# City of Shoreacres



The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas met in Regular Session on Monday, June 27, 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 Arons at 7:07 pm.

# 2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

# 3.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & COMMENTS

## 3.1 Citizen's Comments

Anita Willis – 1009 W. Forest Ave. Ms. Willis conveyed a requested from resident, Patrick Stanton, regarding the status of repairing the flag pole at City Hall, the planting of a tree for deceased Mayors and replacing the tree near the marker for Mary Beth's husband. Mayor Arons responded that, in consultation with Dianne Victor, it was decided that the City is going to postpone planting new trees until the drought is over. Mr. Stall reported that work is underway to repair the flag poles at City Hall.

Howard Dahl - 511 Baywood. Mr. Dahl requested that the City purchase a rain bird to water the park. He thanked the City for the two new trash cans at the park and indicated that they are being used.

#### 4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Council Meeting: Minutes for June 13, 2011

There was a motion to approve the June 13, 2011 minutes (Richard Adams/Second: Dana Woodruff). Motion carried unanimously.

#### 5.0 REPORTS

# 5.1 Council Reports

5.1.1 <u>Mayor Arons</u> – Mayor Arons reported that she had the opportunity to speak with Commissioner Burke at the Mayors/Council meeting last week about noise mitigation associated with Bayport. Noise mitigation discussions between POHA staff and the City of Shoreacres are being delayed by the litigation between the POHA and the City of La Porte. Commissioner Burke will discuss

this issue with the full Commission and, hopefully, obtain approval for the City of Shoreacres to discuss mitigation options with POHA technical staff.

Mayor Arons also reported on letters that she had sent to the U.S. Office of Inspector General regarding the Harris County Recovers Program. The letter was returned to the City indicating that it needed to be mailed to another division in the same department. She will be re-sending the letters, to the appropriate department.

The same letter was mailed to Commissioner Morman's office, which was extremely responsive. Commissioner Morman's office requested that Harris County Recovers staff meet one-on-one with City residents to discuss specifics of their case. The meeting is expected to occur in July.

There are 4 construction permits that have been received by the City for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of homes in the City as part of the HCR program. These plans are being reviewed by the City's Building Inspector.

Mayor Arons received a letter from the Texas Department of Rural Affairs Texas indicating that he General Land Office (GLO) has been designated as the lead agency for the disaster recovery program. It appears that the entire program, including the staff, is being transferred to the GLO. It is unclear if, or how, the transfer will affect program progress.

- 5.1.2 Mayor pro tem Adams Councilman Adams attended the Mayors/Council Meeting and reported on Commissioner Burke's welcome speech indicating that larger ships would be travelling through the Panama Canal in the future. Councilman Adams also discussed the City's participation in the July 4th parade in La Porte.
- 5.1.3 <u>Alderman Nancy Schnell</u> Councilwoman Schnell commented on the fact that the slope mowing had been successful in reducing the amount of water flowing in the drainage ditches. Councilwoman Schnell indicated that she had received an e-mail from someone asking her to resign from Council and that she was declining that request.

#### 5.2 Staff Reports

## 5.2.1 City Administrator

New trash cans have been placed in several locations throughout the City.

In addition to the monthly police reports, monthly reports will be presented to Council from the Public Works Department.

Mr. Stall gave a progress Report on the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG). We have received the performance clearance (authority to use funds) for all 5 projects. However, a performance amendment needs to be approved for the drainage project. The City is still waiting for the environmental documents for some of the proposed projects. The water plant will need to be examined for lead paint and asbestos. A site visit and document review for all environmental documentation will occur on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

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The update on Project Clean Sweep included a list of work completed. It is possible that an extension of the grant will be approved for Project Clean Sweep; however, no additional information is available at this time.

On July 8<sup>th</sup> construction bids will be solicited for the water line replacement project.

The City is about 30 days from receiving our boom mower, which will improve maintenance of the City's storm drainage.

Mr. Stall presented the designs for rehabilitating the Public Works building.

Mr. Stall explained the results of inspections of buildings deemed "Substantially Damaged" and "Dangerous Buildings." This information is posted on the City's website. Title searches are being conducted to determine lien holders.

5.3 <u>Monthly Financial report</u> – Mr. Stall presented an update on the City's financial status, including bank balances for the general fund, the utility fund, and TxPool (Reserves) balances.

#### 6.0 BUSINESS

6.1 Consideration and approval of invoices.

There was a motion to pay our bills (Motion: Nancy Schnell/Second: Connie Ramirez). Motion passed unanimously.

6.2 <u>Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 2011-62 waiving the application</u> fee for certain variance requests related to residential garages.

The City has been discussing revisiting the garage requirements contained in the existing municipal code. The Planning and Zoning Committee has not had time to act on this item. Since potential changes to the garage ordinance is in a state of limbo, it was proposed that Council consider waiving the \$100 application fee if a resident seeks a variance from the residential garage ordinance. There was a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-62 (Dana Woodruff/Second: Gerry Victor). Motion passed unanimously.

6.3 <u>Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 2011-63 appointing an alternate judge of the municipal court.</u>

Judge Jay is planning a vacation and Associate Judge Metrano will be unavailable. The proposed resolution is to appoint Judge John Morgan as an alternate judge. There was a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-63 (Dana Woodruff/Second Gerry Victor). Motion passed unanimously.

# **7.0** ADJOURNMENT at 8:21 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2011.

ATTEST:

Dolly Arons, Mayor

David K. Stall, City Secretary