

City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, met in Regular Session on **Monday, September 9, 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
Alderwoman	Nancy J. Schnell
Alderman	Bo Bunker

City Administrator / City Secretary David K. Stall

Alderman	Steven Jones – Absent
Alderman	Mike Wheeler – Absent

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 Clear Lake Emergency Medical Corps (CLEMC) – Chief Roy Hunter presented a slide show outlining the history of CLEMC; their commitments to providing the very best care to those they served; they're involved in numerous of community outreach programs; their medics are highly qualified and has received numerous certifications & awards.
- 3.2 Economic Alliance Houston Port Region – President Chad Burke presented the Alliance mission statement, their accomplishments, and goals of bringing in new businesses to increase revenues for the area. He also emphasized that in the next five year we will see an increase in the demand for skilled workers on the east side of Harris County.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 4.1 Regular Council Meeting August 26, 2013. Rick Moses moved to approve the August 26, 2013 Regular Council Meeting minutes; seconded by Nancy Schnell. Motion carried unanimously.

5.0 COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS

- 5.1 Mayor Webber reported on attending the Petrochemical & Maritime Outlook Conference hosted by the Economic Alliance Houston Port Region.

6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

6.1 Citizen's Comments:

Vicki Ellis, 414 Baywood – Ms. Ellis reminded Council that previously she had asked for a public apologies for the former Mayor and city employees and she thinks that it is time to make those apologies in light of the recent clean audit report. She added that she will ask for an apology to Chief Newman in the future.

Darlene Bays, 616 Baywood – Ms. Bays requested that flags to be put out on Wednesday, September 11, in honor of those who lost their lives on that day. She also asked for council to include the cost of purchasing a mosquito sprayer in the 2013-14 budget.

Mike Le Compte, 629 Oakdale – Mr. Le Compte requested an update on the status of street repair on Oakdale.

Nylia Stevenson, 122 E. Forest – Ms. Stevenson asked Council to keep in mind of the current economic conditions as they work on the budget. She's in favor of contracting with La Porte for EMS service but cost has to be considered. She stated that CLEMC needs to cut response time and would like for a Council member to attend CLEMC board meeting in addition to an employee representative.

Dana Woodruff, 3534 Miramar – Ms. Woodruff also expressed her concerned on the upcoming budget.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1 City Administrator Report: Mr. Stall responded to Mr. Le Compte's questions and stated that the delayed of Oakdale Street repair was due to an environmental issue, which it is now resolved and the project should begin in January 2014.

7.1.1 General activity report:

Working with our FEMA NFIP CRS representative to getting additional points added to our CRS application through a repetitive loss outreach program.

There was a water outage in the Bayou Forest subdivision resulting from to a broken water main caused by TxDOT's sound wall sub-contractor; an outside crew repaired the line which incurred no cost to the city.

Received an engineering cost estimate of \$118,000 for the Byway waterline replacement. This line is required to be moved to accommodate storm water drainage improvements associated with the street work on Byway. The new line will improve water pressure for areas that's north of Shore Acres Blvd. and east of Old Hwy 146 and add six new fire hydrants which will increase our fire-fighting ability.

7.1.2 Street and drainage project updates:

Round 2.2 anticipated completion date is November 2013. This project has been delayed by CenterPoint replacement of gas lines.

Surplus funds from Round 1, was re-allocated for additional streets, which are anticipated to begin January 2014. Streets that are included are E.

Forest between Old Highway 146 and Byway; and, Oakdale from Byway to Old Highway 146.

BetterStreets2Neighborhoods asphalt street repair project is about 50% complete. A big Thank-You goes out to Precinct 2 Commissioner Jack Mormon for additional funding which allowed Meadowlawn to be added to the project.

7.1.3 Water and Sewer project updates:

Water Plant #1 fence installation is now complete and includes a sliding gate. Electrical service issues with CenterPoint have been resolved. Water sample testing from the ground water tanks are underway and we're anticipated that the plant will be in full operation soon. The SCADA system should be operational soon.

- 7.2 Monthly Police Department report: Mayor Webber introduced the temporary interim Police Chief Mike Massey and stated that, "he is charged with evaluating the police department and other matters." Mayor Webber also re-iterates that Chief Newman is on paid administrative leave, adding that it was not a punitive action.

Mr. Stall read the police report:

4 thefts reported.

Officer Thompson's traffic stop resulted in the seizure of drugs and drug money.

98 citations were issued.

Code violation letters were mailed out.

Two part-time officers are in queue to start in the new fiscal year.

National Night Out is Tuesday, October 1st.

- 7.3 Monthly Public Works Department report: Mr. Sutton was absent due to family emergency.

Mr. Stall read the report:

Water consumption continued to increase due to the drought condition. Ditch mowing continued to be on track. Mowing contract with Gabby's Tree Service has been initiated. Heavy trash pick-up started today.

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 Consideration and approval of Ordinance No. 2013-140 amending the City Code to increase the number of building inspectors.

Discussion and no action taken by Council.

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- 8.3 Consideration and action to adopt Resolution No. 2013-121 Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Act of 2012.

Nancy Schnell moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-121; seconded by Rick Moses, with Councilman Bunker opposed. Motion carried.

- 8.4 Consideration and action to adopt Resolution No. 2013-122 designating a representative and alternate to the Houston-Galveston Area Council 2013 General Assembly.

Rick Moses requested for Item 8.4 to be moved to the next Council meeting due to the absence of Councilman Jones and Wheeler.

- 8.5 Consideration and approval of Ordinance No. 2013-141 amending rules of order and procedures for council meetings.

Discussion and no action was taken by Council.

- 8.6 Consideration and approval of Ordinance No. 2013-142 amending the City Code relating to recording and making available to the public recording of city council meeting.

Nancy Schnell moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-142; seconded by Rick Moses. Motion carried unanimously.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 23rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2013.



Matt Webber, Mayor

ATTEST:

David K. Stall, CFM
City Administrator / City Secretary