

City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas met in Regular Session on
Monday, February 27, 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
Alderwoman	Connie Ramirez
Alderwoman	Nancy Schnell

City Administrator / City Secretary David K. Stall

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & COMMENTS

3.1 Traffic Hump Proposal for Miramar Drive

David Stall explained the existing criteria document pertaining to the placement of speed humps and the results of the traffic study. Results of the traffic study indicate that 48% of the vehicles exceeded the posted speed limit. The specific breakdowns are as follows:

85 percentile speed was 25.3 mph

95 percentile speed was 29.3 mph

52.9% went 20 mph or less

83% went 25 mph or less

95.9 percent went 30 mph or less

99.2% went 35 mph or less

99.8 went 40 mph or less

3.2 Public Hearing / Citizen's Comments – Miramar Traffic Humps

The public hearing was opened at 7:20 p.m.

This public hearing was convened in response to a petition signed by the majority of residents on Miramar Drive asking Council to take action to control speeding on Miramar Drive through the installation of speed humps.

Citizens proposed installation of speed humps, primarily because of safety concerns of children and pedestrians. People who were opposed to speed humps cited a possible reduction in home values, interference with golf cart travel, safety concerns of travelling over humps & losing control, and the cost of installation.

Testimony was received from Keith Jasek, 315 Seagrove; Neil Moyer, 1118 North Country Club; Colonel Ryan 3540 Miramar; Dianne Victor 3346 Miramar; Matt Webber, 228 Seagrove; David Gerany 3316 Miramar; Ms. Grosjean 204 Baywood; Patrick Stanton 128 Shadylawn ; Paul Martin 609 Seagrove; Mary Becker 202 Fairfield; Janice Crawford 3522 Miramar; 204 Baywood; Mr. Henkins 3526 Miramar.. Written comments also were accepted and distributed to Council.

Additional issues raised during testimony include the following:

the merits of the vehicle classifier data; whether the speed humps would resolve the issue of animals being hit; use of a stop sign to reduce speeding; whether traffic actually warrants speed humps; whether speed humps are the best use of the city's money; the names and addresses of people who signed the petition. It was suggested that the criteria document should be revised to accommodate people who own rental homes and vacant lots.

The public hearing was closed at 7:57.

3.3 Citizen's Comments

Nyla Stevens – 122 E. Forest. Ms. Stevens asked if Council would consider moving up item 6.6 on the agenda.

Patrick Stanton – 128 Shadylawn. Mr. Stanton commented on the noise from the Port on February 21 and 23rd. He proposed adoption of a noise ordinance and creating an ad hoc group to discuss Port issues.

Matt Webber – 228 Seagrove - Mr. Webber requested clarification to repairs to Shore Acres Circle.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Council Meeting: October 24, 2011 – There was a motion to adopt (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez. Gerry Victor abstained. Motion carried 4:0.

4.2 Regular Council Meeting: January 23, 2012 - There was a motion to adopt (Dana Woodruff/Second: Gerry Victor). Motion carried unanimously.

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 Council Reports

5.1.1 Mayor Arons – nothing to report

5.1.2 Mayor pro tem Adams – nothing to report

5.2 Staff Reports

5.2.1 City Administrator

Mr. Stall indicated that street repair is needed at Shore Acres Circle. The road base must be excavated and is on the schedule of repairs to be made. Telephone service is gradually being transferred to the new system. Mr. Stall reported on progress with construction of the Gateway sign and the police station. He also updated progress on the rehabilitation of the sewer plant. The Round 1 Grant street and drainage repair will begin on March 5. The contractor is selecting

the order of work to be performed. The City is still working with the state on replacing the water main. The State is requiring additional information to demonstrate that it was damaged during the hurricane.

5.3 Monthly Financial Report

Mr. Stall updated the payments status of the grant projects.

6.0 BUSINESS

6.1 Consideration and approval of invoices.

There was a motion to pay our bills (Richard Adams/Second: Gerry Victor). Motion carried unanimously.

6.2 Consideration and action to adopt Resolution No. 2012-80 approving the placement of traffic humps on Miramar Drive.

Council members discussed and considered the testimony of residents on speed humps and comments submitted to the Council in writing. The City attorney, Dick Gregg, indicated that it was legal for the Council to consider the petition even though the speed hump petition was submitted prior to adoption of the criteria document. There was a motion (Gerry Victor) to adopt Ordinance 2012-80 to place speed humps on Miramar Drive on the north side of Miramar. Motion failed for lack of a second.

6.3 Consideration and action to adopt Resolution No. 2012-81 approving an interlocal agreement with Harris County to coordinate emergency management activities.

There was a motion (Gerry Victor/Second: Dana Woodruff) to approve Resolution 2012-81. Motion carried unanimously.

6.4 Consideration and action to adopt Resolution No. 2012-82 approving an interlocal agreement with Harris County Public Health & Environmental Services to provide veterinary public health services to include housing and quarantining of animals and related animal control services; and, authorizing the Mayor to execute such agreement.

This is a long standing agreement with Harris County to provide assistance when needed for vicious animals and dog bites. There was a motion (Gerry Victor/Second: Dana Woodruff) to adopt Resolution 2012-82. Motion carried unanimously.

6.5 Consideration and action to ratify Mayor's nominee for appointment to Position 3 of the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term beginning February 28, 2012 and ending January 31, 2013.

There was a motion (Dana Woodruff/Second: Gerry Victor) to ratify Matt Webber for position 3 of the Planning and Zoning.

6.6 Consideration and action to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-111 regulating the operation of golf carts on public streets and highways.

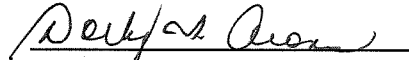
This item was moved up on the agenda. Mayor Arons discussed comments received from the public at a previous City Council meeting. At that meeting, some residents indicated that they did not want to install head lights or tail lights if they just drove during the day. Others, who wanted to drive at night, were amenable to installing the safety equipment. To address both points of view, a two tier ordinance was drafted for consideration. Attorney Dick Gregg answered the questions by Council regarding state requirements and court interpretations. Attorney Dick Gregg informed Council that if the City chooses to adopt any ordinance at all, all the safety requirements contained in the state code must be included in the ordinance. This means that the City cannot

adopt a two tier ordinance. There was motion (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez) to adopt Ordinance 2012-111 with the provision that items contained in section 62.242 items be included in section 62.243. Motion carried unanimously.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 9TH DAY OF APRIL, 2012.

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Dolly Arens, Mayor

David K. Stall, City Administrator / City Secretary