

# City of Shoreacres



## MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, met in Regular Session on **Monday, March 25, 2013 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
Alderwoman	Dana Woodruff (absent)
Alderwoman	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 7:00 p.m.

### 2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 3.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Mayor Arons welcomed Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Jack Morman to our meeting. Below is a summary of Commissioner Morman's discussion items:

Ike Recovery Round 2: Precinct 2 offered to provide the City with \$2.5 million from their own Hurricane IKE grant fund so that Shoreacres can continue with its projects to rebuild streets that were damaged by Hurricane Ike.

"Better Streets to Neighborhood" program. This program was created by Precinct 2. It is a Road, Bridge and Capital Improvement program. Precinct 2 has set aside \$500,000 to provide "asphalt overlay" for several streets in our city. The project will start in late May or early June and is anticipated to last approximately sixty days. The project is one of many that Mr. Jack Rodriguez, Director of Road, Bridge & Capital Improvements, will be overseeing.

The majority of parks in the Precinct 2 area will be receiving some kind of revitalization. One big project is the restoration of the Sylvan Beach Park and Pavilion.

Mayor Arons read questions from residents to Commissioner Morman and listed below are his responses:

Q. When the Harris County Recovers program began, residents who withdrew funds from their retirement plan and obtained SBA loans were told to keep all receipts and their expenditures and the SBA loans could be reimbursed at the

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end of the program, if there were funds available. What is the status of the reimbursement?

- A. Due to many federal and state regulations attached to the grant, reimbursement to residents is not allowed.
- Q. Shoreacres residents are very appreciative of Precinct 2 mosquito control program and would like to know if this program will continue.
- A. "Yes," even with the big budget cut. Precinct 2 has our own mosquito control department and it is important to continue with the spraying, due to the area that we're in.
- Q. A few years ago, the Port of Houston raised taxes to accommodate the bond indebtedness. The County reduced their taxes to compensate for the increase. Does the County have any plan to readjust this?
- A. "No," the County has no plan to raise taxes. We'll have to live within our means.
- Q. Can you tell us the status of the GLO restoration of the Miramar park shoreline damaged by IKE?
- A. This project is a state funded project not a County project.
- Q. Did the County pay for the Offshore Technology Conference [OTC] conference?
- A. The Port of Houston paid for the conference reception.
- Q. Did the County pay for the score board at Reliant Stadium?
- A. The current scoreboard is not providing a state of the art technology for major leasing tenants--the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo and the Houston Texans. Eventually the scoreboard will be replaced and the cost of replacement will be funded through the collection of the hotel occupancy tax.
- Q. When the County proceeds with the asphalt program in our city, will the asphalt replacement extend from shoulder to shoulder and not half way like what exists now on Shore Acres Blvd? Will there be striping and will the color be gray or black?
- A. Mr. Rodriguez explained that the current asphalt patch on Shore Acres Blvd is a repair to correct cracks created by the drought condition in our area. Under the "Better Street to Neighborhood" program, the street will be completely milled, overlaid and re-striped from one shoulder to the other shoulder. As far as color, the asphalt is black, however it will turn grey in color in five or six years.
- Q. Did the County pay for the cement patch for the Offshore Technology Conference at the Reliant Stadium? The proposal was for one million dollars.
- A. If it was an improvement at Reliant Park then "Yes," since the County is the owner.

- Q. Has the County been in contact with the GLO regarding residents in the Harris County Recovers program?
- A. "Yes", the County continues to work closely with the GLO to help residents in the Harris County Recovers program.
- Q. Is the east half of Shore Acres Blvd on schedule for a complete re-surfacing? Are there any plans to clean out ditches along Shore Acres Blvd. to help with drainage problems?
- A. "Yes" the street is on schedule for a complete re-surfacing. All open ditches in Shoreacres need to go through the City process to clean those out.
- Q. Are there any county funds available to the City for use by parks?
- A. There are no specific funds that the County sets aside for parks but the County can work together with the City to find funding for capital improvements.

#### **4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 4.1 Regular Council Meeting February 25, 2013 - There was a motion to approve the February 25, 2013 Council meeting minutes. (Richard Adams / Second: Connie Ramirez). Motion carried unanimously.
- 4.2 Regular Council Meeting March 11, 2013 - There was a motion to approve the March 11, 2013 Council meeting minutes as amended. (Connie Ramirez / Second: Steven Jones). Motion carried with Councilman Webber requesting the minutes be amended to include language indicating that the City will present a plan on the schedule and maintenance of existing roads.

#### **5.0 COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS**

There were no new items to report.

#### **6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS**

6.1 Citizen's Comments:

1009 W. Forest – Ms. Anita Willis reported on the good turn-out at the La Porte Education Celebration event last Saturday.

616 Baywood – Ms. Darlene Gamble-Bays stated that she has received her property tax value from Harris County Appraisal District and it has dropped 20%. Per the Appraisal District associate the main reason for the drastic change is the FEMA revised flood map and the forty to fifty homes that have not been repaired since Hurricane Ike.

#### **7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

7.1 City Administrator

7.1.1 General activity report –

Auditors have completed their field audit. The results are expected to be presented to Council at the May 13 council meeting.

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7.1.2 Replacement of City Limit and Houston Yacht Club signs on SH-146 -  
The TxDot contractor will erect a City Limit sign along Highway 146.

7.1.3 Preliminary FEMA Flood Hazard Map (revisions).

FEMA will release the preliminary flood map on Friday and it will be sent to the City on or around April 1.

FEMA will hold a community consultation meeting in or around May. There are several additional steps that are required. The final Letter of Determination will go into effect in or around June 2014.

7.2 Monthly financial report:

General Fund	\$516,829
Utility Fund	\$ 74,450
TxCDBG	\$206,627
TxPool	\$804,000
Certificate of dep.	\$249,681

Property tax - taxable values are at approximately \$97 million.  
Sales tax collected YTD is \$25,753.

**8.0 BUSINESS**

8.1 Consideration and approval of invoices.

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

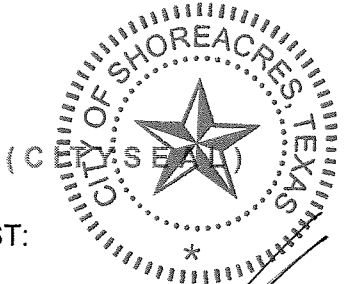
8.2 Consideration and approval of 2013 consumer price index adjustment to municipal telecommunications right-of-way access line rates.

This item pertains to revenue from telecommunication franchises. No action was necessary.

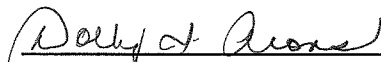
**9.0 ADJOURNMENT.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 8th DAY OF April, 2013.



ATTEST:

  
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Dolly Arons, Mayor

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David K. Stall, CFM  
City Administrator / City Secretary