City of Smithville

Special Called Council Meeting and Workshop
Wednesday, February 23, 2022
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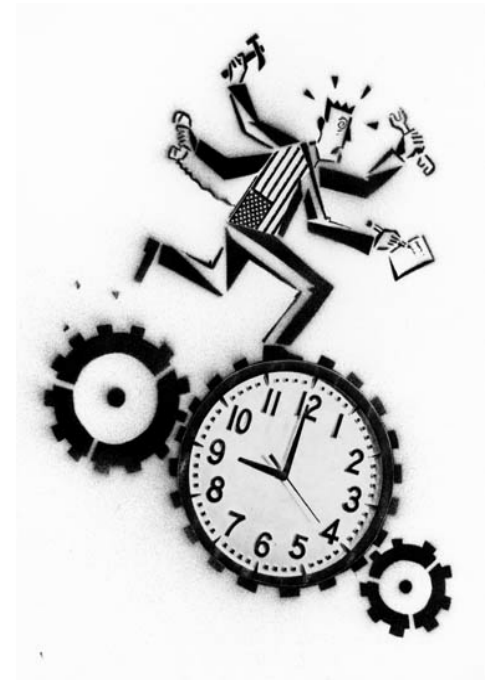## Wednesday, February 23, 2022
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Agenda:

Special-Called Meeting:
- CDBG-DR Construction Bid Award
- ARPA Funding Update / Approval

Workshop / Public Forum:
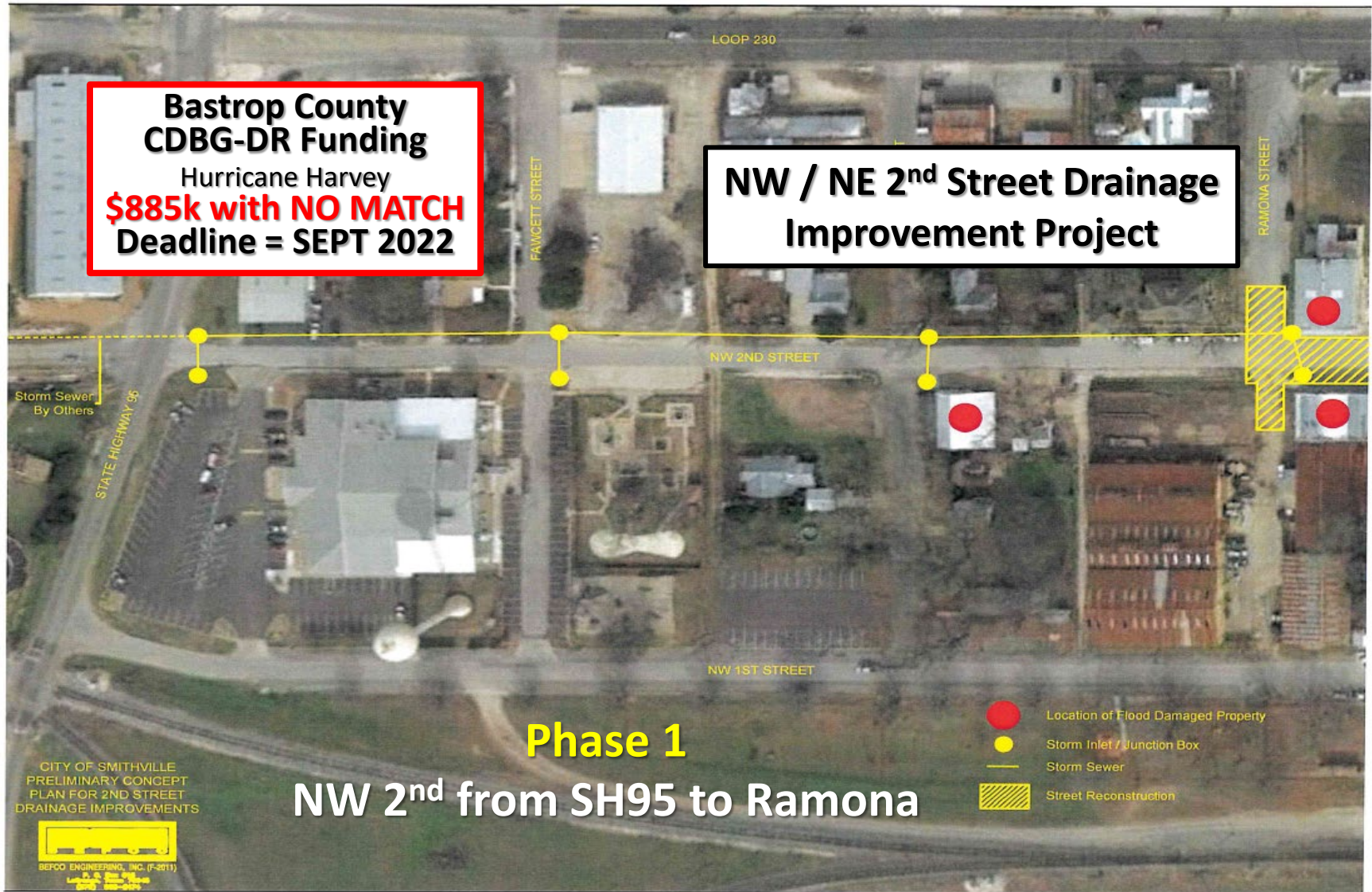- Sound Ordinance Discussion
- Short-Term Rentals

