



# City Manager

OCTOBER 2024  
**Report**

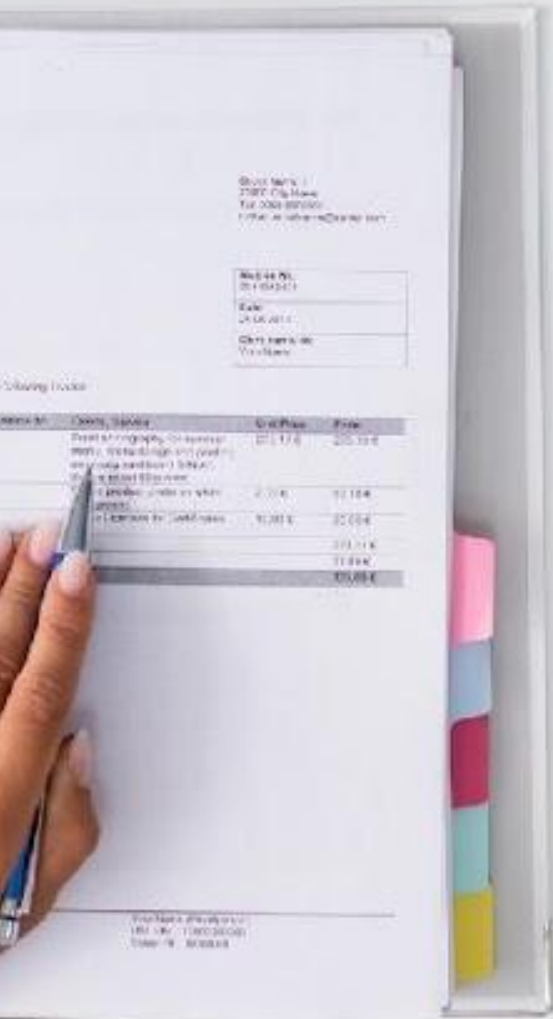


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# FINANCE

- During the closing in October of FY 2023-24 the City accounted for more than \$3 million in interest due to investments in accordance to the PFIA .
- Almost 300 letters were sent in the month of October for STR compliance. 11 citations were issued in October for operating without a license.
- The City received a new GFOA budget award for the 13th consecutive year.



# FIRE

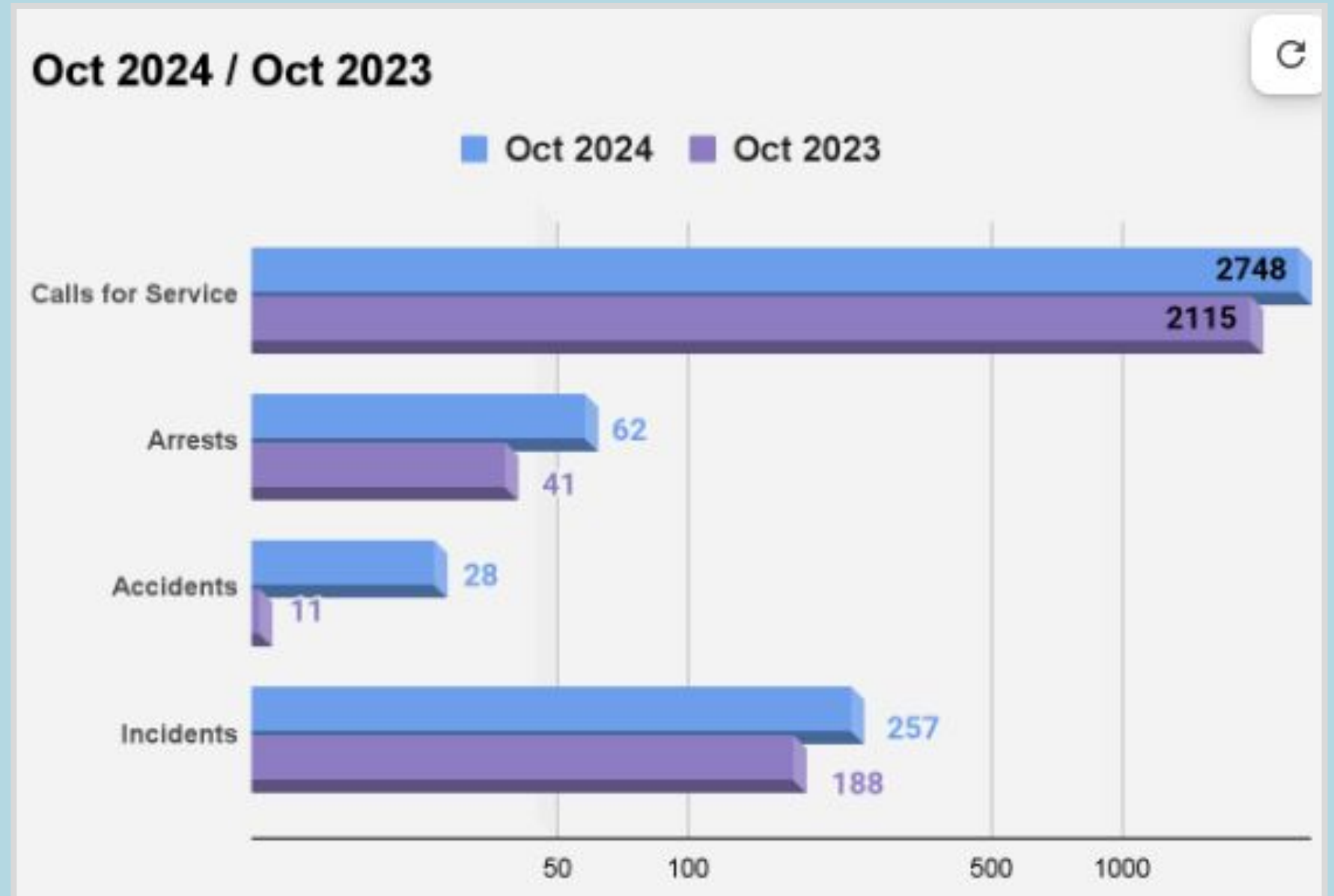
- The fire department trained on Live Burns in Brownsville last week. They had an exciting 3 days to burn and train with our mutual aid partners.
- The Beach Patrol new office is progressing with plans to start construction soon.
- The new AC parts came in last week and installation has started.
- SPIFD hosted a TEEX 3 day training on vehicle extrication with 3 donated cars.





