

# *City of Shoreacres*



## **MEETING MINUTES**

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas met in Regular Session on  
**Monday, March 14, 2011 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:

Alderman Gerry Victor, Alderman Dana Woodruff, Alderman Connie Ramirez, Mayor pro tem  
Richard Adams, Mayor Dolly Arons,  
Absent: Alderman Nancy Schnell

### **CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dolly Arons at 7:02 p.m.

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:** Members Present and Absent
- 2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & COMMENTS**
  - 3.1 Representative of the Port of Houston Authority**

Shane Williams, POHA, presented the POHA's position on the Heavy Haul Corridor. The POHA has chosen to remain neutral on the HHC proposal, since some of their clients may be positively impacted, while others may be negatively impacted.
  - 3.2 Citizen's Comments**

Stan Krauhs – 1103 Shoreacres Blvd – presented a summary of the last SEACAP meeting. An analyst for TCEQ presented information on the measurements and risks of hazardous chemicals in the area. Mr. Krauhs read a portion of Chapter 27 of Federal Code of governmental regulations which specifies the estimated cancer risk from exposure as one in a million over a 70 year time frame.
- 4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - 4.1 Minutes for the February 7, 2011 workshop (Motion: Richard Adams/Second Gerry Victor) were approved unanimously.**

## **5.0 REPORTS**

### **5.1 Council Reports**

- 5.1.1 Mayor Arons – Mayor Arons reported that there is an upcoming tour with Lyondell on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **5.2 Staff Reports**

- 5.2.1 City Administrator – David stall reported that completion of the intersection of Shoreacres Blvd and Highway 146 is progressing very quickly. There will be 2 lanes in each direction. Mr. Stall also reported that Shoreacres police assisted with apprehending an individual who robbed a bank in Seabrook.
- 5.2.2 Police Department – Based on the written report, Councilman Adams summarized some of the highlights for the months of January and February. There was 1 animal call in January and 3 in February. There were 7 arrests in January and 11 in February. There were no calls for criminal mischief in January and 5 in February. The Mayor expressed continued concerns over the speed on Highway 146 going south where the road zigzags.
- 5.3 Monthly Financial report – David Stall presented a summary of balances in the general fund, the utility fund, the TexPool account and the CDBG account. We have collected 93% of the total amount of property taxes due to the City, which is good for this time of year.

## **6.0 BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Consideration and approval of invoices.**

There was a motion to approve invoices (Motion Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez). Motion carried unanimously.

### **6.2 Discussion of Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) project applications, projects and status.**

The City is waiting for the environmental assessments to be completed before we can go out for bid on the projects. During this waiting period, other tasks are being completed, such as verifying pipe sizes, determining whether trenching or boring is most appropriate, and having the water plant tank inspected. Mr. Stall will be meeting with grant administrator on Wednesday.

### **6.3 Consideration and action to authorize participation in the Trees for Houston program; and, provide direction to staff.**

Councilwoman Ramirez met with Barry Ward of the Trees for Houston program. The Trees for Houston program is a non-profit organization and Councilwoman Ramirez has helped them with fund raisers in the past. The Program purchases trees and plants them throughout the greater Houston area. The City would only be responsible for watering them. David Stall presented a list of the species available and a list of other communities that participate in the program. It was decided that Councilwoman Ramirez, Councilwoman Woodruff and David Stall would meet with Mr. Ward and go over the specifics of what types of trees to plant and where to plant them. There was a motion (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez) to authorize participation in the Trees for Houston Program. The motion carried unanimously.

6.4 Consideration, discussion and possible action to adopt a Port Communities Bill of Rights.

At a previous council meeting, Patrick Stanton presented the idea of adopting a Communities Bill of Rights. Councilwoman Ramirez placed the item on the agenda for further discussion. The copy submitted to Council is a Bill of Rights adopted by a Coalition in the Port of Los Angeles/Long Beach area. It resembles a mission statement and is not binding. Mr. Stanton asked if the Bill of Rights is something that should be adopted by the legislature. Councilman Victor indicated that this appears to be a wish list specifying the way we would like to be treated by the Port. Mr. Victor asked if there were any other areas in the state that have adopted this type of proclamation. Mr. Stanton would like to see the Port sign off on this Bill of Rights. The Mayor pointed out specific language in the Port Bill of Rights that contradicts current funding policies. The Mayor asked what the benefits to the City would be, If we do spend time developing and negotiation of a Bill of Rights. Mayor Arons stated that she would discuss this with the POHA to see if portions of this Bill of Rights would be applicable to an agreement and to discuss the possible inclusion of mitigating noise impacts. There was a motion (Richard Adams/Second: Dana Woodruff) to investigate this further.

6.5 Consideration, discussion and possible action related to a pending legislative effort to increase the allowable weight of heavy haul trucks by establishing a Heavy Haul Corridor that would include that portion of State Highway 146 within the city's boundaries.

