grebe Dr. this week and will be excavating approximately 5800 SF. Once they have the grades established, new sod will be installed. The next street to be excavated will be McGregor St. The swale contractor has excavated approximately 67,000 SF this fiscal year.

Laishlev Splash Pad Construction continues at the Interactive Fountain area in Laishley Park. This work includes rehabilitation and upgrades to the splash pad/play area. The shade structure support columns are being erected, and electrical work is beginning. Please use extra caution while driving or walking through the park due to construction personnel and equipment. To the highest extent possible the restroom facilities will remain open to the public. The access to the restrooms will be from the





marina side of the building. There will be periodic temporary sidewalk closures immediately adjacent to the construction area as required for public safety. The construction area will be closed to the public at all times during this period. The enhanced fountain area is scheduled to reopen in late 2024. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (941) 575-5050 during the hours of 8 a.m. -4:30 p.m.,

• **Fiber Optic Internet Network** - The fiber optic internet provider HyperFiber has been issued permits for a portion of the construction project to install a citywide fiber optic internet network within the city right of ways. This project will be under construction

during the next several months as they install the network citywide. They are currently working in the areas highlighted in red below. The green areas are where the work is completed and their permit has been inspected for final by the engineering department. Additional areas are scheduled to be final in the next several weeks. The blue areas are where the installation will be taking place as the project progresses.

Initially you will see utility markings within the city right of way, followed by the



directional drilling of the fiber optic conduit. Fiber optic boxes will be installed in the right of way or easement at the edge of your property. Once the installation of the underground and service points has been completed for the entire sector, crews will then return to individual locations for the restoration of sod. This will take place at the end of construction in each sector. Please be patient and allow time for the restoration. The city engineering department will be performing spot inspections during construction as well as a final inspection on when restoration is complete to ensure the contractor's restoration meets the

City's requirements. HyperFiber has provided a telephone number to call if citizens have questions or concerns about the project and installation. Please contact HyperFiber's Scott

Jackson at (239) 887-5379. Please use extra caution while driving through the project area due to construction personnel and equipment.

Parks & Grounds

• The railing at the Tidal Bridge crossing in route to Fisherman's Village has been replaced.

Right of Way

- Crews have removed the "Welcome Signs" located at 41 N and US 17 Mary Olympia. The signs will be replaced in the future.
- Crews assisted the Utilities Department with tree trimming near the Water Plant at Washington Loop near the dam.
- Vactor work continues on Marion Ave and Gulf View.
- Signage and striping has been added to the motorcycle areas of the Herald Court Parking Garage eliminating parking in those spaces.

Sanitation

- **ABC's of Sanitation** Just a friendly reminder on the basics of Sanitation within the City of Punta Gorda. Visit our website for more information or to schedule a special pick-up Sanitation | City of Punta Gorda, FL (punta-gorda.fl.us).
 - All trash, recycling, and yard waste must be out at the curb by 6 a.m. on the day of collection to guarantee service.
 - Trash must be bagged inside the can to prevent any wind-blown litter during the collection process. It can also help keep animals out of your garbage. As a friendly reminder, please place any pet waste and pet hair securely inside a bag to prevent the debris from blowing onto the sanitation workers.
 - Verify your service area, did you know that some Punta Gorda addresses outside of the City of Punta Gorda limits and serviced by Waste Management? Simply enter your home address and City boundaries are outlined in blue: Charlotte County GIS (charlottecountyfl.gov).
 - Construction debris, whole house clean-outs, and tree removals are not included with your regular service. The property owner is responsible for the clean-up and removal of debris. Whole house clean-out might require a roll-off dumpster to be placed on the property. The City does not rent dumpsters and residents are required to obtain a permit by contacting Zoning & Code Compliance (941)575-3352.
 - ➤ Special collection can be arranged for moving boxes, tires, used motor oil, electronics, car/boat batteries, and appliances/white goods by completing the online web request or calling Public Works (941)575-5050.
- Loose Yard Waste Residents can request the special pick-up by calling the Public Works Department (941) 575-5050 or completing the online web request https://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/government/public-works/sanitation. Staff will review the request and the qualifying request will be done in the order of which they are received. Below are some basic guidelines to follow.

- The yard waste must be at least 1 cubic yard (3'x3'x3') or approximately two 96-gallon trash cans
- ➤ If the pile exceeds 5 Cubic yards (5'x5'x5') the resident will be required to have the debris removed by a private hauler
- ➤ Vacant lots do not pay for refuse or yard waste services, therefore, they are not eligible for clamshell truck collection
- Whole tree removals and lot clearing are not included in the regular yard waste service, the owner or contractor is responsible for the clean-up and removal of debris. Please do not place piles near or under power lines or trees, utility boxes, mailboxes, fire hydrants, etc.

