The City Council of the City of Seabrook met in special session on Tuesday, July 31, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in Seabrook City Hall, 1700 First Street, Seabrook, Texas to discuss, consider and if appropriate, take action on the items listed below.

THOSE PRESENT WERE:

GLENN R. ROYAL	MAYOR
ROBERT LLORENTE	COUNCIL PLACE NO. 1
MIKE GIANGROSSO	COUNCIL PLACE NO. 2
GARY JOHNSON	COUNCIL PLACE NO. 3
DON HOLBROOK	COUNCIL PLACE NO. 4
THOM KOLPSKI	COUNCIL PLACE NO. 5
LAURA DAVIS	MAYOR PRO TEM & COUNCIL PLACE NO. 6
KELLY TEMPLIN	CITY MANAGER
MEREDITH BRANT	ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY
MYRA BERGERON	UTILITY BILLING SUPERVISOR
ARTHUR CHAIREZ	DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
GAYLE COOK	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER & PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATOR
LEAANN DEARMAN	MARKETING MANAGER
JEFF GALYEAN	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR
MICHAEL GIBBS	ACCOUNTANT
NONA HOLOMON	DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY
PAM LAB	FINANCE OFFICER
KEVIN PADGETT	ASST. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
KATHY PEREZ	MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR
GEORGE SZAKACS	DIRECTOR OF IT
SEAN WRIGHT	POLICE CAPTAIN

Mayor Royal called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1.0 PRESENTATIONS

1.1 A representative of the Art Consortium of the Texas Gulf Coast (ACTGC) will give a presentation requesting funds for the 2011/12 and 2012/13 budget year. (ACTGC)

Rebecca Collins, president of the Art Consortium, made a presentation which gave an overview of the Consortium, its mission, goals and features of the festival to be held on October 26 and 27. Ms. Collins also showed a case study of the City of Rockport which has had a very successful arts festival for years. She explained the budget that would be needed and told of the marketing opportunities presented by the festival.

1.2 Bay Area Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau Update and Future Direction presented by Michelle Quist. (Quist)

Michelle Quist gave an update of the CVB, explained the ways in which Seabrook has been marketed and the plans for the future.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hope Gonsoulin of the Seabrook Waffle Company spoke in support of the arts festival.

3.0 NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Consider approving funding for the Art Consortium of the Texas Gulf Coast for FY 2011/12 and 2012/13. (Royal)

Motion was made by Councilor Giangrosso and seconded by Councilor Llorente

To discuss this item.

LeaAnn Dearman, the City's Marketing Manager, stated that currently funds available for the arts are lumped into advertising with a balance of $278,000, so there is money in the budget for support of the Consortium for FY 2011/12.

Ms. Collins of the Consortium stated that with sufficient backing and growth, there is an opportunity to rent a building for a gallery and future expansion including classes and other art related events.

Councilor Davis stated that the Art Consortium would generate new events and accomplish putting heads in beds, the goal of Hotel Tax funding.

Motion was made by Councilor Holbrook and seconded by Councilor Giangrosso

To approve funding from the Hotel Tax Fund for the Art Consortium of the Texas Gulf Coast in the amount of $15,000 for FY 2011/12 and $15,000 for FY 2012/13 with a finding that this expenditure is expected to promote hotel stays and the arts.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

3.2 Consider approving the rental and staffing of a booth at the TML annual conference in Grapevine in November, 2012, including which funds are to be used. (Council)

Motion was made by Councilor Giangrosso and seconded by Councilor Holbrook

To approve the rental and staffing of a booth at the TML conference.

Mayor Royal stated that currently three council members will be attending the conference. Staffing a booth at TML will cost approximately $1,600 per person.

Councilor Davis questioned whether this proposed expenditure would put "heads in beds" as required by Hotel Tax law.

Councilor Kolupski stated that TML offers exposure for all the cities represented.

Based on Council discussion, Councilor Giangrosso agreed to amend his motion to include booth staffing for an additional four persons in an amount not to exceed $7,480.

Mayor Royal called for a vote on the amendment and original motion.

AYES: Royal, Giangrosso, Holbrook, Johnson, Kolupski, Llorente.
NAYS: Davis.

MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOTE.

4.0 BUDGET WORK SESSION

4.1 Conduct a budget work session to review the proposed City of Seabrook budget for FY 2012/13 and schedule future work sessions if needed. (Templin)

Mr. Templin pointed out budget changes since the last meeting. Council reviewed the decision packages, the Enterprise Fund and subsequently determined that one police officer and one Parks/Public Works Department employee would be added to the budget. The decision package item concerning increasing the part-time animal control officer to full-time was not approved. No formal action was taken on any of these items.

Ms. Dearman gave a presentation explaining the rules for the Hotel Tax budget and gave examples of projects which may use HOT funds. She stated that she will rework the budget based on the decisions made for TML booth workers and the Arts Consortium.

Mayor Royal stated that the next budget meeting will be August 14.

Upon motion, Mayor Royal adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 21ST DAY OF AUGUST 2012.

Glenn R. Royal, Mayor

Meredith Brant, TMRC
City Secretary