City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, met in Regular Session on **Monday, July 27, 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 pro tem

Richard Adams

Alderman

David Jennings

Alderman

Jerome McKown

Alderman

Mike Wheeler

City Administrator / City Secretary

David K. Stall, CFM, TEM

Mayor

Rick Moses (absent)

Alderwoman

Nancy J. Schnell (absent)

1.0 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor pro tem Adams at 7:00 p.m.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATION

3.1 <u>Morgan's Point Mayor Michel Bechtel – Coastal barrier system resolution for the Texas Municipal League</u>.

Mayor Bechtel spoke of the Coastal barrier progress and asked for support of a Coastal barrier system resolution by the Texas Municipal League.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Council Meeting June 22, 2015.

David Jennings moved to approve the June 22, 2015, Regular Council Meeting minutes with a correction on Item 8.6; Seconded by Mike Wheeler. Richard Adams, Mike Wheeler and Jerome McKown voted Aye; David Jennings voted Nay; Motion carried.

4.2 Regular Council Meeting July 13, 2015.

Mike Wheeler moved to approve the July 13, 2015, Regular Council Meeting minutes; Seconded by David Jennings. Motion carried unanimously.

5.0 COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS

- 5.1 <u>Mayor Moses</u> Mayor pro tem Adams provided updates for Mayor Moses.
 - 5.1.1 <u>SH-146 sound wall update</u> TxDOT has continued work on the sound wall over the week-end; no completion date has been set for this project.
 - 5.1.2 <u>SH-146 northbound on-ramp traffic markings</u> TxDOT is in the process of striping the SH-146 northbound on-ramp to provide for an easier merge.

No new updates regarding the request to install a traffic light at Shore Acres Blvd. and Old Highway 146.

Budget workshop will be at 6 p.m. on August 4th.

6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

6.1 <u>Citizens comments:</u>

Neil Moyer, 1124 N. Country Club: Addressed an Internet posting by Ron Hoskins on a website operated by Councilman Jennings. He clarified his actions that led to information being presented to council at the last meeting in his absence.

Patrick Stanton, 128 Shady Lawn: Stated that three years ago council passed Resolution 2012-94 adopting a 2012 Goals & Governance Plan and since Item 8.5 is about communication problem Mr. Stanton read out-loud from the plan the two sections that related to city council communication philosophy and communication emphasis. He spoke about the Miramar Shoreline study and suggested the committee present a progress report to council and Shoreacres citizens at an upcoming meeting. He mentioned that heavy trash was not pick-up at all on his street and he is concerned that the large piles might cause drainage problems if we get a heavy rain.

<u>Diane Victor</u>, 3346 Miramar: Thanked Mayor Moses for his involvement in getting most of the heavy trash picked up last week. She reported counting fifteen large piles today with the majority of them on vacant lots. She mentioned that there's new construction on Baywood where the contractor is putting their trash out by the street and only using the dumpster for wood materials. She stated that our weekly trash collector will pick up palm fronds and small tree limbs if is put in a trash can or bundled according to their specifications and suggested that an information notice to be put in the utility bill.

<u>Carl Hye-Knudsen, 1006 Shore Acres Blvd.</u>: In the last few weeks, he noticed that there's white powder covering his house and cars and was wondering if anyone knows what it is and who can he call for more information about this? Also, water pressure at his house is very low at all hours of the day in his area.

<u>Lee Powell, 1010 Shore Acres Blvd.</u>: Would also like to know what the white powder is that's covering his house and cars in the last few weeks. Water pressure is also very low at his house.

<u>David Garza, 3419 W. Bayou</u>: Asked for assistance with a water leak at the corner of Bayou & Shore Acres Blvd., it has been there for about ten years now. Mentioned that he does not have any problem with water pressure at his house.

Felicia Ramos, 3416 Sunrise: Complaint about the overgrown adjacent lot.

