

The City Council of the City of Seabrook met in regular session on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 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 - Ex. Abs.	MAYOR
ROBERT LLORENTE	COUNCIL PLACE NO. 1
MIKE GIANROSSO	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
GAYLE COOK	CITY MANAGER
SEAN LANDIS	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
STEVEN L. WEATHERED	CITY ATTORNEY
MICHELE L. GLASER	CITY SECRETARY

Mayor Pro Tem, Laura Davis 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 PRESENTATIONS

1.1 Present the Open Space and Trails Committee Quarterly Report. (Burton)

Chairman Burton updated Council on recent and upcoming activities including: 1) grand opening of the natural playground; 2) various volunteer activities and efforts to recruit volunteers; 3) development of a recommendation for a sound barrier at Carothers Gardens; 4) planting of 40 trees secured through a grant from Dow Chemical; 5) exploring new signage and recycling in the parks; 6) planning a work day at Carothers. Council members thanked Mrs. Burton for the committee's hard work.

1.2 Presentation concerning traffic studies for El Mar Lane, Lakeside Drive and left turns on SH 146 where there are no traffic signals. (City Engineer/Cook)

Traffic Engineer Mark Ingram of Cobb Fendley presented the findings from three different traffic studies.

El Mar Lane

In accordance with the Texas Administrative Code and TxDOT Procedures for Establishing Speed Zones Manual, the lowest allowed posted speed limit on El Mar Lane between Bahama Drive and North Meyer is 25 mph. The lowest allowable school zone speed limit on El Mar Lane between Bahama Drive and North Meyer is 20 mph which is also the existing school zone speed limit on North Meyer Avenue. Mr. Ingram recommended establishing these speed limits as explained. He also recommended the careful placement of signs to differentiate the two speed limits.

Lakeside Drive Stop Signs

Based on the traffic analysis performed, a multi-way stop sign is warranted and recommended for the intersection of Lakeside Drive and Wild Oak Forest Lane. A multi-way stop sign is not warranted and not recommended for the intersection of Lakeside Drive and Seaward Drive.

SH 146, Left Turns

Based on the traffic study, Mr. Ingram presented four options to deal with sight and queue problems caused by drivers traveling southbound on SH 146 who attempt to make left turns onto Anders Avenue, Third Street or the business driveway as well as vehicles attempting to turn left from these locations onto SH 146.

Option 1 consists of "Only" and "arrow" pavement markings on SH 146 at an estimated cost of \$3,000. This is the least expensive option. However, this option provides no physical barriers to deter left turns in and out.

Option 2 provides for 83 delineators spaced every 10 feet to cover the 820 feet between NASA Parkway and 4th Street and "no left turn" signs for both cross streets and the business driveway. The estimated cost of this option is \$9,500. This option provides a physical barrier to discourage left turns and is less cost prohibitive than Option 3 or 4. Yearly maintenance will be required.

Option 3 provides for 820 linear feet of a mountable curb system with delineators on top and "no left turn" signs for both cross streets and the business driveway at a cost of \$55,000.

Option 4 provides for a 24-inch wide by 6-inch tall traditional curb system along 820 linear feet at an estimated cost of \$45,000.

Councilor Kolupski asked if Option 1 would be enforceable. Captain Sean Wright stated that he did not know if the Transportation Code would allow Option 1 to be enforced without a city ordinance, but would find out.

Councilor Kolupski also asked if TxDOT would fund any of the options. Mr. Ingram offered to assist the city in writing a letter to TxDOT. However, he said there would be a time delay and TxDOT may not be amenable to funding due the SH 146 planned expansion.

Concerning emergency access, Mr. Ingram stated that a vehicle could navigate between the delineators in Option 2, but a fire truck would have to drive over the delineators. There would be a yearly maintenance cost to the delineators, which he estimated to be approximately \$800-\$900.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA.

3.1 Approve an excused absence for Councilor Don Holbrook for the January 7, 2014 regular City Council meeting. (Glaser)

3.2 Removed from the Consent Agenda by Councilor Kolupski.

3.3 Approve the minutes of the joint Planning & Zoning Commission and City Council special meeting on December 17, 2013. (Glaser)

3.4 Approve the minutes of the January 7, 2014 regular City Council meeting. (Glaser)

3.5 Approve amended minutes of December 17, 2013 due to a correction made to the minutes after the original approval on January 7, 2014. (Glaser)

3.6 Approve the December 2013 Public Safety Report. (Holomon)

3.7 Approve the December 2013 Building Report. (Landis)

3.8 Approve the Investment Report for FY 2013/14 first quarter. (Lab)

3.9 Approve a special events permit, serving of alcohol in the park, and a request for temporary signs for the annual Seabrook Lucky Trails Marathon on Saturday, March 15 and Sunday, March 16, 2014. The marathon will begin each day at 7:00 a.m. at Meador Park and continue along the Seabrook trails to Pine Gully Park and back to Meador Park. Approval is contingent upon review and approval by the Police Department. (Applicant)

Motion was made by Councilor Giangrosso and seconded by Councilor Llorente

To approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item 3.2.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

3.2 Approve Resolution No. 2014-02,"Update in Sanitation Procedures and Rates." (Lab)

A RESOLUTION REESTABLISHING SANITATION PROCEDURES AND UPDATING RESIDENTIAL CHARGES AND COMMERCIAL CHARGES FOR SANITATION SERVICES AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2013-06.

