The City Council of the City of Seabrook met in regular session on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 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 KOLUPSKI	COUNCIL PLACE NO. 5
LAURA DAVIS	MAYOR PRO TEM & COUNCIL PLACE NO. 6
KELLY TEMPLIN	CITY MANAGER
GAYLE COOK	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
STEVEN L. WEATHERED	CITY ATTORNEY
MICHELE L. GLASER	CITY SECRETARY

Mayor Royal called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the audience in the United States and Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

1.0 PRESENTATIONS

1.1 Recognition of City Employees who received awards in 2012. (Cook)

Ms. Cook announced the names of employees who had received service awards and employee of the year awards.

1.2 Present the 2012 Christmas Boat Parade Pelican Award. (Council)

This item was deferred, as the winner could not attend the meeting.

1.3 Present Certificates of Recognition to the Winners of the Old Seabrook Holiday Decorating Contest. (Council)

Mayor Royal made the presentations and thanked the winners for their participation.

1.4 Present a Certificate of Appreciation to Jerry Simmons for his Contributions to the Seabrook Police Department. (Holomon)

Mayor Royal made the presentation and thanked Mr. Simmons for his contribution.

1.5 Present a Report on the City of Seabrook Booth at the Recent TML Annual Conference. (Cook)

A written report was previously received by Council. Ms. Cook stated that the booth was a success.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

2.1 Mayor, City Council and/or members of the city staff may make announcements about city/community events. (Council)

Announcements were made about upcoming events.

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Approve second and final reading of proposed Ord. No. 2012-23, "Accessory Structure/Use Prohibited without the Presence of a Principal Use/Structure." (P&Z)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SEABROOK APPENDIX A, COMPREHENSIVE ZONING, ARTICLE 3, "ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONING DISTRICTS AND ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS", SECTION 3.15 "COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE REGULATION MATRIX," BY ADDING A FOOTNOTE PROHIBITING THE PRESENCE OF AN ACCESSORY USE/ STRUCTURE WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF A PRINCIPAL USE/STRUCTURE; PROVIDING A PENALTY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $2000 FOR VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION HEREOF BY INCLUSION INTO THE CODE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

3.2 Approve second and final reading of proposed Ord. No. 2012-25, "Updating and Amending Sign Standards." (P&Z)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SEABROOK APPENDIX A, COMPREHENSIVE ZONING, ARTICLE 6, "SIGN STANDARDS", SECTION 6.05 "PROHIBITED SIGNS," SUBSECTION 6.05.04, "SIGNS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES" TO INCORPORATE A NEW EXCEPTION FOR CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS IN SUCH ZONES; SECTION 6.06 "PERMITTED SIGNS", SUBSECTION 6.06.02 "SUBDIVISION/HOME BUILDER IDENTIFICATION SIGNS", PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS TO SIGNS PERMITTED FOR SALES OFFICE/MODEL HOMES; PROVIDING A PENALTY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $2000 FOR VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION HEREOF BY INCLUSION INTO THE CODE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

3.3 Approve proposed Resolution No. 2013-01, "Acceptance of Easements for Waterfront Drive Reconstruction, Parcel 29."

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEABROOK, TEXAS, DETERMINING THAT EASEMENTS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE "WATERFRONT DRIVE RECONSTRUCTION," PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF SAID EASEMENT FROM TEXAS LAND AND CATTLE II, LTD., SEABROOK LAND COMPANY, INC. AND THE METHODIST HOSPITAL

FOUNDATION, PROPERTY OWNERS, IN RELATION TO PARCEL 29, A 0.0115 ACRE TRACT SITUATED IN THE RITSON MORRIS SURVEY, ABSTRACT 52, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING OUT OF AND PART OF LOT 4, BLOCK 145 OF THE MAP OF SEABROOK, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN

3.4 Approve proposed Res. No. 2013-03, "Acceptance of Easements for Waterfront Drive Project, Taub Foundation and Others - Parcel 28

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEABROOK, TEXAS, DETERMINING THAT EASEMENTS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE "WATERFRONT DRIVE RECONSTRUCTION," PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF SAID EASEMENT FROM TEXAN LAND AND CATTLE II, LTD., THE METHODIST HOSPITAL FOUNDATION, TAUB FOUNDATION, AND CAROLYN CASALE TAUB, TRUSTEE OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN B. TAUB, DECEASED, PROPERTY OWNERS, IN RELATION TO PARCEL 28, A 0.0459 ACRE TRACT SITUATED IN THE RITSON MORRIS SURVEY, ABSTRACT A-52, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING OUT OF AND PART OF LOTS 2, 3, 4 AND 5, BLOCK 168 OF THE MAP OF SEABROOK, AS MORE PARTICULARILY DESCRIBED HEREIN

