City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, met in Regular Session on Monday, May 14, 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 7:02 p.m.
- 2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & COMMENTS 3.0

Chief French introduced the city's newest police officer, Troy Harrison, who will be 3.1 working the night shift. Mr. Harrison is a 19 year police veteran. He holds a Master Police Certificate and TCLEOS Instructor Certificate. He is a graduate of Sam Houston State University Leadership College.

3.2 Citizen's Comments:

Ms. Anita Willis - 1009 Forest - updated the status of her housing application with the Harris County Recovers Program. She indicated that her housing application was declined by HCR and that her appeal was also rejected by Harris County Recovers. She has requested help from Senator Mike Jackson's office. Ms. Willis learned that Harris County is not handling housing issues anymore; it was transferred to General Land Office (GLO). Ms. Willis sent a letter to the GLO in Austin asking for help. While waiting for GLO to respond, Ms. Willis is requesting that Council approve a two month extension on her temporary housing permit.

Ms. Willis attended the SEACAP meeting. The main topic of discussion was railroad safety. The meeting was led by Mr. Mark Connell with the Port Terminal Railroad Association, Head of Operation Life Saver Program. Citizens can call 800-RRCROSS to report any rail car situation that appear to be dangerous or call 911 if it's an emergency.

Ms. Darlene Gamble Bays - 616 Baywood - Ms. Bays would like the Public Works Department to continue with ditch mowing.

Mr. Don Barnett - 3318 Miramar - Mr. Barnett asked if the City has any future plans regarding erosion control on the waterfront. Mr. Stall indicated that the City has a long range plan in place for erosion control of our waterfront. The city has been approved for a GLO grant for \$250,000 for the design, engineering, environmental assessment, permit application and final bid specifications for a project to protect approximately 3,075 feet of Galveston Bay shoreline along Miramar Park. The intent is to replace marginally effective riprap with a combination of concrete revetment and concrete rock-filled stainless steel gabion breakwaters.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Council Meeting: April 23, 2012 – Approval of minutes was postponed.

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 Council Reports

5.1.1 Mayor Arons Council Report:

Mayor Arons presented information on the Harris County Precinct 2 Rides Program. The program is designed to assist the elderly and disabled with transportation to medical and essential care appointments.

Mayor Arons summarized her discussion with staff of the Sunset Commission responsible for reviewing the Port of Houston operations. Mayor Arons reported that the staff report is expected to be available in August. The report will be presented to the Sunset Commission, which includes 5 senators, 5 representatives and 2 members of the public. A public hearing is expected to be held in September in Austin. The Commission will meet in November to decide if there is a need to changes the statutes.

5.1.2 Mayor pro tem Adams Council Report:

Mayor Pro Tem Adams discussed the city's participation in the Sylvan Beach Parade. Mayor Pro Tem Adams attended the LPCAC meeting. The main topic was promoting awareness of the danger of driving while operating a cell phone. Mayor Pro Tem Adams also attended the SEACAP meeting. The topic of discussion was various railroad annoyances, such as the wait time for a train to cross and the use of horns more often than needed. Railroad representatives indicated that there is no time restriction on the length of time a railcar can block traffic. Blowing of the horns is considered a safety concern. At the SEACAP meeting, Mr. Roger Gunther discussed maintenance dredging along Bayport dock, the Bayport mitigation program, and the mercaptan leak.

5.2.1 Mr. Stall provided the following general activity update:

Mr. Stall reported that the City election will be canvassed on April 21, 2012. He expressed the City's appreciation to Mr. Krauhs and Mr. Washington for working on Election Day. Mr. Stall reported that the Gateway sign is 95% complete.

Mr. Stall reported that 2 houses have been demolished and 2 more are on the list to be demolished within the next two weeks. Updated information is on the city's website.

Mr. Stall reported that the police station may be completed in time to have an open house on July 4.

Lift station work is progressing as scheduled. Excavation started for the installation of waste water control line and a stream gauge monitor for Taylor Bayou. Excavation has started on the side of the road for the installation of a sensor in the manhole located at the intersection of Westview and Sunrise.