- National Night Out was held on October 15 and was well attended by our local community. Great Job!
- SPI Police assisted in Ride for Rotary, Chrome in the Sand and the SPI Pride Parade in October.

# POLICE



- Grant Hours Funded: Supporting Operations throughout the month - 477 hours, approximate cost savings of \$16,600
- SPIPD hosted or cohosted the Conference for Crimes against Women, Intoxilyzer Certification and State Honor Guard Training.

## Laguna Blvd. Update:

- Public Works received two bids for the completion of Laguna Blvd. punch list items. The lowest bid was \$353,684.
- The first three blocks of bike lane bollards have been installed.
- Public Works will be working on underground electrical for lighted bollards, including boring under the road in two locations.
- 34 Palms on Laguna will be installed in the next 30 days.



## PUBLIC WORKS

- East Bahama Street is 99% complete.
- East Retama right of way work has begun.
- Annual palm tree trimming project has started on Padre Blvd. Gulf Blvd. will be next.

**Vector Control:**

- Larvicide was applied to the City two times last month to prevent mosquito larvae from becoming adults.
- Ultra-low-volume fogger was sprayed 3 times this month to eradicate disease-carrying mosquitos.
- A new motorized stacker was purchased, which makes it much easier to load and unload the sprayers.

EHSD staff participated in National Night Out, informing the public about recycling and mosquito control.

EHSD staff surveyed properties that retain water and are working with a list of pool companies to facilitate



**ENVIRONMENTAL**

**HEALTH**

# BUILDING INSPECTIONS



- The Building Division had been working with AEP to help facilitate the process of setting up new electrical service for both the customer, AEP and the City. A flyer has been created to mitigate challenges experienced by the customers and will be provided by the building department with the permit application.
- The Building Division has been working closely with 119 E Kingfish to facilitate the process of finishing construction on this substandard structure. They are making good progress and we do foresee the construction being finished by the end of the year.



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DON'T WAIT TO CONTACT AEP TEXAS FOR YOUR ELECTRICITY

INITIATE YOUR REQUEST BEFORE CONSTRUCTION BEGINS FOR THE BEST POSSIBLE COORDINATION.

#### Getting Started

Use our online form at our website (<https://www.aeptexas.com/business/builders/new-home>) to request temporary or permanent service or by calling us at 877.373.4858.

When placing your order, please have the following information ready:

- Contact for project (name, phone number and email address)
- Name, phone number, and email for the primary account holder (if different)
- Primary account holder billing address and email address
- Site address (911 address)
- Type of service requested

You'll receive a 9-digit number and, if necessary, a technician site visit will be scheduled.

#### What You'll Need for the Site Meeting

- Site ready date
- Site plan (location of septic, leach field, driveway, etc.)
- Planned location of meter
- Load information (square footage, heating/cooling load)

Your technician will discuss options for location of AEP facilities and explain any timelines and requirements.

The technician will gather details from you and the project, create a field sketch, and send the connection order to the engineering department. The engineer will contact you in about 2-3 weeks.

