

**ORDINANCE No. 2015-182
CITY OF SHOREACRES, TEXAS**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SHOREACRES CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 1 – MEETINGS; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT; FINDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHOREACRES:

That, the facts and matters set forth in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby found to be true and correct; and,

That sections 2-61 through 2-69 of the Shoreacres City Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-61. - Regular meetings.

Regular meetings shall be held at such times and locations as the city council may determine, provided that such determinations shall be evidenced by resolution duly adopted, and provided further that such meetings shall not be less frequent than once monthly.

Sec. 2-62. - Special meetings.

Special meetings may be called on the motion of the mayor or at the request of any three members of the city council. If the request is made by members of the council, it shall be made to the mayor, who will call the special meeting. In the event of a special meeting, notice of the meeting shall be posted at the city hall at least 72 hours before such meeting is to be held. The notice shall contain the date, hour, place and subject matter of the meeting and shall be signed by the city secretary. The agenda shall indicate who called the meeting. Emergency meetings shall be called in accordance with V.T.C.A., Government Code § 551.045 and V.T.C.A., Local Government Code § 22.038.

Sec. 2-63. - Presiding officer.

The mayor, or in his absence the mayor pro tem, shall preside at all meetings of the city council and, except in elections, votes only in case of a tie. If both the mayor and the mayor pro tem are absent, the council shall by motion appoint one of its number to preside.

Sec. 2-64. - Rules of order adopted.

The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, is adopted as the rules governing parliamentary procedure of city council meetings and shall apply except to the extent otherwise provided in this article. All newly elected or appointed members of the council shall be furnished the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Sec. 2-65. - Parliamentarian.

The city council may by motion appoint a parliamentarian, who may attend all regular and special council meetings and who shall assist the mayor and the council in interpreting the provisions of this article, including the provisions of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, as they apply to questions of procedure only.

Sec. 2-66. - Posting of subject matter.

The subject matter to be discussed at all city council meetings, whether regular or special, other than items of community interest as defined by V.T.C.A., Government Code § 551.0415 [strictly routine matters], shall be posted at the city hall at least 72 hours before the meeting.

Sec. 2-67. - Availability of subject matter.

The subject matter placed upon a city council meeting agenda shall include information in sufficient detail to inform the mayor and councilmembers and the public as to the subjects to be addressed [proposed action]. All proposed ordinances, resolutions and other agenda material to be discussed in open meeting shall be made available to the mayor, the city council and the public before meeting time.

Sec. 2-68. - Inclusion, removal of subject matter.

The mayor or any member of the city council shall have the right, without limitation, to include any subject matter on a meeting agenda, provided notice of the request is made to the mayor or the city secretary in time to meet the posting requirements of state law. Any subject matter may be removed from an agenda only by a majority vote of the council during the course of the meeting for which the agenda is applicable and in no other way.

Sec. 2-69. - Citizens' presentation.

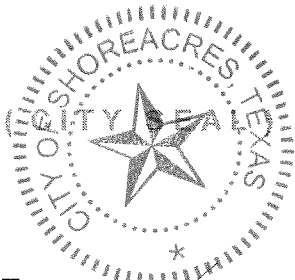
An agenda item entitled "Citizens' Presentation" shall be included as a part of all regular city council meetings. During this time, a citizen or member of the public may comment on any subject matter concerning the city, whether or not it is on the agenda. Petitions to the council may also be presented at this time. The council may establish rules of procedure to limit comment by any one person to a maximum amount of time of five minutes per meeting. Members of the public who wish to address the council for a period of time longer than five minutes shall notify the mayor or city secretary in advance of the meeting. The mayor may honor such requests at his discretion unless a majority of councilmembers present disagrees. The council may not discuss or vote upon any subject not previously noticed [posted] on the agenda. However, upon public comment, the mayor or councilmembers may direct the city secretary, to place such an item on the agenda for the next regular meeting.

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That if any section, clause, sentence, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance; and,

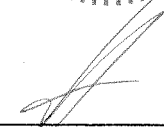
That the City Council officially finds, determines, recites, and declares that a sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of this meeting of the City Council was posted at a place convenient to the public at the City Hall of the City for the time required by law preceding this meeting, as required by the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code; and that this meeting has been open to the public as required by law at all times during which this ordinance and the subject matter thereof has been discussed, considered and formally acted upon. The City Council further ratifies, approves and confirms such written notice and the contents and posting thereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 22nd day of June 2015.




Rick Moses, Mayor

ATTEST:


David K. Stall, CFM, TEM
City Secretary

| M/2 | | Yea | Nay | N/V | Absent |
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 06.22.15
David Stall, City Secretary - Date