

1987 Report



"Window to the Bay"

City of Seabrook Texas



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MAYOR

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Dear Citizen,

1987 was a very productive year for the City of Seabrook, despite tight budget restrictions and reduced tax revenues.

Several major capital projects were completed, (new wastewater treatment plant, El Mar drainage system, sewerline replacement program, etc.) and plans were made to provide Seabrook with ample, affordable water supplies for the next forty years. With the expansion of NASA and the economic "up-turn" of the Clear Lake area, Seabrook will be the location of future growth and economic development. Three new subdivisions have opened up: Lakepointe Forest, Dolphin Point, and Huckleberry Finn Cove, and new housing is being built in Seascape and Baybrook II.

Your City Council and City Staff are committed to quality economic development for Seabrook without sacrificing the environment and lifestyle that makes Seabrook an attractive place to live and raise a family.

Seabrook is a **great** place to live!

Helmut Kuehnel
Mayor

City Council:

Michael DeHart, Position 1
Harold Graham, Position 2
Linda McCoy, Position 3

Robbye Waldron, Position 4
Herb Miller, Position 5
L. W. "Bill" Dickerson, Position 6

1987 *Highlights*

Seabrook...

1. Completed a multi-million dollar wastewater treatment plant that uses "state of the art" technology to produce the best quality effluent of any city in this area and will handle the growth of Seabrook for years to come.
2. Replaced, repaired or sliplined every sewer line throughout the city, cutting our wastewater flow by 50-70%.
3. Seal-coated every asphalt street, in turn, giving them 3-5 years of new, maintainable surface.
4. Paved every major dirt road in the city, creating a paved surface for almost every Seabrook street.
5. Concluded a major drainage program in Miramar Subdivision that has substantially reduced that subdivision's flood potential.
6. Paved Pine Gully Park and the Police Station parking lots, improving the appearance and usability of these facilities.
7. Conducted a major waterfront clean-up campaign resulting in removal of 240 yards of trash and debris.
8. Installed 48 "Keep Seabrook Clean" trash containers along Second St., Tenth Street and the waterfront-point area.
9. Completely re-defined all of the commercial zones and transportation zone in the zoning ordinance to make Seabrook more receptive to business.
10. Substantially reduced the city's "Capital Recovery Fee" to encourage residential and commercial development in Seabrook.
11. Worked with the Vietnamese and waterfront communities to make the city's laws and regulations more understandable and translated City Code into Vietnamese.
12. Developed a comprehensive development plan for Seabrook that will guide the city into the 21st century.
13. Developed a "sales brochure" that will be used to market Seabrook to potential residential and commercial development.
14. Took steps to completely computerize and network all of the city's operations.

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15. Took steps to streamline and increase the safety of our record keeping system.
 16. Hired a new city attorney at the cost savings of approximately \$30,000 per year.
 17. Successfully negotiated a 40 year water contract with the City of Pasadena.
 18. Added central heating and cooling and refurbished the community house.
 19. City employees were given a 2-6% raise in March, while budget costs were reduced by 5% in the 1987-88 budget.
 20. "Interpersonal Relations" seminars were given to all employees to help city employees develop techniques to get along better with each other and with the public.
 21. Approximately 5,000 feet of culvert have been installed to improve drainage throughout Seabrook.
 22. All major drain systems in the city have been opened and maintained to improve drainage.
 23. An aggressive program to clean up, mow, and demolish nuisances throughout the city has begun.
 24. Three quality subdivisions have opened and new homes are being built in two other subdivisions.
 25. Groundwork has been laid for the creation of an Economic Development Commission that will attract, retain and control quality development for Seabrook's future.
 26. Received award of excellence for 7th year for our audit and received award of excellence for 2nd year for our budget from Government Finance Officers Association.
 27. Applied for and received \$244,000 C.D.B.G. grant to replace sewer lines in Old Town Seabrook and have applied for an additional \$180,000.00.
 28. Installed a new phone system estimated to save \$12,000 per year.
 29. Sign ordinance was re-written to be less restrictive to businesses while still protecting the City's appearance.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The City of Seabrook ended its 1986-87 fiscal year in sound financial condition, despite the depressed Houston area economy.

For the 7th year in a row, the City received the prestigious "Award of Excellence" from the Government Finance Officers Association for the 1986-87 audit. The 1986-87 Budget received this "Award of Excellence" for the third year in a row.

The 1987-88 Budget was passed with a 49.5 cent tax rate, (same as last year) and the lowest since incorporation of the City in 1961.

FISCAL REPORT CARD

By the City's Auditor, Earl Lairson & Co.

Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 1987

GENERAL FUND BALANCE \$803,000 (equals approximately three months budgeted expenditures)

DEBT SERVICE FUND BALANCE \$500,000 (equals approximately twenty months general debt service)

WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM

1987

Gross Revenue \$1,772,000

Operating & Maintenance Expenses \$ 833,000

INCOME AVAILABLE FOR DEBT SERVICE \$ 939,000

1988 REVENUE BOND DEBT SERVICE \$ 405,000

COVERAGE RATIO 2.3

PROPERTY TAX COLLECTIONS \$1,205,000

Percentage increase over prior year 10%

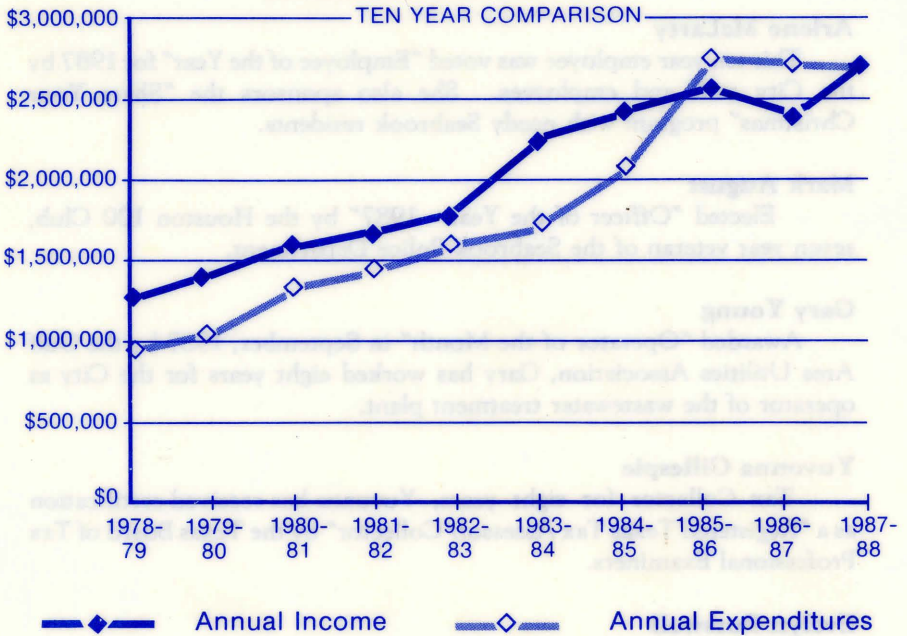
NET GENERAL BONDED DEBT \$ 939,000

Net general bonded debt per capita \$138

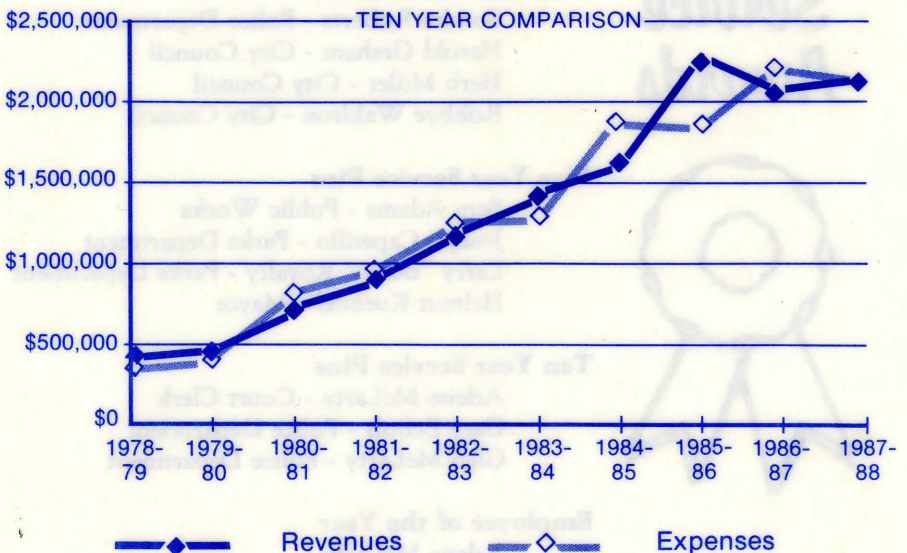
ASSESSED VALUATION (1986) \$243,000,000

TAX RATE (PER \$100 ASSESSED VALUATION) \$.495

GENERAL FUND REVENUE/EXPENDITURES



ENTERPRISE FUND REVENUES & EXPENSES



CITY STAFF PROFESSIONALLY RECOGNIZED 1987 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Arlene McLarty

This ten year employee was voted "Employee of the Year" for 1987 by the City staff and employees. She also sponsors the "Share Your Christmas" program with needy Seabrook residents.

Mark August

Elected "Officer of the Year - 1987" by the Houston 100 Club, seven year veteran of the Seabrook Police Department.

Gary Young

Awarded "Operator of the Month" in September, 1987 by the Gulf Area Utilities Association, Gary has worked eight years for the City as operator of the wastewater treatment plant.

