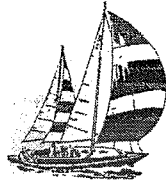


# City of Shoreacres



## MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas met in Regular Session on **Monday, October 10, 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 Citizens' Comments

Neil Moyer – 1118 North Country Club Drive - Mr. Moyer reported on information conveyed at the CAC meeting. It was conveyed at the meeting that 3 emergency notification sirens are not working properly. This is an industry supported and funded program. DOW Chemical is now in the business of marketing solar shingles. There will be a speaker from TCEQ, who will discuss the effectiveness of “no smoke” flares at the January meeting. There will not be a CAC meeting in December. Tomorrow, there is a HGAC Goods Movement Study at Brady’s Landing.

Michael Schnell - 618 Baywood – Mr. Schnell reported that when he spoke with people about the water leaks over the weekend, it was evident that the people who he encountered confused their verbiage by using the term lift station in conjunction with water issues.

Don Belgau – 3342 Miramar – Mr. Belgau expressed his opposition to the \$40,000 in the budget for water meters and the salary increases included in the budget passed last month.

### 4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Council Meeting: August 22, 2011. There was a motion to accept the minutes for August 22, 2011 (Richard Adams/Second: Gerry Victor) The motion passed unanimously.

4.2 Regular Council Meeting: September 12, 2011 - postponed

4.3 Regular Council Meeting: September 26, 2011 - postponed

## 5.0 COUNCIL REPORTS

5.1.1 Mayor Arons – Reported on Port of Houston Authority sound mitigation discussions; and, meetings attended. A representative from the POHA was unable to the meeting. However, they will be reporting to council on a noise mitigation measure currently being installed on the cranes. This is a guided laser system designed to compensate for user error. It prevents the containers from banging into one another as they are loaded and unloaded. It is designed to reduce peak noises. It has been installed on one crane and is scheduled to be installed on the remaining cranes. It has not yet been demonstrated to work with hatch covers. The POHA also is initiating a program to insulate pumps on barges and may not allow certain barges to service the port unless they comply with noise mitigation. The POHA is reopening its mitigation program to allow people who failed to apply for mitigation funding during a certain time frame to reapply. However, they are not changing the boundary line. More work still needs to be done to reduce noise from ship engine idling and the blowing of horns. Councilman Victor indicated that three additional cranes are scheduled to be installed within the year.

5.1.2 Mayor Pro Tem Adams – Report on National Night Out; and, meetings attended. – Richard Adams reported on the success of National Night Out. About 100 people attended and there were tables for neighborhood watch programs, voter registration, and more.

5.1.3 Connie Ramirez – Report on meetings attended. Councilwoman Ramirez attended the Hispanic Heritage Breakfast. Commissioner Morman was the guest speaker. Jack Rodriguez spoke with Ms. Ramirez about working with the City to pave some of the streets.

## 5.2 STAFF REPORTS

### 5.2.1 City Administrator Report -

- The City received a little more than 7 inches of rain this past weekend. There were two water leaks and lift station #1 went down. David Sutton, Mr. Sellers, and Mr. Dodd worked until at least 3:00 Sunday morning.
- Project clean sweep workers are rehabbing fire hydrants and patching some streets with asphalt.
- The City is still waiting for the windstorm engineer's seal for the public works plans.
- Bids on the Gateway Project sign will be published on October 20 and 27 and will be due on Nov 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Construction on the new police station has begun. Scheduled completion is the end of March 2012.
- Sewer lift station bids have been advertised. Bids are due this week.

- The City still has not received a final sign off from the GLO for Reconstruction of Water Plant #1.
- The next round of TxCDBG, round 2 grants is beginning. The method of distribution is being examined and will be determined by the Houston Galveston Area Council.
- The City has a number of temporary housing units (trailers) due to expire at the end of the year. The Council will need to revisit this and homeowners are being notified of the expiration date.
- Councilman Victor inquired as to the portion of the costs for the police station would be the responsibility of the City. Mr. Stall responded that the City is responsible for about \$20,000 of the cost of the new Police Station.

5.2.2 Police Department - Mayor Pro Tem Adams presented a comparison of calls in July and August. There was 1 accident call in July and 5 in August; There were 12 alarm Hangups in July and 4 in August; There were 16 arrests in July and 22 in August; There were 9 arrest for other cities in July and 5 in August; There were 12 EMS/Fire calls in July and 7 in August; There were 11 traffic arrest in July and 22 in August.

