City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, met in Regular Session on Monday, September 8, 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

Rick Moses

Mayor pro tem

Richard Adams

Alderman

Bo Bunker

Alderwoman

Nancy J. Schnell

Alderman

Mike Wheeler

Alderman

Neil Moyer

City Administrator / City Secretary

David K. Stall, CFM

1.0 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

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

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATION

3.1 <u>Coastal Barrier Proposals</u> – Mr. Chad Burke, President, Economic Alliance Houston Port Region presented the HPR annual report; he also gave a status report on the Coastal Barrier project.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Council Meeting August 25, 2014 – Richard Adams moved to approve the August 25, 2014, Regular Council Meeting minutes; seconded by Mike Wheeler. Motion carried unanimously.

5.0 COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS

5.1 Mayor Moses meetings attended – Mayor Moses attended the 2014 Petrochemical and Maritime Outlook Conference on September 4. A reminder to everyone, the Police Department will be hosting a National Night Out event on October 7 at Circle Park. Currently working with La Porte dispatch to ensure that all dispatchers are familiar with Shoreacres' street names and location, to avoid any confusion.

6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

6.1 <u>Happy Hikers Walk:</u> – Mr. Stanton invited our citizens to participate in the upcoming Houston Happy Hikers - 10km/5km Walk on September 20. Start time from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., finish by 2:20 p.m.

6.2 <u>Citizen Comments:</u>

Mr. David Jennings – 1017 W. Forest: Mr. Jennings expressed his disapproval of Mr. Burke's comment regarding Judge Emmitt and he would like for Council to make the following statement in regard to Item 8.4, "We will be raising taxes because we think that it is necessary."

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 7.1 City Administrator Report: Mr. Stall attended a technical seminar last week. The Public Works Department will assist with the Happy Hiker Walk on September 20. The Houston Yacht Club will host a regatta on September 19 through 21. They will use Shell Beach for this event. Installation of an emergency radio system for City Hall is complete and active. The same speaker alert system for the Public Works Building and Police Department building is nearing completion. The Gateway sign is currently not programmable while the radio access is being changed. DataVox has completed the installation of a Call Box for City Hall and the Call Box at the police station was re-programmed to transfer calls directly to La Porte Dispatch after ringing at the station and city hall. We are working on closing out all of FEMA project worksheets relating to IKE and anticipate additional reimbursements.
 - 7.1.1 <u>Shore Acres Blvd. Water Main Project Update</u>: The project is proceeding along as expected. Hydrant testing will need to be re-scheduled for a date after the project is complete.
- 7.2 <u>Monthly Police Department Report</u>: Chief Harrison reported for the month of August: there were a total of 226 calls for service; 74 citations were issued; and, seven vacation watch requests filed.
- 7.3 <u>Monthly Public Works Department Report</u>: Mr. Stall reported that ditch mowing is expected to increase next month with the addition of a new employee. Heavy trash pick-up is back on schedule.

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 Consideration and approval of invoices.

Richard Adams moved to pay our bills; Seconded by Nancy Schnell. Motion carried unanimously.

8.2 Consideration, discussion, and action to support the Harris County Mayors' and Councils' Association adoption of a resolution endorsing and supporting state funding for studies to advance the development of a coastal barrier system within the Houston-Galveston region.

Neil Moyer moved to support the Harris County Mayors' and Councils' Association adoption of a resolution endorsing and supporting state funding for studies to advance the development of a coastal barrier system within the Houston-Galveston region. Seconded by Nancy Schnell. Motion carried unanimously.

8.3 <u>Consideration and action to schedule meeting to adopt the FY-2014/2015</u> General Fund and Utility Fund operating budget.

Neil Moyer moved to schedule the meeting to adopt the FY-2014/2015 General Fund and Utility Fund operating budget to be held on September 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Mike Wheeler. Motion carried unanimously.

8.4 Consideration, discussion, and action to propose a property tax rate.

Neil Moyer moved to propose a property tax rate of \$0.844381 per \$100 value; seconded by Mike Wheeler. The motion passed with Adams, Bunker, Wheeler and Moyer voting for; Nancy Schnell opposed.

8.5 <u>Consideration and action to schedule Public Hearings on 2014 property tax rate</u> increase that exceeds the effective tax rate.

Nancy Schnell moved to schedule Public Hearings on 2014 property tax rate increase to exceed the effective tax rate to be held on September 25th and September 29th at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Neil Moyer. Motion carried unanimously.

8.6 Consideration and action to schedule meeting to adopt the 2014 property tax rate.

Neil Moyer moved to schedule the meeting to adopt the 2014 property tax rate to be held on October 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Nancy Schnell. Motion carried unanimously.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 22nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2014.

ATTEST:

David K. Stall, CFM

City Administrator / City Secretary