Mayor Arons presented an update on HB 2240 (Heavy Haul Corridor) that was introduced in the legislature. Previously, the Council voted to oppose the idea of the Heavy Haul Corridor. At the council meeting that followed, residents requested that Council reconsider our position on the Heavy Haul Corridor. They indicated that while no one likes the idea of having heavier trucks on the road, it would be beneficial for the City to stay involved in the process and try to obtain as many safety measures as possible.

The Councilmembers discussed the impacts and noted that if the City does not participate, it might find itself in a worse position regarding truck traffic, than currently exists. The Mayor expressed the opinion that we should become part of the process and try to get as many safety measures included as possible. Especially, since the trucking companies already have agreed to the five or six safety measures.

Councilwoman Woodruff indicated that in passing conversations with company representatives as to the availability of 6 axle chassis, their perspective was that 6 axle chassis would not be available in the quantities needed, to meet the demand.

The Council indicated that they would be amenable to have someone to speak with us on issues involving the HHC. They also indicated that it would be acceptable to see if we could get the safety measures into the legislation. Councilwoman Woodruff particularly would like to see a substantial increase in the fines included in the legislation. There was a motion to allow the Mayor to speak with the staff of legislative bodies, who are drafting the legislation, about safety mitigation and increased fines. (Dana Woodruff/Second: Gerry Victor). Motion carried unanimously.

- 6.6 Consideration and action to adopt Resolution No. 2011-51 nominating a representative to the Southeast Texas Housing Finance Corporation (SETH) Board of Directors for a two-year term beginning March 1, 2011 and ending February 28, 2013.

Joe Gomer was our representative to SETH for many years. After Joe Gomer retired, Jason Leopard was appointed to the position. To the best of our knowledge, he attended one meeting. Phil Yovino has offered to serve in this capacity. Motion (Richard Adams/Second: Gerry Victor) to nominate Phil Yovino to SETH. Motion carried unanimously.

- 6.7 Consideration and action to ratify Mayor's nominee for appointment to Position 2 of the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term beginning April 1, 2011 and ending January 31, 2013.

Stan Krauhs currently fills Position 2 of the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Mayor requested and he has agreed to continue in this capacity. Motion (Gerry Victor /Second: Dana Woodruff) to approve the Mayor's nominee of Stan Krauhs for Position 2. Motion carried unanimously.

- 6.8 Consideration and action to ratify Mayor's nominee for appointment to Position 3 of the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term beginning April 1, 2011 and ending January 31, 2013.

Cindy Srader currently holds position 3 of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Since she is frequently out of town, the Mayor suggested transferring Cindy Srader to the Alternate position, which would allow us to take advantage of her expertise when she is available. Johnny Hill has submitted an application for Planning and Zoning and the Mayor suggested that we place Johnny Hill in position 3. Motion (Dana Woodruff/Second: Gerry Victor) to ratify Johnny Hill for position 3. Motion carried unanimously.

- 6.9 Consideration and action to ratify Mayor's nominee for appointment to Alternate Position of the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term beginning April 1, 2011 and ending January 31, 2013.

Motion (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez) to ratify Cindy Srader as the alternate for Planning and Zoning. Motion carried unanimously.

- 6.10 Consideration and action to appoint two members of the Planning & Zoning Commission as members of the Board of Adjustment for a term ending January 31, 2013.

Motion (Dana Woodruff/Second: Gerry Victor) to appoint Stan Krauhs and Johnny Hill as two members of Board of Adjustment. Motion carried unanimously.

- 6.11 Consideration and action to appoint a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission as an alternate member of the Board of Adjustment for a term ending January 31, 2013.

Motion (Dana Woodruff/Second: Gerry Victor) to ratify Cindy Srader as an alternate to the Board of Adjustments. Motion carried unanimously.

- 6.12 Consideration and action to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-94 establishing an intracounty expense allowance of mayor and councilmen.

The purpose of this ordinance is to reimburse councilmembers for costs incurred from travel within the County and printing of Council materials. In the past, Council received printed agenda packets. With the prevalence of electronic communication, we now

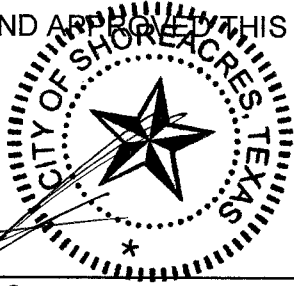
receive the information via e-mail and print them at our own cost. This proposal would reimburse the mayor \$35/month and the councilmembers \$25/month. The total cost would be \$1920/year. For purposes of comparison, Morgan's Point currently reimburses the Mayor \$50 and Councilmembers \$25 for their costs. If adopted, Councilmembers will be expected to print out their own hard copy of information for Council meetings, unless information is released after 2 pm of Council days. Motion (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez) to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-94. Motion carried unanimously.

**7.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THIS 20TH DAY OF MARCH 2011.

ATTEST:



*Dolly M. Arons*  
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Dolly Arons, Mayor

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David K. Stall, City Secretary