City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, met in Regular Session on Monday, March 23, 2015 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

Alderman

Neil Moyer

Alderwoman

Nancy J. Schnell

Alderman

Mike Wheeler

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 None

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Council Meeting March 9, 2015 – Mike Wheeler moved to approve the March 9, 2015 Regular Council Meeting minutes; Seconded by Nancy Schnell. Motion carried unanimously.

5.0 COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS

5.1 <u>Mayor Moses</u> – Report on meetings attended.

Mayor Moses commended Mr. Stall for going above and beyond his expectations, to keep Council and the citizens inform of the most current news regarding the ship accident at Morgan's Point.

6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

6.1 Citizen Comments:

Mr. and Mrs. David Gill, 1327 Windleaf: Stated that the construction of the sound barrier wall is moving at a very slow pace; with equipment sitting idle and accumulation of trash at the site, it is a big eyesore coming in to the city. The Gills are asking for Council to meet with TxDOT representatives on behalf of

Bayou Forest homeowners to express the citizens' concerns in hope of better outcomes.

Mr. Jason Smith, President of Bayou Forest Maintenance Association, 1326 Windleaf: Expressed his frustration regarding TxDOT's slow progress on the construction of the sound barrier wall and other issues that the wall has created. He presented a slide show of the drainage problems, blocked drainage, unsightly construction area, etc., Mr. Smith also requested for Council's assistance in resolving issues relating to the sound barrier wall, he can be reach at 832-473-9759 or President@BFMAonline.com.

Mr. Jerome McKown, 526 Shore Acres Blvd.: Commented that Shoreacres has an outstanding police force, especially Officer Saucedo who demonstrated professional conduct associated with Mr. McKown's mishap on April 13. He also suggested for the city to look into the possibility of modifying the flashing red light to a traffic light at Shore Acres Blvd. and Old Highway 146, this would better accommodate the increased traffic when San Jacinto Maritime College open.

Mr. Michael Schnell, 618 Baywood: Suggested another traffic survey on Shore Acres Blvd. and Old Highway 146 when the San Jacinto Maritime College opens.

Mr. Stan Krauhs, 1103 Shore Acres Blvd.: Announced that he and his wife will be moving out of the city to Magnolia and would like to thank Shoreacres citizens and Council for thirty-one wonderful years in this beautiful community.

Mrs. Cordero, 3500 Bayou Forest: Had a couple of comments: (1) the Port-A-Can sitting at the entrance of the City, poses a health hazard due to its unsanitary condition; (2) there are no drainage cut-outs on the sound barrier wall.

Mr. Davenport, 3505 Bayou Forest: Stated that the City's electronic sign blocks the view of traffic and causes blind spot.

Mr. Robson, 3510 Bayou Forest: Stated that at the first TxDOT meeting, he spoke with the project engineer about drainage issues and was told that the ground will be graded so water would flow to the channel, therefore, flooding is not an issue. That is not the case now, so TxDOT engineer will need to revisit the site.

Mrs. Dietrich, 3518 Bayou Forest: Comments were: (1) she did voiced her opposition to the installation of the sound barrier wall for property along the pond. (2) Only one vote was allowed for property on the pond. (3) The wall will cause flooding. (4) Once the wall is complete, TxDOT will not maintain the right-of-way like it should be; there will be overgrown grass/weeds and trash build up, which will block those inlets. (5) The wall is not high enough to provide any protection to homeowner's as stated by TxDOT.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1 <u>City Administrator Report</u>: Mr. Stall reported that the accident that occurred in the ship channel last week had no adverse impact to our residents. Completed our first payroll direct deposit. Continue to work with R&B Group contractor to get the water and waste water system improvements up and running.

7.2 Monthly Financial report

General Fund Checking	\$ 606,711.12
Utility Fund Checking	\$ 24,107.72
Service Deposit Checking	\$ 55,173.44
TxCDBG Checking	\$ 249,401.21
TexPool	\$ 655,468.61
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 249,741.50
Property tax collected YTD	\$ 801,333.13
General sales tax collected YTD	\$ 31,933.05
Road maintenance sales tax collected YTD	\$ 7,983.26

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 Consideration and approval of invoices.

Neil Moyer moved to pay our bills; Seconded by Richard Adams. Motion carried unanimously.

8.2 <u>Consideration and action to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-178 requiring that recordings of council meetings be used to satisfy the Texas Government Code in lieu of written minutes approved by council.</u>

Nancy Schnell moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-178. Motion died for lack of a second.

8.3 <u>Discussion and consideration of possible action related to proposed Texas legislation affecting the City of Shoreacres.</u>

Mr. Moyer expressed his intent to bring attention to the fact that the Texas Legislature has taken an extra interest in city government, introducing numerous proposals and taking actions that, if passed, would reduce the authority of local government.

Rick Moses, Mayor

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business pending of the agenda, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Moses at 7:37 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 13th DAY OF APRIL, 2015.

ATTEST:

David K. Stall, CFM

City Administrator / City Secretary

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