

City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, met in Regular Session on
Monday, April 9, 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

1.0 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dolly Arons at 7:00 p.m.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & COMMENTS

- 3.1 Proclamation – Mayor Arons proclaimed May 2012 to be Motorcycle Awareness Month
- 3.2 Proclamation – Mayor Arons proclaimed April 2012 to be Fair Housing Month
- 3.3 Citizen's Comments

Howard Dahl – 511 Baywood:

- Mr. Dahl suggested that one of the ways to keep citizens informed of the City's clean-up progress is to publish it on the back of the monthly water bill. He inquired as to the status of having all the ditches regraded.

Charlotte Wells – 3342 Miramar:

- Ms. Wells would like to notify the citizens of Shoreacres of the upcoming POH town hall meeting at 5:00 p.m.; Pasadena Neighborhood Center, 720 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, on April 12, 2012.
- She commented on the numerous water interruptions and is concerned about the water quality because of it.
- She indicated her concerns on speeding cars and dogs running loose on Miramar.
- She is opposed to using chemical spray as a mosquito deterrent.

Stan Krauhs – 1103 Shore Acres Blvd.

- Mr. Krauhs expressed his concerns about water disruption and the citywide notification system when there's a temporary interruption of water service.

Anita Willis – 1009 Forest:

- Ms. Willis commented on the rust deposits that are coming out of her pipes and are staining her clothes in the washer.
- POH noise issues are still very audible. In her opinion, POH laser systems are not working as effectively as anticipated

- May CAC meeting will be about marine shipping and barges. No meetings are scheduled for June or July.
- CAER line phone number will be changing to an 800 number on June 1.
- Lyondellbasell will be having a turn-around coming up, please be advised of increased traffic around the plant and plan your travel route accordingly.
- April 11-12 Rice University will be holding a SSPEED Conference.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Council Meeting: February 27, 2012.

There was a motion to approve the February 27, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes as amended. (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez). Motion carried unanimously.

4.2 Regular Council Meeting: March 12, 2012.

There was a motion to approve the March 12, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes. (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez). Motion carried with Gerry Victor abstaining.

4.3 Regular Council Meeting: March 26, 2012.

There was a motion to approve the March 26, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes. (Dana Woodruff/Second: Gerry Victor). Motion carried unanimously.

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 Council Reports

5.1.1 Mayor Arons reported on the following:

- TxDOT sound wall plans for SH-146 - TxDOT will open bids to construct the sound wall the first week in May. Awards will be formalized approximately 2 weeks thereafter. Construction should start 30 days after bids are awarded. Currently, TxDOT is trying to resolve some utility line issues.
- TxDOT will open Wharton Weems overpass on April 15.
- Mayor Arons attended the State of the Cities Meeting hosted by the La Porte Chamber of Commerce. The City of La Porte will not have an election this year due to uncontested positions.
- The Crawfish Boil is scheduled for May 5.

5.1.2 Mayor pro tem Adams report on the following:

- Global Care Day – Councilman Adams reported on the city beautification project, sponsored by Lyondellbasell, is Saturday, April 14. We will meet at Circle Park at 8:15 a.m. Lyondell Basell will have approximately 50 employees helping. Any citizens that would like to volunteer are invited to join us at Circle Park.
- Councilman Adams will attend SEACAP meeting on Wednesday, April 18.

5.2 Staff Reports

5.2.1 City Administrator

5.2.1.1 Mr. Stall reported on the following to general activity:

- The City utilizes the Blackboard notification system (reverse calling system) to notify residents of planned events.
- The last few un-anticipated water interruptions were due to broken water lines caused by the street repair contractor.

- The fire hydrant at Centre and Forest is scheduled to be replaced. Citizens will be notified of the water interruption prior to commencement of work.
 - In an effort to raise our water pressure, we expect to install an altitude valve at water plant #2.
 - On Friday April 6, the City of La Porte's control for their water surface system failed to function. When that happened, our automatic system switched from surface water to well water. Due to a difference in the chlorine filtering system between La Porte and Shoreacres, some of our residents detected a different smell and taste of the water. We were notified today that the City of La Porte repaired the control valve and we are back on surface water.
 - Today, we received HGAC's contribution agreement of \$25,000 for the Gateway sign which we will execute and return to HGAC tomorrow for project reimbursement.
- 5.2.1.2.1.1 Status Report: Dangerous Building enforcement.
- Current activity on dangerous building enforcement is posted on the City's website.
 - There are 5 buildings under contract for demolition by owner.
- 5.2.1.3 Progress Report: Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Round 1 projects is currently at \$5.7 million.
- 5.2.1.3.1 Police Station – concrete work is close to completion and roof installation is scheduled for next week, weather permitting.
- 5.2.1.3.2 Replacement of sewer Lift Station #1 – All underground work is complete and electrical work started today.
- 5.2.1.3.3 Replacement of Water Plant #1 – The facility has been demolished and underground demolition started today in preparation for construction.
- 5.2.1.3.4 Street paving and storm drainage – Work is continuing. There was a meeting with the project engineer to discuss traffic and access issues.
- 5.2.1.4 Status Report: TxCDBG Round 2.2 street paving and storm drainage. - Engineering work has been completed and the application is being processed by GLO.
- 5.2.1.5 Status Report: La Porte water system interconnect. The City is waiting for approval from TCEQ.
- 5.2.1.6 Status Report: Water Plant #2 altitude valve / pressure improvements. Mr. Stall met with the City engineer to discuss engineering aspects of installing the altitude valve. Mr. Stall informed Council that next year, the City may need to rehabilitate or replace the water tower.
- 5.2.2 Police Department – Monthly Activity Report
- Councilman Adams summarized the key data.
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| Number of arrests: | 15 in March compared to 23 in February |
| Calls for service: | 105 in March compared to 75 in February |
| Harassment: | 4 in March compared to none in February |
| Burglary / Theft: | 4 in March compared to 2 in February |