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CDBG-DR
CONSTRUCTION BID AWARD
(NW 2ND DRAINAGE PROJECT)

NW / NE 2nd Street Drainage Project

PENDING

**Bastrop County
CDBG-DR Funding**
Hurricane Harvey
**$885k with NO MATCH
Deadline = SEPT 2022**

**NW / NE 2nd Street Drainage
Improvement Project**

LOOP 230

FAWCETT STREET

RAMONA STREET

STATE HIGHWAY 95

NW 2ND STREET

NW 1ST STREET

Storm Sewer
By Others

Phase 1
NW 2nd from SH95 to Ramona

Location of Flood Damaged Property
Storm Inlet / Junction Box
Storm Sewer
Street Reconstruction

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PRELIMINARY CONCEPT
PLAN FOR 2ND STREET
DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

BEFCO ENGINEERING, INC. (F-2011)

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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA):

- City of Smithville to receive **$1,118,752** in funding administered via Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM).

- No match requirement. $559,377 (50%) received 8/19/21.

- 2nd Distribution $559,375 – August 2022

- Eligible expenses include:
    - COVID-19 Expenses – Testing / Equipment
    - Infrastructure – Water / Sewer / Broadband
    - Tourism, Travel, Hospitality
    - Small Business Assistance

- 1st Round Funding committed to:
    - **Chamber** - $200k (Workforce Training Center, Tourism)
    - **Smithville Community Clinic** - 100k
    - **City Hall** - $40k (Council Chambers A/V System)
    - **Local SBA Relief Grants** - $100-125k (TBD)
    - **WWPT Expansion Feasibility Study** - $75-100k

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ARPA Funding Request

Background:

- 2nd Round Distribution of $559,375 – August 2022

- Additional funds requested for Tourism and Infrastructure:

  - 4th of July Fireworks Display @ Riverbend Park - $25k
  - Upgrade A/V system in the Media Room @ Rec Center - $25k
  - Water Line Extension on Loop 230 West from Solar Farm to Airport - $250k
  - Gazley Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) improvements / upgrade - $150k
  - Enhance / expand Broadband @ all City Facilities - $25k
    - Riverbend Park
    - Recycling Center
    - WWTP

- Must divert funds from Council Chambers A/V system to cover 4th of July Fireworks display.

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SOUND ORDINANCE DISCUSSION

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Sound Ordinance Update / Discussion

Background:

- City Ordinance, Chapter 8 – "Offences and Nuisances", Article 8.04, Division 2 – Noise.

- Concerns / complaints regarding Outdoor Amplified Sound:

  — Business owners limited to two(2) outdoor amplified sound events in 30-day period.

  — Citizen complaints received that events held in CBD are creating nuisance noise in residential area.

  — Current regulations are difficult to enforce and create unnecessary administrative burden.

- Established City Task Force to review ordinance and meet w/ stakeholders to obtain feedback / input.

- Held Public Forum / City Council Workshop (12/8/21) to solicit feedback from Business Owners and Citizens.

- Benchmarked other municipal sound ordinances.

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Sound Ordinance Update

Current Status:

- Sound Ordinance updated with the following RECOMMENDED revisions:
  - Eliminate requirement for outdoor Sound Permit (no limit to the number of amplified events during 30-day period).
  - Re-define acceptable sound levels at Generator's property line (Residential vs. Non-Residential).
  - Re-define Day-Time / Night-time Hours.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	TIME	DEFINITION	DECIBELS ALLOWED
RESIDENTIAL	7:00 AM to 10:00 PM	DAY-TIME HOURS*	60 dbA
NON-RESIDENTIAL	10:00 PM to 7:00 AM	NIGHT-TIME HOURS*	65 dbA
RESIDENTIAL / NON-RESIDENTIAL	7:00 AM to 10:00 PM	FRIDAY / SATURDAY	75 dbA
*Except FRIDAY and SATURDAY			

- City Attorney completed review of revised Ordinance.

- Stakeholders sent electronic copy of updated Ordinance and notified of today's Workshop.

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Next Steps:

- **Modify** ordinance based on feedback from workshop.

- **Re-submit** ordinance for legal review by City Attorney.

- **Amend / adopt** new ordinance via City Council action at next regularly scheduled meeting (3/14/22).

- **Communicate** requirements of new ordinance via public notice.

- **Monitor** and enforce compliance.

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SHORT-TERM RENTAL DISCUSSION