<u>Doris Powell, 1010 Shore Acres Blvd.</u>: Suggested that the speed limit on Shore Acres Blvd. be lowered from Old Hwy 146 so golf carts would be allow on Shore Acres Blvd.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 7.1 <u>City Administrator Report</u>: Responded to some of the questions raised by citizens tonight: white powder we do not have the resources to identify what this is, asked citizens to contact Harris County Pollution Control Services at 713.920.2831. City water pressure is maintained at 60 psi; around midnight until 4 a.m. the pressure drops to refill our water tanks at Water Plant #1. Our Public Works Department will look into the water leak issue at Bayou.
 - 7.1.1 First Monday Heavy Trash Program: Currently we have two contractors for this program. Our Public Works personnel also went out and picked up some of the older piles of trash so that it would not cause drainage problem; we will not pick up any trash that is put out by contractors. We will put additional information regarding requirement of heavy pickup in the next utility bill.
 - 7.1.2 <u>Circle Park: Facilities and playground equipment</u>: We're continuing to work on repairing some of the playground equipment to get it back in service. A price quote for replacing the crawl tube and chain link fence is included in council package for information.
 - 7.1.3 Voluntary park donation program: Contributions received YTD \$655.
 - 7.1.4 <u>Sinkhole on Shore Acres Blvd.</u>: Harris County Precinct 2 will handle the repair.
 - 7.1.5 <u>Delinquent Property Tax Report:</u> The city contracts with City of La Porte for tax collection and we are waiting for a response from our tax collector.

7.2 Monthly financial report.

General Fund Checking	\$:	286,392.28
Utility Fund Checking	\$	49,385.23
Service Deposit Checking	\$	55,558.68
TxCDBG Checking	\$	1,090.39
TexPool	\$	745,931.17
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 2	255,852.00
Property tax collected YTD	\$ 8	870,370.94
General sales tax collected YTD	\$	56,743.95
Road maintenance sales tax collected YTD	\$	14,185.99

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 Consideration and approval of invoices.

Mike Wheeler moved to approve payment of the invoices. Seconded by Jerome McKown. Motion carried unanimously.

8.2 Consideration and action to adopt Resolution No. 2015-150 in support of the resolution proposed by the City of Morgan's Point for adoption by the Texas Municipal League for a coastal barrier system to protect the Houston/Galveston Region from storm surge and sub-tropical rain events.

Mike Wheeler moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-150. Seconded by Jerome McKown. Motion carried unanimously

8.3 <u>Discussion and final adoption of council direction on the placement of no parking signs on Miramar Drive.</u>

Richard Adams moved to authorize the memorandum to place the no parking signs on Miramar Drive in option two. Seconded by Jerome McKown. Motion carried unanimously.

8.4 <u>Discussion of cost estimate for correcting drainage issue at Shadylawn and Westview.</u>

Discussed and no action was taken.

8.5 <u>Discussion of communication problems between citizens and city hall.</u>

David Jennings moved to table the discussion. Seconded by Mike Wheeler. Motion carried unanimously.

8.6 <u>Consideration and action to approve Resolution No. 2015-151 adopting the Harris County all Hazard Mitigation Plan.</u>

Jerome McKown moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-151. Seconded by David Jennings. Motion carried unanimously.

8.7 <u>Immediately end the heavy trash pickup program and direct city staff to implement a return to the "Clean up, Green up" program used in the past.</u>

David Jennings moved to end the heavy trash pickup program. Seconded by Richard Adams. David Jennings moved to amend the motion to end the heavy trash pickup program as of August 31, 2015. Seconded by Jerome McKown. Motion to amend carried with Richard Adams, David Jennings and Jerome McKown voted Aye. Mike Wheeler voted Nay. The original motion was called and carried with Richard Adams, David Jennings and Jerome McKown voting Aye; Mike Wheeler voting Nay.

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9.0 ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business pending on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Moses at 8:45 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 10th DAY OF AUGUST, 2015.

Rick Moses, Mayor

ATTEST:

David K. Stall, CFM, TEM

City Administrator / City Secretary