

City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas met in Regular Session on
Monday, June 13, 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 Dana Woodruff, Alderman Connie Ramirez, Mayor pro tem Richard Adams, Mayor
Dolly Arons

Absent: Alderman Gerry Victor, Alderman 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 –

Phil Yovino, 214 Fairfield, is the city's representative to SETH. He attended meetings and a training session on SETH programs. Mr. Yovino reported on the first time buyer program applicable in areas of Harris County. He expressed disappointment regarding the number of programs available for Shoreacres residents and will investigate the availability of programs that are available to our residents. Meetings occur monthly on the 4th Thursday of every month.

David Gerany, 3316 Miramar, expressed concerns about speed/traffic studies on Miramar. The City agreed to place the vehicle classifier back on Miramar and increase police patrol. Even though he and others are adverse to speed humps, he feels this is the only solution. We also discussed the legal liabilities of speed humps, in that the City is financially liable for damage to vehicles due to speed humps.

Howard Dahl, 511 Baywood, stated that there is also speeding around Circle Park.

Mr. Paschall, 3302 Miramar, stated that he lives near the "S" curve on Miramar and Fairfield and that there are speeders. He disagreed with Council's statement that we are responsible for speed humps.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Council Meeting: May 23, 2011

There was a motion to adopt the minutes for the May 23, 2011 regular council meeting (Richard Adams/Second: Dana Woodruff). Motion carried unanimously.

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 Council Reports

Mayor Arons reported that the Civic Association is going to give us \$1,000 for repair of our playground equipment.

Lyondell contacted the Mayor and informed her that the truck that overturned on Highway 146 was under contract with Lyondell. They indicated that they had discussions with the contractor about the capability of their truck drivers and would take actions to ensure that a similar situation does not occur.

Based on Dana's letter on HCR, the Mayor drafted a letter that was mailed to Commissioner Morman, Gregg Abbott, and HUD. Commissioner Morman's office has been extremely helpful with trying to move things forward.

5.2 Staff Reports

5.2.1 City Administrator Report

Mr. Stall reported that we have had a number of leaks and line breaks that can be attributed to the dry weather.

All of the TxCDBG project engineering is at least 70% completed. We are still waiting for environmental clearance for some of the projects. We cannot go out to bid, until the projects are cleared. Water Plant will be raised eight feet and the existing plant demolished. Mr. Stall presented drawings that are available for review by Council. All of the projects will be controlled and monitored by a SCADA system. We will also need to consider installation of an enclosure around the generator.

Mr. Stall attended required training ("Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing") to qualify for our TxCDBG grants.

The City is still waiting to hear if the H-GAC NEG (Project Clean Sweep) grant money will be extended through Sept 31st. The extension would enable the City to continue the "Clean Sweep" program. In the meantime, we are working six days a week to maximize the work that can be completed.

We only received one bid to replace the water main lines per the plans that were submitted to Council by our engineer. The bid was extremely high, so we anticipate going out to bid again.

We will be removing all dead trees and cleaning the City's Southbrook right-of-way between Shadylawn and Baywood.

Engineering for the Gateway project is 70% complete. Knudson Consulting located a video display company willing to provide a full size demonstration sign for us to examine.

Inspections to identify Dangerous Buildings are in progress. Mr. Stall explained the code requirements to Council and presented a flow chart to Council outlining the process. The first six inspections will be conducted next week with six more inspections to be conducted every two weeks. Based on initial inspections, documentation will be prepared and notice to correct will be developed and mailed to the owner. If the owner does not take any action, City Council will need to conduct a hearing and prepare an order to take action. The owner is given reasonable time to take action. This should not take more than 90 days. If the owner fails to act,

the report would come back to Council. Council would need to decide if it wants to spend the money to take action. Mr. Stall expects that some hearings will be necessary. Any hearings required will be scheduled on Mondays when City Council does not meet.

5.3 Monthly Police Department Report

Mayor Pro Tem Adams summarized the highlights of the police report.

- Alarm/hangups – went from 7 in April to 12 in May
- Arrests increased from 7 in April to 24 in May. (Mayor Arons pointed out that she believes that there is an error in the numbers presented for arrests.)
- EMS and fire calls increased to 13, which is the most since January.

6.0 BUSINESS

6.1 Consideration and Approval of Invoices

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

6.2 Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 2011-60 authorizing the City Attorney to prepare an agreement and other legal documents as may be required for consideration and action by City Council to assume sole ownership of real property (Shoreacres, block 27, lot 8) in which the City of Shoreacres has a joint ownership interest with other taxing entities.

This piece of property contains a tributary that is part of the City's drainage system. Access to this portion of the drainage system was a key component of receiving the grant money to improve the City's drainage system. The tributary renders the lot unusable and the previous owner stopped paying taxes. Last January, The La Porte ISD foreclosed on the property. The La Porte ISD agreed to transfer ownership of this property to the City if we pay all of the transfer expenses. Mr. Stall endorsed action to take possession of the property, authorize the attorney to prepare the necessary documents, and to take action toward retaining permanent drainage rights, so the property could be sold in the future. There was motion to proceed with Resolution No. 2011-60 (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez). Motion carried unanimously

6.3 Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 2011-99 reviewing the CenterPoint Energy Entex rate increase request; denying the requested increase in rates; ordering that no change in rates occur; and, requiring the reimbursement of rate case expenses.

CenterPoint Energy is pressing forward with their proposed cost of service adjustment. The City joined in with a utility coalition that has reviewed the request. The Coalition has sued CenterPoint on this issue and won the suit. However, CenterPoint Energy is appealing the ruling. The purpose of this resolution is to hold our position while the appeal is being resolved. As an additional point of information, there was a law presented during the legislative session giving CenterPoint the ability to unilaterally approve the cost of service adjustments without needing the approval of municipalities. That piece of legislation was not approved by the Legislature. There was a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-99 (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez). Motion carried unanimously.

- 6.4 Consideration and approval of Ordinance No. 2011-61 authorizing the City Administrator to retain the services of an architect to provide professional services including development of drawings, specifications, construction documentation, and construction administration for the renovation of the Public Works Building (611 Shore Ares Blvd).

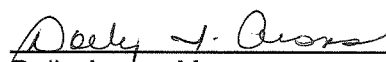
The budget allocates \$80,000 to renovate the public works building. As a public building, the building must comply with windstorm requirements, floodplain requirements, and accessibility requirements. The Ordinance proposes using an architect to design the modifications and includes project management, oversight and all drawings. This is the same architect that we are using to design the police station so they are familiar with our requirements. We would be authorizing \$18,000, which includes a contingency of \$2,000. There was a motion to approve Resolution 2011-61 (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez). Motion carried unanimously.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

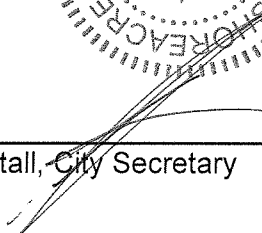
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 27TH DAY OF JUNE, 2011.





Dolly Arohs, Mayor

ATTEST:



David K. Stall, City Secretary