# City of Shoreacres



### **MEETING MINUTES**

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

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 Mayor Arons thanked the Lyondell Bassell employees for all the work that they performed in the city for Global Care Day.
- 3.2 Mayor Arons recognized Mr. Gerry Victor as Shoreacres 2012 - Citizen of the Year
- 3.3 Mayor Arons recognized Shoreacres' Public Works Director David Sutton as 2012 - Employee of the Year

#### 3.4 Citizen's Comments:

128 Shadylawn - Mr. Patrick Stanton attended the Sunset Commission neighborhood meeting in Pasadena and had the opportunity to present the following recommendations / questions:

- For accountability, the POH should report directly to the Commissioner.
- POH should create an Ad-hoc committee made up of citizens from surrounding cities.
- · He also asked them how the POH decides which counties are charged POH taxes.

3346 Miramar - Mr. Gerry Victor also attended the Sunset Commission neighborhood meeting representing himself as a private citizen and presented the following concerns to the Commission:

• Port noise issues; dredging of the channel and POH financial accountability.

# 4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Council Meeting: April 9, 2012 - There was a motion to approve the April 9, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes [Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez]. Motion carried unanimously.

### 5.0 REPORTS

- 5.1 Council Reports
  - 5.1.1 <u>Mayor Arons</u> Mayor Arons indicated that she has noticed a lot of speeders on Highway 146 since the Wharton Weems overpass opened. She is quite concerned for the safety of our citizens who frequently travel this road. Mayor Arons would like to see more police presence on Highway 146 in the hope that it will slow down speeders.

# 5.1.2 Mayor pro tem Adams -

- Mayor pro tem Adams reported that Global Care Day on April 14 was a great success and he expressed his appreciation to all Lyondellbassell volunteers.
- Mayor pro tem Adams attended the SEACAP meeting. The main topic was Hydraulic Fracturing.
- Mayor pro tem Adams and Mayor Arons attended a luncheon honoring the Chinese delegation visiting La Porte High School as part of the student exchange program.
- Mayor pro tem Adams expressed his concerns in regards to the speeding traffic on Hwy 146 since the Wharton Weems overpass opened. In response to Mr. Adams' concerns, Mr. Stall indicated that he already contacted TXDOT to request better signage and markers to notify drivers of the reduced speed limit as they enter the Shoreacres city limit.

# 5.2 Staff Reports

### 5.2.1 City Administrator

### 5.2.1.1 General activity report:

Mr. Stall reported that late Sunday afternoon, a blow out on the force main of lift station #1 was discovered. Public Works staff worked late into the evening to perform temporary repairs. After further excavating, they discovered that the pipe had been broken by the construction crew. The City contacted the contractors and they sent their own crew out to fix the broken pipe.

# 5.2.1.2 Progress Report: Gateway project (entrance monument).

CenterPoint Energy is still working on the meter placement issues, which is the main reason for the delay.

Funding has been processed and we should be reimbursed soon.

Mr. Stall explained the proper etiquette to fly flags on a gaff-rigged flag pole.

# 5.2.1.3 Progress Report: Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Round 1 project.

## 5.2.1.3.1 Police station (new construction):

- o Construction is progressing as planned.
- o The roof will be installed next week.

## 5.2.1.3.2 Replacement of sewer Lift Station #1:

- Electrical service and controls are in line to be connected.
- The generator has been received by the contractor.

# 5.2.1.3.3 <u>Improvements to sewer Lift Station #2</u>:

o Control and electrical upgrades are moving forward.

# 5.2.1.3.4 Streets and drainage:

 Phase 1 and 2 has started. The contractor expects to pour approximately 800 ft of concrete per week to speed up completion of the project.

### 5.2.1.3.5 Reconstruction of Water Plant #1:

o Underground demolition is completed.

# 5.2.1.4 General Election:

- o Performed testing on newly purchased election equipment.
- Early voting will start on Monday, April 30 and go through Tuesday, May 8, 2012.
- Also, as part of the equipment purchase agreement, a HART Intercivic representative will be present at City Hall on Election Day for technical support until the polls close.

# 5.2.1.5 Progress Report: Public Works Building Reconstruction:

- o Pre-construction meeting was held last week.
- Steel shop drawings will be ready for review and approval.

# 5.2.1.6 Coastal Impact Assistance Plan (CIAP) Grant.

- The City is 1 of 8 applicants that have been approved for the grant.
- The grant objectives are prevention of coastal erosion on Miramar.
- o Grant amount is \$250,000 for design, engineering and the environmental study.

# 5.2.1.7 Progress Report: Dangerous Building Enforcement:

- Three additional buildings have been demolished.
- The City staff expects that four more homes will be demolished soon.

### 6.0 BUSINESS

- 6.1 <u>Consideration and approval of invoices</u> There was a motion to pay our bills [Richard Adams/Second: Dana Woodruff]. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6.2 <u>Discussion and action to approve change in residential recycling schedule</u>. The recycle pick up will change from Saturday to Tuesday. Moving recycling to Tuesday will enable the Public Works department to efficiently schedule its weekend staff coverage to address emergencies.
- 6.3 Consideration and acceptance of Annual Financial Audit FY-2010/2011 There was a motion to accept the Annual Financial Audit FY 2010-2011 [Dana Woodruff/Second: Nancy Schnell]. Motion carried unanimously.
- **7.0 ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21st DAY OF MAY, 2012.

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David K. Stall, CFM City Secretary