Police

• Help Prevent Property Crime - Nearly all vehicle burglaries and thefts in Punta Gorda involve unlocked vehicles. A locked car is a great first step to stopping thieves in their tracks. The next step in fighting vehicle burglaries is not leaving anything of value in your vehicle, especially if it can be seen from outside the car. Valuables in plain view give a



thief a reason to risk breaking in. Finally, please never leave your keys inside the vehicle. Remember, when you lock up at night don't leave valuables in sight!

• Click It or Ticket Campaign – The Punta Gorda Police Department is participating again in the National Highway Safety Administration's Click It or Ticket campaign from May 20, through June 2. The program encourages safety belt use to reduce traffic injuries and fatalities.

OPEN POSITIONS

 Police Officer Testing – The Punta Gorda Police Department is currently accepting applications for the position of Police Officer. A virtual testing process will take place in April. Applications must be received



- by July 12. The written exam will be completed online between July 19, and July 26, and virtual oral board exams will be conducted via Zoom on August 6. The department is accepting applications from certified and non-certified candidates.

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- **Public Safety Dispatcher Testing** The police department continually conducts new hire testing to prepare for future openings. Currently, the department is accepting applications for the position of Public Safety Dispatcher. The exam will be held virtually between June 14, and June 21. Applications must be received by June 7.
- Internship Program The police department is currently accepting internship applications for the Summer Semester of 2024. Our internship program is open to college students and high school seniors interested in gaining educational experience in law enforcement, criminal justice, and small government administration. Spots fill up quickly and the selection process can be competitive, so we encourage potential interns to apply today!

 To apply for employment or more information, please visit www.pgpdjobs.com or contact our Employee Development Coordinator at (941) 575-5571 or by email at employeedevelopment@pgorda.us.

Fire

 Punta Gorda Fire's Marine 3 responded Tuesday evening from Laishley Marina to the El Jobean Fishing Pier for a mutual aid fire to assist Charlotte County Fire Rescue. The fire burned about 100' of the structure on the north side of the pier. Most of the fire was located

under the walking deck making it difficult to reach by land. Charlotte County Fire Marine 1 and Punta Gorda Fire Marine 3 were both successful in



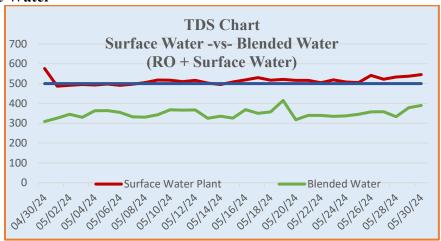




extinguishing the blaze. Unfortunately the popular fishing pier will be closed until damages can be assessed and repairs made.

Utilities

RO + Surface Water



Administration

- **Leaks** If you notice a water or sewer leak outside of normal business hours please call the after-hours number (941) 575-5070 or the Water Treatment Plan at (941) 639-2057.
- Water Treatment Plant Operations
- 63.0 MG delivered to the distribution system during the last seven days with 9.0 MG daily average
- Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Emergency Interconnect Receiving 1350 gallons per minute from the new Interconnect (Phase 1 Pipeline). Sending 700 gallons per minute from the tank on 17 (Phase 1A Pipeline).
- Rainfall May. 2023 3.52" May. 2024 1.97"
- Hardness is a measurement of calcium and magnesium ions naturally occurring in the raw water. Currently "hard" Grains of Hardness 10 –Total hardness 168 ppm

- TDS May 30 Current 390 ppm. Low 240 ppm, High 604 ppm, 14-year average 451 ppm.
- Reservoir May 30 Current 4.67', Record Low 4.55', Record High, 5.85" 58 Year Average 5.11"

Lawn Watering

• **Phase I Water Shortage** – The Southwest Florida Water Management District's (District) Governing Board declared a <u>Phase I Water Shortage</u> for the District's central and southern regions, which include Charlotte, DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas and Sarasota counties. The primary purpose for a Phase I water

shortage is to alert the public that watering restrictions could be forthcoming. The order also requires local utilities to review and implement procedures for enforcing year-round water conservation measures and water shortage restrictions, including reporting enforcement activity to the District. A Phase I water shortage order does not change allowable watering schedules, however it does prohibit "wasteful and unnecessary" water use. Water Restrictions | City of Punta Gorda, FL

Save water and money by making sure your irrigation controller is set to water wisely. Check local watering restrictions for irrigation start times and watering days.

Irrigation Start Time: Only one start time is needed to initiate watering for all irrigation zones. Set a start time before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m.

Irrigation Run Time: This is how long each zone in your irrigation system will run. Check with your local UF/IFAS Extension office for run time recommendations.

Irrigation Schedule: Your system should be scheduled to only water on your designated watering days and only if needed.

