

City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, met in Regular Session on **Monday, August 12, 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	Nancy J. Schnell
Alderman	Bo Bunker
Alderman	Mike Wheeler

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

- 3.1 Mayor Webber recognized former Mayor Dolly Arons for her dedicated service to the City for the last six years and presented a certificate of service.
- 3.2 Mayor Webber recognized Stan Krauhs as 2012 Citizen of the Year.
- 3.3 Mayor Webber recognized Police Chief David Newman as 2012 Employee of the Year.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 4.1 Regular Council Meeting July 22, 2013. Nancy Schnell moved to approve the July 22, 2013 Regular Council Meeting minutes; seconded by Rick Moses. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4.2 Council Workshop Meeting July 29, 2013. Nancy Schnell moved to approve the July 29, 2013 Council Workshop Meeting minutes; seconded by Michael Wheeler. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4.3 Council Workshop Meeting August 5, 2013. Bo Bunker moved to approve the August 5, 2013 Council Workshop Meeting minutes; seconded by Nancy Schnell. Motion carried unanimously.

5.0 COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS

- 5.1 Mayor Webber reported on meetings with leaders from the City of Galveston and the City of La Porte.
- 5.2 Alderwoman Schnell reported that together with Mayor Pro tem Rick Moses she attended the Texas Municipal League Newly Elected Official Orientation Seminar in Round Rock this past week-end.

6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

6.1 Citizen's Comments:

Chuck Haist, 122 Meadowlawn – Referencing Resolution 2012-80, Mr. Haist requested an update on the installation of speed bumps on Miramar Drive. Noticed that ditch mowing around the City has been kept up regularly, and the City is looking great.

Connie Ramirez, 3506 Miramar – Mowing are needed on Miramar Drive near the yacht club.

Patrick Stanton, 128 Shadylawn – Sent written correspondence to the Port of Houston with various suggestions to help promote business growth in our area; also, suggested for POHA to create an ad-hoc committee consists of local citizens to advice POHA business development division and seek out a public information firm to coordinate local events. The Bayport cruise terminal will soon be in full operation, Mr. Stanton foresees many positive opportunities but also some negative points, therefore, he requested for Council to be proactive and take action on items that will be beneficial to the City.

Charlotte Wells, 3342 Miramar – Expresses concerns of children driving golf carts and vehicles speeding on Miramar, especially on the weekend. Requested for additional police patrol.

Mrs. Dugie, 825 S. Country Club – Requested for clarification on where the responsibility lies, when a delivery truck causes damage to the road?"

Dolly Arons, 1118 N. Country Club – Requested further clarification on Item 8.5. Pointed out Chief Newman's many excellent references and qualifications. Proposed the hiring of a temporary human resources specialist.

Vickie Ellis, 414 Baywood – Expressed her opposition to Item 8.5.

Karen Gerany, 3316 Miramar – Asked if she could discuss other agenda items at this time.

David Jennings, 1017 W. Forest - Expresses his support for Chief Newman and opposed to any contemplation of removing him from the Chief's position.

Patsy Thomson, 127 Shore Acres - Stated that Item 8.5 need to be open for discussion.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1 City Administrator Report:

Mr. Stall reported the following:

7.1.1 General activity report:

- The Coastal Impact Assistance Program grant administrator is in the process of preparing for the selection of a project engineer. The Public Works Building roof install is scheduled to begin on or about August 26. Signed off on plans for CDBG Round 1 replacement of two additional concrete streets, which are Oakdale and E. Forest, from Byway to Old Hwy 146. Received authorization to use Round 2.2 funds (\$180,146] for water main replacement.

7.1.2 FEMA Public Assistance grant audit update - received \$200,000 from FEMA.

7.1.3 Homeland Security Grant Program update – waiting for full reimbursement of police radios purchased.

7.1.4 BetterStreets2Neighborhoods program update – asphalt street repair program is continuing on schedule.

7.1.5 Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Act of 2012 meetings and action - Mr. Stall participated in the August 6 meeting with the Bay Area Economic Partnership; he will also be meeting with Chairman McCaul of Homeland Security to discuss the Biggert-Waters Act. Commissioner Morman of Precinct 2 has agreed to provide funding for an “Economic Impact Study” on the flood rate increase conducted by the University of Houston – Clear Lake.

7.2 Monthly Police Report: Chief Newman reported on the following

- There were two theft incidents and 92 citations were issued in July.
- Code violation: one letter was mailed out and five citations were issued.
- There were four calls of coyote sighting all were concentrated in the area of Bayou Drive and Shore Acres Blvd..
- Received four applications for the police reserve program. Currently conducting background checks on three applicants.
- National Night Out will be on Tuesday, October 1 at Circle Park.
- Completed the reporting requirements to join the FBI’s Uniform Crime Reporting program and submitted reports for the first seven months of 2013.

7.3 Monthly Public Works Report – Mr. David Sutton reported that water usage for the month continued to increase as expected due to the hot weather. Completed about 90% of mowing area and our employees are currently being crossed train to perform this duty as a backup when needed. The new eight inch water line on Centre has been installed up to Shore Acres Blvd., remaining work must be contracted to bore under Shore Acres Blvd.

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 Consideration and approval of invoices.

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

8.2 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 stated that no action is requested on item 8.2.

8.3 Consideration and action regarding coyotes.

Mayor Webber is continuing to seek a better solution regarding the coyote nuisance.

8.4 Consideration and action to approve Resolution No. 2013-117 authorizing the City Administrator to sign documents on behalf of the Mayor and the City of Shoreacres to acknowledge and/or confirm agreement or acceptance by the City of Shoreacres as may be required for the application and distribution of Hurricane Ike disaster Community Development Block Grant funds.

Nancy Schnell moved to approve Resolution 2013-117 authorizing the City Administrator, Mayor, and Mayor pro tem to sign documents on behalf of the City of Shoreacres for Community Development Block Grant funds; seconded by Steven Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

8.5 Consideration of reassignment for the City of Shoreacres Police Chief David Newman.

Mayor Webber adjourned the meeting to go into executive session at 8:04 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.074 Personnel. However, Chief Newman requested for this item to be discussed in open session and the meeting was re-convened in open session at 8:05 p.m. without executive session.

Present for the discussion were Attorney Norman Giles for the city and Leighton Guarnera, a field representative of the Texas Municipal Police Officers Association, for Chief Newman.

Nancy Schnell spoke of reports she had received. Council discussed. Chief Newman spoke. Citizens were allowed the opportunity to address council

No action was taken by council.

8.6 Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 2013-118 authorizing the solicitation and collection of voluntary contributions, in conjunction with the city's utility billing, to benefit the Parks & Recreation Department.

Bo Bunker moved to approve of Resolution No. 2013-118; seconded by Nancy Schnell. Motion carried unanimously.

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- 8.7 Consideration and possible action to request the City of La Porte to provide a proposal and cost of bundled services for: emergency medical services (ambulance); fire protection, including first responder; emergency dispatch services (fire, EMS and Shoreacres Police Department); jail services; and, animal control.

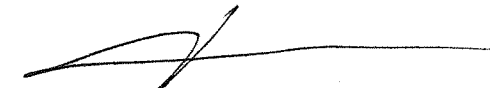
Mayor Webber has met with leaders from the City of La Porte and will present their proposition at the next budget meeting.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m..

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 26th DAY OF AUGUST, 2013.





Matt Webber, Mayor

ATTEST:



David K. Stall, CFM
City Administrator / City Secretary