

MINUTES

September 9, 2014

City Council Special Meeting and Budget Workshop

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Larry Davison, Councilwoman E. Elizabeth Brown, Councilman Troy McMinn
Councilman Chris Gaschler, Councilman Gregg Bisso, Councilwoman Sharon Aust

Employees Present: Chief Phillips, Sandra Miller, Pete Gutierrez

1) OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

2) MOMENT OF SILENCE

3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

a) Discuss adoption of fiscal year 2015 budget.

Peggy Llewelyn of the audience asked what the effective tax rate was. Mayor read aloud the rate. Mayor then read the required budget statement to say that this budget will raise more taxes than the last budget but does not mean a tax increase. Some due to higher values and some due to added homes. Mayor stated that there was a budget workshop and the line items had all be reviewed. Janna Williams of the audience asked if line 4560 had been increased. Sandra Miller replied no that only the changes that Council requested at the workshop had been made. Mayor asked if there were any further questions of the public or Council, reply was no.

4) CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

5) OPEN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

6) CITIZENS'/VISITORS' COMMENTS TO COUNCIL

Mary Robertson asked what was going on with her water. She had brought a towel in a plastic bag that had brownish red stains and she stated that the spots were where water had been dripping in her shower. She wanted to know why this was happening. stated that she paid \$65.00 per month. She said that it has been like this for more than a year. Pete Gutierrez said that she can call him anytime and he can call him anytime and he can look into such issues. Pete added that his crew had been flushing lines.

Bob Petty of the audience stated that he felt that plaques given by the city should be a standard size because a plaque had been given to Peggy Llewelyn that was bigger than the one that had been given to Todd and Jalene Hoffmann. Mayor Davison asked Mr. Petty if he was serious and stated that volunteers are not in it for a plaque and this is not a socialist country. Bob Petty then wanted to say thank you to the Council and Mayor. Davison said Bob could skip him, Petty stated that he knows how tough the positions can be.

7) MAYORAL/ALDERMEN/COMMITTEE/POLICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief thanked Councilwoman Brown for her assistance in redesigning the police reports. Chief went over the activity for the month. Mary Robertson stated we have a substance issue on this island. She asked Chief if there was a chance that we could make sure that the punishment was as severe as possible. Chief replied no that the police had no say in this and it was up to a judge and those types of court proceedings were beyond the island.

Grant stated that the Historical Committee had met, had a good meeting. Ronnie Grant stood to show the shirts that had been bought for resale for the Fort Velasco project. Dortha Pekar also addressed the public to say that tickets were still on sale for the dinner and auction items were needed.

Ronnie Grant stated that the Planning Commission had met and they looked into a re-plat request that had since been cancelled. He also said that the group spoke about reducing lot sizes.

Janna William's said that the Tourism Committee had met and had a good meeting. She said that they looked at the Texas Highway Magazine. She said that Sandra had suggested to ask Council in October to combine the Beautification and Tourism groups together and make it a seven member group. They also spoke also about the battle of the bands event.

Councilwoman Aust asked if there was any chance that we could spray the area around the public water dispenser for mosquitos. Pete said he would. Sandra stated maybe we could use citronella buckets as well.

Mayor Davison stated that he, Peggy Llewelyn and Dortha Pekar had met with some of the folks from the conservancy in order to review and go over technical details of the Fort Project and to go over some of the details for a land lease. Mayor also stated that we have a kick off meeting this week with the GLO for the CEPRA projects and that he planned to go to Austin in October in order to appeal the BUF ineligibility.

8) CONSENT ITEMS.

- a) Consider approval of the minutes for the 2 August Meetings.
- b) Consider approval of the financials for August 2014.

Motion made by Bisso, seconded by Brown and with all in favor the items were approved.

9) REGULAR SESSION

- a) Discuss and consider appointing an alternate member to the Planning Committee board in lieu of the resignation of James Doss.

Brooks Porter said that he felt that Suzan Zachariah should get the spot as she has the most tenure and has had good attendance. Ronnie Grant stated that there was an email that had circulated by the committee from Melinda Wilhelm, Louis Golish and some others that stated that they all agreed they chose Suzan. Gaschler asked who was on the committee, Sandra replied Toni Capretta, Richard Sherman and Suzan Zachariah were the current alternates. McMinn made a motion to appoint Suzan Zachariah, seconded by Brown. Bisso and Aust were in favor and Gaschler was opposed.

- b) Discuss and consider appointing a new applicant as an alternate member of the Planning Committee. No action, no new applicants.
- c) Discuss and consider appointing two new applicants to the Historical Committee.

Motion was made by Bisso, seconded by Brown to appoint Peggy Llewelyn and Karalee Lance and with all in favor the two nominations were approved.

- d) Discuss and consider allowing vending by the Surfside Historical Committee at the Texas Navy Day event on September 20, 2014 at City hall.

Motion was made by McMinn, seconded by Brown and with all in favor the item was approved.

- e) Discuss and consider adding two new positions to the Surfside Beach Tourism Committee - Ordinance 201411. Tabled for October.

- f) Discuss and consider adding three new members to the Surfside Beautification Committee in lieu of the resignations of Michael and Melinda Wilhelm and Brenda O'Bannion. No Action.

- g) Discuss and consider the location of the little library.

