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City Leadership:

- Mayor Fabian Bazan
- Mayor Pro-Term Martin Martinez, Jr.
- Alderman Place 1 Carlos Salinas
- Alderman Place 2 Kenneth Sharber
- Alderman Place 4 Fernando Carballeira
- Alderman Place 5 Lando Hinojosa

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Casandra Garcia, South Texas Regional Director for U.S. Senator Ted Cruz’s Office, met with Freer City Officials on July 13, 2016 at city hall to begin discussions for a possible interagency agreement with the U.S. Border Patrol. The request included an Emergency Prisoner Detainment Contingency Plan, donation of vehicles and equipment, shared communication access and joint training opportunities with the Border Patrol. Senator Cruz’s Office pledged support for the city’s requests and will assist the city in its discussions with the Border Patrol through the agency’s sector chief in Laredo.

TAKING ACTION

- Senator Ted Cruz Office
- U.S. Border Patrol
- Small Business Administration
- Governor’s Office of Tourism and Economic Development
- Texas Department of Agriculture
- Coastal Bend Council of Governments
- Tex-21 Secretary of State Meeting



U.S. Senator Ted Cruz’s Aid Cassandra Garcia with City Officials



NEW CITY WEBSITE

The City of Freer launched its new official website on July 26, 2016. This new website will be updated regularly and serve as a community resource. Website sections include: calendar, community, current weather, department contacts, economic development, links, social media link and news and information section. Residents are encouraged to visit the website for important community updates. For more information, please contact ernie.gonzalez@emcstrategygroup.com.





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South Texas Business & Economic Development Tour

The City of Freer will hold its first Business & Economic Development Forum on Wednesday, August 10, 2016. EMC has arranged for several state and federal agencies to attend this forum. This forum will serve as a formal introduction between key city leaders and state and federal agency leadership. This two-hour forum will be the launch of several Business & Economic Development initiatives planned to help strengthen local businesses, encourage entrepreneurship and attract new business to the community. Special guests include:

- Leticia Flores, Community Relations, Office of the Governor Abbott
- Angela Burton, District Director, Small Business Administration (SBA)
- Richard Carrera, Director of Economic Development, UTRGV
- Sonia Valdez, Texas Workforce Commission
- Roel Gomez, USDA

*“The SBA is committed to help the City of Freer by providing federal resources that can help spur economic growth by helping small business owners,” SBA District Director
Angela Burton.*

*“Governor Abbott is ready to assist Freer in its efforts to strengthen the local economy,”
Leticia Flores, Office of the Governor*

COASTAL BEND COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



Ana Garcia and Judge Raquel De Los Santos with COG Executive Director John Buckner and COG Chairman Al Garcia.

EMC President & CEO Ernie Gonzalez, Jr., joined City Administrator Ana Garcia and Municipal Judge Raquel De Los Santos in representing the City of Freer at the Coastal Bend Council of Governments meeting held on July 22, 2016 in Corpus Christi. This meeting included the approval of the COG audit and a special presentation by Dr. Ronald D. Tyler of the Texas Department of Health Services – Region 11 about the Zika Viral Disease. His presentation included preventative measures that residents and the community should take to control the spread of the disease and control mesquito breeding conditions. These steps will be added to the City of Freer website.



EMC Owner & Founder Janice M. Gonzalez and President & CEO Ernie Gonzalez

FREER REPRESENTED AT TEX-21



Janice M. Gonzalez with Texas Secretary of State Carlos Cascos

The City of Freer was represented by EMC Strategy Group Owner & Founder Janice M. Gonzalez at the Tex-21 Secretary of State meeting at the State Capitol on Friday, July 22, 2016. The Tex-21 forum is hosted by the Texas Secretary of State quarterly and highlights major Business & Economic Development projects for the State of Texas. Many major Texas cities were represented at the Tex-21. The City of Freer was the only small city in Texas to be represented at this quarter's meeting. The meeting included a presentation from the Texas Department of Transportation and its future plans for highway construction and repairs. EMC expressed concerns about highway conditions along the Eagle Ford Shale region and its impact on local roads. Tex-21 meeting's serve as important fact-finding meetings to help the Office of the Governor and legislative leadership in preparation for the 2017 legislative session.

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