The City Council of the City of Seabrook met in regular session on Tuesday, September 17, 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 – Ex. Abs.	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	COUNCIL PLACE NO. 6
KELLY TEMPLIN	CITY MANAGER
STEVE 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 Alliance.

1.0 PRESENTATIONS

1.1 Presentation to Administrative Assistant, Faith Shallis upon her retirement. (Council/Staff)

Mr. Templin presented a proclamation to Ms. Shallis and thanked her for her service. EDC President, Paul Dunphey presented a certificate of appreciation and a gavel to Ms. Shallis in appreciation for her service to EDC.

1.2 Quarterly Report of Activities of the Open Space and Trails Committee. (OSC)

Chair Helen Burton presented the quarterly report.

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)

Councilor Holbrook reported on the success of the Kid Fish at Pine Gully Park last weekend. Mayor Royal announced that a list of upcoming events appear on the city's web site.

3.0 SPECIFIC PUBLIC HEARING(S)

3.1 Present the FY 2013/14 Crime Control & Prevention District Budget. (Holomon)

There were no questions or comments.

3.2 Present the FY 2013/14 EDC Budget. (EDC)

There were no questions or comments.

3.3 Present the proposed General, Enterprise and Special Funds Budget for FY 2013/14. (Templin)

There were no questions or comments.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Approve a parade/special events permit, including waiver of permit fees and permission for signs, for Galveston Bay Foundation's annual "Bike around the Bay" on Sunday, October 13, 2013 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. (Applicant)

4.2 Approve a request from Crown Castle, U.S.A, Inc. to modify T-Mobile's equipment at the wireless communication facility. (Applicant)

4.3 Approve the August 2013 Report of Building Activities. (Landis)

4.4 Approve the August 2013 Public Safety Report. (Holomon)

4.5 Approve the minutes of the August 27, 2013 special City Council meeting. (Glaser)

4.6 Approve the minutes of the September 3, 2013 regular City Council meeting. (Glaser)

4.7 Approve second and final reading of Ordinance No. 2013-16, TMRS Annual Repeating Annuity Change from 70% to 30% effective January 1, 2014. (Cook)

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR INCREASED PRIOR AND CURRENT SERVICE ANNUITIES UNDER THE ACT GOVERNING THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR RETIREES AND BENEFICIARIES OF DECEASED RETIREES OF THE CITY OF SEABROOK , AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE ORDINANCE.

4.8 Approve proposed Resolution No. 2013-17, "Adoption of the City's Investment Policy." (Lab)

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF SEABROOK IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW AND THE PUBLIC FUNDS INVESTMENT ACT (PFIA).

4.9 Approve proposed Resolution No. 2013-18, "Designation of Representative and Alternate for the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) 2014 General Assembly. (Council)

A RESOLUTION FORMALLY APPOINTING AND DESIGNATING MAYOR GLENN R. ROYAL AS REPRESENTATIVE AND COUNCILOR ROBERT LLORENTE AS ALTERNATE TO THE H-GAC 2013 GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON JUNE 4, 2013.

4.10 Authorize the write-off of $9,038.98 in bad debt and also authorize the transfer of funds from 912-5465 in the amount of $20,000 to replenish Allowance for Doubtful Accounts - line item number 020-0112. (Lab)

Motion was made by Councilor Holbrook and seconded by Councilor Johnson

To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Royal took Item 5.5 out of order.

5.5 Consider potential termination/lack of funding of contract by the City of El Lago with the Seabrook Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) and take all appropriate action related to the City of Seabrook's funding, services and contract with the SVFD. (Royal)

Mayor Royal stated that El Lago has not taken final action on its funding of the SVFD.

Motion was made by Councilor Davis and seconded by Councilor Kolupski

To discuss this item.

MOTION TO DISCUSS CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Councilor Davis stated that she received a phone call today from a person who indicated that the major problem for El Lago is paying its share of the bond debt for the fire department equipment. The caller indicated that it may be more palatable to El Lago to pay its share of the budget if the amount of the bond debt is removed from the budget, Councilor Davis stated that her response was that the amount owed would have to be included in the budget in some fashion to pay for the rental of the equipment so that the dollar amount due would remain the same.

Gary Mack, SVFD member and former Seabrook Council member stated, that in his opinion, the fire department should not ask El Lago to pay for bonds that were approved by Seabrook voters and not El Lago voters. He stated that it would be easier to negotiate with the City of El Lago if the bond costs were removed from the budget. He said that the fire department could then calculate the actual costs of maintaining and replacing the equipment and present the budget to El Lago who could then decide whether it could afford to maintain the same level of fire service.

