City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas met in Regular Session on Monday, November 29, 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

Dolly Arons

Mayor pro tem

Richard Adams

Alderman

Gerry Victor

Alderwoman

Dana Woodruff

Alderwoman

Connie Ramirez

City Administrator / City Secretary

David Stall

<u>Absent:</u>

Alderwoman

Nancy Schnell

1.0 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dolly Arons at 7:03 p.m.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & COMMENTS

3.1 Citizen's Comments

Howard Dahl, 511 Baywood – Mr. Dahl asked if the City has a procedure to replace damaged blue recycle bins. The City Administrator responded that when we terminated our contract with Allied Waste, we were no longer eligible to receive free blue recycle bins. If recycling is not picked up on Saturday can the City pick it up on Monday? David Stall responded that our crew is only available on Saturday.

Nyla Stevenson, 122 Forest – Ms. Stevenson inquired as to whether the City is aware of any information as to the plans for the old Bayshore Elementary School site? The City Administrator indicated that we are not aware of any plans for that site. Ms. Stevenson thanked Council for benches back on Miramar.

<u>Patrick Stanton, 128 Shady Lawn</u> – As per Councilwoman Woodruff's comments at a previous meeting, could the City clean out the underbrush at the 200-300 blocks of Shady Lawn? Also, Mr. Stanton requested that our flag pole be repaired.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINIUTES – Postponed approval of minutes

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 <u>Economic Alliance Annual Report</u> - Chad Burke presented the Economic Alliance update. The discussion included the Gateway project, Historic District projects, the Freight Transportation Study, (Heavy Hall Corridor subcommittee) and the Texas Enterprise Fund. The Texas Gateway stars will be on the side of Highway 146. The Texas Enterprise Fund encourages companies to apply for enterprise funds to be used for capital investments designed to retain existing or obtain new jobs. The Economic Alliance transportation task force participated in the regional land use study. (The Freight Transportation Study and Heavy Hall Corridor subcommittees are part of the Transportation Task Force).

5.2 Council Reports

5.2.1 Richard Adams – Councilman Adams reported on the Mayors/Council Meeting. There was a speaker from the Houston Dynamos Business operations. The project includes the purchase of land and construction of a new open air stadium.

5.3 Staff Reports

- 5.3.1 City Administrator David Stall reported on the audit of our public assistance grants. These grant audits pertain to the debris removal and other emergency activities. Both audits are complete. There was a very small discrepancy that was reconciled. The Miramar park benches have been installed. The Becker bench needed to be replaced and the plaque moved into new wood. The new police vehicle for commercial vehicle enforcement has been equipped and is now in service. The Ford Expedition is being kept in service until the new police car is purchased. The City is making headway on property violation enforcement. Almost all of the junked vehicles have been removed from the City. The Clean up Green up contractor had a rain delay and will start pick up tomorrow. There were 2 vehicle accidents over the holiday weekend on highway 146. Commercial Vehicle Enforcement truck inspections are continuing during the construction of Highway 146. To avoid stopping in areas of construction, officers follow the trucks beyond the construction zone to a safe stopping area.
- 5.4 <u>Monthly Financial Report</u> David Stall summarized data on the financial report. Revenue doesn't really start coming in until December so there is always a dip in funds that this time of the year.

6.0 BUSINESS

- 6.1 Consideration of Invoices Motion to pay our bills (Richard Adams/Second: Gerry Victor). Motion carried unanimously.
- 6.2 Discussion of Texas Community Development Block Grant project applications, projects and status.

David Stall reported on recent TxCDBG activity. A map was presented outlining the streets, drainage and water and sewer plants expected to be repaired and/or rebuilt under this grant. Additional City funds are available to remedy other drainage issues. The site of the new police building was also discussed.

- Review of the proposed Gateway Project (entrance sign) and approval to proceed. David Stall presented a picture of the City's new entrance sign being proposed as part of the Gateway Project. The sign will include an electronic board that will be operated as needed. The sign reflects the requirements necessary to participate in the program. Councilman Victor requested that we consider incorporating a heron into the design. We will look into placing the heron on the back side of the sign. Electricity will be provided from the north side of the street, underground. We will have a light to illuminate the flag. The existing sign will be relocated to the median on Shoreacres Blvd as we enter the City from Broadway. Motion to approve the proposed design (Motion: Dana Woodruff/Second: Gerry Victor). Motion carried unanimously.
- Review of the Shoreacres Police Department Bias Based Profiling and Video Policy.
 - A biased profiling video policy is required by state law to record the race of the individuals stopped by police within a City. The data presented to Council appears to be consistent with the demographic distribution. Separate data are provided for Commercial Vehicle Enforcement. No Council action was required.
- 6.5 Executive Session: Discussion of annual employee performance appraisals and merit pay [closed meeting authorized by the Texas Government Code Section 551.074, personnel matters]
 - Council recessed at 8:10pm and went into closed session in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.074.
- 6.6 Consideration and action to approve employee merit pay schedule. The public session reconvened at 9:05 pm. Motion to approve the employee merit pay schedule (Motion: Gerry Victor/Second: Connie Ramirez). Motion carried unanimously.

7.0 ADJORNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2010.

Dolly Arons, Mayor

David K. Stall, City Aministrator / City Secretary