

MINUTES - CITY OF BEAUMONT

W.L. Pate, Jr., At-Large
Claude F. Guidroz, Ward I
Audwin Samuel, Ward III
Tyrone E. Cooper, City Attorney

BECKY AMES, MAYOR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 6, 2015
Kyle Hayes, City Manager

Gethrel Wright, At-Large
Michael D. Getz, Mayor Pro Tem
Robin Mouton, Ward IV
Tina Broussard, City Clerk

The City Council of the City of Beaumont, Texas, met in a regular session on **October 6, 2015**, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 801 Main Street, Beaumont, Texas, at 1:30 p.m. to consider the following:

OPENING

- * Invocation Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call
- * Presentations and Recognition
- * Public Comment: Persons may speak on scheduled agenda items 5-9/Consent Agenda
- * Consent Agenda

Mayor Ames called the council meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Pastor Dwight Benoit of Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church gave the invocation. Mayor Ames led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was made by Tina Broussard, City Clerk.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Ames, Mayor Pro Tem Getz, Councilmembers Wright, Pate and Mouton. Absent: Councilmembers Samuel and Guidroz and City Attorney Tyrone Cooper. Also present were Kyle Hayes, City Manager; Quentin Price, 1st Assistant City Attorney; Tina Broussard, City Clerk.

Proclamations, Presentations, Recognitions

Presentation – Announced Dogtoberfest on Saturday, October 10, 2015, at 8:00 a.m., a Beaumont Main Street Production, gave appreciation to the title sponsor, JK Subaru, Dogtoberfest will feature Puppies and Pancakes by Cooks 2 Dozen Plus and at 9:00 a.m., to 2:00 p.m., all Furr-licious activities and from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., later in the day YAPPY Hour will take place with live music featuring Eric Lonadier

Public Comment: Persons may speak on scheduled agenda items 5-9/Consent Agenda.

James Plummer 8535 Frazier Dr. Beaumont TX

Spoke in regards to Item #9 on the Agenda; approval of an annual contract to four vendors for mowing privately-owned and vacant property

Fabian Moye 5480 Washington Beaumont TX

Spoke in regards to Item #9 on the Agenda; approval of an annual contract to four vendors for mowing privately-owned and vacant property

CONSENT AGENDA

- * Approval of minutes – **September 29, 2015**
- * Confirmation of committee appointments – **None**
- A) Approve a resolution terminating the lease agreement with Weingarten Realty/Eastex Venture for the WIC Satellite Office – **Resolution 15 - 213**
- B) Authorize the acceptance of a ten foot (10') wide Exclusive Water Line Easement located at 4975 Fannett Road – **Resolution 15 – 214**
- C) Authorize the acceptance of a Road Access Easement for Windcastle Drive – **Resolution 15 - 215**
- D) Approve a resolution terminating the Lease with Jacquelyn Cake (Primary), Doxey-Pleasant Properties, LLC, and Colin M. Sheppard (Secondary) for the EMS Med No. 1 Station – **Resolution 15 - 216**

Councilmember Getz moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Mouton seconded the motion.

AYES: MAYOR AMES, MAYOR PRO TEM GETZ, COUNCILMEMBERS WRIGHT, PATE AND MOUTON

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Consider a request for a Specific Use Permit to allow HIV screening, prevention and intervention in an RCR-H (Residential Conservation Revitalization-Historic) District at 2261 North Street.

Land Manor, Inc. PALM Center, would like to use the property at 2261 North Street for prevention and intervention services including HIV screenings. PALM Center is a program of the Texas Department of State Health Services. Traffic for these services will usually be by appointment only. All screenings will be conducted between the hours of 8am and 5pm, Monday thru Friday.

Land Manor is requesting a waiver to any additional landscaping or screening requirements as to maintain previous harmony with the neighboring properties.

At a Joint Public Hearing held September 21, 2015, the Planning Commission recommended 6:1 to approve a request to allow HIV screening, prevention and intervention in an RCR-H (Residential Conservation Revitalization-Historic) District at 2261 North Street, subject to the following conditions:

1. RPZ required to be installed.
2. Health inspections approved.
3. Scope of activity shall be limited to that outlined in applicant's letter.

Approval of ordinance, subject to the following conditions:

1. RPZ required to be installed.
2. Health inspections approved.
3. Scope of activity shall be limited to that outlined in applicant's letter.

And with a waiver to the landscape buffer and screening requirements.