5.2.3 Public Works/Utilities Department – Mr. Stall discussed the three blocks of water main replacements.

## 6.0 BUSINESS

6.1 Consideration and Approval of Invoices – There was a motion (Richard Adams/Second: Gerry Victor) to pay our bills.

6.2 Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 2011-70 adopting the Harris County All Hazards Mitigation Action Plan as the City of Shoreacres Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Prior to hiring a City Administrator, the City failed to submit a hazard mitigation plan. The City Administrator has prepared a plan, since failure to submit the plan impacts our ability to receive grant money in the future. There was a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2011-70 (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez). Motion passed unanimously.

6.3 Presentation of Water System Improvement report by Shelmark Engineering; consideration and discussion of improvement proposals; direction to staff; possible selection of one or more improvements, and possible authorization for the City Administrator to retain the services of an engineer to prepare detailed costs estimates and produce project documents necessary to advertise for bids to construct and install selected water improvements.

Marcus Michna from Shelmark Engineering presented the results of his firm's study to enhance the water supply to the east portion of the city. All options were discussed. There was a motion to authorize City Administrator to retain the services of an engineer to prepare detailed costs estimates and produce project

documents necessary to advertise for bids to construct and install water improvements at old 146 and Forest. (Gerry Victor/Second: Dana Woodruff).

- 6.4 Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 2011-71 for an inter local agreement between the City of Shoreacres and the City of La Porte for an emergency interconnection between neighboring retail public water utilities. Mr. Stall explained the information included in the packet outlining the line connection proposed by the City of La Porte. The proposed cost share proposed by Shoreacres is \$77,962 and \$59,843 for La Porte (projected project total \$137,805).

More than 50% of the water line would be in Shoreacres, plus the addition of 2 fire hydrants. The City of La Porte will be considering this proposal at their next council meeting. This project is included in their Sunrise Drive Waterline Plan. There was a motion (Dana Woodruff/Second: Gerry Victor) for the City Administrator and the Mayor to negotiate an interlocal agreement with the City of La Porte. The motion passed with Nancy Schnell abstaining.

- 6.5 Discussion of emergency medical service contract proposals and costs. This discussion stems from the large cost increase proposed by the City of La Porte for EMS. In previous years, the City's cost for EMS was \$52,482. The proposed cost submitted on Sept 19, 2011 was \$120,291. Mr. Stall and the Mayor met with the City of La Porte to discuss the assumptions included in the calculation. As a result, the overall cost was renegotiated to \$103,709, however this is still a large increase. In 2009, the City of La Porte indicated that they would provide fire service only if Shoreacres contracted with them for EMS, as well. At the present time, the City of La Porte has agreed to provide fire services without requiring that Shoreacres use their EMS. The Mayor requested that Mr. Stall obtain an estimate from CLEMC for their EMS. CLEMC now has an EMS ambulance located at the Fire Station on E. Meyer and Highway 146 which places their ambulance closer than the EMS station on Spencer Avenue in La Porte. The City does not have a final estimate from CLEMC, however it is expected that their costs will be approximately \$30,000. This was an information only topic and no action was required. Once the final numbers are obtained from CLEMC, this item will be submitted to Council for consideration.

- 6.6 Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 2011-72 adopting a policy for the placement and installation of speed humps. Since Council has not had time to review the policy they requested that any action being postponed to a future meeting. Mayor requested that David Stall discuss the major provisions and that any action would be postponed. Council concluded that the policy could be simplified. The Mayor and City Administrator will simplify the policy and resubmit it to Council at a later date.

- 6.7 Consideration and possible action regarding city participation in a street tree program. Councilwoman Ramirez met with the representative from the Trees for Houston Program. They are willing to donate trees to the City however the City

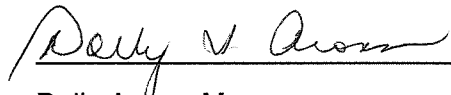
will be responsible for planting the trees. Their representative will meet with the City to discuss placement and watering options. One item that was discussed was planting a tree farm and making the trees available to residents to plant in their yards, after the trees have matured. Councilwoman Woodruff suggested that the City evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of choosing pines versus elms prior to selection. Councilwoman Ramirez and David Stall will meet with the Trees for Houston Program representative and report back to Council.

- 6.8 Discussion of garage sales; regulation of garage sales and sales of goods occurring within residential districts; and, garage sale signs. There is a resident in the City who communicated concern with continual sales—not necessarily garage sales in the City. Their impression is that it downgrades the appearance of the City. Mr. Stall suggested that there are changes that could be made to the existing ordinance that would allow the City to respond to complaints of this type. Councilwoman Woodruff requested that the City Administrator look into modifying Section 46-70 of the municipal code.

7.0 **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2011.



  
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Dolly Arons, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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David K. Stall, City Secretary