

# City of Shoreacres



## MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas met in Regular Session on  
**Monday, March 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.**  
in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 601 Shoreacres Blvd.,  
Shoreacres, Texas, with the following present constituting a quorum:

Mayor	Jayo Washington
Mayor pro tem	Tom Revak
Alderman	Joe Gomer
Alderman	Gerry Victor
Alderwoman	Dolly Arons
Alderman	Richard Adams

City Administrator / City Secretary      David Stall

### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jayo Washington at 7:03 p.m.

### 2.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & COMMENTS

#### 2.1 Citizen's Comments

Howard Dahl, 511 Baywood: Commented about the CenterPoint rate being on the agenda; asked about the cell phone tower item on the agenda and inquired if such an agreement could provide better cell phone performance in the city; commented on the accessory buildings and that he was not in favor of the minimum distance [from other buildings regulation] or limitations on size.

John Everly, 637 Shoreacres Blvd: Told council that he had been the victim of a pit bull dog bite and wanted to complement the police department for their handling of the incident.

Jim Wood, 515 Baywood: Commented about the proposed changes to garage restrictions and told council that he thought the 13-foot distance was unnecessary and would make it impossible for him to have a second garage.

Anita Willis, 1009 Forest: Commented on the Bayport Cruise Ship Terminal and inquired if ship horns will be blasting on departure; asked council to address taxpayer problems with the Port of Houston Authority (POHA) believing that there is justification to request Shoreacres' taxes be adjusted to remove the POHA tax saying taxing us is like putting salt on a wound.

Cindy Srader, 330 Shoreacres Blvd: Commented about the cruise ships sounding their horn as being part of the festive cruise ship departure ambiance.

Linda Wood, 515 Baywood: Questioned how the 25% of lot area was calculated to determine the maximum permitted size of a garage.

### 3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 Regular Council Meeting: February 11, 2008

No Action.

3.2 Regular Council Meeting: February 25, 2008

No Action.

3.3 Regular Council Meeting: March 10, 2008

No Action.

### 4.0 REPORTS

4.1 Council Reports

Revak: No report.

Gomer: Reported that he attended a SEACAP and will be attending a SETH meeting this week.

Arons: Announced that there will be an air quality meeting this week.

Adams: Reported that he attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at David Burnet Park as the city's representative.

Victor: No report.

Washington: Reported on the Easter egg hunt and asked for a volunteer to coordinate the city's parade participation.

4.2 Staff Reports

4.2.1 City Administrator's Report

David Stall: Reported on the new Public Works truck; new accounts payable clerk; accounting software upgrade; new office lights in city hall; status of the traffic signals on SH-146; two recent dog bite incidents; and, the solar light in Heron Park.

- 4.3 Report and recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission on proposed changes to the Zoning Regulations related to residential garages and carports.

Chairman Srader presented council with the recommendation and report from the Planning and Zoning Commission asking for changes to the regulations related to residential garages and carport. The changes included allowing a detached garage in addition to an attached garage; lower height requirements; size limitations; and, placement restrictions.

Council discussed some of the specifics and made inquires as to the purpose and intent of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

A number of citizens commented on the proposed changes.

## 5.0 BUSINESS

- 5.1 Consideration and approval of invoices.

Alderman Gomer moved to approve the payment of invoices as presented. Alderwoman Arons seconded.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: Revak, Gomer, Arons, Adams, Victor.

NAYS: None.

- 5.2 Consideration and approval or other action regarding an ordinance declaring the unopposed candidates for the offices of Mayor and two (2) at-large positions of Aldermen as elected; providing that the May 10, 2008 regular municipal election shall not be held; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith; providing a savings clause; providing a severability clause; finding and determining that the meeting at which the ordinance was passed was open to the public as required by law; and providing for an effective date. (Stall)

Mayor pro tem Revak moved to approve ordinance 2008-06 canceling the election as presented. Alderman Gomer seconded.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: Revak, Gomer, Arons, Adams, Victor.

NAYS: None.

- 5.3 Consideration and acceptance of Planning and Zoning Commission recommendations or other action regarding proposed changes to Zoning Regulations related to residential garages and carports. (Stall)

Mayor Washington accepted the report.

- 5.4 Consideration and approval or other action regarding a resolution to authorize the suspension of the effective date of the rates and tariffs of CenterPoint Energy Entex (“CenterPoint”) for ninety days with regard to the statement of intent filed with the city on March 6, 2008; requiring CenterPoint to reimburse reasonable rate case expenses; authorizing a city representative to join a coalition of cities to direct experts and special counsel to act on the city’s behalf; finding that the meeting complies with the open meetings act; making such other findings and provisions related to the subject; and declaring an effective date for the resolution. (Stall)

Mayor pro tem Revak moved to discuss resolution R-2008-01. Alderwoman Arons seconded.

City Administrator Stall described the request, process, and recommended that the rate request be suspended.

CenterPoint Energy District Manager Steven Greenley addressed council and also described the request and process.

Alderman Victor moved to approve resolution R-2008-01 suspending the effective date of the CenterPoint rates for ninety days as presented. Alderwoman Arons seconded.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: Revak, Gomer, Arons, Adams, Victor.  
NAYS: None.

- 5.5 Consideration and possible action on cell site lease and lease conversion with Unison Site Management; authorizing a city representative and city attorney to negotiate and prepare contract documents for Council consideration. (Stall)

Mayor pro tem Revak moved to discuss the Unison Site Management proposal. Alderman Gomer seconded.

Mayor Washington and Administrator Stall described the current proposal and the negotiations with Unison.

Alderman Victor moved to approve the city to negotiate and prepare contract documents for council consideration. Alderman Adams seconded.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: Revak, Gomer, Arons, Adams, Victor.  
NAYS: None.


**6.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Washington declared the meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF April 2008.

  
Jayo Washington, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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David K. Stall, City Administrator / City Secretary