

City of Shoreacres

MINUTES OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the
City Council
The City of Shoreacres, Texas held on.
Monday, February 12, 2024

1.0 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: Members Present and Absent Quorum

1.1 Mayor Jennings, Mayor Pro-Tem McKown, Alderman Greeson, Alderwoman Ramos, Alderman Hoskins, Alderman Bell.

2.0 PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Texas Pledge:

Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.

3.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

3.1 None

4.0 COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS

4.1 Mayor Jennings asks council members if anyone had any Reports or Requests to share with the community with all members present responding no.

5.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

5.1 Public Comments

Mayor Jennings read the instructions shown below to the citizens present and asked if anyone had anything to say.

Present:

George Ashworth had nothing to say.

Gary Manuel, 3502 Miramar, Shoreacres, Texas – Concerns regarding the parking lot on Miramar, bringing people in that do not belong or live here, concerns about crime being brought to our peaceful city. No objection to the parking lot, only that it should be limited to the citizens of the city.

David Gerany, 3316 Miramar, Shoreacres, Texas – Concerns that there has been no study or plan for the parking lot being constructed and this bringing other to the city that do not live here, it invites crime to the city and is not a net gain for the city it is a net loss for the homeowners who live across or in the area as well as a loss in value of their homes.

David Williams, nothing to say.

Robert Johnson, 3618 Miramar, Shoreacres, Texas – Passed out photos taken of the current location – Mr. Johnson elaborated on each photo and asked that the parking lot be removed and restore to its original site.

George Perdue 3622 Miramar, Shoreacres, Texas – asked if anyone had read the definition of Miramar and stated it was “View of the City” commented more on the parking lot and suggested instead of crushed concrete, they make it smaller and cover with black asphalt to reduce the dust being produced by the crushed concrete.

Gary Hamilton – Nothing to say

Barry Plant – Nothing at this time

This is an opportunity for the public to address the council. Dialogue, deliberation, or discussion, with council members on items that are not on the agenda is prohibited by law. Time for each speaker is limited to five minutes.

5.2 Citizens Requested Item – Barry Plant

Miramar Parking South parking

Barry Plant – 3522 Miramar, Shoreacres, Texas – Mr. Plant advised he doesn't live directly across from the parking lot, he lives north of it a little ways, however his wife walks their dog and always come back with trash that was picked up from that area and asked what was going on, and he doesn't see anything in the budget for a parking lot at Shell Beach and advised he has looked all through the budget commenting on various line items.

He asked that the following questions be answered:

- * What is going on?
- * Where are the funds coming from?
- * Who authorized?
- * What is the scope?
- * Will Restrooms be installed?
- * Who will be responsible for picking up the trash?

Mayor Jennings asked that Mr. Harrison, City Manager, answer the questions as asked. Mr. Harrison addressed each question asked, as well as Mr. Greeson responding to some of the questions as well.

The final comment by Mr. Plant was he is not happy with this project.

Mr. Perdue stood up and asked that he be able to rebut his name being mentioned earlier by Mr. Harrison. He was given 30 seconds to rebut the comment.

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

6.1 City Manager's Report – Updates on city activities, staff, budget, public works, police.

Mr. Harrison went over the financial report as attached.

There being no questions and no discussion on the financial report, Mr. Harrison moved on to the next item.

Municipal Court – see attached. Mr. Harrison advised the revenue for the court is increasing since the court has resumed from covid and the remodeling of the building. Mayor Jennings added that there is a new Court, he added that the goal of the court is to break even not as a revenue maker.

Mayor Jennings asked if the Council had any questions, Mr. Hoskins asked if there was any idea on the projected amount of taxes collected, it was stated about 92% of the taxes have been collected and they are coming through daily.

There being no questions or discussion the City Manager moved to the next item on the agenda.

6.2 Monthly Police Department Report. Harrison

Mr. Harrison advised it has been a typical month at the police department with runaways, but no burglaries or thefts. Mr. Greeson asked about the 3 animal control calls adding that this number has decreased from previous months. Mr. Harrison advised they have not been receiving these calls as previously reported, many are posted on Facebook and Nextdoor as opposed to calling the Police Department.

Mr. Harrison reported on Racial Profiling a report that he must provide, however he is not required to read out loud. This report is attached and is also posted on the website. Mr. Harrison added that the driver is almost never known prior to the stop even during the daytime due to the windows being up and not able to see in the vehicle. Mr. Greeson asked if the number of stops are a monthly number and Mr. Harrison advised that number is a yearly number. Mr. Greeson also asked if there was a software available that would help with this and Mr. Harrison and the

Mayor advised there is, however, it is very costly and would take more time and there is not the manpower to maintain to do this. Mr. McKown advised our city is safe with only 2 arrests and 520 citations issued. Conversation continued with the report listing 30 percent of the citations are verbal or warnings and 70 percent being actual citations. Mayor Jennings stated that 32percent of the drivers are female and 58 percent being male, saying men are bad drivers. Mr. Harrison commented on the death of Chief Dietrich's passing adding that he, Officer Barmore, and the mayor were in attendance.

6.3 **Public Works Report.** Harrison

Mr. Harrison reported that January was a rough month with the old sewer and water lines and a couple of issues with CenterPoint drilling through our lines, adding that he is working on getting the sub-contractors to pay for these damages. Report attached.

