

City of Shoreacres

MINUTES OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the City Council Of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, was held on Monday, June 09, 2025, at 06:00 PM At which time the following subjects were discussed, to wit:

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

1.1 Mayor Jennings, Mayor Pro-Tem Ramos, Alderman Greeson, Alderman Bell, Alderman Hill, and Alderman Mitchell. All Present. Quorum.

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 Dennis Decker with Decker Disposal Not here – no presentation

4.0 COUNCIL REPORTS & REQUESTS

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramos, Alderman, Greeson and Alderman Bell welcomed the new members of the Council and Mayor Pro-Tem. Alderman Hill advised he is on the SRA Board and stated the pier is now open and repairs have been completed; he also thanked members of the city who made generous donations toward the repairs. Alderman Hill added he attended the La Porte Trade Days and participated in the car show. Alderman Mitchell advised he attended the open house for the SRA and commented on how nice it was and thanked Ed Ybarra for giving boat rides.

5.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

5.1 **Public Comments**

Mary Becker, 202 Fairfield advised the Native Plant Society, toured Heron Park and mentioned the milkweed propagation they are working on for the butterflies. She also mentioned people are now wade fishing at Shell Beach and when the fishermen were told there was no fishing in this area, advised the Police Department advised it was ok. Ms. Becker asked for clarification on this matter.

Ed Ybarra, 145 Shadylawn, made a few comments on his retirement and his run for City Manager.

Peter Runciman, 3510 Miramar, advised he had several points of concern, Shell Beach with the fishing issues, trash left behind by beach goers and fisherman, signage needed for golf carts parking and driving in the grassy area of Miramar Park. He also advised the lot on Miramar next to his residence has a swimming pool that is green and a fence that is falling down and overgrown weeds around it.

Anthony Martin, 127 Shore Acres Blvd, extended a congratulations to the newly elected council members and a statement regarding the open city council position.

Jim Schul, 519 Oakdale, commented on the SRA and community who stepped up and helped with the rebuilding of the pier and expenses. He added that security at the pier is top priority as well as keeping non-members away. Texas Parks and Wildlife advised they could not prohibit fishing along the shoreline, however; they will continue to look into this.

Nathan Bennett, 3422 Bayou Forest, echoed the same as others on the SRA and the open house recently.

Connie Ramirez, 1103 Shore Acres Blvd, thanked City Hall for painting the yellow striping on the sidewalks, adding that she has tripped previously and injured her foot. She addressed the pool at 3506 Miramar stating that way back it was deemed a pond and not a swimming pool after hurricane Ike.

Lindsey Hart, 206 E Forest, endorsed Ed Ybarra for the position of City Manager.

Tammy Hye-Knudson, 1006 Shore Acres Blvd, advised she was in favor of Barry Plantes' presentation of the flood zone changes and was in support of Ed Ybarra for City Manager.

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 Barry Plante – Presentation to loosen floodplain regulations

Mr. Plante, 3522 Miramar, presented his report as attached regarding the AE Zone and VE Zone, adding the VE Zone is very expensive.

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

6.1 City Manager's Report Harrison

Mr. Harrison presented his report as attached; there were no questions and/or discussion.

6.2 Monthly Police Department Report. Harrison

Mr. Harrison advised the Monthly Police Department Report was attached, Alderman Greeson asked about the 3 assault cases, Mr. Harrison advised, these were civil issues, 2 family violence calls, one was unfounded, there were no other questions and/or discussion.

6.3 Monthly Public Works Department Report. Harrison

Mr. Harrison advised the Public Works Department report was attached and stated we had a good month, with above normal rainfall. Mr. Greeson asked a question regarding the plant repair needed with Mr. Harrison responding with what needed to be taken care of. There were no other questions and/or discussions. Mr. Harrison did advise he was going to see if David Sutton could come out and brief the council on the reports that he provides for better understanding.

6.4 Emergency Medical Service Harrison

Mr. Harrison reported on the EMS report as attached; there were no questions or discussions.

7.0 BUSINESS

7.1 Minutes from May 12, 2025, meeting. Jennings

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramos made a motion to approve the minutes as written with a second from Alderman Greeson. There being no changes, the minutes were approved as written and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2025-06-01 appointing a City Secretary & Assistant City Secretary Jennings Alderman Greeson made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-06-01 appointing Bernadette Anderson as City Secretary and Diane Stokes as Assistant City Secretary with a second from Alderwoman Bell. There being no questions and/or discussion, the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Jennings then swore in Bernadette Anderson as City Secretary and Diane Stokes as Assistant City Secretary.

7.3 Ordinance 2025-06-01 Amending permitting and inspection fees. Jennings

Mayor Jennings advised the council that the city would be replacing Latane Lamb as the Building Official and replacing him with Safebuild. The city has not increased the permitting and inspection fees in the city since 2004. The fee schedule is that of Safebuild and we will be adding a 10% increase on top of that for our administrative fees. Mayor asked the council if they had any comments and or questions, Mayor Pro-Tem Ramos advised she was good with the new rates, Alderman Greeson asked about the scheduling for next day inspections and emergencies, would there be additional cost, Alderman Bell asked if they had a pool of inspectors and was this a large company, Alderman Hill advised he did some research on the company and they appeared to be a good company and was good with the increase, Alderman Mitchell advised he was good with the increase. There being no other questions and/or discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

7.4 City Manager Vacancy Update. Jennings

The council will move to an executive session to discuss candidate applications received. No action to be taken. Mayor Jennings added that there is no deadline, the key is to find the right person and the right fit for our city, he added there were 23 resumes submitted. The council has all of the resumes and will go into an executive session to discuss these; the council is who will do the hiring. There were no questions, and the council went into executive session at 6:58 pm.

7.5 Appoint Troy Harrison as Police Chief. Jennings

Mayor Jennings advised Troy Harrison has resigned his position as City Manager effective July 8, 2025. Today, I ask for a motion to appoint Troy Harrison as the Police Chief in a part time capacity, 24 hours per week. Alderman Mitchell made a motion to appoint Troy Harrison as the Police Chief in a part time capacity, 24 hours per week effective July 9, 2025, with a second from Alderman Greeson. Mr. Harrison has agreed to stay temporarily as the Emergency Management Coordinator and train a new person in that capacity, there being no questions and/or discussion, the motion passed unanimously. The mayor asked the council if they had any comments or questions, the council thanked Mr. Harrison for staying in the capacity of part-time Police Chief.

7.6 Second Regular Meeting in May. Jennings

Alderman Hill made a motion for a second regular meeting to be held June 16, 2025 at 6:00 pm with a second from Mayor Pro-Tem Ramos. This meeting will be an executive session only.

8.0 **ADJOURNMENT** Jennings

Mayor Jennings asked for a motion for adjournment, Alderman Hill made a motion with a second from Alderman Mitchell to Adjourn the meeting. Mayor Jennings adjourned the meeting at 7:43 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 June 6, 2025, 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: June 6, 2025



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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I, the undersigned, do hereby certify this Notice of Meeting was removed from the City Hall bulletin board at $6:00~\rm pm$ on June 10, 2025.

BY:	 	 	

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