The City Council of the City of Seabrook met in regular session on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 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	MAYOR PRO TEM & COUNCIL PLACE NO. 3
MELISSA BOTKIN	COUNCIL PLACE NO. 4
GLENNA ADOVASIO	COUNCIL PLACE NO. 5
O. J. MILLER	COUNCIL PLACE NO. 6
GAYLE COOK	CITY MANAGER
SEAN LANDIS	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
STEVEN L. WEATHERED	CITY ATTORNEY
ROBIN HICKS	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 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

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

Councilor Giangrosso announced several upcoming events. Councilor Johnson announced the monthly HCMCA meeting, featuring speaker Jeff Galyean, Seabrook Emergency Management Coordinator. Councilor Botkin reminded everyone that Seabrook is currently under Stage 1 water restrictions.

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Approve an excused absence for Melissa Botkin and O.J. Miller for the July 13, 2015 Council Budget Workshop meeting. (Hicks)

2.2 Approve an excused absence for Melissa Botkin for the July 14, 2015 Council Budget Workshop meeting. (Hicks)

2.3 Approve proposed Resolution No. 2015-22, "Expansion of Highway 146." (Cook)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEABROOK, TEXAS, SUPPORTING THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE HIGHWAY 146 EXPANSION PROJECT DUE TO ITS REGIONAL IMPACT WITH REGARD TO EMERGENCY EVACUATIONS, MOBILITY, AND ECONOMIC AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT; AND SOLICITING SUPPORT FROM THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO CHANGE REQUIRED MUNICIPAL FUNDING REQUIREMENTS BY TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON A STATE PROJECT FOR UTILITY RELOCATIONS WITHIN A STATE DESIGNATED EVACUATION ROUTE

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilor Johnson and seconded by Councilor Giangrosso

To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

3.0 NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Consider approval on first reading of proposed Ordinance 2015-15 "Establish a Water Rate Stabilization and Capital Reserve Fund." (Lab)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A WATER RATE STABILIZATION AND CAPITAL RESERVE FUND TO PROTECT THE CITY AND ITS CUSTOMERS FROM SPIKES IN WATER RATES DUE TO VOLATILE WATER CONSUMPTION AND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR FUTURE WATER CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND/OR CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS ASSOCIATED WITH WATER SUPPLY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

Gayle Cook, City Manager, explained that after the water rate study was approved by Council, we decided to put a certain percentage of the monies into reserve and phasing in an increase over the upcoming years so that there was not a spike at the end of our contract. The funds were going into reserve. We thought it important to earmark the reserve so there is no question on what is the fund balance. This ordinance is defining the earmarked funds. This fund is much like the other stabilization fund, so that it can only be used for enterprise expenditures. If, at the end of the 14 years, we want to use the monies for infrastructure for a Desal plant, if the plant is affordable based on our estimate of what the balance will be at that time, we could get a small start up plant. If costs are higher, we can offset to customers with the reserve.

Motion was made by Councilor Giangrosso and seconded by Councilor Adovasio

To approve on first reading proposed Ordinance 2015-15 "Establish a Water Rate Stabilization and Capital Reserve Fund."

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

4.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS

4.1 Approve the Action Items Checklist which is attached and made a part of this agenda. (Council)

Hwy 146 – An email was received today regarding right of entry permissions, which was subsequently emailed to Council. This email was strictly about environmental assessments and had nothing to do with right of way acquisition. The Mayor met with the Economic Alliance transportation task force, and Hwy 146 is the 3rd item on an approved list for transportation projects in the Eastern District TXDOT office.

Strategic Plan – a periodic report will be provided to Council at beginning of September.

Bond Project updates – the splash pad has worked well each day. We are flushing out sand in infiltration system, but levels are working fine. Pool manager and City staff say children are enjoying the splash pad tremendously. Public Works staff will look at designs for the Public Works complex this week and will meet with an architect next week. The fiber optics project is moving forward with a state approved contract, with estimated completion around three months.

Motion was made by Councilor Botkin and seconded by Councilor Miller

To approve the Action Items Checklist.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

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

We are back to normal with 1st and 3rd Tuesday meetings; Over 300 people attended the July 30 Comprehensive Master Plan kickoff meeting, with all positive feedback.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Mayor Royal adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Approved this 18th day of August 2015.

Robin Hicks, City Secretary

Glenn R. Royal, Mayor

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