Traffic arrests: 14 in March compared to 6 in February

- 5.2.3 Public Works / Utilities Department – There was a significant amount of repairs the past month due to water lines ruptured by the street contractors.

6.0 BUSINESS

- 6.1 Consideration and approval of invoices.

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

- 6.2 Discussion, consideration and action to set the schedule for the next Clean-Up Green-Up. - Spring 2012 Green-Up Clean-Up will be scheduled for May 7.

- 6.3 Consideration and selection of Citizen of the Year.

2012 Gerry Victor was selected as Citizen of the Year.

- 6.4 Consideration and selection of Employee of the Year.

David Sutton was selected as 2012 Employee of the Year.

- 6.5 Consideration and action to participate in the Sylvan Beach Festival parade.

Sylvan Beach Festival parade is April 28 at 10:00 a.m. Participants should meet at the La Porte High School parking lot at 9 am

- 6.6 Consideration and approval of 2012 consumer price index adjustment to municipal telecommunications right-of-way access line rates.

The City receives a franchise fee from telecommunication companies to use City's right of way to for telephone and cable lines. Based on the consumer price index, the companies have proposed an increase from 80 cents per month to 82 cents per month. There was a motion (Dana Woodruff/Second: Nancy Schnell) to approve 2012 maximum CPI rate. Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.7 Consideration and action to adopt Resolution No. 2012-84 implementing steps to provide job training, employment and contracting opportunities for Section 3 residents and Section 3 businesses in the area of Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) projects.

By adopting Resolution No. 2012-84, the City of Shoreacres demonstrates good faith that we will abide by the rules that are outlined in the Fair Housing Act to provide equal employment, job training and contracting opportunities for Section 3 residents and businesses. There was a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-84 (Dana Woodruff/Second: Gerry Victor). Motion carried unanimously.

- 6.8 Consideration and action to adopt Resolution No. 2012-85 establishing rules and regulations regarding the use of excessive force during nonviolent civil rights demonstrations, including physically barring entrance to a facility or location which is the subject of such demonstrations.

By adopting Resolution No. 2012-85, the City of Shoreacres demonstrates our intent to abide by the rules that are outlined in the Fair Housing Act by establishing rules and regulations regarding the use of excessive force during nonviolent civil rights demonstrations, including physically barring entrance to a facility or location which is the subject of such demonstrations. There was a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-85 (Nancy Schnell/Second: Gerry Victor). Motion carried unanimously.

- 6.9 Consideration and action to adopt Resolution No. 2012-86 adopting an internal grievance procedure providing for prompt and equitable resolution alleging any action prohibited by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Regulations.

By adopting Resolution No. 2012-86, the City of Shoreacres indicates that that the City, in good faith, will abide by the rules and regulations of the Fair Housing Act regarding the internal grievance procedure providing for prompt and equitable resolution on alleged actions prohibited by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. There was a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-86 (Dana Woodruff/Second: Gerry Victor). Motion carried unanimously.

6.10 Discussion of request for Report and Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission related to garage requirements and changes to zoning districts.

The City attorney has met with the Planning & Zoning Commission and is working on drafting two ordinances relating to: [a] garage requirements for elevated houses and [b] changes to zoning. In an effort to reduce costs, the City attorney has suggested that the public hearing be held by Planning & Zoning Commission and the City Council on the same day.

6.11 Consideration and possible action to relocate animal control funding from the Public Works Department to the Police Department.

Ms. Schnell expresses her concerns regarding the staff's lack of equipment and training to constrain dangerous dogs. She also would like to relocate animal control funds from Public Works Department back to the Police Department Budget.

Mr. Stall explained the City's policies to Council. The \$1,200 appropriated in the budget are designated only for Harris County and La Porte Animal Control for animal pick-up calls; kenneling of animals awaiting for owner's identification, and euthanizing. The police department is the department with primary responsibility for responding to animal calls. The La Porte Animal Control accepts pets only brought to them by the police department. The public works department assists during regular working hours. All after hour calls are handled by the police department.

6.12 Discussion of the timely approval of meeting minutes by city council; and, the appearance of updates on the city's website.

Ms. Schnell would like to see the Minutes posted on the City's website as soon as possible.

7.0 **ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23rd DAY OF APRIL, 2012



Dolly V. Arons

Dolly Arons, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
David K. Stall, CFM, City Secretary