For more info visit: https://www.ci.punto-oorduf.lus/residents/code-compliance/water-restrictions

• Lawn Watering Schedule/Times – Lawn watering is limited to twice per week (if needed) by property address. Before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m. Hand watering and micro-irrigation of plants (other than lawns) can be done on any day and at any time using a shut-off nozzle on their hose, so water isn't wasted.

Lawn Watering Schedule Table			
Addresses	Current Watering D	May Also Water	
Ending in 0 and 1	Monday	Thursday	
Ending in 2 and 3	Tuesday	Friday	
Ending in 4 and 5	Wednesday	Saturday	
Ending in 6 and 7	Thursday	Sunday	
Ending in 8 and 9	Friday	Tuesday	
Addresses that end with a letter instead of a number will water on:	Friday	Tuesday	

City Clerk

2024 Election Cycle

• The seats for Districts 1, 2, and 4 are scheduled for election this year. A general election will take place on November 5, 2024, if there are two candidates for one district. A primary election will take place on August 20, 2024, if we have three or more candidates for one district. The two candidates receiving the most votes would proceed on to the general election.

- Candidate packets are available for the 2024 election cycle. The packet can be viewed on the City's website. Bound copies are available to interested parties who make an appointment with the City Clerk's Office to review the materials contained in the packet and to complete an acknowledgement of their receipt.
- Filed candidates will be listed on the website upon submission of Form DS-DE 9.
- Did you know your signature can change over the years? Ensure the Charlotte County Supervisor of Elections has an up-to-date record of your signature on file for the upcoming election. Stop by their office at 226 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda, Florida, 33982, to update yours during regular business hours.
- In order to vote by mail, you must have a valid request on file with the Supervisor of Elections Office. Requests for vote-by-mail ballots can be made in person, by calling (941)833-5400, or by visiting the Supervisor of Elections website.

Current Board and Committee Vacancies

If you are interested in serving on a board or committee, please visit our online portal to complete an online application at https://puntagorda.granicus.com/boards/forms/650/apply/.

- **Building Board** (one consumer advocate, one contractor, and one alternate) Meets the fourth Tuesday at 9 a.m. in Council Chambers. Seven-member board with two alternate members. Three-year terms maximum of three terms OR partial term plus two more terms. Reviews enforcement of all codes related to construction standards and acts as condemnation board in matters of violation of minimum standards. Hears alleged complaints against contractors.
- **Burnt Store Isles Canal Advisory Committee** (one regular) Meets the second Tues., at 1:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers. Must be resident of Burnt Store Isles. Five-member board. Three-year terms maximum of three terms. Makes recommendations to City Council on effective maintenance of existing canals, waterways and navigable channels within the district, together with the maintenance and reconstruction of seawalls. Holds public hearings and makes final decision on petitions for special permit to the provisions of Section 6-6(c) of the City Code of Ordinances.
- Code Enforcement Board (three regular and one alternate) Meets the fourth Wed., at 9 a.m. in Council Chambers. Seven-member board with two alternate members. Three-year terms maximum of three terms OR partial term plus two more terms. Financial disclosure required. Hears and decides alleged violations of the City Code of Ordinances.
- **Donation Review Committee** (one historic non-profit representative) Meets at 10 a.m. in City Council Chambers on the fourth Thurs., of Jan, April, July and Oct, or as needed, immediately following the meeting of the Historic Preservation Advisory Board. Charged with review of all non-monetary gift donation proposals/letters of intent received by the City, in accordance with the review process and established criteria identified in the Non-Monetary Donation Policy. Makes recommendations to the City Council for the acceptance or rejection of non-monetary gift donations.
- **Historic Preservation Advisory Board** (two alternate) Meets the fourth Thurs., at 9 a.m. in City Council Chambers. Seven-member board with two alternate members. Three-year terms maximum of three terms OR partial term plus two more terms. Identifies for the Council historically significant structures and sites that should be considered for designation as a "Local Historic Landmark" or be nominated for listing on the Florida Master Site File and the National Register of Historic Places. Makes recommendations of the policies for the protection of historically significant structures and sites. Makes

- recommendations to staff with regard to certificates of appropriateness for any demolition, variance, sign, or relocation of structures. Promotes public awareness of historic archaeological preservation and its community benefits.
- Planning Commission (one regular) Meets the fourth Mon., at 2 p.m. in City Council Chambers. Must be City resident. Seven-member board with two alternate members. Three-year terms maximum of three terms. Makes recommendations to City Council with regard to amending, extending or adding to the comprehensive plan for the physical development of the City, platting or subdividing land within the City and adopting and amending a zoning ordinance.
- **Utility Advisory Board** (two regular) Meets the fourth Mon., at 9 a.m. in City Council Chambers. Seven-member board. Three-year terms maximum of three terms. Makes recommendations to City Council with regard to revisions to the utility construction standards, alleged billing discrepancies, and review of utility drawings and specifications.