Councilmember Mouton moved to **ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO ALLOW HIV SCREENING, PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION IN AN RCR-H (RESIDENTIAL CONSERVATION REVITALIZATION-HISTORIC) DISTRICT AT 2261 NORTH STREET, WITH THE CONDITIONS, IN THE CITY OF BEAUMONT, JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS.** Councilmember Pate seconded the motion.

AYES: MAYOR AMES, MAYOR PRO TEM GETZ, COUNCILMEMBERS WRIGHT, PATE AND MOUTON

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Ordinance 15 - 039

2. Consider a request for a Specific Use Permit to allow a warehouse and internal storage facility in a GC-MD (General Commercial-Multiple Family Dwelling) at 4960 Washington Boulevard.

William Ford Dishman, representing Milton Seiler, LLC, would like to use the property at 4960 Washington Boulevard for warehousing and storage. Milton Seiler, LLC, would store various items such as, but not limited to, pumps, gearboxes, heat exchangers, valves, gears and fans. Critical spares that there is no room to store at the plant, but indoor and/or climate controlled storage is preferred. This property was previously used for manufacturing.

At a Joint Public Hearing held September 21, 2015, the Planning Commission recommended 7:0 to approve a request to allow a warehouse and internal storage facility in a GC-MD (General Commercial-Multiple Family Dwelling) at 4960 Washington Boulevard.

Approval of ordinance.

Councilmember Wright moved to **ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A WAREHOUSE AND INTERNAL STORAGE FACILITY IN A GC-MD (GENERAL COMMERCIAL-MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLING) DISTRICT AT 4960 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF BEAUMONT, JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS.** Councilmember Pate seconded the motion.

AYES: MAYOR AMES, MAYOR PRO TEM GETZ, COUNCILMEMBERS WRIGHT, PATE AND MOUTON

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Ordinance 15 – 040

3. Consider a request for a Specific Use Permit to allow an after school tutoring program (Alice D. Weiner Children Center) in an RM-H (Residential Multiple Family Dwelling-Highest Density District) at 2205 Washington Boulevard.

Clarissa Provost would like to open a non-profit after school tutoring/mentor program in her home at 2205 Washington Boulevard. The program will be for children from 11-17 years of age and will operate from 3pm - 6pm, Monday - Thursday. Activities will include tutoring, homework supervision and assistance, mentoring and college/career counseling. Participants will not be charged. The applicant is requesting a waiver to the required perimeter screening and landscape buffer. An existing 4' chain link fence divides the subject property from neighboring properties.

At a Joint Public Hearing held September 21, 2015, the Planning Commission recommended 7:0 to approve a request to allow an after school tutoring program (Alice D. Weiner Children Center) in an RM-H (Residential Multiple Family Dwelling-Highest Density District) at 2205 Washington Boulevard, subject to the following conditions:

1. All requirements set forth by City Health, Building and Fire Departments be met.
2. Add 6' landscaped strip for the full length of the parking area as required by ordinance.

Approval of ordinance, subject to the following conditions:

1. All requirements set forth by City Health, Building and Fire Departments be met.
2. Add 6' landscaped strip for the full length of the parking area as required by ordinance.

And with a waiver to the landscape buffer and screening requirements.

Councilmember Getz moved to **ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO ALLOW AN AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING PROGRAM (ALICE D. WEINER CHILDREN CENTER) IN AN RM-H (RESIDENTIAL MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLING – HIGHEST DENSITY) DISTRICT AT 2205 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD, WITH THE CONDITIONS, IN THE CITY OF BEAUMONT, JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS.** Councilmember Mouton seconded the motion.

AYES: MAYOR AMES, MAYOR PRO TEM GETZ, COUNCILMEMBERS WRIGHT, PATE AND MOUTON

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Ordinance 15 – 041

4. Consider a request to abandon a 0.0781 acre portion of a general utility easement at 1610 IH-10 East.

Anthony M. Leger of Soutex Surveyors & Engineers is requesting an abandonment of the general utility easement located at 1610 IH-10 East, on behalf of Shujat Holding Company. The easement was created when a portion of Isla Street was abandoned in 1982. In 2001, Spurg, L.L.C. received a permit to construct the existing convenience store on a portion of the subject easement. A 20'x84' portion of the building sits within the easement. Site plans submitted for the permit did not show any existing easements.

An application for abandonment, submitted in 2002, was presented to the Commission with a recommendation for denial. Entergy and Southwestern Bell both had objections to the abandonment. In August, another request was brought to the Commission and denied. Although Entergy no longer took issue with the request, AT&T and Time Warner Cable wished to retain the easement. The applicant was informed that a written statement from AT&T releasing the easement would be necessary for further review.