Demolition of the water plant building is complete and water-well work should start soon. Street paving and storm drainage work is progressing. The City

installed an 8" water main underneath under the street prior to paving for future availability.

The TCDBG Round 2.2 water main project was approved by the GLO. This project will provide better water flow to the East side of the City. The La Porte water system interconnect will proceed pending approval by TCEQ. The cost will be approximately \$40,000. Drawings for the altitude valve/pressure improvements are complete.

The Police Department monthly activity report was distributed to Council. Councilwoman Nancy Schnell informed citizens that Officer Pankey has replaced Officer Manolescu as the new DOT officer.

Public Works reported that ditch mowing did not occur in April due to multiple unanticipated water main breaks.

6.0 BUSINESS

6.1 Consideration and approval of invoices.

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

6.2 <u>Discussion regarding U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit for Port of Houston Authority</u> channel dredging.

Mayor Arons reported on the POH application to the Corps of engineers for the Bayport dredging project. The Army Corps of Engineers has not made any final decisions. The Houston Yacht Club will have a second meeting with the POH on May 25th. No action was necessary.

6.3 Review of the Shoreacres Police Department Bias Based Profiling and Video Policy.

The annual review of Shoreacres police department bias-based profiling policy was conducted. There was no indication of any racial profiling by our officers.

6.4 <u>Discussion and possible action regarding the expiration of Hurricane Ike temporary housing permits issued under Ordinance No. 2010-58 that were to be removed on March 31, 2012.</u>

Permit #06 – 1009 West Forest – There was a motion to extend the temporary housing permit to July 31, 2012. (Motion: Dana Woodruff/Second: Nancy Schnell.) Motion carried unanimously.

Permit #10 – 126 Oakdale - There was a motion to extend the temporary housing permit to December 31, 2012. (Motion: Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez). Motion carried unanimously.

Permit #12 – 119 Oakdale - There was a motion to extend the temporary housing permit to December 31, 2012. Motion: (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez.) Motion carried unanimously.

Permit #13 - 518 Meadowlawn - There was a motion to extend the temporary housing permit to December 31, 2012. (Motion: Dana Woodruff/Second: Nancy Schnell). Motion carried unanimously.

6.5 <u>Discussion and possible action regarding the expiration of Hurricane Ike temporary housing permits issued under Ordinance No. 2010-58 that are to be removed on May 31, 2012.</u>

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Permit #01 – 1205 S. Country Club - There was a motion to extend the temporary housing permit to August 31, 2012. (Motion: Dana Woodruff/Second: Richard Adams). Motion carried unanimously.

Permit #03 – 520 Baywood - There was a motion to extend the temporary housing permit to July 31, 2012. (Motion: Nancy Schnell/ Second: Connie Ramirez.) Motion carried unanimously.

Permit #07 – 203 Shore Acres – There was a motion to extend the temporary housing permit to May 31, 2012. (Motion: Dana Woodruff/Second: Richard Adams.) Motion carried unanimously.

Permit #14 – 431 Shadylawn - There was a motion to extend the temporary housing permit to August 31, 2012. (Motion: Dana Woodruff/Second: Nancy Schnell.) Motion carried unanimously.

6.6 Consideration and approval of Ordinance No. 2012-212 ratifying the appoint of Election Judge, Alternate Judge, Election Clerks, Early Voting Balloting Board, and Marshal for the May 12, 2012 General Election.

There was a motion to ratify the appointment of Stan Krauhs as Election Judge and Jayo Washington as Alternate Judge. (Motion: Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez.) Motion carried unanimously.

6.7 <u>Consideration and action to move the second Regular May council meeting from Monday, May 28 (Memorial Day) to Monday, May 21.</u>

There was a motion to move the second regular May Council meeting from May 28 to May 21, 2012. (Motion: Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez.) Motion carried unanimously.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 13TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2012.

ATTEST

David K. Stall, CFM
City Administrator / City Secretary