#### IMPORTANT THINGS TO CONSIDER

AEP Texas requires certain clearances around its equipment for access and maintenance whenever necessary. Clearance requirements are as follows:

- ✦ pad mount transformers- 3ft on sides and 10ft in front
- ✦ pull boxes- 3ft on sides and 10ft in front
- ✦ pedestals- 3ft all around
- ✦ utility poles- 4ft all around

Encroaching, burying, tampering, and/or damaging any AEP Texas equipment will result in delays to service electrical power to your home due to modifications needed, wait times on replacement equipment, and other factors that may arise. Additional requirements caused by failure to follow guidelines (National Electrical Safety Code, Meter and Service Guide, Tariff for Retail Delivery Service) will be the financial responsibility of the customer.

Some properties have an existing utility easement but may also require a service easement. Easement areas should be free and clear of any improvements and/or structures; failure to do so can possibly result in non-service to the location or relocation costs at the expense of the customer.

**\*\*\*WARNING\*\*\* SERIOUS INJURIES OR DEATH CAN RESULT FROM CONTACT WITH ENERGIZED CONDUCTORS AND FACILITIES IF SAFE WORKING CLEARANCES, AS SPECIFIED IN LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS ARE NOT MAINTAINED.**

**AEP TEXAS REQUIRES 20FT SAFE WORKING CLEARANCE BE MAINTAINED FROM ANY ENERGIZED CONDUCTORS AND/OR EQUIPMENT PER OSHA 1926.1408a OPTION 2 WHICH MAY ALLOW OPERATIONS CLOSER THAN 20FT BUT AT NO TIME CLOSER THAN 10FT.**



- The Technology Department is currently evaluating the Texas DIR Regional Security Operation Center in partnership with UTRGV to implement new network security services.
- A new email security gateway is being implemented that will help mitigate threats.
- A new video management platform was recently deployed for use by the Police Department.



# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



# HUMAN RESOURCES

- Effective 10/5 employees received a 4% COLA increase. (Thank You City Council!!)
- 91 City Employees were able to experience the new biometric health clinic in October at the Community Center for a wellness checkup. We had a 98% satisfaction rate.
- HR held 4 SPI Connect trainings last month with 53 participants.

# MUNICIPAL COURT

- The MC staff participated in the National Night Out handing out traffic safety books to the Kids.
- Staff has been working diligently to close out the end of fiscal year cases.
- End of fiscal year 2023/2024 total collections was \$306,513.



# CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

## Public Information

- 74 PIRs submitted
- 2 Withholding Letters Submitted to OAG.
- 2 Media Interviews
  - Beach Renourishment Project
  - The History of Beach Patrol

***1138 Early Voting  
Turnout***

## October Meetings and Agendas

- 1137 Total Meeting Page Views
- 670 Total Visitors

## Followers

- FB: 23,117
- Instagram: 536
- X: 8,895

Impressions: Total 47,567

- FB: 43,100
- Instagram: 664
- X: 3,803

Post Created: Total 128

- FB: 54
- Instagram: 37
- X: 37

**Before**

**After:**

# TRANSIT



- Ridership for September was 31,735.
- The Transit Department accepted Federal and State grand funds for the new fiscal year in the amount of \$1,593,204.
- Facility Upkeep: Refurbishment of the HVAC Scroll Chiller, Emergency Generator and Washing of the Exterior Building.



# PARKS AND RECREATION

- Christmas Parade preparation and registrations are in progress and will be held on 12/6.
- The Little Free Library at Turtle park was revealed on October 22 and is registered and mapped at [LittleFreeLibray.org](http://LittleFreeLibray.org).
- The Community Garden is in full season.
- The Community Center is being used for Elections from 10/21 to 11/1 with Election Day being 11/5

# VISIT SPI

- **Marketing** - Conde Nast Travelers Readers' Choice Award: Over 575,000 readers ranked South Padre Island among the best 15 U.S. Islands.
- **Sales** - 27 events were hosted across the Convention Center and local hotels. The Conference on Crimes Against Women was a first-time event, bringing in \$162,160 in estimated economic impact. The Texas Rangers Association Gala was also a first-time event bringing together law enforcement agencies and political leaders across the state. We are now part of their future event rotation.
- **Event Highlights** - Chrome in the Sand was a city-organized signature event drawing over 7,000 bike and car enthusiasts to the Island. This event generated an estimated income of \$738,154.



**Beach Renourishment:** Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Company began dredging and placing material on 10/23. The project started at the north end of the city limits and will work south.



**Fantasy Circle Improvements:**

- Decking on the drive-over has been installed.
- The restroom enclosure has been completed.
- Trex decking for pedestrian walkover has started to be placed.



**Dune Restoration:**

- Planting from Access #10 to Access #19 almost complete.
- Fencing and plants will start to be installed soon from Access 19 to the north boundary of City Limits.



# QUESTIONS?



  
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