The City Council of the City of Seabrook met in regular session on Tuesday, July 16, 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
MEREDITH BRANT	ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY

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

1.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Justin Smith, Houston, stated that he is in the business of coordinating festivals and building stages. He is excited about the possibility of a music festival in Seabrook.

Sibbian Roe, Seabrook, stated that she is requesting the festival permit. She added that she addressed Council's concerns as stated at the last meeting. She will have a sound expert on sight to ensure compliance of the noise ordinance; she has secured parking and trash receptacles, Cabo's will coordinate food vendors; there will be one entrance and the Visitors Bureau has arranged for discounted hotel rates during the festival. She is grateful for the guidance and help provided by Council.

Jeremy Mallott, Alvin, stated that he is the consultant for audio sound and is available for any questions Council might have.

With the consent of Council, Mayor Royal took the agenda out of order to consider Item 4.1.

4.0 OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Consider approval of a special events permit for the Midnite Slice Seabrook Music Festival to be held on August 17-18, 2013 at Meador Park, including the request to serve beer in the park. This item was tabled on July 2, 2013. (Applicant)

Motion was made by Councilor Kolupski and seconded by Council Llorente

To approve the request.

Councilmembers expressed an appreciation of Ms. Roe's efforts in coordinating the events and efforts to make the event compliant with all city rules.

In response to Councilors' questions, Ms. Roe addressed the following:

- Inviting the crowd to Midnite Slice at 10:00 would just be a lure to get everyone to leave the park. She doesn't anticipate that everyone would, but should there be a crowd, it would not impact residents.
- A clean-up crew will be on site to clear the area of trash and debris.
- As a first time event, all efforts will be made to make sure that it is a positive for the city so that the festival can become a recurring event.
- The fencing type will be mesh and consideration will be given to Councilor Johnson's suggestion to bring the posts in closer to create a more substantial barrier.
- Lots used for parking will also be cleaned up after the event.
- Directional signs will be used for parking.
- All required city departments have commented and signed off on the event.

Mayor Royal called for a vote on the motion

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Approve a request from Crown Castle to add three (3) towers mounted amplifiers to the existing cellular tower. (Crown Castle)

2.2 Approve the June 2013 Public Safety Report. (Holomon)

2.3 Approve the June 2013 Building Report. (Landis)

2.4 Approve the minutes of the July 2, 2013 City Council meeting. (Glaser)

2.5 Approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Seabrook and NASA Johnson Space Center for reciprocal use of Emergency Operations Centers. (Templin)

2.6 Approve a special events permit for the Bay Area Running Club to hold a 5-K charity fun run on Saturday, August 3, 2013 from 7:30 a.m. to approximately 11:00 a.m. (Applicant)

Motion was made by Councilor Kolupski and seconded by Councilor Giangrosso

To approve the Consent Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

3.0 NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Consider the Galveston Bay Foundation's interest in a long term lease for a portion of an undeveloped portion of Pine Gully Park, including consideration of comments made by the Open Space & Trails Committee. (Templin)

City Manager Kelly Templin stated that Scott Adams of Galveston Bay Foundation (GBF) made a presentation to the Open Space & Trails Committee concerning a lease at Pine Gully Park. He stated that it was relatively well received, although Mr. Coggeshall did a tree survey and was concerned about taking down the trees. Ms. Antrobus also expressed her concern at taking down trees. He added that the GBF is in the business of restoration and preservation of Galveston Bay and they have done good works in Seabrook. The environmental impact would be minimized. Having the business of GBF located in Pine Gully Park would provide some sales tax and the park would become more of a regional venue. He added that currently the plan is conceptual and contingent on location and other details. At this time, the Council needs to decide whether this is an issue that should be taken before the voters at the November election as a nonbinding referendum. The deadline to participate in the Harris County election is August.

City Attorney Steve Weathered stated that there are many issues to be considered for such a lease agreement including reasonable expectations and management of the footprint.

Mr. Templin stated that GBF does not wish to purchase the land, but wishes to use its resources on a building with parking, creating a minimal impact to the wooded area.

