

THE CITY OF SHOREACRES CITY COUNCIL HELD THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2005 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE SHOREACRES CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 601 SHOREACRES BLVD. SHOREACRES, TEXAS.

1.0 ROLL CALL:

NANCY EDMONSON	MAYOR	PRESENT
JAYO WASHINGTON	MAYOR PRO-TEM	PRESENT
JOE GOMER	ALDERMAN	PRESENT
VICKIE ELLIS	ALDERMAN	PRESENT
DAN BLANCHARD	ALDERMAN	PRESENT
TOM REVAK	ALDERMAN	PRESENT
ROBIN ELDRIDGE	UTILITY CLERK	PRESENT

2.0 CITIZEN'S PRESENTATION

2.1 Citizen's Comments

Tracy Revak, 204 Shoreacres Blvd.

- Asked that Council address the landscaping plan for the park next door.
- Said that she has a few proposals for the gazebo.
- Asked if the Parks Board would be addressing park issues with the new City Administrator. For instance, she would like to propose that certain parts of the Galveston Bay Construction Alliance being implemented into our current building ordinances.

Mayor Edmonson said that as issues arise, it will evolve and be decided at that time whether it will come directly to her or to the new City Administrator.

Christie Keller, 3315 Bayou Drive

- Asked when the road construction was going to begin on her street.

Mayor Edmonson said that she will discuss this issue when she gives her report further into the meeting. Then added, that in the meantime she would ask Public Works to fill some of the potholes on her street.

Mark Lampkin, 3412 Bayou Forest Drive.

- Said that he has submitted some personal comments on the new construction to take place in the future at State Highway 146 and Shoreacres Blvd.

Mayor Edmonson and Council discussed whether or not they should make this an agenda item after the next meeting of TXDOT, and decided to do just that.

Patsy Watkins, Bayou Forest Drive

- Asked what was discussed in the meeting the night before with TX DOT.

Mayor Edmonson said she would cover that issue in her report.

Dolly Arons, 1118 N. Country Club Drive

- Talked to the Federal Highway Administration and was told that the State wouldn't qualify for the 90-10 match since the area at State Highway 146 and Shoreacres Blvd. wasn't an interstate, that it would be a 80-20 match, which would be subject to NEPA (National Environmental Protection Act) regulations.

Mary Beth Maher, 3610 Miramar

- Asked for an update on the noise issue from Bayport. She hasn't received a call back from the POH after calling them on the issue.

Mayor Edmonson said that this will also be covered in her report.

3.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

3.1 Council Reports/ General Discussion

Jayo Washington

- Received a bid from a broker to buy the old backhoe.

Joe Gomer

- Is presently serving on the La Porte Independent School District Facility Committee
- Reported that the Heritage Society Depot Museum in La Porte was vandalized.
- Will be attending a SETH meeting this month in San Antonio on the 24th through the 26th.

Vickie Ellis

- The Parks Board received the specs on the deck for the park grant and they have four potential bidders for it.
- Met with Tracy and Mary Beth with Bay Area Paddlers in Seabrook last week. They will be conducting a survey of the complete bay from Trinity to Galveston Bay. They are looking for donations for equipment to help with the survey. She would like for this to be publicized in the Shoreacres Shorts.

Tom Revak

- Commented on a flyer he received in the mail on reporting all building permits and reconstruction as well as zoning changes to a list of pipeline companies, to ensure that no one encroaches on any pipelines within the city.
- Asked if the City will be forming a committee to ask for assistance in land acquisitions from the Trust for Public Lands.

Mayor Edmonson said that we know what land is available around Taylor Bayou, and said that maybe the competition by the Trust for Public Lands could be referred to the Parks Board to see if that could be useful to them.

Mayor Edmonson

- PedKo started their street work on Forest, but has since ceased. When they came in to do the ditches, it was determined that at least twenty one trees would have to be removed if they followed through with their plans. The City will be placing culverts in

the half block area from the last driveways on either side of Forest westward to E. Bayou to save the trees. It was agreed that the City would pay for the pipe if PedKo would pay for the installation of the pipe. PedKo has agreed to clean up the green-space along the Bayou lost when they put in the storm sewers along there.

➤ Attended the Coastal Coordination Council Executive Committee meeting last week in Austin and informally asked if the City could put in a replacement project for the disallowed beach erosion project.

They are likely to approve the replacement project which would include the purchase the lot immediately north of the current wetlands park. The amount submitted for this project is a total of \$17, 000.00.

➤ For the Bay front project, she said that the City will be asking for CEPR funding.

➤ At the Council meeting a few weeks ago, TX DOT presented two alternate designs for the intersection of Highway 146 and Shoreacres Blvd. One of them allowing Shoreacres to go over Highway 146 and the other being Highway 146 going over Shoreacres Blvd. At their next meeting scheduled for late spring or early summer TX DOT will show the impact on the public on each of the two designs. Looking over the public comments submitted, the highest criteria for most is the noise impact, secondly was the distance of the nearest houses to the roadway and last being the overpass over the railroad tracks. Other issues that were brought up concerned lighting. Overall it came out half in half with half tentatively wanting Shoreacres to go over Highway 146 and the other half preferring Highway 146 to go over Shoreacres Blvd.

