

# City of Shoreacres



## MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas met in Regular Session on  
**Monday, April 14, 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 7:01 p.m.

### 2.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & COMMENTS

#### 2.1 Citizen's Comments

Anita Willis, 1009 Forest: Reported to council that at the SEACAP meeting there was a presentation by the Port of Houston Authority where they said three more shipping lines were moving from Barbour's Cut to Bayport. She also reported that when asked, the port official said that it was possible that there could be loading 24-hours a day five days a week, described as three times more than now.

Patrick Stanton, 128 Shadylawn: He asked council if there have been any answers to the questions they had for the port. He recounted that Alderman Victor asked about stacking order and that there was a request for a specific timeline for noise mitigation. He told council that he would like a "full court press" made on the port and would like Shoreacres to get more aggressive.

Robert Plant, 614 Forest: Reported that he had attended the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Candidate night where the topics discussed included drainage, flooding, retail development and a the new hotel project at Sylvan Beach.

### 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

Alderman Adams moved to adopt the minutes for March 10, 2008, as presented. Alderman Gomer seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

3.4 Regular Council Meeting: March 24, 2008

Alderman Gomer moved to adopt the minutes for March 24, 2008, as presented. Alderman Victor seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

#### 4.0 REPORTS

4.1 Council Reports

Revak: No report.

Gomer: Reported that he attended the Chamber economic development meeting and together with Stan Krauhs and Chief French attended the SEACAP meeting.

Arons: Reported on the Greater Houston Air Quality Task Force meeting and related that they had presented good information. She said that Davis Petroleum had been identified as the Benzene generator with the use of infrared detection. And, she reported that the Port of Houston was having meetings with labor crews about noise issues.

Adams: Asked if it would be possible for Shoreacre residents to get a discount at the La Porte recreation center. Reported that the 20MPH petition for Bayou Forest was almost done. Reported that he had attended a port tour to see the operation in person and that the port plans on 21 cranes with 6 to 9 added in the next six years. Reported that he won Runner-up in a Baytown Chamber of Commerce drag race event.

Victor: Reported that he toured the port of Houston and that there will be more noise. He told council that the port was consulting with shipping lines about the idea of using tier stacking order to shield noise; that the opportunity cost of each lost day of ship operations at the port was \$75,000; that the cruise terminal could be operational in May; that they are still negotiating for a cruise line; that the rail service into Bayport will come from the south near Red Bluff; that another

administration building is planned for the next year or two; and, that berms and walls were said not to be effective for noise abatement.

Washington: Reported on meeting with the port and that the pilot project on Baywood was starting quickly and could be finished by August; that the port will monitor and plan for ten more houses. Reported that Lyondell has selected a project in the city for Global Care Day and that they would be installing plant beds and a cedar fence in the City Hall garden on April 26.

#### 4.2 Staff Reports

##### 4.2.1 City Administrator's Report

David Stall: Reported on the progress of installing a new water pipeline between Fairfield and Meadowlawn and that the plan has changed to extend the new line the entire length of the block between Broadway and Byway; and, that a French drain would be installed in the easement with the length of the pipe. Reported that Brenda Kent has returned to work; that the bid opening for road work on Westview and Bayou would take place on April 15; and, that preparations had been made for Clean-Up Green-Up for the week of April 21.

##### 4.2.2 Police Department Report

A written report was submitted.

### 5.0 BUSINESS

#### 5.1 Consideration and approval of invoices.

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

The vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

#### 5.2 Consideration, approval or other action on an ordinance denying the rate increase proposed by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., dba CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas, Texas Coast Division; authorizing participation in a coalition of cities known as Texas Coast Utilities Coalition; authorizing the hiring of lawyers and rate experts; and, requiring the reimbursement of municipal rate case expenses. (Stall)

Alderman Gomer moved to discuss the ordinance denying the rate increase proposed by CenterPoint. Mayor pro tem Revak seconded the motion.

City Administrator Stall described the request, the related issues and concerns and recommended that the rate increase request be denied.

Alderman Arons moved to approve resolution O-2008-07 denying the rate increase requested by CenterPoint. Alderman Gomer seconded.

The vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

- 5.3 Consideration, discussion or other action on Allied Waste Services contract performance; failure to provide credit as agreed; assessment of fees and charges; and, notice of service interruption. (Stall)

Mayor pro tem Revak moved to discuss. Alderman Arons seconded the motion.

City Administrator Stall described the issues related to Allied Waste Services performance.

Damien Katzenmeyer of Allied Waste Services addressed council and apologized for the poor communication with the city, for the service interruption notice, and assured council that the city would receive full credit and all fees would be waived.

No action was taken.

- 5.4 Consideration and approval to call and publish notice of a Public Hearing on an ordinance amending and providing additional zoning regulation definitions; amending the requirement for garages and amending regulations thereof; providing additional specifications for garages and carports; amending the regulation of accessory buildings. (Arons)

Alderman Arons moved to discuss. Alderman Adams seconded the motion.

City Administrator Stall described the proposed ordinance and the process required for consideration and approval.

Alderman Arons moved to publish notice of a Public Hearing before April 26, 2008, and to call a Public Hearing on May 12, 2008, on an ordinance amending and providing additional zoning regulation definitions; amending the requirement for garages and amending regulations thereof; providing additional specifications for garages and carports; amending the regulation of accessory buildings. Alderman Gomer seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

- 5.5 Consider and act to amend telecommunications right-of-way access line rates. (Stall)

Alderman Arons moved to discuss. Alderman Adams seconded the motion.

City Administrator Stall described the telecommunications right-of-way access line rates and the options council had to decline the default CIP increase or otherwise adjust the rates.

Alderman Victor moved to approve the default rates. Alderman Gomer seconded.

The vote was as follows:

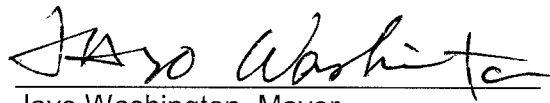
AYES: Revak, Gomer, Arons, Adams, Victor.

NAYS: None.


**6.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Washington declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28TH DAY OF APRIL 2008.

  
Jayo Washington, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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David K. Stall, City Administrator / City Secretary