



MEETING MINUTES
JULY 16, 2024

SEABROOK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Thom Kolupski called the Seabrook Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers in Seabrook City Hall. Present were Mayor Thom Kolupski and City Councilmembers Buddy Hammann, Jackie Rasco, Rob Hefner, Tom Tollett, Michael Giangrosso, Joe Machol. Also in attendance were: City Manager Gayle Cook and City Secretary Rachel Lewis. The Mayor declared a quorum and pledges were conducted.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following people gave public comments:

Jordan Applebe -18721 Egret Oaks Lane, Houston Tx-Support of variance for Barge295

Wayne Dolcefino-1951 Richmond Avenue, Houston Tx-Reports and Support of variance for Barge 295

Karley Robinson-104 Shirleen Drive, Seabrook Tx-Support of variance for Barge 295

Robert Lamy-1830 Lakeside Drive, Seabrook Tx-Noise at Barge295 and opposition of variance

Tim Williams-1805 Larrabee, Seabrook Tx - Noise at Barge295 and opposition of variance

Jennifer Fogarty-1830 Lakeside Drive, Seabrook Tx- Barge295 and social media misinformation

Christopher Isreal - 1426 Cottage Cove Ct., Seabrook Tx - R1&R2 development and Support of variance for Barge 295

Amy Parella- 650 N. Flamingo Drive, Seabrook Tx - Support of variance for Barge 295 and city administration

Patrick Robinson-104 Shirleen Drive, Seabrook Tx - Barge295 and storm recovery

Ray Villanueva -1205 Main Street, Seabrook Tx- Support of variance for Barge 295

Linda Speth - 2101 Palm Castle Drive, League City Tx-Support of variance for Barge 295

Jonathan Byers-3663 NASA Pkwy #414, Seabrook Tx-Support of variance for Barge 295

Angela Jackson-3720 Coral Reef Drive, Seabrook Tx-Support of variance for Barge 295

Kelly Stewart-2510 Hollybrook Drive, Seabrook Tx-Support of variance for Barge 295

Andrea Wilson-18322 Anne Drive, Houston Tx-Support of variance for Barge 295

Angela Cervantes-2534 Loganberry Ct, Seabrook Tx-Support of variance for Barge 295, gas line break, and city administration

Rick King-1306 Marina Bay Drive, Seabrook Tx-Support of variance for Barge 295

Josh Parella-650 Flamingo Drive, Seabrook Tx-Support of variance for Barge 295, City Manager, local business support

1.1 Report from Mayor/City Manager/Staff/City Council concerning health, safety, and welfare issues associated with Hurricane Beryl impacts and post-storm recover efforts.

City Manager Gayle Cook reported the debris removal contract had been initiated. Councilmember Machol expressed concerns the emergency response was not early enough. He also stated he had concerns with a downed tree on Meyer with barricades rather than officers, Red Oak Acres water line project and a damaged gas line, and communication problems during the disaster. He commended the City's cooling center but stated food and water distribution was late. He requested more information regarding failed generators.

Councilmember Giangrosso thanked staff and the emergency response team for their efforts during the storm.

Mayor Kolupski stated the storm was different than previous storms and the emergency response team responded as variables shifted. He stated staff responded well.

Councilmember Hammann stated he appreciated staff for their response during the hurricane.

Councilmember Rasco stated she appreciated the residents who came together during the disaster and stated the contractors for the water line project should not have been allowed to continue work during a disaster. She questioned the tree trimming schedules with CenterPoint, stated communications were lacking, that Barge 295 was not being supported, and she was disappointed with the way the City handled emergency response.

City Manager Cook stated the county and state representatives were communicating the concerns with the tree trimming schedules, and CenterPoint had not yet communicated the schedules. She reported communications during the disaster included 37 social media posts with 193,000 impressions, 25,000 engagements, 188,000 reach, 22,000 clicks, 1500 reactions, 11,000 users on the weather page, 9600 users on updates and news blasts. She stated communications staff were present "24/7" and communications were pushed out continually. She stated the Mayor and emergency staff were present in the Emergency Operating Center (EOC) during the event and communicated continually with the county reps for relief. She said there were a couple of failed generators at the lift stations that had to be replaced with mobile generators. She reported the staff worked tirelessly throughout the event, and she expressed appreciation for all their efforts.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Approve the minutes of the July 2, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting and the July 2, 2024 Joint City Council and Planning & Zoning Commission meeting.

Motion:	To Approve the Consent Agenda
Made By:	Mayor Pro Tem, At-Large Position 5 Hammann
Seconded By:	At-Large Position 6 Machol
Vote:	Passed unanimously by all present

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Consider and approve on first and final reading Ordinance 2024-18, continuing the Mayoral Declaration of a local state of disaster due to Hurricane Beryl. Mayor Kolupski stated the item had been considered and approved at the July 15, 2024 Emergency City Council meeting so no new consideration was needed.

3.2 Consider and take all appropriate action on the approval of Resolution 2024-17, Waiving the building permit fees associated with the repair of homes and businesses damaged as a result of Hurricane Beryl Mayor Kolupski stated this item was considered and approved at the Emergency City Council Meeting on July 15, 2024 and no other consideration was needed.

4. ROUTINE BUSINESS

4.1 Establish future meeting dates and agenda items. City Secretary Rachel Lewis announced there would be a Special City Council Meeting

at 6:00 pm on July 23, 2024 and another Special City Council Meeting would take place on July 31, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

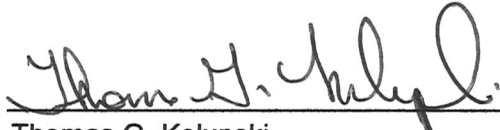
Councilmember Hammann requested a report from city staff regarding the initial request made by the representatives of Barge295 to include a printed copy of the request for each member of Council.

Councilmember Rasco requested a special meeting be set within the week to discuss a variance for Barge295.

Motion:	To Adjourn
Made By:	Mayor Pro Tem, At-Large Position 5 Hammann
Seconded By:	At-Large Position 4 Giangrosso
Vote:	Passed unanimously by all present

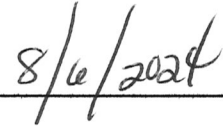
The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

APPROVED:



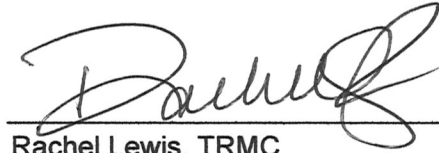
Thomas G. Kolupski
Mayor

DATE:



8/6/2024

ATTEST:



Rachel Lewis, TRMC
City Secretary