City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas met in Regular Session on Monday, June 9, 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

Joe Gomer

Alderman

Gerry Victor

Alderwoman

Dolly Arons

Alderman Alderman Richard Adams Robert Plant

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City Administrator / City Secretary

David Stall

1.0 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jayo Washington at 7:06 p.m.

2.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & COMMENTS

2.1 Citizen's Comments

<u>Anita Willis, 1009 Forest Ave</u>: Reported on the Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting attended by plant managers and hourly workers. Reported on meeting with Don Gore of Odfjell to look at four railroad crossings inside their plant. They are working on suggestion to reduce rail related noise.

<u>Bill Lowery, 3420 Bayou Forest</u>: Addressed council to express his appreciation for the Council and Board of Adjustment's action on his request for a variance to build an 8-foot fence.

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.

3.3 Regular Council Meeting: May 26, 2008

No Action.

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4.0 REPORTS

4.1 Council Reports

Plant: No report.

<u>Gomer</u>: Reported that he missed the economic development meeting but did pick up the information that provided business activity including hotels and retail strip centers.

Arons: No report.

<u>Adams</u>: Reported that he attended the Board of Adjustment meeting. He also reported that from 8:00am to 10:00am Friday he heard constant (truck) horns honking every 10 minutes.

Victor: No report.

<u>Washington</u>: Reported on attending a regional transportation meeting with Congressman Nick Lampson, Commissioner Garcia, and the Economic Alliance. They considered transportation needs out 10, 20 and 30 years.

4.2 Staff Reports

4.2.1 City Administrator's Report

<u>David Stall</u>: Gave an abbreviated activity report and deferred additional discussion to item that appear on the agenda.

4.2.2 Police Department

A written report was provided to council.

4.3 Port of Houston Authority

Grace Moolchan: Reported on Port of Houston Authority improvements including speed bumps to control exit angles onto Port Road and opening at 4:00am instead of 7:00am to keep truck inside the facility (still working on keeping trucks off the road). Working with TxDOT to place traffic control signage at Port Road and SH-146, adding six to seven STOP signs. When Port Road is expanded to 6-lanes they expect to have signal lights.

Reported that the sound mitigation program is being fast-tracked to two homes. Proposals have been received with an award date of June 24. Custom doors and windows are to be fabricated. The POHA is not in the position to reimburse homeowners who have incurred expenses sound proofing their homes.

Reported that the north shore vegetation plan is on schedule for a July award date anticipating planting in September-October.

Reported that there has been no official answer yet to the April 24 noise issues involving the White Shark.

Reported that this week there were two ships in port on Tuesday and Wednesday, and one ship in port on Thursday.

Asked about dumping and spill containment she reported that the port's storm sewer sends the first inch to a flush pond and that the outfall is equipped with an auto-sampler that is tested twice a year.

5.0 BUSINESS

5.1 Consideration and approval of invoices.

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

The vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

5.2 Consideration and approval to authorize the City Administrator to negotiate terms for the lease of city land to be used for an antenna tower and associated wireless equipment. (Stall)

Mayor pro tem Gomer moved to discuss. Alderman Adams seconded.

Council discussed neighbor concerns, appearance, fencing, height, and the potential effect on property values. Council expressed a desire to provide notice and the opportunity for public input in the same fashion as if granting a Zoning variance.

Alderman Adams moved to approve moving forward with negotiation subject to a public hearing. Alderman Victor seconded.

The vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

5.3 <u>Discussion of street projects, maintenance and improvement plans.</u> (Stall)

City Administrator Stall presented a five-year street maintenance and improvement plan for council's consideration.

5.4 <u>Consideration and approval to provide written comments to the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission in regard to their review of the Texas Department of Transportation. (Arons)</u>

Alderwoman Arons presented a letter to the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission she prepared for council's consideration.

Alderman Adams moved to approve the submittal of a letter prepared by Alderwoman Arons agreeable to, and signed by, the Mayor. Alderman Plant seconded.

The vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

5.5 Consideration and action to request a report and recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission in regard to Zoning Regulation limitations on fence height. (Arons)

Mayor pro tem Gomer moved to request a Report and Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission on fence heights between the two Bayou Forest Subdivision districts and abutting districts to the east. Alderman Adams seconded.

The vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

5.6 Consideration and approval of a Resolution authorizing the City of Shoreacres to participate with the Texas Coast Utility Coalition to intervene in a CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric rate request before the Public Utility Commission in regard to consumer surcharges for the implementation of certain advanced electric meters. (Arons)

Mayor pro tem Gomer moved to discuss. Alderman Adams seconded.

Council discussed the issues related to advanced electric meters and the surcharges requested by CenterPoint Energy.

Alderman Victor moved to approve the Resolution. Mayor pro tem Gomer seconded.

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 9:15 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11TH DAY OF AUGUST 2008.

layo Washington, Mayor

ATTEST:

David K. Stall, City Administrator / City Secretary