3.5 Approve proposed Resolution No. 2013-02, "In Support of Removal of Derelict Structures in Galveston Bay." (Templin)

3.6 Approve Proposed Resolution No. 2013-04, "In Support of Local Representation of Port of Houston Commission Members." (Royal)

3.7 Approve Resolution 2013-05, Authorizing Signatory Authority to Execute a Contract through the H-GAC Energy Purchasing Corporation. (Lab)

3.8 Approve municipal court appointments and compensation as recommended by the Judge in accordance with City Charter, Section 9.03:Court Administrator ("Clerk of the Municipal Court"), Jessica Ancira; Assistant Court Administrator ("Clerk"), Karen LeMay; Deputy Court Clerk ("Clerk"), Patricia McCulloch and Deputy Court Clerk ("Clerk"), Betty Enriquez.

3.9 Approve the minutes of the December 4, 2012 regular City Council Meeting. (Glaser)

3.10 Approve the minutes of the special joint Seabrook and El Lago City Council meeting of December 11, 2012. (Glaser)

Motion was made by Councilor Giangrosso and seconded by Councilor Johnson

To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Consider need for bonds, types and amounts of the bonds, issuance and timing of bond election. (Royal)

Mr. Templin reported that the city's annual bond payment will increase by $400,000 if the previously discussed bonds for public works are issued. Mr. Templin stated that staff cannot ask Council to issue additional debt in the short term due to the potential strain to the budget. He recommended revisiting this item in 2014. Councilor Davis stated that she is not in favor of incurring additional debt at this time. However, she asked if it would be advisable to hold the bond election on a separate date from council elections. As there are no council positions to be elected in May 2013, she asked if it would be possible to have the bond election on this date and defer issuance of the debt until a later date. Mayor Royal said that if the debt is approved and not issued until a later time, there is a possibility of a rate increase. When asked, Public Works Director, Arthur Chairez stated that it is estimated that construction of a new public works complex would take 12 months after the property is "shovel ready."

Council took no action to order a bond election in May 2013.

4.2 Consider name change of the city pool complex from "Municipal Swimming Pool" to "Seabrook's City Splash" as recommended by the Open Space and Trails Committee. (OSC)

Mr. Templin stated that the city is in the process of replacing parks signs and had asked if there should be any name changes before replacement. The Open Space and Trails Committee recommended a name change of the city swimming pool to "Seabrook's City Splash." Mayor Royal suggested that the city conduct a contest to name the pool.

Motion was made by Councilor Llorente and seconded by Councilor Davis

To instruct staff to initiate a community contest inviting citizens to name the swimming pool complex and offer an incentive award to the winner who will be selected by Council.

MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

5.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS

5.1 Consider approval of the Action Items Checklist which is attached and made a part of this agenda. (Council)

Items added to the checklist were Swimming pool naming contest and request that the Planning and Zoning Commission revisit the commission's recommendation to prohibit human spinner signs.

Motion was made by Councilor Giangrosso and seconded by Councilor Johnson

To approve the Action Items Checklist with the above listed changes.

MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

5.2 Establish future meeting dates and agenda items. (Council)

The next council meeting will be held on January 22. Items to be placed on the next council agenda are: 1) Consider refinancing the fire department bonds (Royal); 2) Approval of the annual public safety fund budget (Davis); 3) Appointment of council members to serve on an ad hoc committee to deal with fire department issues (Davis); 4) Annual update on EDC activities (Royal) and 5) Update from CVB (Giangrosso).

6.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:12 p.m., Mayor Royal announced that the Council would hold a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Charter 551, Government Code, and Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.072, Real Property.

Section 551.072

6.1 Conduct a closed meeting, as provided by Section 551.072 Texas Government Code to deliberate the purchase of real property as deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person. (Templin)

7.0 OPEN MEETING

Mayor Royal reconvened the open meeting at 8:47 p.m. Council will reconvene in open session to allow for possible action on any of the agenda items listed above under "Executive Session".

Upon motion, Mayor Royal adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Approved this 22nd day of January 2013.

Glenn R. Royal, Mayor

Michele L. Glaser, TRMC
City Secretary

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