

The City Council of the City of Seabrook met in regular session on Tuesday, October 06, 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 – Ex. Abs.

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

STEVE 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 PRESENTATIONS**

**1.1 Proclamation for National Domestic Violence Awareness Month presented to Bay Area Turning Point. (Royal)**

Mayor Royal read the proclamation, and introduced Shannon Nevol from the Bay Area Turning Point. Ms. Nevol, Violence Prevention Coordinator, thanked the Council and announced Bay Area Turning Point has served 201 victims. Ms. Nevol gave Council a letter of thanks and had a photo taken with the Mayor.

**1.2 Recognition of Seabrook Volunteer Fire Department Member for his dedication to the community, attentiveness, and compassion in locating and re-uniting a local youth with his family. (Gutaker)**

Chief Gutaker explained that on September 29, the Seabrook Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) was dispatched to assist in locating an 11 year old boy. On his way home, and off-duty, Thomas Sustaita received the description of the boy, and started looking for him. Thomas eventually sees a boy fitting the description, pulls over to speak with the boy, and discovers he is the missing 11 year old. Thomas' dedication, alertness, and compassion exemplify what it means to be a fire fighter.

**1.3 Presentation of Seabrook Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) quarterly report.  
(Gutacker)**

John Kasbaum, President, presented the report to Council. There have been 649 calls for service with 528 in Seabrook and 62 in El Lago. The remaining calls were for mutual aid. Response time has averaged 4 minutes, 36 seconds for first-responder calls and 5 minutes, 32 seconds for fire related calls. SVFD personnel contributed more than 4,370 documented response-hours, which doesn't include training time, etc. SVFD anticipates closing the fiscal year with less than \$10,000 over budget by managing spending and receiving grants and donations (roughly \$25,000 in donations last year). Overall the budget was balanced. SVFD met with Pierce for pre-build on the new fire engine. Final pre-build updates should be complete in October for configuration, and the anticipated delivery date is early 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2016. There are 48 total SVFD volunteer members with two currently enrolled in the fire academy and two who completed the academy in May. A paid administrator works 20 hours per week to help with clerical duties. There is no shortage of fire fighters, but additional volunteers, especially those with experience, are welcome. There is a shortage of auxiliary volunteers. This is a pretty strong need at the moment, with only 3 or 4 auxiliary volunteers who are active at this time.

**1.4 Presentation of Quarterly Report by the Open Space and Trails Committee.  
(Burton)**

Helen Burton, Chairperson of the Open Space and Trails Committee, stated the committee has been working with staff on several different signs at different locations for various purposes, including: emergency (9-1-1) signs, one at each park, that are color coded, can be found on Google Maps, and are easily located by the Police Department using a GIS system; signs to ask that people stay off the marsh grass; a sign to show the location of Pine Gully Park; and signs citing violations for no leashes on pets, alcohol use, firearms use, and motor vehicle use on trails. In addition to the signs, there will be a fence built between the trail and the marshland by the cemetery to try to keep people from going onto the marsh grass. Mohrhusen Park has had some changes, including a new trash can with an ashtray for smokers, a new opening from the park to the parking lot next to the community building, the bench has been moved to the other side of the park, and the irrigation system is now working. More trees will be planted at Pine Gully Park on November 7, if anyone would like to volunteer to help. The new trees will be located between the new training facility and the wildlife park. Two of the most active volunteers have resigned, and one new volunteer application is being processed. The Open Space and Trails Committee will be hosting a staff and volunteer appreciation luncheon on October 21 at Caruthers. Finally, the Committee has been working with a Girl Scout who would like to raise fund to replace some of the old, worn out benches in the parks with benches made from recycled material that should last for years and years. She will be having a fundraising concert in February at the Community House.

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Barbara Koslov with the Bay Area Houston Transportation Partnership spoke about Proposition 7, a constitutional amendment for more funding for transportation. She asked the Council to consider approving a resolution in support of Proposition 7. More funding for transportation is needed because 1200 people are moving to Texas daily, which has increased the total population by 125% and the use of Texas highways by 238%. Although Texas has the largest highway system in the country, the highway capacity has only been increased by 19%. Ms. Koslov asked that everyone please vote for Proposition 7 on November 3.

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

Councilmember Giangrosso announced several upcoming events, including a tree planting event on November 7 and Celebration Seabrook on November 14.