Motion was made by Councilor Kolupski and seconded by Councilor Holbrook
To approve proposed Resolution No. 2014-02.

Councilor Kolupski had a question about the sanitation contract which contained an inaccurate description of "make-up" days after a holiday. Mrs. Cook stated that the city plans to bid the sanitation contract this year and will address this issue.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Review/consider El Mar Lane Traffic Study. (Cook)

Motion was made by Councilor Holbrook and seconded by Councilor Johnson

To approve the traffic engineer's recommendation to establish a 25 mph speed limit on El Mar Lane between SH 146 and Bahama Drive and a 20 mph school speed limit zone between Bahama and North Meyer Avenue and to install the correct signage.

Mr. Weathered stated that a traffic ordinance would be needed to enforce any new traffic laws.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

4.2 Review/Consider action concerning the Lakeside Drive Traffic Study Report. (Cook)

Motion was made by Councilor Giangrosso and seconded by Councilor Llorente

To approve the engineer's recommendation to install a multi-way stop sign at the intersection of Lakeside Drive and Wild Oak Forest Lane.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

4.3 Review/Consider action concerning the SH 146 Traffic Study Report. (Cook)

Motion was made by Councilor Holbrook

To table this item until it can be determined whether Option 1 is enforceable.

MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND.

Motion was made by Councilor Johnson and seconded by Councilor Kolupski

To approve Option 2 and send a letter to TxDOT asking for assistance.

Councilors Kolupski and Llorente argued for Option 1 provided it was found to be enforceable.

Motion was made by Councilor Johnson and seconded by Councilor Kolupski

To amend the original motion by approving Option 1 if it is enforceable, approving Option 2, if Option 1 is not enforceable and directing staff to send a letter to TxDOT asking for assistance.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis called for a vote on the amendment.

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

Nays: Llorente.

AMENDMENT CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOTE.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO APPROVE THE ORIGINAL MOTION AS AMENDED.

4.4 Review/consider recommendation from the Public Safety Task Force on the expenditure public safety funds for various public safety items in 2014 as shown below. (Task Force)

Grass Brush Fire Trailer \$ 8,580.00 - SVFD
Medical Evac Trailer \$ 5,490.00 -SVFD
Thermal Imager \$ 9,000.00 - Police
AED Pedi Pads and Mask \$ 871.09 - Emergency Mgmt
.EOC Build Out \$ 10,000.00 - Emergency Mgmt.
Preparedness Brochure \$ 5,000.00 - Emergency Mgmt.
PD Response Trailer \$ 5,000.00 - Police Department
Go Box Radio \$ 2,000.00 - Emergency Mgmt.
Covered Fence for FD \$ 20,000.00 - SVFD
Small Portable Boat \$ 13,561.00 - SVFD
Marine and A TV training \$ 3,000.00 - Police Dept.
Repeaters \$ 30,000.00 - Emergency Mgmt.
(for PD & SVFD)

TOTAL \$ 112,502.09

Motion was made by Councilor Holbrook and seconded by Councilor Johnson

To approve the recommendation of the Public Safety Task Force as listed above.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated that many of the items were placed on the list due to actual incidents that would have benefited from the purchase of the items. These purchases are funded by the Public Safety Fund, which consists of voluntary contributions by residents.
MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

4.5 Consider designation of council representative(s) to the Citizens in Space Exploration, May 20-23, 2014 visit to Washington, D.C. The 2013/14 budget includes funds for one council representative to attend the event in Washington, D.C. (Royal)

Motion was made by Councilor Holbrook and seconded by Councilor Johnson

To name Councilor Giangrosso as the council representative and Councilor Llorente as the alternate.

MOTION CARRIED 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)

Mrs. Cook reported on progress regarding Surf Oaks. All agreements have been signed and the residents have secured a surveyor. She stated that appointment of seven members of the Charter Review Commission and seven members of the Master Plan Commission must be made by July 2014 and asked that this item be placed on the Action Items Checklist as a reminder. She also reported that the city had received an updated map on the planned right-of-way for SH 146 and that the city has requested another meeting with TxDOT officials.

Motion was made by Councilor Holbrook and seconded by Councilor Johnson

To approve the Checklist with the removal of Items 14, 16 and 21.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

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

Council members were reminded of the special joint meeting/public hearing with the Planning and Zoning Commission on February 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Upon motion, Mayor Pro Tem Davis adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Approved this 4th day of February 2014.



Michele L. Glaser, TRMC
City Secretary


Laura Davis, Mayor Pro Tem