Yuvonna Gillespie

Tax Collector for eight years, Yuvonna has received certification as a "Registered Texas Tax Assessor/Collector" by the Texas Board of Tax Professional Examiners.

Evelyn Purswell

City Secretary for eight years, Evie has passed the first two of four tests for City Secretary Certification by the Municipal Clerks Association.

Service Awards



One Year Service Pins

Sondra Roberts - Police Department
Harold Graham - City Council
Herb Miller - City Council
Robbye Waldron - City Council

Five Year Service Pins

Sam Adams - Public Works
Joseph Capetillo - Parks Department
Larry "Butch" Royalty - Parks Department
Helmut Kuehnel - Mayor

Ten Year Service Pins

Arlene McLarty - Court Clerk
Gary Echols - Police Department
Glen McLarty - Police Department

Employee of the Year

Arlene McLarty

Fighting Crime in Seabrook

As part of the Master Plan Study, a comprehensive survey of the City residents was made. The most gratifying result was the citizen security felt by Seabrook residents. 90% said they felt safe and would walk about in their neighborhoods at day or night with no fear of assault or molestation. 90% were very positive and supportive of the Seabrook Police Department.

From January 1, 1987 through November 30, 1987, the Seabrook Police Department patrolled a total of 109,176 miles, answered 4,730 calls for service and issued 1,742 citations. Of the 105 accidents only one resulted in a fatality.

With regards to criminal cases, the one officer assigned to investigations received 240 cases to follow-up and as of this date has cleared 81 cases and recovered property in the amount of \$276,937.00. Seabrook Police Department again received \$19,747.00 of grant money to continue the Community Relations - Crime Prevention Program for the 4th year. Twenty-five programs on neighborhood watch were conducted while five neighborhoods were formally organized into active groups.

Seabrook Police participated in four police awareness programs at various malls in the Houston-Galveston Area promoting the Department and the City.

On January 21, 1988, Officer Mark August will receive the Officer of the Year Award from the 100 Club of Houston.

In conclusion, the Department is looking forward to 1988 in hopes of becoming fully computerized which will allow us to better serve the public.

Key City Ordinances

Flood Control - The City's flood control ordinance was revised to ensure that citizens would continue to be protected from a natural flooding disaster through the Federal Flood Insurance Program.

Zoning - The Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council were busy this year re-defining all commercial zones and transportation zones to make the zoning ordinance less restrictive to Seabrook businesses. They also worked on a "noise" ordinance to protect the residential subdivisions from loud offensive noises.

Capitol Recovery Fees - The Capitol Recovery Fee ordinance charged for new development in Seabrook was substantially reduced to encourage new development.

Sign Ordinance - The sign ordinance adopted to regulate signs in the City was amended to make an ordinance more acceptable to the business community, while still protecting the City from ugly, unsafe signs.

CITY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Emergency	911
Police Department	474-4471
Fire Department	911
Humane Officer	474-4471
Municipal Court	474-4449
City Hall	474-3201
City Manager	474-3201
City Secretary	474-3201
Finance	474-3201
Permits/Inspections	474-4342
Personnel	474-3201
Water & Sewer Dept.	474-3201
Tax Collector	474-3201
Public Works	474-4802

YOUR CITY EMPLOYEES

ADMINISTRATION

Lanny S. Lambert
Evelyn Purswell
Terry Boldman

ACCOUNTING & PERSONNEL

Madaline Herman
Linda Ballard
Gail Kline
Pam Lab

BUILDING DEPT.

Paul Smith
Andy Straub
Ellis Reel
Michele Glaser

TAX DEPARTMENT

Yuvonna Gillespie

MUNICIPAL COURT

Joe Pirtle
Elinor Walters
Robert Richter, Jr.
Arlene McLarty

SEABROOK VOL.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Randy Zimmer
Ken Royal

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Gary W. Jones

CENTRAL WAREHOUSE

Harris Q. Marcum

SANITATION DIV.

Theodora Gonzales (Teddy)
Frank Gonzales
John Matthews

UTILITIES DIV.

August Cano, Jr.
Eddie Espinoza
Arturo Chairez
Jeff Valladolid
Edward M. Gates

WATER & SEWER

PLANT DIV.

Robert Kochert
August Cano, Jr.
Joe Vega
Gary Young

PUBLIC WORKS

Robert Reinitz
Sam Adams
Edward Forman
Able Hernandez
Ricki Morse

PARKS

Chris Bynum
Joseph Capetillo
Henry Medina
Larry Royalty

POLICE DEPT. STAFF

R.W. "Bill" Kerber, Jr.
Mark C. August
Randal Barton
Richard Broome
Marsha Buthcee
Sylvia Carcini
Dianne Currie
Gary Echols
Paul Foreman
Richard Fuller
Tommy Gore
David Greco
Nona Holoman
Glen McLarty
Mike Nolan
Alice Taylor
Sharon Davis
Mike LeCompte
Joe Shaver