City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, met in Regular Session on **Monday, March 10, 2014 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 Alderwoman Steven Jones 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 PRESENTATION
- 4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- 5.0 COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS
 - 5.1 Mayor Webber Mayor Webber have no new item to report.
 - 5.2 Mayor pro tem Moses
 - 5.2.1 Report on city actions relating to the employment of temporary acting Chief of Police Michael Massey.

Over the past few council meetings, there has been some misinformation mentioned regarding the resignation of Chief Massey; the validity of his peace officer's license; and, whether or not he could hold the position as Police Chief of Shoreacres. Tonight, I would like to take the initiative to rectify and bring closure to the misinformation and be "transparent," an important point that the citizens have raised lately.

A brief overview of the investigation is as follows: The Harris County District Attorney's Office received a complaint requesting an investigation of Chief Massey. The DA's office acted upon the complaint received and referred this case to the Texas Rangers for investigation. The case was assigned to Ranger Joe Haralson, a 30 plus year veteran of the Texas Rangers. The complaints were investigated thoroughly by numerous investigators and agencies. Ranger Haralson concluded the investigation

and reported his findings to the DA's office. A paraphrasing of Ranger Haralson's findings is that "Chief Massey acted fully within the scope of his authority. Mr. Stall has a twelve month period to submit any documentation to TCOLE. All actions were performed in good faith and there is no evidence of any criminal offense having been committed by Chief Massey. The investigation is closed."

Chief Massey did an excellent job during his short time at Shoreacres. His candid and detailed evaluation of the police department provides a valuable guide for a future course of action. Through his clear vision, integrity, authenticity and compassionate leadership style, Chief Massey inspires and motivates other to perform their best not only at work but also in their personal life. Today, those effective leadership qualities are continued through the direction of Chief Harrison. In conclusion, I personally would like to set closure to this chapter of the past and focus on the present.

5.2.2 Report on city consideration of traffic humps on Miramar Drive.

During the last few meetings citizens have requested council to provide a status report on the installation of traffic humps on Miramar Drive.

In a good faith effort of being "transparent" I have personally put together a package containing all of the previous city council meeting minutes relating to the results of the traffic study, discussions, and council actions of traffic humps on Miramar Drive.

I would like to clarify and update the citizens as to the reason why there are no speed humps on Miramar today. An event outline is as follows: In November 2011, there was a traffic study policy adopted by Ordinance. A traffic study was conducted from July 27, 2011 to February 27, 2012. A public hearing was held, and special presentations and comments were received on February 27, 2012. A motion to consider and adopt Resolution No. 2012-80 approving the placement of traffic humps on Miramar Drive failed for lack of a second.

5.2.3 Report on city actions relating to residential development:

I would like to remind citizens of some general information such as: (1) Rules and guidelines relating to heavy trash pick-up, no trash resulting from contractors work on home construction or a building remodeling will be picked-up. No debris from lot clean-up performed by a contractor will be picked-up. Please visit our website at www.cityofshoreacres.us for a more detailed list. (2) Any tree removal that is on private property, is done at the discretion of the homeowner. (3) All new construction is required to meet and abide by the city's building code & ordinances.

6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

6.1 <u>Citizen's Comments – Patrick Stanton – 128 Shadylawn: New CAER Line</u>

Mr. Stanton attended the La Porte CAC meeting. He reported that the CAER line telephone system has been updated recently to accommodate a larger number of contacts. Citizens can also visit www.EHCMA.org/caerline for information or call 281-476-2237. Mr. Stanton's also reported that the job outlook for trade/craft

specialties will be in high demand for our areas due to a large number of employees anticipating retirement.

6.2 Citizen's Comments

Ms. Darlene Bays 616 Baywood: Ms. Bays expressed her disapproval of being labeled as a "trouble maker" and she would like to point out an insensitive action that was committed by a certain council member while she was speaking during the citizen's comments section a few weeks ago.

Mr. Neil Moyer – 1118 N. Country Club: Mr. Moyer would like to see a monthly Heavy Trash pick-up status report from the Public Work Director.

Mr. David Gerany – 3316 Miramar – Mr. Gerany requested information regarding drainage problem on his lot that is caused by the next door neighbor. He had also noticed the same standing water at the side property line on another vacant lot, this drainage problem are clearly caused by the new house next door.