Councilor Davis suggested that the house on the property be considered as an option. She stated that GBF is a great organization and she would like to ensure its location in Seabrook.

Councilor Johnson stated that there wasn't enough information to place this item on a ballot in November.

Councilor Giangrosso stated that he would love to have GBF located in Seabrook.

Councilor Holbrook stated that placing the referendum on the May ballot would be a better way to get citizen response.

Motion was made by Councilor Llorente and seconded by Councilor Davis

To consider a long-term lease for Galveston Bay Foundation in and around Pine Gully Park.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Mayor Royal clarified that this item will not be a referendum.

3.2 Consider Hotel Tax Funding (HOT) for new event applications and review of events funding for FY 2013/14. (Dearman)

LeaAnn Dearman stated that she had received two new applications requesting HOT funding. One is for Bay Access: Youth, Adult & Amateur Sailing Programs, requesting $25,000. The other request was from Boatober Fest on Clear Lake in the amount of $10,000. Ms. Dearman stated that the budget is tight, but the number may be adjusted based on the timely submission of the event follow-up reports. Ms. Dearman stated that staff is recommending funding in the amount of $7,500 for Bay Access and $8,000 for Boatober Fest. Bay Access programs are held at Lakewood Yacht Club throughout the year and Boatober Fest will be a Thursday through Sunday event at the Endeavour Marina.

Mayor Royal stated that due to issues which occurred during the Texas Outlaw Challenge, he would be in favor of denying future city funding for the event.

Councilor Johnson stated that the funding for the Outlaw Challenge was money well spent and the hotels were full. Mr. Llorente concurred.

Councilor Davis stated that she has been complaining about this event for three years due to its non-family atmosphere, the placement of the city logo next to overexposed women in adertising. She stated that it is very difficult to establish the return on the investment of HOT funding.

Motion was made by Councilor Holbrook to reduce funding for the Outlaw Challenge to $7,500.

MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND.

Mayor Royal stated that the Outlaw Challenge also added events that were not disclosed in advance and without city permission, including a custom bike show and a custom car show which required scheduling extra security, as well as a helicopter pad, which is not allowed by city ordinance.

Motion was made by Councilor Llorente and seconded by Councilor Johnson

To approve $7,500 for Bay Access Sailing and $8,000 for Boatober Fest for FY 2013/14 as recommended.

An amended motion was made by Councilor Llorente and seconded by Councilor Johnson

To approve $10,000 in funding for Bay Access Sailing and $8,000 for Boatober Fest.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT ON THE ORIGINAL MOTION.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT ON THE MOTION AS AMENDED.

Motion was made by Councilor Giangrosso and seconded by Councilor Llorente

To decrease funding for the Outlaw Challenge to $10,000.

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

MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOTE.

Motion was made by Councilor Davis and seconded by Councilor Holbrook

To use unspent funds of FY 2012/13 to fund Boatober Fest in the amount of $8,000.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

4.0 OLD BUSINESS

Note: Old Business Item 4.1 was addressed after Comments and Announcements.

5.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS

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

Item #2 – Mr. Templin stated that there had been no meeting to date.
Item #9 – Mr. Templin stated that to date a committee has not been appointed and delayed due to the installation of Mayor White in El Lago.
Item #16 – Councilor Holbrook stated that this item can be removed.

Motion was made by Councilor Holbrook and seconded by Councilor Giangrosso

To approve the Action Items Checklist with the removal of Item 16.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

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

Mr. Holbrook stated that he would like to place an item on the next agenda for an executive session item relating to personnel matters. He also stated that he would like to see the pet ordinance on the next agenda.

Mayor Royal will be out of town so Councilor Davis will chair the August 6 meeting.

Mayor Royal stated that funding for the Outlaw Challenge can be re-considered during the budget meeting on Tuesday.

Upon motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF AUGUST, 2013.

Laura Davis, Mayor Pro Tem

Meredith Brant, TRMC
Assistant City Secretary

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