➤ Has met numerous times with representatives of the Port, Commissioner Sylvia Garcia and our State Representative on the noises from the Port. They are under the restrictions of the Pasadena noise ordinance which does not address construction noise, except between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7::00 a.m. The City has very little ability to restrict the noises from the port at this time.

➤ Contacted the State Comptroller's Office concerning the pay back of the over payment of \$20,000.00, which was erroneously given to the city from the State Comptroller's Office a couple of months ago? They have agreed to begin receiving a portion in 2006 and then the remaining balance over a period of four years.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of 11-22-04

Motion was made by Alderman Washington and seconded by Alderman Revak to approve the minutes of 11-22-04 as written.

MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

5.0 REGULAR ITEMS

5.1 Administer Oath and Swear in new Part-time Police Officer, John Stone.

Mayor Edmonson swore in and introduced the new part-time Police Officer John Stone. Mr. Stone has worked for many years in Lakeview.

Mayor Edmonson asked to move item 5.7 to this time.

- 5.7** Consider/Approve a Proposal for Credit Card Services through South Trust Bank. Sergeant Bianchino said that while comparing fees from other banking sources, the 2.26 % transaction fee found with South Trust Bank is by far the best one available. The one time cost of the equipment is around five or six hundred dollars. Mayor Edmonson recommended that if approved, this amount can be paid for out of our Court Technology Fund.

Motion was made by Alderman Gomer and seconded by Alderman Washington to approve the proposal for Credit Card Services through South Trust Bank.
MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

- 5.2** Discuss/Approve Members to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Mayor Edmonson said that there were three positions open on the Board. Each Council member printed on a piece of paper their choice or choices to be appointed on the Parks Board. Mayor Edmonson tallied the votes. There was a three –way tie in which the Mayor had to break the tie. Motion was made by Alderman Revak and seconded by Alderman Gomer to appoint Earl Gene Allen, Ann Apel and Christie Keller to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

- 5.3** Consider/Approve Hiring David Stall as City Administrator at a Salary of \$2385.00 every two weeks.

Mayor Edmonson said during the salary negotiation the city agreed to pay Mr. Stall's dues in the Texas- City Management Association and the International City/County Association. She said that Mr. Stall would be working the 4-40 schedule, Monday through Thursdays. Mr. Stall will also be working the Council meetings, the Planning & Zoning/Board of Adjustments meetings, and an occasional court night. Mayor Edmonson said that Mr. Stall has a lot of experience as a City Manager.

Mr. Gomer asked if he would be serving as the City Secretary, and was told that he would be. Then asked how he perceived himself in his relationship with the Police Chief. Mr. Stall said that he has had very good relationships with his past Police Chiefs since they have to explain very little to him. He has twenty-one years experience in law enforcement. When he accepted the position as Assistant City Manager in Nassau Bay, he held the position of the Assistant Police Chief and requested to keep his commissions as a master peace officer, Fire Arson Investigator, Police Instructor, and Fire Service Instructor certifications active. Alderman Gomer suggested having a workshop meeting. Mayor Edmonson said that in a month or so to meet with Mr. Stall to discuss some of his first perceptions concerning issues and priorities he wants to focus on and then with council to layout a plan of work.

Motion was made by Alderman Gomer and seconded by Alderman Revak to appoint Mr. David Stall as the Shoreacres City Administrator.
MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

- 5.4** Consider/Approve the Expenditures up to \$5,000.00 for Meador Staffing for Roberta Liles through April 1, 2005.

Mayor Edmonson reported that originally the city agreed to hire a temporary person until the city hired the new City Administrator. But said that with Robin having surgery and being out for the month of March, she didn't want the new administrator to begin working and be short on personnel.

Motion was made by Alderman Gomer and seconded by Alderman Blanchard to approve the Expenditures up to \$5,000.00 to keep Robert Liles as temporary help through April 1, 2005.

MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

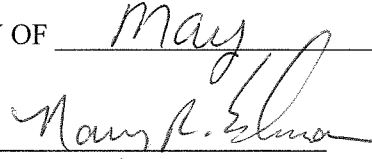
- 5.5** Consider/Approve the Purchase of a Six inch Diesel Powered Trailer Pump for the amount of \$8,625.00.
Mayor Edmonson suggested tabling this item, since Eloy Gonzales the Director of Public Works wasn't present.
Motion was made by Alderman Gomer and seconded by Alderman Blanchard to table this item number.
MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

- 5.6** Consider/Approve Expenditure of \$1179.00 for Sponsorship of the Water Wise Program to Students at Bayshore Elementary.
Alderman Revak made a motion and was seconded by Alderman Blanchard to approve the Expenditure of \$1179.00 for Sponsorship of the Water Wise Program to Students at Bayshore Elementary.
MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

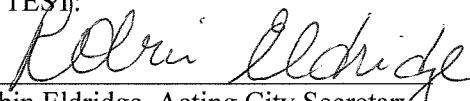
- 6.0** Discuss/Take Action on Financial Report through November 2004.
Mayor Edmonson said that our QuickBooks software has the capability of producing more of an accurate account of the city's finances, and this is the new format. The employees payroll is the only thing that QuickBooks doesn't assign different line items for, but we are in the process of getting this corrected.

Mayor Edmonson adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:43 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23rd DAY OF May, 2005.


Nancy R. Edmonson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Robin Eldridge, Acting City Secretary