City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas met in Regular Session on Monday, April 28, 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

Alderman

Joe Gomer

Alderman

Gerry Victor

Alderwoman

Dolly Arons

Alderman

Richard Adams

City Administrator / City Secretary

David Stall

Absent:

Mayor pro tem

Tom Revak

1.0 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jayo Washington at 7:02 p.m.

2.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & COMMENTS

2.1 Citizen's Comments

Anita Willis, 1009 Forest: Reported to council that she had seen a La Porte crew testing a fire hydrant and upon questioning them she learned that they were checking the capacity for fire sprinklers at new expansion of St. Mary's. She also remarked on increased noise and industrial sounds as the result of the LBC rail expansion. She also reported that she spoke with a Harris County Appraisal District employee who was measuring homes and expressed surprise as the level of noise.

Robert Plant, 614 Forest: Thanked the port for including him on a recent tour of Bayport given to city council members. He told council that the loudest noise he heard came from setting ship hatch covers on the dock. He also reported experiencing more than 36-hours of dredge noise. [Grace Moolchan, a POHA representative in the audience clarified that the source of the noise was not a dredge but rather the main engine of a ship at the dock.]

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 Regular Council Meeting: February 11, 2008

Alderman Adams moved to adopt the minutes for February 11, 2008, as presented. Alderman Gomer seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: Gomer, Arons, Adams, Victor.

NAYS: None.

3.2 Regular Council Meeting: February 25, 2008

No Action.

3.3 Regular Council Meeting: April 14, 2008

Alderman Gomer moved to adopt the minutes for April 14, 2008, as presented. Alderman Victor seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: Gomer, Arons, Adams, Victor.

NAYS: None.

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 Council Reports

Gomer: Reported on participating in the tour of the Bayport facility.

Arons: No report.

Adams: Reported on attending a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting and gave a brief status report on the park projects. He also reported that 73% of those that he was able to contact in Bayou Forest were in favor of a 20 mile per hour speed limit.

<u>Victor</u>: Reported that work would be done to complete the butterfly garden at Heron Park in a couple weeks.

<u>Washington</u>: Reported that the railing post caps on the Heron Park observation deck have been replaced and the other vandalism repaired. He also reported that 80 to 85 volunteers from Lyondell Basell worked on projects in the City Hall Garden for Global Care Day.

4.2 Staff Reports

4.2.1 City Administrator's Report

<u>David Stall</u>: Reported that Eloy Gonzalez had been in San Antonio attending an in-service class; Clean-Up Green-Up had been a success

and that some residents put material out early and others put it out late; log that remain curbside will be transported to Heron Park when a crew becomes available; City personnel assisted in preparations at the City Hall Garden; excess mulch will be used at Heron Park; an inquiry has been made about the possibility of getting a resident discount at the La Porte Recreation Center; negotiations with La Porte continue to move slowly on housing dogs captured by city personnel; and the early voting will continue until 6:00pm Tuesday, May 6, 2008.

5.0 BUSINESS

5.1 <u>Consideration and approval of invoices</u>.

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

The vote was as follows:

AYES: Gomer, Arons, Adams, Victor.

NAYS: None.

5.2 <u>Consideration and action to appointment a City of Shoreacres representative to the Citizens' Advisory Council to La Porte Industry (CAC). (Washington)</u>

Mayor Washington nominated Anita Willis to represent the City of Shoreacres on the Citizen's Advisory Council to La Porte Industry.

Alderman Victor moved to approve the Mayor's nominee. Alderman Gomer seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: Gomer, Arons, Adams, Victor.

NAYS: None.

5.3 Consideration and action to ratify the Mayor's nomination to fill Position 2 of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a term beginning April 28, 2008 and ending January 31, 2009. (Washington)

Mayor Washington nominated Tracy Revak to fill Position 2 of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Alderman Adams moved to ratify the Mayor's nomination. Alderman Victor seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: Gomer, Arons, Adams, Victor.

NAYS: None.

5.4 Consideration and action to ratify the Mayor's nomination to fill Position 4 of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a term beginning April 28, 2008 and ending January 31, 2010. (Washington)

Mayor Washington nominated Jason Leopard to fill Position 4 of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Alderman Adams moved to ratify the Mayor's nomination. Alderwoman Arons seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: Gomer, Arons, Adams, Victor.

NAYS: None

5.5 Consideration and action to approve the Mayor's nominee for appointment to Position 1 of the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term beginning April 28, 2008 and ending January 31, 2009. (Washington)

Mayor Washington nominated Luke Nelson to fill Position 1 of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Alderman Gomer moved to ratify the Mayor's nomination. Alderman Victor seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: Gomer, Arons, Adams, Victor.

NAYS: None.

5.6 Consideration and action to approve the Mayor's nominee for appointment as alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term beginning April 28, 2008 and ending January 31, 2009. (Washington)

Mayor Washington nominated Kathy Booth to fill the Alternate Position of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Alderman Gomer moved to ratify the Mayor's nomination. Alderwoman Arons seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: Gomer, Arons, Adams, Victor.

NAYS: None.

5.7 Consideration and action to appoint two members of the Planning & Zoning Commission to the Board of Adjustment as alternate members of the Board of Adjustment for a one-year term beginning April 28, 2008 and ending January 31, 2009. (Washington)

Mayor Washington nominated Luke Nelson and Kathy Booth to fill the Alternate Positions of the Planning and Zoning Commission Board of Adjustment.

Alderman Adams moved to ratify the Mayor's nomination. Alderman Victor seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: Gomer, Arons, Adams, Victor.

NAYS: None.

5.8 <u>Consideration and approval of a Resolution approving an Investment Policy pursuant to the Public Funds Investment Act; and, other related provisions.</u> (Stall)

Alderman Adams moved to discuss the Resolution approving an Investment Policy pursuant to the Public Funds Investment Act. Alderwoman Arons seconded the motion.

Council discussed the policy with City Administrator Stall.

Alderman Adams moved to approve the Resolution and Investment Policy. Alderwoman Arons seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: Gomer, Arons, Adams, Victor.

NAYS: None.

5.9 <u>Consideration and action to name Shoreacres Citizen of the Year.</u> (Washington)

Council discussed candidates for consideration as Shoreacres' Citizen of the Year.

Alderman Gomer moved to name Patrick Stanton as Shoreacres' Citizen of the Year. Alderman Victor seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: Gomer, Arons, Adams, Victor.

NAYS: None.

5.10 Consideration and action to name Shoreacres Employee of the Year. (Washington)

Council discussed candidates for consideration as Shoreacres' Employee of the Year.

Alderman Adams moved to name Eloy Gonzalez as Shoreacres' Employee of the Year. Alderwoman Arons seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: Gomer, Arons, Adams, Victor.

NAYS: None.

5.11 Consideration and possible action on bid(s) received on April 15, 2007, for street paving on Westview and/or Bayou. (Washington)

Council heard a report and recommendation from City Engineer Jerry Gainer on the bid received for the paving of Westview and Bayou. Gainer recommended that the city accept the bid for the construction of both projects.

Council discussed the project and asked questions of the City Engineer as to other street surfaces.

Alderman Victor moved to approve the bid received from D & W as was recommended by the City Engineer. Alderman Adams seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: Adams, Victor, Washington.

NAYS: Gomer, Arons.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Washington declared the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12+H DAY OF MAY 2008.

Jayo Washington, Mayor

ATTEST:

David K. Stall, City Administrator / City Secretary