Mr. Harrison also commented that he had spoken to Bayway Homes and the state of Fairfield and their participation in repairing the road.

7.0 BUSINESS

7.1 **Approve Minutes** from the January 8, 2024, meeting. Goodman

Alderman Ramos made a motion to approve the minutes as written with a 2nd from Alderman Hoskins. There being no questions and/or discussion, the vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

7.2 **Interlocal election agreement with LPISD.** Jennings

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McKowan with a 2nd from Alderman Ramos to discuss the interlocal agreement with LPISD. Mayor Jennings advised this agreement is for the annual election with LPISD on who pays for what and work schedules. There being no questions and/or discussion, the vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

7.3 **Overview of Water and Sewer Infrastructure Projects** Harrison/Lackey

Mayor asked for a motion for discussion of the water and sewer infrastructure by Mr. Lackey and Mr. Harrison, Mr. Hoskins made a motion for discussion with a second from Mr. McKown.

Mayor Jennings introduced Mr. Lackey – the report is attached and gives an overview of the approval of monies to be spent on the projects to be discussed. Mr. Lackey began his presentation as attached advising that there were 6 projects identified as per the engineering for the water and sewer. Mr. Lackey continued with his presentation. Mr. Greeson asked what type issues they were facing and

Mr. Lackey as manhole leaks adding that they were old and made of various types of materials and are old and settling.

Mr. Lackey proceeded with the water system, showing a map identifying the pipes in dark blue and light blue as well as a model of the city showing the deficiencies.

The projects were Smart meters, Water Plant 2, New Water Main for water plant 1 where the water comes from La Porte, next is to replace the lines that are leaking and undersized. Mr. Greeson asked what percentage of the work has been completed and is there any record of these lines. Previously there were not but now these are being tracked and are electronic. Mr. Lackey replied it is unknown but figured in the 20percent range.

Mr. Harrison asked if Mr. Lackey would also speak on the project for fire hydrants. Mr. Lackey advised that they had added approximately two dozen fire hydrants to the city as required by TCEQ as well as increasing the size of the lines. There are still a lot more Hydrants needed throughout the city however, the lines are too small to handle these hydrants. Me. Ramos asked about the transmission lines, there was a brief discussion on this. Still working on this issue and ongoing communication.

7.4 **Consideration of Repaving 100-200 blocks of Baywood Street and 100-600 blocks of Fairfield Avenue** - Jennings

Mr. Hoskins made a motion with a second from Mr. Greeson to discuss the repaving of Baywood and Fairfield streets. The mayor read the proposals (two) as received and explained the cost difference. Mr. Harrison commented on the difference between the two being the degree of repairs needed for Baywood. He advised Baywood would be the 100-200 blocks of Baywood and 100-600 blocks of Fairfield from old 146 to the water. Discussion was held and Mr. Greeson suggested to hold off on Fairfield due to the new construction that would happen with the Baywood homes going in and proceed with Baywood. Mr. McKown agreed to complete Baywood 1st and hold off on Fairfield and not go into the reserve monies at this time. Ms. Ramos asked if Baywood was one of the original streets and was shell based, Mr. Lackey replied advising that while they were working on the water lines, they learned that Baywood was shell based. Ms. Ramos advised the 8" base would be needed since it is shell based. Mr. Hoskins agreed with Mr. McKown, Greeson and Mr. Bell to move forward with the repaving of Baywood first. It was asked about Baywood being blocked off and Mr. Harrison advised it would do it in two halves' to not completely close the road.

Mr. Hoskins made a motion to approve the funds for road repair on Baywood Street in the amount of \$218,1785.00 for an 8-inch base and 2-inch overlay with a

second from Mr. McKown. There being no questions and/or discussion, the vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

7.5 Consideration of SETH grant application. Jennings

Ms. Ramos made a motion to discuss the SETH grant application presented with a second from Mr. McKown. Mayor Jennings asked Mr. Greeson to be the point on this grant request to replace a 12X14 deck in the front of the residence. There was only 1 bid presented as per the photos shown at \$32.80 per square foot. The mayor advised the resident is 71 years of age and meets the criteria with a 5% deduction. Mr. Greeson went and viewed the project as well as researching the cost of materials on the internet and the range was anywhere from \$28 to \$40 per square foot with the average for this project being \$34 adding they are in the ballpark. He had a concern with one photo showing in the far-left corner of the porch being in very bad shape as well. Mr. Greeson advised he researched the contractor on the application and was not able to find him listed anywhere including the BBB adding that we were not responsible for the contractor. After much discussion it was decided to table this application for further review and discussion with the homeowner about repairing the front porch and making a smaller deck area. Mr. Greeson and Mayor Jennings will go and visit with the homeowner and decide.

7.6 Second regular meeting

Mayor Jennings asked if it was necessary to have a second meeting February 19, 2024. All council members, Ms. Goodman and Mr. Harrison, all replied no.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT Jennings

Mayor Jennings asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hoskins made the motion to adjourn with a second from Mr. Greeson. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the governing body of the City of Shoreacres, Texas is a true and correct copy of said Notice and that I posted a copy of said Notice on the bulletin board at City Hall on ., at a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times; to remain so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting.

DATED THIS: _____



SHOREACRES, TEXAS

By: *David Jennings*
David Jennings – Mayor

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.086 (Economic Development).

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BY: _____

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