At a Joint Public Hearing held September 21, 2015, the Planning Commission recommended 7:0 to approve a request to abandon a 0.0781 acre portion of the general utility easement at 1610 IH-10 East.

Approval of ordinance.

Councilmember Wright moved to **ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND ABANDONING A 0.0781 ACRE PORTION OF A GENERAL UTILITY EASEMENT LOCATED AT 1610 IH-10 EAST, CITY OF BEAUMONT, JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS.** Councilmember Pate seconded the motion.

AYES: MAYOR AMES, MAYOR PRO TEM GETZ, COUNCILMEMBERS WRIGHT, PATE AND MOUTON

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Ordinance 15 – 042

5. Consider a resolution approving a contract with Placo, LTD. of Lumberton for the Sewer Plant-Clarifiers Rehabilitation Project.

The proposed project shall provide for the removal and replacement of two (2) primary and two (2) secondary clarifier mechanisms, four (4) total, including all electrical installations, walkways, scum baffles, pressure washing, and appurtenances. The base bid also includes the rehabilitation of existing 36-inch diameter yard piping. The additive items shall provide for the removal and replacement of existing slide gates and replacement of

damaged weirs. The award is for Base Bid Items No. 1, 4 thru 15; Alternative Bid Items 2A and 3A; and Additive Items No. 16, 17, and 27.

Following screening and grit removal at the sewer treatment plant headworks, the wastewater flows slowly through the primary clarifiers where most solids settle down to the bottom. As the wastewater continues through the treatment process, it enters the secondary clarifiers that again allow for any solids to settle to the bottom. These existing clarifiers and related yard piping were installed in the early to mid-1950s, with some rehabilitation work done on them in 1996.

The MBE participation will be with the following: Standard Cement Mat, Inc. of Houston, Texas; T-Gray Utility & Rehab Co., LLC of Cypress, Texas; and Gulf Coast Electric Co., Inc., of Beaumont, Texas. The total amount of the subcontracts is \$460,091.00, which represents 13.95% of the total bid.

Capital Program.

Approval of the resolution.

Councilmember Pate moved to APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT THE CITY COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO PLACO, LTD, OF LUMBERTON, TEXAS, IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$3,298,432.21** FOR THE SEWER PLANT-CLARIFIERS REHABILITATION PROJECT. Councilmember Mouton seconded the motion.

AYES: MAYOR AMES, MAYOR PRO TEM GETZ, COUNCILMEMBERS WRIGHT, PATE AND MOUTON

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Resolution 15 – 217

6. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with CDM Smith, Inc. of Houston to continue management of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit.

On October 16, 2012, by Resolution No. 12-249, City Council awarded CDM Smith, Inc. of Houston, Texas an agreement for Professional Engineering Services to manage the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit. The manager of the permit conducts dry and wet weather screenings of our five major outfalls in the City. Under the permit, the City is required to submit an annual report to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the EPA, summarizing activities and results of the screenings and other inspections conducted throughout the year which CDM Smith, Inc., will complete on the City's behalf.

General Fund-Public Works Department.

Approval of resolution.

Councilmember Wright moved to APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT THE CITY MANAGER BE AND HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BEAUMONT AND CDM SMITH, INC., OF HOUSTON, TEXAS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$260,000, TO MANAGE THE MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BEAUMONT. Councilmember Mouton seconded the motion.

AYES: MAYOR AMES, MAYOR PRO TEM GETZ, COUNCILMEMBERS WRIGHT, PATE AND MOUTON

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Resolution 15 – 218

7. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order No. 1, accept maintenance and authorize final payment to LD Construction for the East Lucas Street Asphalt Resurfacing Project (Idylwood to Magnolia).

On April 14, 2015, by Resolution No. 15-072, City Council awarded LD Construction the contract for East Lucas Street Asphalt Resurface Project (Idylwood to Magnolia) in the amount of \$313,110.50. Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$21,655.17 is needed to adjust the estimated quantities to reflect the actual quantities used in the completion of the project, which increases the final contract amount to \$334,765.67. The project has been inspected by the Engineering Division and found to be complete in accordance with the provisions and terms set forth in the contract. Acceptance of maintenance, approval of Change Order No. 1, and release of final payment in the amount of \$209,815.02 is recommended.

LD Construction is a registered Minority Business Enterprise. The MBE participation represents 100% of the final contract in the amount of \$334,765.67.

Capital Program.

Approval of resolution.

