

The City Council of the City of Seabrook met in a special session on Tuesday, September 22, 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	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
GLENN ADOVASIO	COUNCIL PLACE NO. 5
O.J. MILLER - Ex. Abs.	COUNCIL PLACE NO. 6
GAYLE COOK	CITY MANAGER
SEAN LANDIS	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
STEVE WEATHERED	CITY ATTORNEY
ROBIN HICKS	CITY SECRETARY

Mayor Royal called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Councilor Giangrosso announced Seabrook Saltwater Derby on September 25 and National Night Out on October 6.

2.0 SPECIFIC PUBLIC HEARING(S)

2.1 Conduct the first of two required public hearings on the 2015 proposed tax rate of \$0.612611 per \$100 taxable value. The second public hearing will be held at a regularly scheduled City Council meeting on October 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Seabrook City Hall. The Seabrook City Council will vote on the proposed tax rate at a regularly scheduled City Council meeting on October 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. (Cook/Lab)

Mayor Royal opened the public hearing.

Mr. Jeff Bush of 1814 Lakeside Drive spoke, asking for an explanation for why the tax rate is increasing, if the City is also seeing more revenue. Mayor Royal; City Manager, Gayle Cook; and Director of Finance, Pam Lab, discussed how the effective tax rate is raised or lowered based on whether property values go up or down, as calculated using a specific formula required by law. They explained that the proposed tax rate is calculated based on a number of factors, including the City's debt service, operation and maintenance needs, level of reserves, and forecasted growth.

Having no other persons come forward to speak, Mayor Royal closed the public hearing.

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Approve update to Neighborhood Empowerment Zone guidelines and zone Description. (Chavez)

3.2 Authorize the write-off of \$24,099.48 in bad debt and the transfer of funds from 902-5465 in the amount of \$20,000 to replenish Allowance for Doubtful Accounts-line item number 020-0112. (Lab)

3.3 Approve the minutes of the September 01, 2015 regular City Council meeting. (Hicks)

3.4 Approve the minutes of the September 15, 2015 regular City Council meeting. (Hicks)

3.5 Approve an excused absence for O.J. Miller for the September 15, 2015 regular City Council meeting. (Hicks)

Motion was made by Councilor Botkin and seconded by Councilor Johnson

To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

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93 **4.0 NEW BUSINESS**

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95 **4.1 Consider and authorize approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Memorandum of**
96 **Understanding (MOU) with the Port of Houston Authority (PHA). (Cook)**
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98 Gayle Cook, City Manager, stated she had received a copy of the Port's insurance policy
99 and has reviewed the policy with the City Attorney. Neither the City Manager, nor the
100 City Attorney has concerns about the insurance policy and its endorsement for adding the
101 City as an additional insured. Steve Weathered, City Attorney, reiterated that the Port
102 owns the property on which the tracks are operating; therefore, any indemnification
103 issues with regard to the quiet zone(s) would be the responsibility of the Port and the
104 railroad. Amendment Number 1 states that the City will not be required to indemnify any
105 party.
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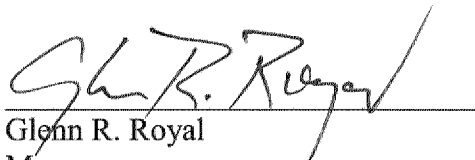
107 Motion was made by Councilor Llorente and seconded by Councilor Adovasio
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109 To approve Amendment No. 1 to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the
110 Port of Houston Authority (PHA).
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112 MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.
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115 Upon motion duly made and seconded, Mayor Royal adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.
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117 Approved this 6th day of October 2015.
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123 Glenn R. Royal
124 Mayor

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127 Robin Hicks
128 City Secretary

