Minutes of Regular Meeting of the City Council

Tuesday, 10/11/16 - 7:00 PM

VILLAGE OF SURFSIDE BEACH

1304 Monument Drive Surfside Beach, TX 77541

1) QUORUM IN ATTENDANCE, CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Davison called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and announced that a quorum of council was present including Mayor Larry Davison, Councilman Troy McMinn, Councilwoman Toni Capretta, Councilman Dave Guzman, Councilwoman Peggy Llewellyn and Councilwoman Marissa McMinn.

Present employees were Police Chief Gary W. Phillips and City Secretary Amanda Davenport.

2) MOMENT OF SILENCE, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Davison asked everyone to pause for a moment of silence and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) BUSINESS OF VISITORS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Julie Harris inquired about the construction of swimming pools. Mayor Davison explained that we have submitted swimming pool changes to our Beach Plan to the GLO and are waiting for comments from the GLO. Maribel Hill stated there on potholes on Nesmith Place that keep getting bigger and bigger and asked the council to fix them.

4) Mayor/council/committee/department head/organization reports.

Chief Phillips gave the September monthly activity report for the police department. Everyone thanked Councilwoman Capretta for another great National Night Out.

Dortha Pekar stated that the Ft. Velasco Navy Day Dinner raised approximately eighteen thousand dollars and that the raffle for the quilt is on-going.

Toni Capretta stated the St. Patrick's committee meetings are starting and we need volunteers.

Peggy Llewellyn is concerned about the Beach Drive walkovers and the way the sand has washed out from underneath them. Larry said he needs to look at them and make them safer.

Mayor Davison talked about the proposed splash pad to be constructed over by the Jetty Park parking area, a deal is in the works with The Port Freeport to lease the land. The groins are an on-going project through CEPRA and should probably be started in the next two years.

5) ALL ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE SELF-EXPLANATORY, AND THE COUNCIL WILL ENACT THEM WITH ONE MOTION. UNLESS A COUNCIL MEMBER SO REQUESTS, NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS WILL OCCUR.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consider approval of minutes from the September 13, 2016 council meeting.
- B. Consider approval of the September 2016 financials.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Llewellyn to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Capretta and it passed unanimously.

6) Discuss and take possible action to accept the resignation of Lou Golish from the Historical Committee and appointment of a replacement.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Llewellyn to accept Mr. Golish's resignation. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Capretta and it passed unanimously.

 Discuss and take possible action on appointing a representative to the Houston-Galveston Area Council 2017 General Assembly.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Llewellyn to nominate Marissa McMinn as the HGAC 2017 representative. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Capretta and it passed unanimously.

8) Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance 2016.10.11, increasing the rate of deposits to the Texas Municipal Retirement System by the employees of the Village of Surfside Beach.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem McMinn to approve Ordinance 2016.10.11 increasing the TMRS rate to 6%. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Capretta and passed unanimously.

9) Discuss and take possible action on ground lease agreement with Cradle of Texas Conservancy.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Llewellyn to approve the agreement with the Cradle of Texas Conservancy. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman McMinn and passed unanimously.

10) Executive Session:

The City Council may convene into closed executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Sec. 551.074. PERSONNEL MATTERS; CLOSED MEETING. (1) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; specifically appointing Officer Miguel Camero as a reserve officer; (2) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, namely Randle Law Office Ltd. LLP with designated attorney Tim Kirwin.

Council recessed into executive session at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Kirwin asked for consideration to be invited into executive session to be able to discuss this matter. No motion was made to invite Mr. Kirwin into executive session.

11) Reconvene into open session and take action, if any, out of executive session.

Council and reconvened into regular session at 8:00 p.m.

A. Take action on a Resolution on a vote of no confidence to terminate the city attorney, Tim Kirwin and Randle Law Firm.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Llewellyn to terminate Tim Kirwin and the Randle Law Firm. Motion was seconded by Councilman Guzman and passed unanimously.

B. Take action on appointment of Officer Miguel Camero as a reserve officer.

Motion was made by Councilwoman McMinn to appoint Miguel Camero as a reserve officer. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Capretta and it passed unanimously.

12) ADJOURN

Mayor Davison adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Larry Davison

Mayor

Attest:

Amanda Davenport, City Secretary