# City of Shoreacres



#### **MEETING MINUTES**

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas met in Regular Session on Monday, January 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 601 Shore Acres Blvd., Shoreacres, Texas, with the following present constituting a quorum:

Mayor

Dolly Arons

Mayor pro tem

Richard Adams

Alderman

Gerry Victor

Alderwoman

Dana Woodruff (Absent)

Alderwoman

Connie Ramirez (arrived at 7:34 p.m.)

Alderwoman

Nancy Schnell

City Administrator / City Secretary

David K. Stall

#### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dolly Arons at 7:29 p.m.

#### 2.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & COMMENTS

2.1 Presentation of the City of Shoreacres Fair Housing Activity Statement - Texas (FHAST), Steven Jones, Chairman, FHAST Working Group.

Mr. Jones reported that due to Federal regulations, any City that receives funds from HUD, is required by the federal government to complete the FHAST application. The application was submitted and approved by the state.

2.2 Public Hearing / Citizen's Comments - Fair Housing Activity Statement

The hearing was called to order at 7:31 pm. There were no comments from the citizen's. The public hearing ended at 7:32 p.m.

# 3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.1 Regular Council Meeting: December 12, 2011 There was a motion to approve minutes for the December 12, 2011 Council Meeting (Motion: Richard Adams/Second Nancy Schnell). Motion carried unanimously.
- 3.2 Regular Council Meeting: January 9, 2012 There was a motion to approve minutes for the January 9, 2012 Council Meeting (Motion: Richard Adams/Second Gerry Victor). Motion carried unanimously.

#### 4.0 REPORTS

# 4.1 Staff Reports

## City Administrator reported progress on the following:

Mr. Stall reported that the City currently has a contract with CLEMC for EMS services. Last week CLEMC won the contract to provide EMS services to NASA's Johnson Space Center.

Last week we had some very strong wind in our area. During rounds of the City, to survey the waterfront and drainage outfalls in the City, Mr. Stall discovered that the county drainage outfall located in between Taylor Bayou Bridge and Shore Acres Blvd. had collapsed. Harris County was contacted and they responded very quickly and sent a crew out to inspect and repair the outfall.

### The Gateway project (entrance signage):

The slab has been poured and all electrical wires are in place. Next step is to fabricate the stones for installation.

### Police Station (new construction):

The slab has been poured and once the concrete is cured, everything else should be moving fairly quickly. Fill dirt has been brought in for the driveway and concrete for the driveway will be poured next week. There has been one payment request of \$180,000, which was sent to the engineer for review. It will be forwarded to the grant administrator to process.

#### Replacement of sewer Lift Station #1:

Parts were delivered for the wet well today and contractors are making good progress with the installation.

## Replacement of water main:

There is no change to report.

#### Street paving and storm drainage:

There was an overlap of street projects included in the Round 1 grant list. The problem was resolved. As a result, the county revisited the project list, adding two more streets.

# 4.2 Monthly Financial Report:

The balance in the general fund is increasing as property tax revenue is arriving.

At this time of year, funds are transferred from the utility fund to the general fund to cover expenditures. Once the tax revenue arrives, the funds are transferred back. The balance in the CDBG fund is a little over \$90,000.

Certificates of Deposit and TexPool report: The City made one draw of \$100,000 from TexPool as budgeted.

In summary, the City management funds are a little over one million dollars, plus CD's, plus TexPool and balances in the checking accounts.

#### 5.0 BUSINESS

5.1 <u>Consideration action to approve Resolution No. 2012-77 approving the City of Shoreacres Fair Housing Activity Statement - Texas (FHAST) form.</u>

The FHAST Working Group did a great job of completing the application considerably ahead of the deadline and receiving approval from the GLO. They have worked tirelessly on this project which turned a FHAST form into a plan that met the federal requirements. This plan not only places the City in compliance to receive Round 2 grant funds but also to qualify for any future grants.

There was a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-77 approving the City of Shoreacres Fair Housing Activity Statement - Texas (FHAST) form. (Nancy Schnell/Second Gerry Victor). Motion passed unanimously.

5.2 <u>Discussion or other action regarding proposed water interconnects between the City of Shoreacres and the City of La Porte.</u>

The Council members of the City of Shoreacres attended the City of La Porte Council meeting to request the approval of the proposed water interconnect at Forest and Old Hwy 146. The City of La Porte Council agreed to our proposal in principal. The next step is to draft an inter-local agreement. We anticipate having the agreement signed off by the City of La Porte Council in a few weeks.

5.3 Consideration and action to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-115 awarding a contract for the reconstruction of multiple city streets and associated drainage identified as street segments 24, 27, 50, 54, 55, 57, 43, 44, 47, 48, 49 and 61 as set out on the city's street maintenance map.

There were a total of 11 bidders that submitted for this project. The low bid and qualified bidder was Mar-Con Services for \$1,637,154. The high bid was \$1,974,323. The qualified bid was below the engineer estimate and this allows the City to retain all of our streets in the project.

There was a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-115 awarding a contract for the reconstruction of multiple city streets to Mar-Con Services. (Nancy Schnell/Second Connie Ramirez). Motion carried. Gerry Victor abstained due to concern about grant administration.

5.4 <u>Consideration and action to approve Resolution No. 2012-76 appointing Ann Weaver a deputy clerk of the municipal court.</u>

Ann Weaver is the new utility clerk. This resolution would provide Ms. Weaver with the legal authority to collect municipal court funds and bonds.

There was a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-76 appointing Ann Weaver as deputy clerk of the municipal court (Gerry Victor/Second: Connie Ramirez). Motion passed unanimously.

5.5 Consideration and approval of Ordinance No. 2012-116 ordering the City of Shoreacres 2012 City Officers' Election; designating election precincts and polling places; providing for the use of voting machines; appointing election officials; providing for method and dates of early voting; providing for an early voting ballot

board; providing for return and canvass of votes of said election; providing for notice and providing for filing deadline.

The first day to file to for a place on the ballot is February 4, 2012 and the last day to file is March 5, 2012. There was a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2012-116 (Connie Ramirez/Second Gerry Victor). Motion passed unanimously.

5.6 <u>Consideration and action to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-117 designating the official City newspaper.</u>

Annually, the City is required to re-designate the official newspaper. Since the Bayshore Sun is no longer in business, only one paper qualifies. This is the Houston Chronicle.

There was a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2012-117 (Gerry Victor/Second: Nancy Schnell). Motion passed unanimously.

5.7 Consideration and approval of invoices.

There was a motion to approve our bills. (Nancy Schnell/Second: Gerry Victor). Motion passed unanimously.

Dolly Arols, Mayor

#### 6.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 27TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2012.

**ATTEST** 

David K. Stall, CFM
City Administrator / City Secretary