

City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, met in Regular Session on
Monday, July 8, 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	Matt Webber
Mayor pro tem	Rick Moses
Alderman	Steven Jones
Alderwoman	Bo Bunker
Alderman	Nancy J. Schnell

City Administrator / City Secretary David K. Stall

1.0 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Webber at 7:00 p.m.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 4.1 Regular Council Meeting, June 24, 2013. Rick Moses moved to approve the June 24, 2013 Regular Council Meeting minutes; seconded by Nancy Schnell. Motion carried unanimously.

5.0 COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS

- 5.1 Mayor Webber had an introduction meeting with Michel Bechtel, City of Morgan's Point Mayor pro tem. Also met with Ross Tuckwiller, the Houston Yacht Club General Manager to discuss opportunities that could prove beneficial to both the Club and our community. Attended the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Dolphin Lagoon Splash Park in Clear Lake Park. Together with Officer Thompson and Manolescu, he participated in the City of La Porte's 4th of July parade. Attended the 2013 Elected Officials Hurricane Briefing with Mr. David Stall, the briefing was hosted by Judge Ed Emmett, Director of the Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management.
- 5.2 Alderwoman Schnell attended the Port of Houston (POHA) boat tour for elected officials and had the opportunity to meet with POHA Commissioners. Seizing the opportunity, Ms. Schnell approached Commissioner Burke to request consideration of the donation of playground equipment for Circle Park. She reported that he was very open with the idea of helping. Attended the Flood Rate Map open house in Webster and met with FEMA representatives. She presented a summary of the Q&A session: All across the board there will be a 5% increase in the flood insurance rates, some of this increase may be offset with our CRS credit. FEMA will slowly phase in their requirement of an

elevation certificate from all homeowners within next five year. At the end of the five year period, flood insurance rates might increase up to twenty percent for those homeowner's that do not comply with FEMA's requirements.

6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

6.1 Citizen's Comments:

3346 Miramar – Mr. Gerry Victor believes that his comments were incorrectly reflected on the May 28, 2013 minutes, therefore, he requested Council to delete his comments from the official minutes. Mr. Victor went on to express his concerns to Council about the use of the reserve fund.

315 Shore Acres Blvd. – Mr. Mike Wheeler requests that the City install additional culverts at Circle Park for ease of park access at community sponsored events such as the Crawfish and BBQ Cook-off.

616 Baywood – Ms. Darlene Bays suggested a one or two dollar fee to be added to the water bill especially designated for park improvements. She also asked about the city's code enforcement of maintenance on vacant lots.

825 S. Country Club – Mr. Benedict Duggie objected to the suggestion of an additional fee for park improvement and stresses the desperate need of ditch mowing on S. Country Club.

1017 W. Forest – Mr. David Jennings objected to the suggestion of additional fee for park improvement. He also complimented the police department for providing a valuable "vacation watch" service for our residents.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1 City Administrator Report:

Mr. Stall reported the following:

- Street projects are progressing as expected.
- Lighting equipment is now installed for the entrance flag pole.
- The gaff portion of the flagpole is in the process of being removed.

7.2 Monthly Police Report:

- There were 90 calls of service.
- June 11, 2013 assisted Seabrook PD with a vehicle pursuit.
- 37 citations were issued.
- 4 theft incidents were reported
- Code violation: 3 letters were mailed out and 3 citations were issued.
- All full-time officers are certified in Taser use.
- Chief Newman completed the required FEMA Incident Command course of all Emergency Management personnel.

7.3 Monthly Public Works Report – Mr. David Sutton reported that water usage for the month is up comparing to last month. The city has responded to numerous unexpected water line repairs resulting from road construction. The vacant Public Works position has been filled and we are back to full staffing allow the city to get back on track with ditch mowing.

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 Discussion of permissible and desirable lines of communication between council.

Mayor Webber reminded Council members of the Texas Open Meeting Act and that it includes all electronics communication.

8.2 Consideration and approval of invoices.

Nancy Schnell moved to pay our bills; seconded by: Rick Moses. Motion carried unanimously.

8.3 Consideration and action to fill the office of alderman by appointment until the next regular election is held.

Nancy Schnell moved to fill the office of alderman and open nominations. Rick Moses nominated Paul Croas; Steven Jones nominated Richard Adams; Bo Bunker nominated Mike Wheeler. Nominations were closed.

All three nominees addressed council and responded to questions from council and the public.

Mayor Webber called for a vote. The results were one vote for Paul Croas; one vote for Richard Adams; and, two votes for Mike Wheeler. No nominee received a majority vote.

Mayor Webber called for a second vote. The results were one vote for Paul Croas; one vote for Richard Adams; and, two votes for Mike Wheeler. No nominee received a majority vote.

Bo Bunker moved to appoint Mike Wheeler to the position of alderman; seconded by Nancy Schnell. Motion carried with Jones opposed.

8.4 Administer Oath of Office to newly appointed alderman.

Mayor Webber administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Mike Wheeler.

8.5 Discussion and action to elect a Mayor pro tem for a one-year term.

Bo Bunker moved to appoint Rick Moses as Mayor pro-tem; seconded by Steven Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

8.6 Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 2013-111 authorizing representatives to sign on accounts and represent the city in transacting business with Wells Fargo Bank.

Nancy Schnell moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-113 as written adding Rick Moses to the blank left for Mayor pro tem; seconded by Bo Bunker. Motion carried unanimously.

8.7 Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 2013-112 amending representatives authorized to sign on, and transact business with TexPool.

Nancy Schnell moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-112 as written adding Rick Moses to the blank left for Mayor pro tem; seconded by Bo Bunker. Motion carried unanimously.

8.8 Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 2013-115 approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute an interlocal agreement with Harris County for access and use of information maintained by the Southeast Texas Crime Information Center.

Rick Moses moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-115; seconded by Nancy Schnell. Motion carried unanimously.

8.9 Consideration and action to adopt Resolution No. 2013-116 designating a grant administrator for the Coastal Impact Assistance Program grant awarded to the City of Shoreacres for design, engineering and permitting of an erosion control project at Miramar Park; authorizing the City Administrator to execute documents as may be necessary to make such designation on behalf of the City.

Nancy Schnell moved to postpone Resolution No. 2013-116 to the July 22, 2013 Council meeting; seconded by Steven Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

8.10 Consideration and approval of Ordinance No. 2013-137 amending the City Code by repealing the expiration of the assessment and collection of the municipal court technology fee.

Bo Bunker moved to approve Ordinance No. 2013-137; seconded by Rick Moses. Motion carried unanimously.

8.11 Discussion and action to direct staff to prepare a policy requiring no less than three independent state licensed inspectors to perform inspections required by the city.

Nancy Schnell moved to postpone discussion to the July 22, 2013 Council meeting; seconded by Steven Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT.


Nancy Schnell moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.; seconded by Mike Wheeler. Motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 22ND DAY OF JULY, 2013.



ATTEST:

David K. Stall, CFM
City Administrator / City Secretary



Matt Webber, Mayor