City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, met in Regular Session on **Monday, July 23, 2012 at 7:02 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

Alderwoman Alderwoman Dana Woodruff Connie Ramirez

Alderman

Matt Webber

Alderman

Steven Jones

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

3.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & COMMENTS

Citizen's Comments:

Anita Willis - 1009 W. Forest - Ms. Willis asked about the status of various minutes that are not posted on the City's website and asked about the fire hydrant by the side of the road at Forest and Centre.

Terri Harles - 520 Baywood - Ms. Harles would like to request a one month extension on the removal of her FEMA trailer.

Darlene Bays – 616 Baywood – Ms. Bays requested the ditch on Baywood be mowed. The grass is very high and is out of control. There's a very deep hole that need to be repaired. In the City of La Porte, on Old Hwy 146, there is a vacant apartment building which also has very high grass. It is very unsightly looking.

Patrick Stanton - 128 Shadylawn – Mr. Stanton inquired about the status of the proposal to change recycling pick-up days to Tuesday. He also would like to know when the public hearing will be held in regard to garage requirements.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES - No minutes for approval.

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 Council Reports

5.1.1 Mayor Arons had no new items to report.

5.1.2 Mayor pro tem Adams indicated that he volunteered to be on the LPCAC planning committee to determine the year's agendas.

5.2.1 Mr. Stall reported the following general activities:

- A permit for a fundraiser event in Circle Park was issued for the first weekend in August to Mr. Bo Bunker.
- Mr. Stall attended a TxDOT pre-construction meeting for the Port Road/Highway 146 road connector and the sound wall along Bayou Forest. It was necessary for TxDOT to submit a modification of their application to the Army Corps of Engineers for environmental clearance to extend the sound wall. They expect to receive permit approval in about three months. Sound wall construction should begin around November or December. AT&T will need to relocate a trunk line that is in the right of way. At the meeting a citizen expressed concern about the night time noise created by back-up alarms that are on the construction trucks. Since there will be limited earth moving, this type of noise is not expected. There also was the question about potential flooding associated with the sound wall. TxDOT indicated that this was addressed during the environmental review process. Also, a question was raised about a wall located at the end of Windleaf and the TxDOT right-of-way and whether the sound wall would interfere with this wall. TxDOT will research the answer and respond back to us.
- Public works has hired a new employee, Jonathan Marton, in the sewer department.
- Mr. Stall attended the CLEMC board meeting last week where they adopted next year's budget. The new budget will result in a decrease of \$4,000 for the City of Shoreacres ambulance service cost.
- At the mayor's request, Mr. Stall responded to some of the questions raised during the public comment period.

Cities are required to either 1) maintain recordings of council meetings or 2) to prepare written minutes. While the city prefers to prepare written minutes, some actions of council are only available on tape. Once minutes have been adopted by council, they are posted on the website. The fire hydrant at Forest & Centre was broken twice by the road construction crews. Therefore, the city opted to postpone installation until the road construction is complete at that location. Potholes on Shore Acres Blvd. are products of the replacement of gas mains by CenterPoint Energy. We received assurances from CenterPoint that they will perform all road repairs once they are finished.

• It is anticipated that the public works building will be complete in 30 days. The police building walkthrough will be held on July 24. Sewer lift station 3 is expected to be in service shortly.

5.3 Monthly Financial Report:

Mr. Stall reported balances in the following accounts:

- General Fund \$263,825.94
- Utility Fund \$15,770.24

- CDBG Fund \$7,674.15
- Service Deposits \$125,811.37
- TexPool withdrawal of \$59,895 for payment of public works building rehabilitation, as previously budgeted. Remaining balance is +\$1 million.
- Total of 4 CD's are \$247,408.02

6.0 BUSINESS

6.1 Consideration and approval of invoices.

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

6.2 <u>Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 2012-94 adopting the City's 2012 Goals & Governance Plan.</u>

Mr. Ron Cox (previous City Manager for the City of Friendswood and who has many years of experience in city management) has been working with Council to provide certain guidelines and strategic planning to help Council establish city goals and long range plans. There was a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-94 (Dana Woodruff/Second: Steven Jones). Motion carried unanimously.

6.3 <u>Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 2012-95 authorizing the city administrator to contract for services to trap and relocate coyotes.</u>

Due to the increasing number of coyote sightings recently, the City has examined the option of contracting with a private firm to trap and relocate coyotes. This resolution would authorize the City Administrator to spend funds not to exceed \$6,000 for services to trap and relocate coyotes. There was a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-95 (Dana Woodruff/Second: Matt Webber). Motion carried unanimously.

6.4 <u>Consideration and approval of Ordinance No. 2012-124 amending special speed zones.</u>

The main lanes on Highway 146 are now complete North and South-bound. This ordinance would establish the speed on Highway 146 on-ramps and off-ramps at 45 mph and the main lanes at 60 mph. Furthermore, this ordinance would also clarify Sec. 62.126 for Park Lane around Circle Park to Park Lane fronting Circle Park. There was a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-124 with the proposed clarification of 45 instead of 40 mph (Richard Adams/Second: Matt Webber). Motion carried unanimously.

6.5 <u>Consideration and approval of Ordinance No. 2012-125 amending no parking zones.</u>

The intent of this ordinance is to clean-up certain outdated items in the existing ordinance regarding no parking zones. The changes would:

- (1) Delete the no parking zone for the fire department by the old Bayshore Elementary School,
- (2) Add no parking on Highway 146 and,

(3) Add no parking at Circle Park, Miramar Park, Heron Park, Bayou Forest Park and Taylor Bayou.

There was a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-125 (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez). Motion carried unanimously.

6.6 <u>Consideration and approval of Ordinance No. 2012-126 amending rules of order</u> and procedures for council meetings.

This ordinance was designed to amend the meeting rules of order to comply with the open meetings act. The proposed revisions also included a change to section 7a to reduce the comment period for citizens' comments from five minutes to three minutes. After receiving comments, Council decided to leave the public comment period at five minutes. There was a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-126 with the exception of section 7a. (Dana Woodruff/Second: Steven Jones). 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