City of Shoreacres



MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, met in Regular Session on Monday, January 11, 2016 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

Jerome McKown

Alderwoman

Nancy J. Schnell

Alderman

Mike Wheeler

Alderman

David Jennings [Absent]

City Administrator / City Secretary

David K. Stall, CFM, TEM

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 Port of Houston Authority – Bayport Update.

Port of Houston representatives, Leslie Herbst and Ryan Mariacher, presented the yearly financial and Bayport terminal updates.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Council Meeting December 7, 2015.

Nancy Schnell moved to approve the December 7, 2015, Regular Council Meeting minutes; seconded by Jerome McKown. Motion carried unanimously.

5.0 COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS

- 5.1 Mayor Moses reported on the following:
 - 5.1.1 <u>Update on State Highway 146 sound wall progress</u>: the recent rain storm halted construction of the sound wall. Work will resume as weather permits.

- 5.1.2 Offer of property to expand Bayou Forest Park: Danny Fleming, current owner of two vacant lots adjacent to Bayou Forest Park, has offered to sell these lots to the city at a reduced price to expand Bayou Forest Park.
- 5.1.3 Items of community interest: Recently, one of our homebound resident Ms. Angela Johnston's mail box was severely damaged. Recognizing Ms. Johnston's financial and medical hardship, Officer Saucedo took it upon himself to purchase and installed a new mail box for Ms. Johnston at his own expense. The mayor extended a thank you Officer Saucedo for his kindness. Our city is very fortunate to have a dedicated and compassionate group of Officers on staff. Regretfully, Ms. Johnston passed away yesterday after a long illness. Our condolences are with her family.

6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS,

6.1 Public Comments:

<u>Felicia Ramos – 3416 Sunrise</u>: Suggests installation of speed humps to slow vehicles on Sunrise.

<u>Diane Victor – 3346 Miramar</u>: Encouraged council to consider Mr. Fleming's price proposal and financing offer as a great opportunity to expand Bayou Forest Park.

<u>Gerry Victor – 3346 Miramar</u>: Inquired if heavy trash pick-up will be available to citizens this year.

<u>David Gerany – 3316 Miramar</u>: Requested further clarification and solutions to the sewage back-up at his residence that has occurred twice in the last thirty days. He also objected to the idea of purchasing land to expand Bayou Forest Park when there is a lack of maintenance at Miramar Park.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1 <u>City Administrator David Stall</u>: Responded to some of the questions that were asked by citizens. The city does have a city code policy regarding speed humps and there is a process and procedure for applying for speed humps. Additional information is available at city hall.

The Bayou Forest property that is for sale abuts the existing park by property line, however there is no land connection between the two lots.

- 7.1.1 Replacement excavator: A purchase order was placed with Landsdowne-Moody to purchase an excavator to replace the excavator that was stolen from the Public Works yard.
- 7.1.2 SCADA repair at Water Plant #2: Proposal by JTS to repair the SCADA system at WP#2 caused by lightning has been accepted and work is being scheduled.
- 7.1.3 <u>City's May 7, 2016 election schedule</u>: Wednesday, January 20, 2016 is the first date to apply for a place on the May 7 ballot. The last date to file is February 19. Positions open are Mayor and two at-large council positions. The election calendar and forms are available on our website. Election Day is May 7, 2016. Voting will take place in City Hall in the Council Chambers.

7.2 Monthly Financial Report for November, 2015:

| General Fund Checking | \$ 12,059.66 |
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| Utility Fund Checking | \$ 48,157.26 |
| Service Deposit Checking | \$ 56,136.08 |
| TxCDBG Checking | \$ 978.18 |
| TexPool | \$ 684,188.46 |
| Certificates of Deposit | \$ 255,852.00 |
| Property tax collected YTD | \$ 27,455.02 |
| General sales tax collected | \$ 5,417.92 |
| Road maintenance sales tax collected | \$ 1,354.48 |

- 7.3 <u>Monthly Police Department Report</u>: Chief Harrison reported that in the month of December there was one burglary and that the suspect has been apprehended.
- Monthly Public Works Department Report: Mr. Ingram reported on the purchase of 3.056 million gallons of water. Public Works crews repaired four water leaks and four mainline leaks. Slope mowing and painting of fire hydrants will continue as weather permits. A new hydrant was installed on the corner of West Country Club and South Country Club. Street repairs on South Country Club have been completed. The TCEQ recently changed the city's lead and copper sampling frequency from once every three year to annually. Unfortunately we failed to begin annual sampling and missed 2015. As a result, the TCEQ has cited the City of Shoreacres for that lead and copper monitoring and reporting violation. Annual sampling will begin this year.

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 Consideration and approval of invoices.

Richard Adams moved to approve payment of the invoices. Seconded by Mike Wheeler. Motion carried unanimously.

8.2 Consideration of action to take from the table consideration and action to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-191 (Ordinance No. 2016-191) granting a twenty percent (20%) residence homestead exemption effective for the 2016 tax year and each subsequent tax year.

Nancy Schnell requested Item 8.2 be tabled until January 25, 2016.

8.3 <u>Consideration and action to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-194 amending the City Code relating to rates and charges for water and sewer services.</u>

Nancy Schnell requested Item 8.3 be tabled.

8.4 Consideration and possible action regarding suspension of revised water/sewer rates adopted in Ordinance No. 2015-187 on the 12th day of October 2015 and escrow of funds collected in excess of the rates previously in effect (prior to the rate increase) pending corrective action for appropriate regulatory approval (Public Utility Commission).

No action was taken.

- 8.5 Consideration and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2016-158 authorizing the execution of a rerate agreement renewing and extending an Interlocal Agreement with TML Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool for the purpose of providing certain employee benefits.
 - Mike Wheeler moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-158. Seconded by Nancy Schnell. Motion carried unanimously.
- 8.6 Consideration and action to adopt Resolution No. 2016-159 authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with San Jacinto College District for the purpose of providing certain police services.
 - Jerome McKown moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-159. Seconded by Nancy Schnell. Motion carried unanimously.
- Presentation by City Engineer Jerry Gainer, regarding the sanitary sewer line failure on West Country Club Drive. Discussion of the cause of the failure; emergency action taken to prevent disruption of service; result of television inspection of the failure and line where the failure occurred; extent of damaged and at-risk pipe; emergency action taken to make a point repair and restore the failed pipe at the point of collapse; cost of emergency work to date; current state of the repair; additional work that will be required to rehabilitate and/or restore the pipeline; methods of rehabilitation; engineer's recommendation; estimated cost of rehabilitating the failing pipeline; and, estimated time required to complete the pipeline restoration project.

City Engineer Jerry Gainer reported on the condition of the pipeline and provided his recommendation of the method of rehabilitation. He also presented cost and estimated time to complete the pipeline restoration project.

8.8 <u>Discussion, consideration and action in regard to the West Country Club Drive</u> sanitary sewer line.

Council discussed the cost and financing methods to complete the pipeline restoration project. Staff was given direction to identify funding and bring a repair contract back to council as soon as possible.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business pending on the agenda the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Moses at 8:24 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 25th DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.

ATTEST:

David K, Stall, CFM, TEM

City Administrator / City Secretary