

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, April 14, 2025

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

- 1.1 Mayor Jennings, Mayor Pro-Tem McKown, Alderwoman Ramos, Alderman Greeson, Alderman Hoskins, and 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; however, Mayor Jennings introduced the members of the law firm Linebarger, Gogan, Blair & Sampson, LLP as being here to discuss their contract renewal and added they would be a little later in the meeting.

4.0 COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS

- 4.1 Mayor Jennings asked the Council members if they had any announcements to make or anything to discuss.

No comments from any of the Council members.

5.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

5.1 Public Comments

Anthony Martin, 127 Shore Acres Blvd. advised he was in attendance this evening to get more information on the chaos in the city and the resignation letter addressed, etc. He advised he just wanted clarification and answers as everyone does.

Ed Ybarra, 145 Shadylawn, advised he echoes the same reasons as Anthony at wanting answers as well as giving the council a handout regarding the Code of Conduct that is requested to be on the next agenda for discussion, he added that

this document should be adopted, and every council member should be required to sign it. Mr. Ybarra added that no official should use their power to oppress anyone regarding the issue that took place at an establishment, and nothing done to that person. Mr. Ybarra's time was up and was not able to borrow minutes from anyone and was asked to sit down.

Mary Becker, 202 Fairfield, asked if there was still a Civic Association who could host a forum of the candidates running for City Council, she also asked about a possible liaison with Harris County in helping to get a sign on the Blvd for Heron Park. Ms. Becker also asked for a possible liaison with La Porte school district in getting a bus stop placed at the corner of Fairfield and Oakshores for the kids to be able to get in out of the rain while waiting for their school bus. Her last and final request was for the P&Z meetings to be posted on the website or Nextdoor so if others wanted to attend these meetings they could.

Tammy Hye-Knudson, 1006 Shore Acres Blvd, advised she has lived in the city for 23 years and she too echoes the comments and concerns of Ed Ybarra, who spoke previously. Her concerns were disciplinary actions of a city employee who threatened an establishment, the fall of the city with the mayor and Troy resigning all at one time. New Candidates and the city needs new blood in this area. Mrs. Hye-Knudson added that she feels the best thing for the city would be for the City of La Porte to annex us. She closed in adding that the plans for the city moving forward needs to be discussed before the election instead of on the 28th when slated.

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.

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

6.1 City Manager's Report Harrison

Mayor Jennings introduced Mr. Harrison, who presented the financial report as attached, there were no questions and/or discussion.

6.2 Monthly Police Department Report. Harrison

Mr. Harrison gave the Monthly Police Department Report was attached adding that there has been an uptick on fraud cases. Mr. Greeson asked if there were still a lot of suspicious vehicle reports, Mr. Harrison advised there was no increase in these numbers and added, generally it is people looking for an address or something. There were no other questions and/or discussion.

6.3 Monthly Public Works Department Report. Harrison

Mr. Harrison stated that this month was a normal month with few leaks and repairs, however, with the dry warmer weather this is subject to change. Alderwoman Ramos asked if they were still finding debris in the lift stations, Mr. Harrison explained that they are trying to clean these twice a year to prevent the issues from continuing. He added, they found a blanket recently, this is not something you flush but....

6.4 Emergency Medical Service Harrison

Mr. Harrison advised he had spoken to the Chief and discussed the 4 calls, and the response time was right at 11 minutes and another where there was a 2-minute lag time in Dispatch and advised they were looking into this. Mr. Harrison advised there was another call where the ambulance was not able to report on scene due to the police having to secure the area before they could get on scene. This of course was not under their control. Mayor Jennings asked about the 2 Fire Department calls, Mr. Harrison advised this is not something they are looking at but it could start. There being no questions and/or discussion, the motion passed unanimously

7.0 BUSINESS

7.1 Minutes from March 10, 2025, meeting. Goodman

Alderman Hoskins made a motion to table to minutes until the next meeting since he was unable to review them prior to the meeting due to not being able to access the packet. Mayor Pro-Tem seconded the motion. There being no questions and/or discussion, the motion passed unanimously, the minutes were tabled.

7.2 Linebarger, Gogan, Blair & Sampson, LLP Contract Renewal Packet.

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHOREACRES REGARDING LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP AS BEING FULLY QUALIFIED AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO PERFORM ALL LEGAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO Sec 2254.1036 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE.

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO A) APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LAW FIRM OF LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP TO ACT AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO PERFORM ALL LEGAL SERVICES NECESSARY TO COLLECT UNPAID FINES, FEES AND COURT COSTS AS PROVIDED IN TEXAS CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ART. 103.0031; AND B) AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT ON THE CITY'S BEHALF

Mayor Jannings introduced Camilla Battle who came up and introduced her team and explained the contract. Mrs. Battle advised there are no changes to the contract, the renewal period would be for another 5 years adding that they have been doing business with the city since 2018 and to date have brought in over \$400,000.00 Camilla advised they are adding a new feature and going live texting stating that there at no additional cost to the city.

Mrs. Battle advised council that she did the research to answer the question raised the last time that she attended and the oldest citation was 1994 and the next was 2005. Mr. Greeson asked if there was a report that the city received, she advised yes, this report is emailed to Elaine Goodman and Diane Stokes each month. Mayor Jennings advised if anyone wanted to see a copy of the report, they just needed to ask Elaine Goodman.

Alderman Hoskins made a motion to renew the contract as written for five years and authorizing the mayor to sign the agreement with a second from Alderman Greeson. There being no questions and/or discussion, the motion passed unanimously

7.3 **Second Regular Meeting in April.** Jennings

Alderman Hoskins made a motion to approve a second regular meeting of the council April 21, 2025, at 6:00 pm with a second from Mayor Pro-Tem McKown.

Mayor Jennings addressed the audience regarding the earlier comments made by members of the audience explaining the happenings over the past three weeks. The mayor asked Mr. Harrison and Mayor Pro-Tem McKown to come and meet with him and the three of them, deciding that in the best interest of the city, he would rescind his resignation and fulfill his term, adding that there would be some fundamental changes on how the city runs and this would be revealed and discussed at the April 21, 2025 council meeting.

8.0 **ADJOURNMENT** Jennings

Mayor Jennings asked for a motion for adjournment, Alderman Hoskins made a motion with a second from Alderwoman Ramos to Adjourn the meeting. Mayor Jennings adjourned the meeting at 6:42 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 April 11, 2024, 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: April 11, 2025



Elaine Goodman

Elaine Goodman, City Secretary, Shoreacres, Texas

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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I, the undersigned, do hereby certify this Notice of Meeting was removed from the City Hall bulletin board at 6:00 pm on April 15, 2025.

BY: *Elaine Goodman*

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