Mr. Patrick – 128 Shadylawn: Mr. Stanton's requested for the City to have a better enforcement system regarding animals running at large.

Mr. Dennis Paul – A Republican candidate for House District 129 that is on the run-off ballot on May 27 addressed council. He is an engineer and operates his own engineering firm. His concerns are drainage issues in surrounding cities; balancing the budget; transportation problem that will be facing our states due to the increase in population; better trained our young people in the field of technical skills; and, the Biggert-Waters act.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1 City Administrator Report: Mr. Stall reported: (1) Street & drainage project walk through are almost at completion. An additional guard rail will be installed at the end of Oakdale for public safety. (2) Received proposals from ARUB Engineering. Water plant #1 was put in service on February 27; encountered various issues and it was put out of service; currently awaiting for repair parts to be delivered. We're anticipated for water plant #1 to be back on line Wednesday or Thursday. (3) Attended a meeting at HGAC and met our new CRS Specialist. Our CRS 5% insurance discounts are coming up soon.

7.2 Police Chief Troy Harrison

- 7.2.1 <u>Monthly Department Report</u>: During the month of February the police responded to 105 calls for service and issued 29 citations.
- 7.2.2 Annual Racial Profiling Report: The department annual Racial Profiling report was presented to council. The report was also submitted to the state on February 7.
- 7.3 Acting Public Works Director Erick Ingram Monthly Department Report:

 The number of gallons of water purchased decrease this month compared to January. Our staff assisted Friends of Heron Park with signs installation.

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 Consideration and approval of invoices.

Rick Moses moved to pay our bills; Seconded by Mike Wheeler. Motion carried unanimously

8.2 <u>Consideration and action to appoint citizen members to the Miramar Shoreline Advisory Group.</u>

Bo Bunker moved to appoint Mr. Michael Schnell as representative for the Central district; Seconded by Rick Moses. Motion carried unanimously.

8.3 Consideration and action to adopt Resolution No. 2014-126 approving an interlocal agreement with Harris County Public Health & Environmental Services to provide veterinary public health services to include housing and quarantining of animals and related animal control services; and, authorizing the Mayor to execute such agreement.

The agreement had not been received from the county and no action was taken.

8.4 Consideration and action to adopt Resolution No. 2014-129 adopting a limit on the amount of time that personnel are required to spend producing public information for inspection or duplication by a requestor without recovering costs attributable to that personnel time.

Bo Bunker requested for the item to be re-schedule for a future council meeting.

8.5 Consideration and action to ratify Mayor's nominee for appointment to Position 1 on the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term beginning March 11, 2014 and ending January 31, 2015.

Mayor Webber nominated Luke Nelson to Position 1 of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Nancy Schnell moved to ratify the appointment of Luke Nelson to Position 1 of the Planning and Zoning Commission; Seconded by Steven Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

8.6 Consideration and action to ratify Mayor's nominee for appointment to Position 3 on the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term beginning March 11, 2014 and ending January 31, 2015.

Mayor Webber nominated Kendall Pickett to Position 3 of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Rick Moses moved to ratify the appointment of Kendall Pickett to Position 3 on the Planning and Zoning Commission; Seconded by Bo Bunker. Motion carried unanimously.

8.7 Consideration and action to ratify Mayor's nominee for appointment to Position 5 on the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term beginning March 11, 2014 and ending January 31, 2016.

Mayor Webber nominated Johnny Hill to Position 5 of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Bo Bunker moved to ratify the appointment of Johnny Hill to Position 5 on the Planning and Zoning Commission; Seconded by Rick Moses. Motion carried unanimously

8.8 Consideration and action to ratify Mayor's nominee for appointment to Position 5 on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a term beginning March 11, 2014 and ending January 31, 2016.

Mayor Webber nominated Kay Pickett to Position 5 on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Rick Moses moved to ratify the appointment of Kay Pickett to Position 5 on the Park and Recreation Advisory Board; Seconded by Mike Wheeler. Motion carried unanimously

Matt Webber, Mayor

9.0 ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 24TH DAY OF MARCH, 2014.

ATTEST:

David K. Stall CFM

City Administrator / City Secretary