City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas met in Regular Session on Monday, May 26, 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 Alderman

Dolly Arons 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 Recognition of Tom Revak and his service to the community as a member of the Shoreacres City Council.

Mayor Washington made remarks in recognition of the service of Tom Revak and presented him with a certificate of appreciation.

2.2 Citizen's Comments

Nancy Winters, 3714 Sunrise: Raised concern about people parking on their lawn, specially noted a large boat on a trailer that's parked on a front lawn.

<u>Dana Woodruff, 3534 Miramar</u>: Suggested to council that they might provide land for boat or recreational vehicle parking for the public at a nominal fee.

<u>Bill Lowery, 3420 Bayou Forest</u>: Addressed council about his house being required to be built at 12-feet above sea level and that the permitted 6-foot fence is inadequate to provide him with privacy to the back of his house on West Country Club.

Robert Plant, 614 Forest: Commented on city regulations for fences and drainage.

2.3 Presentation by Bob Wooten of Tradition Energy.

Mr. Wooten described his background, his experience in energy purchasing, and the resources and services offered by his firm, Tradition Energy.

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 Regular Council Meeting: February 25, 2008

No Action.

3.2 Regular Council Meeting: May 12, 2008

No Action.

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 Council Reports

Revak: Reported that it was his pleasure and privilege to have served on a good council.

<u>Gomer</u>: Reported that he attended the Mayor's and Councilmen's Association meeting and the presentation was on transportation.

Arons: No report.

Adams: Reported that he attended a Mayor's and Councilmen's Association meeting and related information from their presentation including the Short Sea Initiative to increase the use of barges; and, high-seas piracy. Also reported that 20 MPH speed limit signs were up on Bayou Forest.

<u>Victor</u>: Reported that he attended the Mayor's and Councilmen's Association meeting and that it was a good meeting.

<u>Washington</u>: Reported that he attended the Mayor's and Councilmen's Association meeting; attended the Mayor's meeting with the Port of Houston Authority and that planting on the north side of the channel will be on the June docket for consideration by the Port; the bunker barge noise issue has not been resolved; OSHA concerns have been raised in regard to the suggestion that containers be used as a sound wall on the ships during loading and unloading; no answers have been received about the April 24 noise issues; and, the port is now receiving five ships per week.

4.2 Staff Reports

4.2.1 City Administrator's Report

<u>David Stall</u>: Reported on a billing dispute with Allied Waste; progress towards an animal shelter agreement with La Porte; progress towards a recreation center use agreement with La Porte; attendance at a watershed meeting in Houston and a CenterPoint rate case meeting in

League City; and, the status of work on Westview and Bayou street projects.

5.0 BUSINESS

5.1 Consideration and approval of invoices.

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

The vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

5.2 Administer Oath of Office to newly elected city officials. (Washington)

City Secretary David Stall administered the Oath of Office to Mayor elect Jayo Washington.

Mayor Washington administered the Oath of Office to Aldermen Elect Gerry Victor and Robert Plant.

Alderman Plant replaced Mayor pro tem Revak at the Council table.

5.3 <u>Discussion and action to elect a Mayor pro-tem for a one-year term.</u> (Washington)

Mayor Washington nominated Joe Gomer as Mayor pro-tem. There being no more nominations the Mayor declared nominations closed.

The vote to elect Joe Gomer as Mayor pro-tem was as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

5.4 Consideration and action to adopt an ordinance amending the Shoreacres City Code amending zoning regulation definitions; amending the requirements for garages and regulations thereof; providing additional specifications for garages and carports; and, amending the regulation of accessory buildings including carports. (Arons)

Alderwoman Arons moved to discuss. Alderman Gomer seconded the motion.

Council discussed the Ordinance.

Alderwoman Arons moved to adopt the Ordinance with amendment. Alderman Victor seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

5.5 Consideration and approval of a Resolution amending the list of individuals who are authorized to represent the City in transacting business with TexPool Participant Services. (Stall)

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

Council discussed.

Mayor pro tem Gomer moved to adopt the Resolution as amended. Alderman Adams seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

5.6 Consideration and approval to authorize the City Administrator to obtain transactable offers for electric service; and, with the concurrence of the Mayor execute a contract for electric service. (Stall)

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

Council discussed.

Alderman Victor moved to authorize the City Administrator to obtain transactable offers for electric service; and, with the concurrence of the Mayor to execute a contract for electric service. Alderwoman Arons offered an amendment to specifically authorize soliciting offers through Tradition Energy. Alderman Victor accepted the amendment to his motion. Mayor pro tem Gomer seconded the motion as amended.

The vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Washington declared the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14th DAY OF JULY 2008.

layo Washington, Mayor

ATTEST:

David K. Stall, City Administrator / City Secretary