

City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, met in Regular Session on **Monday, March 11, 2013 at 7:03 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 (absent)
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 Arons at 7:03 p.m.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations.

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes scheduled for approval

5.0 COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS

- 5.1 Mayor Arons – Mayor Arons indicated that the meeting that she attended with the County Road department would be discussed under agenda item 8.5.
- 5.2 Mayor pro tem Adams – Councilman Adams attended the SEACAP meeting on March 6. TxDOT - TxDOT indicated that there would not be any daytime closures of the Port Road connector. Odfjell – Odfjell participated in our Chili cook off. Bayport – The cruise ship Princess (3,500 passengers) will begin operations out of the Bayport Cruise Terminal on 11 / 5 / 13. Norwegian Cruise Lines will begin operations in Fall of 2014. Dana Blume is the new Outreach Coordinator. On April 6, there will be a Maritime Youth Expo at the Bayport Terminal to discuss career opportunities. Next year, 2014 is the 100 year anniversary for the port. There will be recognition activities. TOTAL – had one lost-time injury — a broken kneecap from a fall. CAER line update – NONE

6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

6.1 Citizen's Comments:

618 Baywood – Ms. Nancy Schnell inquired as to how the reverse calling system is used as related to the recent explosion. She also commented on low water pressure over the weekend.

1009 W. Forest – Ms. Anita Willis presented information on the Air Liquide incident as discussed at the CAC meeting. She also mentioned the Akzo Nobel hydrochloric acid leak. She expressed concern over the lack of city limit signs along Highway 146.

616 Baywood – Ms. Darlene Gamble-Bays – inquired about the San Jacinto College Maritime building at the end of old HWY 146 and the status.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1 City Administrator

7.1.1 General activity report – Mr. Stall reported that on April 6, the city of Shoreacres will participate in the hazardous waste collection day along with the cities of La Porte and Morgan's Point. Mr. Stall indicated that TxDOT removed the city limit signs and Houston Yacht Club signs from Highway 146 during road construction and that they are expected to be replaced. The San Jacinto Community College is moving their maritime training school from Highway 225 to a site off of Old 146. Mr. Stall explained that council was notified of the Air Liquide explosion last February. The city monitored the situation. There was no threat to residents, so it was not necessary to contact residents through the reverse calling system.

The La Porte ISD will be participating in the May 11 general election with the city.

The city has received grant funds to purchase police hand held radios that meet the new standards. Each radio costs approximately \$3,766.

7.2 Monthly Police Department Report – The report was included in the council packet. Chief Newman reported that a vehicle hit the brick wall at the end of Windleaf and that the driver fled the scene. Office Saucedo was able to track him down.

Officers received training on the new online DWI reporting system software.

Code enforcement letters were issued to several property owners. Many of the issues were resolved.

7.3 Monthly Public Works Report – The report was included in the council packet. Heavy debris monthly pick up was delayed due to mechanical issues with the contractor's truck.

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 Consideration and approval of invoices.

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

8.2 Discussion, consideration and action to recommend amendment of City Code section 10-117 Wooden Roof Coverings to permit the use of palm frond roofing materials.

This item was continued from the previous meeting to allow for compilation of cost effectiveness estimates. The cost of natural palm fronds ranges from about \$20 a square foot to \$27 a square foot. The cost of synthetic palm fronds ranges from \$45 a square foot to \$60 a square foot. The re-application of fire retardant costs about \$2.00 a square foot. The life expectancy of natural fronds is 4-5 years. Synthetic fronds are expected to last a lifetime and the material is fire retardant by design. After much discussion, Council decided to leave the existing ordinance as it stands.

8.3 Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 2013-106 authorizing the City Administrator to contract for the installation of a 12-inch gate valve on a waste water discharge force main.

The valve at the force main pipeline that delivers waste water to the Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority for treatment is failing and needs to be replaced. Council took no action on this item pending information on whether the valve can be refurbished. This item will be presented to council next month. Additional information on the cost of refurbishing will be compiled and presented at that time.

8.4 Consideration and approval of Ordinance No. 2013-136 amending the City Code requiring the removal of dead trees and providing for abatement and lien to recover the cost of abatement by the city.

At a previous council meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Adams suggested that the city consider strengthening the ordinance that requires the removal of dead trees by the property owner. A revised ordinance was presented to council and requires that the owner remove dead trees within 30 days from receipt of notification from the city. The revised ordinance includes additional language on abatement. There was a motion (Connie Ramirez / Second: Richard Adams) to adopt ordinance No. 2013-136.

8.5 Update and discussion of the city's street maintenance and capital improvement program.

David Stall presented slides and discussed the evolution of the city's street repair program. The criteria used to rank the streets in need of repair and their condition was discussed. Copies of past and current street repair goals were presented. In 2012, many city streets were replaced with concrete and additional replacements are expected to begin in June 2013. The city also is receiving additional funds from Harris County's Precinct 2 Better Streets 2 Neighborhoods Program that will enable several asphalt roads to be resurfaced. Councilman Webber requested a plan for the maintenance of existing roads. No action was required by Council.

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8.6 Annual Racial Shoreacres Police Department Profiling Report and Review of Bias Based Profiling and Video Policy.

Chief Newman explained the results of the city's racial profiling study that the city will be submitting to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. No action was required by Council.

8.7 Discussion, consideration and action to solicit the submission of photographs for use on the Gateway Sign.

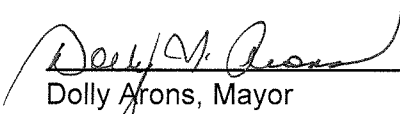
Councilman Jones suggested that the city communicate with residents to determine if they have any historical photos that the city could place on the electronic Gateway sign. Council agreed that notices should be placed in the Shoreacres Shorts to see if residents have historical pictures that they would like to share.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 25th DAY OF March, 2013.





Dolly Arons, Mayor

ATTEST:



David K. Stall, CFM
City Administrator / City Secretary