**3.0 SPECIFIC PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

**3.1 Conduct the second of two required public hearings on the 2015 proposed tax rate of \$0.612611 per \$100 taxable value. The first public hearing was held on September 22, 2015 at 6:30 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, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. (Cook/Lab)**

Mayor Royal opened the public hearing. No person came forward to speak, and Mayor Royal closed the public hearing.

**4.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

**4.1 Approve, on second and final reading, 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.**

**4.2 Approve Resolution 2015-26, "Designation of a Representative and Alternate for the Houston-Galveston Area Council 2016 General Assembly." (Council)**

**A RESOLUTION FORMALLY APPOINTING AND DESIGNATING MAYOR GLENN R. ROYAL AS REPRESENTATIVE AND MAYOR PRO TEM GARY JOHNSON AS ALTERNATE TO THE H-GAC 2016 GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON JUNE 2, 2015.**

- 4.3 Approve an Interlocal Agreement with Harris County in the amount of \$6,334.56 for a 12 month period effective on September 1, 2015 to provide the City of Seabrook with administration and implementation of a regional watershed protection program to meet state and federal requirements (MS4 permit). (Chairez)**
- 4.4 Approve the reappointment of Carl Kuehnel and Barbara Clemmons as regular members to the Ethics Review Commission for a two-year term which will expire October 31, 2017, and approve the revision of the term for Jared Kelly, as a regular member, to expire October 31, 2017. (Hicks)**
- 4.5 Approve an event permit for the Texas Cyclones Cross Country Meet on Sunday, October 18, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Meador Park. (Hicks)**
- 4.6 Approve the minutes of the September 22, 2015 special City Council meeting. (Hicks)**
- 4.7 Approve an excused absence for O.J. Miller for the September 22, 2015 regular City Council meeting. (Hicks)**

Motion was made by Councilmember Botkin and seconded by Councilmember Llorente

To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

#### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **5.0 NEW BUSINESS**

- 5.1 Consider approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Harris County, Precinct 2, for the donation and acceptance of a long reach Slope Mower. (Chairez)**

Arthur Chairez, Director of Public Works, explained that a year ago Precinct 2 approached the City about the donation. The County is outsourcing mowing to a contractor; therefore, they are disposing of most of their inventory of equipment. The City has asked the County to borrow the slope mower in the past to mow hard to reach places, so the County reserved one of the slope mowers, and asked if the City could use it. Staff has inspected the mower and it is in good condition. It will be used for hard to reach mowing, and serve as a backup mower, should other equipment go out of service.

Motion was made by Councilmember Llorente and seconded by Councilmember Adovasio

To approve an Interlocal Agreement with Harris County, Precinct 2, for the donation and acceptance of a long reach Slope Mower.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

## **6.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS**

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

Gayle Cook, City Manager, announced that staff continued to have monthly meetings with TXDOT on the Hwy 146 expansion, and the next meeting will be mid October. Mayor Royal confirmed there is dialogue occurring between TXDOT and Union Pacific.

Strategic plan – Updated information on the Celebration Seabrook Festival will be given after November 4.

Projects – Everything is moving along on the Public Works complex. Staff is meeting with the architects, and the project will go to bid in October for construction. The fiber optics is on target. The splash pad is underway on Repsdorph. The fire department will update Council on the new fire engine soon. The Christmas decorations were delivered today.

Motion was made by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Llorente

To approve the Action Items Checklist

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

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

The next regular Council meeting will be October 20. Staff would like to post an agenda for a joint meeting with the Comprehensive Master Plan Review Commission, SEDC, and the Planning and Zoning Commission for October 20, at 6:00p.m.

## **7.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION – go into session at 7:58**

At 7:58 p.m. Mayor Royal announced that the City Council will now 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 in Section 551.071, Consultation with an Attorney.

**Section 551.071**

7.1 Consult with an attorney to receive legal advice, as provided pursuant to Section 551.071 Texas Government Code, regarding legal issues associated with recently adopted statutes concerning regulation of firearms. (Cook)

**8.0 OPEN MEETING**

At 8:25 p.m. Mayor Royal reconvened the meeting in open session and stated that item 7.1 had been discussed, but that no action had been taken in executive session.

**8.1 Consider and authorize approval or action on legal issues associated with recently adopted statutes concerning regulation of firearms. (Cook)**

No action taken was taken on Item 8.1 in open session.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Mayor Royal adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Approved this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2015.



Robin Hicks, TRMC  
City Secretary



Glenn R. Royal  
Mayor

