# City of Shoreacres



#### **MEETING MINUTES**

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas met in Regular Session on Monday, May 10, 2010 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 Dolly Arons

Alderman Gerry Victor

Alderman Richard Adams

City Administrator / City Secretary David Stall

Absent Alderman Robert Plant

#### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jayo Washington at 7:01 p.m.

#### 2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### 3.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL PRESENTATION & COMMENTS

#### 3.1 Recognizing Shoreacres' Citizen of the Year

Anita Willis was recognized as Citizen of the Year for her participation in the community and for representing the City on SEACAP and the La Porte CAC.

### 3.2 Recognizing Shoreacres' Employee of the Year

Rhonda Basco was recognized as Employee of the Year for the courtesy and compassion that she shows to residents and for the help that she provides to residents who come to City Hall for assistance.

#### 3.3 Citizen's Comments

Anita Willis – 1009 Forest – reported on topics addressed at the CAC meeting pertaining to rail expansions throughout Harris County. She also pointed out that the caution marker where West Bayou, Forest and Country Club intersect is missing and that there is trash in the ditch.

Deena Taylor –Miramar Drive, mentioned that the new signs along Miramar were easy to hit while backing out of her driveway.

# 4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Postponed

#### 5.0 COUNCIL REPORTS

- 5.1.1 <u>Dolly Arons</u> Reported on conversations with Pete Olson's office pertaining to FEMA trailer rental fees being imposed on our residents still living in FEMA trailers. Pete Olson's office is continuing their efforts eliminate the fees.
- 5.1.2 Richard Adams attended the town hall meeting last week. Some of the topics discussed included the Bayou Boil in Armand Bayou, new security in parks, and the availability of \$200.6 million for road projects. They also discussed the Harris County metro ride, which is averaging 75 riders per day. No decision has been made to tear down the Sylvan Beach Pavilion. Project Star murals are being painted on storage tanks. It was announced that Shoreacres had highest percentage of respondents to the 2010 census.

#### 5.2 Staff Reports

- 5.2.1 <u>City Administrator</u> The city has started erecting speed limit and parking signs along Miramar and on Fairfield. Signs are placed so as not to be directly in front of anyone's house. Harris County Flood Control district has completed preparation to replace the underground culvert pipe along Shoreacres Circle. Five benches were ordered for Miramar Park. Work is still progressing with auditor.
- 5.2.2 <u>Police Report</u> The Police Report was handed out with the Council Packet

#### 6.0 BUSINESS

- 6.1 <u>Consideration and approval of invoices</u> Motion to pay our bills (Dolly Arons/Second: Gerry Victor). Motion passed unanimously.
- 6.2 <u>Discussion of Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) project</u> applications, projects and status.

David Stall met with the Texas Department of Rural Affairs. He corrected minor inaccuracies in the application and turned over all forms necessary to refile all five of those grants with the State.

- 6.3 Review, reconsideration, withdrawal or extension of Temporary Housing Permits
  - 6.3.1 418 Shadylawn Permit #08

This item was rescheduled from the April 26<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. The permit is set to expire May 26, 2010. Ms. Lee has applied for the Harris County Recovers grant. We have no information to show forward movement with this property. A letter was mailed to inform her that the temporary housing permit for her trailer was due to expire. There is a ninety day cycle for withdrawal of the trailer so the permit will expire

automatically. Council agreed to place the item on the agenda for the May 25<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting to provide Ms. Lee one more opportunity to submit information to Council. No action was necessary at this meeting.

6.4 Consideration and approval of Resolution 2010-32 naming a first floor City Hall meeting room the "Tom Coleman Meeting Room."

In appreciation for Tom Coleman's contribution to the City, the city proposed naming the new meeting room in his honor. There was a motion to approve Resolution 2010-32 (Dana Woodruff/Second: Dolly Arons). Motion passed unanimously.

6.5 Consideration and action to authorize the procurements of admiralty and maritime legal advice concerning noise and air pollution from container ships docked at the Port of Houston Authority's Bayport Container Terminal.

As a follow up to discussion at the last meeting to obtain the advice of an admiralty attorney, Gerry Victor requested that we allocate \$20,000 for the purpose of seeking legal advice from law firms for possible future action against shipping companies due to noise and air pollution generated during loading and unloading of ships. Pending a compilation of questions for Council to ask an attorney, it was determined that no action would be taken at the meeting.

## 7.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23rd DAY OF AVLUST	_ 2010.
Dolly Arons, Mayor  ATTEST:	
David K. Stall, City Administrator / City Secretary	7