City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, April 25, 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 Nancy Schnell, Alderman Dana Woodruff, Alderman Connie Ramirez, Mayor pro tem Richard Adams, Mayor Dolly Arons

1.0 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dolly Arons at 7:01 p.m.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & COMMENTS

3.1 <u>Citizens Comments</u>

Patrick Stanton - 128 Shadylawn - inquired as to the status of the write up of the Cold Ironing report. Mr. Stanton also requested that the POHA initiate a program of having someone onsite at the Bayport dock at all times to follow-up on noise complaint calls. He also stated that the City needs a noise management analysis to determine if the noise is worse during certain wind conditions or when specific ships are at dock.

Anita Willis – 1009 W. Forest – Reported on the SEACAP meeting presentation on trucks and air pollution. One consideration is to create an incentive program to encourage companies to purchase newer trucks that generate lower emissions. Ineos Nova is starting a shut down today. Ms. Willis also raised issues about rust in the pipes in the City and that the Ship vibrations are vibrating rust off the inside of City pipes. Mr. Willis also raised the issue of Odfjell clearing their lines and encouraged citizens to call them when they hear the lines being cleaned.

Howard Dahl -511 Baywood - Mr. Dahl thanked the parks and recreation public works worker for cleaning up the gazebo for the Easter Egg hunt.

Mary Becker – 202 Fairfield - Ms. Becker addressed Council about the Miramar shoreline and encouraged better oversight regarding maintenance. Some of the citizens who live along the waterfront have been removing plants. She requested that the City notify people that Miramar Park is City property.

3.2 <u>Port of Houston Authority Bayport Update</u> – Michelle Hundley addressed Council about policies being undertaken to reduce noise at the POHA. She presented a list of actions that already have been initiated. When complaints are received, POHA staff identifies

the ships at dock and they meet with shore workers and shipping companies to discuss the issue. The POHA has installed new back-up technology to reduce noise from heavy duty trucks. Actions have been taken to reduce noise from walkie-talkies and horns. Citizens expressed their concern about receipt and responses to noise complaints and it was agreed that the POHA would look into revising the current procedure.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Council Meeting: April 11, 2011 – There was a motion (Dana Woodruff/Second: Gerry Victor) to approve minutes for April 11, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

5.0 REPORTS

- 5.1 Council Reports
 - 5.1.1 Councilman Adams attended the unveiling of the murals in Deer Park.

5.2 Staff Reports

5.2.1 City Administrator –

Early voting will begin next Monday. Mr. Stall discussed the City's online telephone payment report. Mr. Stall conducted several interviews for the Public Works director and will make the final selection this week. The City continues to work on computer upgrades. Mr. Stall reported on progress of Project Clean Sweep (H-GAC Grant) regarding demolishing, stump grinding and tree removal. Mr. Stall is in the process of evaluating prices of slope mowers and constraints imposed by the Texas Procurement Law for the purchase of used equipment. The City's application for the Coastal Impact Assistance Program was approved this past week. Mr. Stall also presented information on the CenterPoint COSA-3 tariff and pending litigation.

6.0 BUSINESS

- 6.1 <u>Consideration and Approval of Invoices.</u> Motion to pay our bills (Dana Woodruff /Second:Gerry Victor). Motion carried unanimously.
- 6.2 Consideration and acceptance of Annual Financial Audit FY-2009/2010 The audit was very positive and no issues were identified. The purpose of this report was to acknowledge receipt of the report. It will be submitted to the audit committee for review. There was a motion to accept the audit report (Dana Woodruff/Second: Gerry Victor). Motion carried unanimously.
- 6.3 <u>Consideration and possible action to enter into a comprehensive maintenance agreement with "Friends of Heron Park" for maintenance of and improvements to Heron Park.</u> There was still information required to formalize this agreement, so no action was taken at that time.
- 6.4 <u>Consideration and action to participate in the Sylvan Beach Festival parade.</u> Councilman Adams is coordinating the parade activities and will be contacting people to see if they want to participate.
- 6.5 Consideration and action to authorize the City Administrator to retain an architect to prepare construction drawings and bid documents for the renovation of the public works building. This budget contains \$85,000 to refurbish the public works building. The Project Clean Sweep crew will conduct some of the demolishing of the inside of the building. There was a motion to authorize retention of an architect to prepare

cm110425[final].docx Page 2 of 3

- construction drawings (Dana Woodruff/second: Nancy Schnell). Motion carried unanimously.
- 6.6 Consideration and action to authorize the City Administrator to propose a shoreline access, waterfront revitalization and ecotourism construction project to the Coastal Coordination Council for the Texas Coastal Management Program grant cycle #17 (Miramar Park). Council indicated that they were interested in having Mr. Stall apply for the grant, which could give us the opportunity to install a parking area near Shell Beach. There was a motion (Dana Woodruff/Second: Nancy Schnell) to apply for the grant. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6.7 <u>Consideration and approval of 2011 consumer price index adjustment to municipal telecommunication right-of-way access line rates</u>. The City will be receiving an additional one cent per year per residential line. There was a motion to approve the adjustment allowing the default rates to take effect. (Richard Adams/Second: Gerry Victor). Motion carried unanimously.
- 6.8 <u>Consideration and selection for Citizen of the Year There was a motion to accept the nomination of Jayo Washington for Citizen of the Year (Dana Woodruff/Gerry Victor).</u>
 Motion carried unanimously.
- 6.9 <u>Consideration and selection of Employee of the Year</u> There was a motion to accept the nomination of Brenda Kent and Officer Dodeus Manolescu for employees of the Year (Dana Woodruff/Second: Gerry Victor). Motion carried unanimously.

Dolly Arons, Mayor

7.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9TH DAY OF MAY, 2011.

ATTEST:

David K. Stall, City Secretary