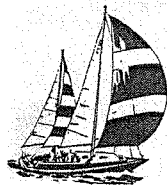


# City of Shoreacres



## MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, met in Regular Session on **Monday, November 12, 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
Alderswoman	Dana Woodruff
Alderswoman	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 7:00 p.m.

### 2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 3.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

### 4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 4.1 There was a motion to approve the September 24, 2012 regular Council Meeting (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez). Motion carried unanimously.
- 4.2 There was a motion to approve the October 1, 2012 special Council Meeting (Richard Adams/Second: Dana Woodruff). Motion carried unanimously.
- 4.3 There was a motion to approve the October 8, 2012 regular Council Meeting (Dana Woodruff/Second: Connie Ramirez). Motion carried unanimously.

### 5.0 COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS

- 5.1 Mayor Arons - Reported that Michelle Hundley is leaving the Port of Houston and our interim contact will be Leslie Herbst.

Attended the POHA meeting and one of the discussion items was the five year Sunset plan, which includes a plan to create a stakeholder's meeting.

Mr. Jeff Volk, our main contact at TxDOT is also leaving his position to pursue other interests.

The plan to install a sound wall along Highway 146 and Bayou Forest has run into some difficulty with the utility lines, which will need to be re-located. Due to this hindrance, the project will be delayed approximately 6 months to 1 year.

- 5.2 Mayor pro tem Richard Adams attended the LPCAC meeting and has the following information to report:

Mr. Mark Vincent from POHA gave an update on the POH activity:

The Panama Canal will be ready in 2015. Dredging activity at Barbour's Cut channel will transpire for about 3 months. During this time, the channel will be dredged down to 45'. The Port will be replacing older cranes with larger ones to accommodate the larger ships.

Mr. Scott Jones with the Galveston Bay Foundation addressed the effects of dredging on the local habitats--especially the oyster population. Mr. Jones indicated that we need to be cognizant of how important it is to protect the oyster beds in our area. They filter our bay water at the rate of 31 gallons a day.

Mr. Andy Smith from the Battleship area announced that they will be conducting a controlled prescribed burn in the near future. They will notify surrounding cities before the actual event.

The phone number to the CARE line will be changed to 855-855-2237 effective December 3, 2012.

- 5.3 Councilwoman Ramirez attended the annual Houston Galveston Area Council General Meeting. HGAC recounted the many resources that are available to all general law cities, such as law enforcement training; the purchasing co-operative and the workforce commission.

## 6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 6.1 Citizen's Comments:

222 E. Forest - Mr. Daniel McNeil expressed his concerns regarding the city water quality report.

1017 W. Forest – Mr. David Jennings asked about the city's enforcement of the fence ordinance and the ordinance to manage dogs running at large.

## 7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 7.1 City Administrator – Mr. David Stall reported on the following items:

Responding to Mr. McNeil's concern: Mr. Stall explained how to correctly interpret the Annual Water Consumer Confidence Report. There are multiple layers of water quality testing. These tests are conducted by various government entities and private companies under contract. Test results are reported to TCEQ. TCEQ staff compiles the Annual Water Quality Consumer Confidence Report and provides it to the City for distribution to our water customers.

Additionally, Mr. Stall re-affirmed that there were 2 technical violations listed on the report and both were related to timing of the sampling. The technical violation does not have anything to do with the quality of water running through our system. Also, the headings of the report were misleading.

Responding to Mr. Jennings concerns: The City does enforce the leash law and dogs running at large ordinances. If you notice a loose dog, please report it to city staff or dispatch.

Mr. Stall reported on the following General Activities:

- The auditors will be conducting field work on our annual audit starting on March 4.
- The Children Christmas Ornament Decorating event will be on Tuesday, December 4 at 5:30pm.
- The City's Annual Pot Luck dinner is December 6 starting at 6:00 pm and Santa's visit will be at 7:00 pm.
- T-Mobile has submitted a permit application to add Verizon wireless to their tower.
- The city is still participating in the on-going (COSA) dispute between cities and CenterPoint regarding CenterPoint's request to the PUC to allow CenterPoint to automatically raise electricity rate increases without approval of City officials.
- Shoreacres has been selected as a grant recipient for a "Small City Storm Resilience Study."

The City's new telecommunication system is in full operation. If you encounter any problem with our new phone system in the next two weeks, please notify staff so we can get it corrected.

Lift Station #2 accident repairs: Repairs have been made to the lift station that was damaged in a vehicle accident.

Police Department monthly activity report: As outlined by Mr. Richard Adams

	<u>10/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>
Accidents	5	0
Assist other agencies	10	3
Traffic arrest	11	17
EMS/Fire calls	3	10

Public Works report: Currently we are facing an unexpected increase in the number of water breaks. These do not appear to be related to pressure or weather conditions.

## 8.0 BUSINESS

### 8.1 Consideration and approval of invoices.

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

### 8.2 Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 2012-99 authorizing the Mayor to execute a Depository Pledge Agreement (collateral custodian agreement) and letter of release to The Federal Reserve Bank of Boston for Wells Fargo Bank to pledge collateral at Bank of New York Mellon Trust.

There was a motion to approve Resolution No. 2012-99 with the suggested spelling corrections (Dana Woodruff/ Second: Matt Webber). Motion carried unanimously.

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8.3 Discussion of city street repair and replacement plans; and, schedule.

Councilman Webber addressed the following issues:

- He recognized and thanked public works staff for clearing overgrown vegetation and installing/replacing street signs throughout the City.
- Councilman Webber suggested that the city work on a solution to improve communication with our residents so they can be updated on the status of on-going street maintenance and repairs.

8.4 Discussion, consideration and action relating to First Monday Heavy Pickup program.

Councilman Webber approves of the concept of the Heavy Trash Pickup program, however certain aspects still need to be addressed. He would like to see better communication to update residents on any delay in the pick-up schedule. This topic will be discussed at the next council meeting.

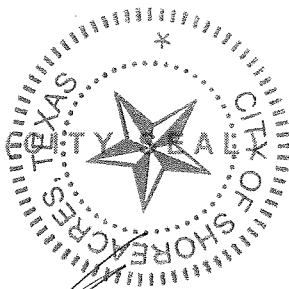
8.5 Discussion, consideration and action to cancel the regular fourth Monday city council meeting of December.

There was a motion to cancel the regular council meeting scheduled for December 24. (Connie Ramirez/ Second: Steven Jones). Motion carried unanimously.

9.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 10th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2012.



*Dolly A. Arons*  
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Dolly Arons, Mayor

ATTEST

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David K. Stall, CFM  
City Administrator / City Secretary