Suzan Zachariah spoke about this item as the Meylor family was not able to make the meeting. She read aloud the requests to place the library near the bench outside city hall, to have the Meylor family be appointed as custodians and to have the city crew install the box. A motion was made by McMinn seconded by Aust and with all in favor the three request were approved. It was noted that Coastal Sisters was going to donate the funds to pay for the project and so no city funds were required.

Discuss and consider a proposal from SurfsideTX to place equipment on the surfside beach Yucca Ave. water tower.

Mayor Davison stated that he felt that it would be a better option to place a value on the agreement rather than have a scenario of free Wi-Fi in exchange for allowing the equipment to be placed on the Yucca water tower. After some discussion McMinn made a motion to approve an

agreement of \$25.00 per tower per month, seconded by Aust and with all in favor the agreement was approved. Mayor stated that we would draft an actual agreement with these terms and run it by the city attorney.

i) Discuss and consider approval of the fiscal year 2015 Road and Bridge Interlocal agreement with Brazoria County. Motion was made by McMinn, seconded by Bisso and with all in favor the interlocal agreement was approved.

j) Discuss and consider appointing a member of Council as liaison to the Planning Committee.

It was stated that McMinn would like to serve in the capacity. Motion was made to appoint McMinn by Bisso, seconded by Gaschler and with all in favor the item appointment was approved.

k) Discuss and consider adoption of fiscal year 2015 budget.

Aust asked about the details of the pay for the flood plain manager. She asked who this was. Sandra replied that this was Andy and he looks over all enclosures, substandard lists and has to sign off often on various grants etc. It was also noted that half of his pay is in the Beach Fund as well because he works the beach booths. Aust also asked about the line items transfer for the PW Supervisor pay, Sandra pointed out that he is paid from the water funds but half of the money is paid by the general fund. A motion was made by Bisso to adopt the budget, seconded by Brown and with all in favor the item passed.

l) Discuss and consider proposals for carpet replacement for city hall.

Tabled for more bids.

10) CLOSED SESSION – 8:20 PM

1. The City Council to convene into closed session pursuant to the Texas Government Code. Section 551.074, "Personnel Matters", to discuss any action necessary regarding personnel.

a) Discuss the appointment of Officer Janet Parton as a reserve officer.

11) RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – 8:25 PM

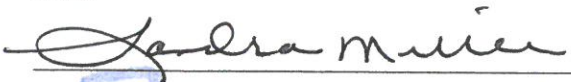
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Motion was made by McMinn, second by Brown and with all in favor the reserve officer was approved.

12) ADJOURNMENT – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Attest.



Sandra Miller, City Secretary

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MINUTES ** September 23, 2014

City Council – Public Hearing and Special Meeting to Adopt the Tax Rate

ORIGINAL

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Larry Davison, Councilwoman E. Elizabeth Brown, Councilman Troy McMinn
Councilman Chris Gaschler, Councilman Gregg Bisso, Councilwoman Sharon Aust

Employees Present: Chief Gary Phillips and Secretary Sandra Miller

The public hearing was opened at 6:30 with a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Davison passed the gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Gregg Bisso due to the fact that Mayor Davison has a financial interest in the item on the agenda (a conditional use permit request by Howard Street Condos) and therefore should not preside over such items. Councilwoman Aust asked about the ability for the lots to handle 12 septic tanks. Billy Smith of Howard Street Condos was there to answer questions. Billy Smith replied that the systems were designed by a licensed engineer and also that these lots are larger than the last set to patio homes. Aust asked if there were issues with the last homes, Billy replied no with the exception of one that had their brine water draining into the field lines which is against code. Billy also said that all installs have to go through TCEQ and Pete (PW Supervisor and local DR) has to approve them as well. Councilman Gaschler voiced concerns about saturation and having too many septic's in the given area. Councilman McMinn said that Council should not be trying to approve the septic, that was not their place and that a licensed engineer and TCEQ would do that. McMinn added that Council needs to review the patio homes, not the septic's. Gaschler asked what size these homes would be, Billy said three bedroom two bath. A question from the audience was - if there would be a need for any variances and if TCEQ and Pete would inspect each install. Mayor Davison was allowed to speak to the process, he said that yes TCEQ has a technical process for installs and Pete has to inspect to insure that the unit and install meet the guidelines. Mayor Davison went on to say that it is a very strict process and only minor variance are allowed by Pete and none would be required for these patio homes. Smith stated that the systems being installed were more than what is required by TCEQ. Gaschler still felt that there would be too much saturation. Mayor Davison stated that the science and technology of the systems has really improved in the last few years, Billy added that we have the best soil for septic systems to work. Mayor Pro Temp Bisso asked the audience if there were any questions. Bob Petty asked questions about the road on West Palm as to the size. Mayor Davison and Billy Smith spoke to the sizes and requirements. Petty stated that it was not to the size that was required, Smith responded that it is to size and that Bob was mistaken road verses easement. Mrs. Hoffman of the audience asked if the DR could deviate from what TCEQ requires. Billy Smith and Mayor Davison replied NO, and to do so would be at his peril. Davison said that there are small areas of discretion allowed but not that would hinder function and no variances were required for these patio homes. Brooks Porter stated that the designers take their job very serious as do the installers and they are liable for issues. Mayor Pro Tem Gregg Bisso asked if Council had any other questions. With none he closed the public hearing portion of the meeting. At 6:56 PM the regular portion of the special meeting was opened. Mayor Pro Tem Bisso asked for a motion on the approval of the C.U.P for the patio homes, McMinn made the motion to approve the conditional use permit, seconded by Brown and with all in favor Howard Street

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