Mayor Royal asked who would pay for the cost of El Lago renting the equipment. He said that such an arrangement would place Seabrook in the position of negotiating with El Lago instead of the fire department negotiating with El Lago. Fire Chief Ray Cook stated that the SVFD maintains the lease of the equipment.

After further discussion, all Council members agreed that Seabrook would honor its commitment to the SVFD to pay the amount already budgeted for FY 2013/14 in order to maintain the same level of fire services for Seabrook. As El Lago is not Seabrook's client, but the SVFD's client, Council members stated that it is the responsibility of the SVFD to negotiate with El Lago for the delivery and payment of fire service to El Lago.

Council members also stated that Seabrook has reduced other budget expenditures, including the reduction of pension benefits for retirees and has raised taxes in order to continue its commitment to the SVFD and maintain the same level of fire service for Seabrook citizens. Chief Cook stated that he would relay this information.

No formal action was taken on this item.

5.1 Consider first and final reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2013-17, "Crime Control and Prevention District Budget for FY 2013/14." (Holomon)

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE SEABROOK CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION DISTRICT BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2013 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 FOR THE CITY OF SEABROOK; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND NOTING A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD BY THE SEABROOK CITY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2013.

Motion was made by Councilor Kolupski and seconded by Councilor Johnson

To approve Ordinance No. 2013-17 on first and final reading, with the reading of the caption serving as the reading of the ordinance.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

5.2 Consider first and final reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2013-18, "EDC Budget for FY 2013/14." (EDC)

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE SEABROOK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2013 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 FOR THE CITY OF SEABROOK; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND NOTING A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD BY THE SEABROOK CITY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2013.

Motion was made by Councilor Johnson and seconded by Councilor Giangrosso

To approve Ordinance No. 2013-18 on first and final reading, with the reading of the caption serving as the reading of the ordinance. (EDC)

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

5.3 Consider approval of first and final reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2013-19, "General Fund, Enterprise Fund and Special Funds Budget Ordinance for FY 2013/14."

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, **2013** AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, **2014** FOR THE CITY OF SEABROOK; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND NOTING A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2013 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY'S CHARTER AND WITH STATE LAW.

Motion was made by Councilor Davis and seconded by Councilor Holbrook

To approve Ordinance No. 2013-19 on first and final reading, with the reading of the caption serving as the reading of the ordinance.

Mayor Royal conducted a roll call vote.

Ayes: Giangrosso, Johnson, Royal, Holbrook, Kolupski, Davis.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion was made by Councilor Holbrook and seconded by Councilor Giangrosso

To ratify the property tax increase reflected in the FY 2013/14 budget for a 2013 tax rate of $ 0.651229 per $100.00 taxable value.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

5.4 Consider first reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2013-21, "Amending the City of Seabrook's Civil Service Classification System, Pay Grades and Compensation Levels." (Cook)

Motion was made by Councilor Holbrook and seconded by Councilor Johnson

To approve first reading of Ordinance No. 2013-21 with the reading of the caption serving as the reading of the ordinance.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

6.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS

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

Item 2: Councilor Holbrook asked for an update concerning the use and cost of Carothers Coastal Gardens at the next regular meeting.

Item 14: Mr. Templin said a meeting is scheduled with TxDOT traffic engineers concerning the safety of left turns from SH 146.

Motion was made by Councilor Holbrook and seconded by Councilor Giangrosso

To approve the Action Item Checklist.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

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

Council was reminded of the special meeting on September 24 at 6 p.m. to conduct the first of two required public hearings on the tax rate with the second public hearing to take place at the October 1 regular meeting.

7.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:13 p.m. Mayor Royal announced that the City Council would hold a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, and Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, in accordance with the authority contained Section 551.074, Personnel Matters.

7.1 Conduct an executive session to deliberate the employment, evaluation and duties of the City Manager, pursuant to Section 551.074 Texas Government Code. (Royal)

8.0 OPEN MEETING

Mayor Royal reconvened the open meeting at 9:08 p.m., stating that Item 7.1 had been discussed in Executive Session, but no action had yet been taken.

Motion was made by Councilor Holbrook and seconded by Councilor Davis

To increase the annual salary of the city manager from $129,821 to $157,403 effective immediately.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Upon motion, Mayor Royal adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Approved this 1st day of October 2013.

Glenn R. Royal, Mayor

Michele L. Glaser, TRMC
City Secretary