Councilmember Pate moved to APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT THE CITY MANAGER BE AND HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 ADJUSTING QUANTITIES USED TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT THEREBY INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$21,655.17 FOR A REVISED TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$334,765.67; AND THAT THE EAST LUCAS STREET ASPHALT RESURFACING PROJECT BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY ACCEPTED; AND, THAT THE CITY MANAGER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO MAKE FINAL PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$209,815.02 TO LD CONSTRUCTION, OF BEAUMONT, TEXAS. Councilmember Wright seconded the motion.

AYES: MAYOR AMES, MAYOR PRO TEM GETZ, COUNCILMEMBERS WRIGHT, PATE AND MOUTON

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Resolution 15 – 219

8. Consider a resolution awarding annual contracts to multiple vendors for the purchase of traffic marking materials.

Bids were requested for an annual contract to supply signage, sign materials, hardware, and specialty paints and thermoplastic materials for use by the Traffic Management Division, and for purchase of various traffic control materials such as markers, portable signs and barricades for use by all City Departments.

Eleven (11) vendors were notified and six (6) responses were received. Specifications were divided into nine (9) material sections, and require that each be awarded to the lowest overall bidder who bids the entire section and complies with the required specifications. There are no local vendors supplying this material.

Total value of the contract is approximately \$119,235.43 (20%) greater than the current contract.

Contracts are recommended as follows:

Section	Vendor	Est. Total Amount
1-Sign Blanks	Osburn Associates, Logan, OH	\$40,563.15
2-Sign Faces	Osburn Associates, Logan, OH	\$17,546.00
3-Finished Signs	Osburn Associates, Logan, OH	\$50,322.65
4-Sheet Material	Osburn Associates, Logan, OH	\$55,049.00
5-Hardware	Trantex, Inc., Houston, TX	\$280,362.50
6-Marking Materials	Trantex, Inc., Houston, TX	\$16,570.50
7-Paint	Pathmark, Inc., San Marcos, TX	\$58,307.00
8-Traffic Control Equipment	Trantex, Inc., Houston, TX	\$30,545.00
9-Thermoplastic Materials	Flint Trading Co., Thomasville, NC	\$159,601.08
TOTAL		\$708,866.88

General Fund, Water Utilities Fund and Capital Program.

Approval of resolution.

Councilmember Getz moved to APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT THE BIDS SUBMITTED BY THE VENDORS FOR ANNUAL CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF TRAFFIC MARKING MATERIALS AND TRAFFIC CONTROL MATERIALS FOR THE ESTIMATED TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$708,866.88 BE ACCEPTED BY THE CITY OF BEAUMONT; AND THAT THE CITY MANAGER BE AND HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH EACH OF THE VENDORS LISTED FOR THE PURPOSES DESCRIBED HEREIN. Councilmember Wright seconded the motion.

AYES: MAYOR AMES, MAYOR PRO TEM GETZ, COUNCILMEMBERS WRIGHT, PATE AND MOUTON

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Resolution 15 – 220

9. Consider a resolution approving an annual contract to four vendors for mowing privately-owned and vacant property.

Privately owned properties are in violation of the City's weed ordinance when uncultivated growth exceeds twelve (12) inches. Property owners are notified of the violation and given a specific time frame to bring the property into compliance. If property owners fail to comply with the ordinance, the City's vendor mows the property and the property owner is fined.

Fourteen (14) vendors were provided bid notices and eight (8) responses were received. The bid specifications divide the City into four (4) sections and City staff determines what section will be awarded to a vendor. A map of the sections is provided.

Section one is to be awarded to Yardboy Lawncare Service of Beaumont, in the estimated amount of \$203,387.08. Section two is to be awarded to SMO Unlimited, of Port Arthur, in the estimated amount of \$88,835.91. Section three is to be awarded to Gulf Coast L&L of Beaumont, with an estimated annual expenditure of \$61,344.67. Section four is to be awarded to Bulldog Excavating, Inc. of Vidor in the estimated amount of \$105,208.48. The contracts are for one (1) year with an extension of two (2) additional one (1) year terms.

CIMA of Beaumont is one of the four lowest bidders. Staff recommends that CIMA not be awarded this contract due to lack of performance in the previous contract. On December 10, 2013, Council with Resolution 13-275 suspended the contract with CIMA for three (3) months due to a lapse of automobile insurance while continuing to provide mowing services. On October 28, 2014, with Resolution 14-234, Council terminated CIMA from the contract for this service due to not completing work as specified or in a timely manner. Bid specifications require all vendors must have commercial grade finish mowers as part of their equipment. CIMA does not have a commercial grade finish mower at this time but states that he can purchase one if he receives the contract.

General Fund – Planning and Community Development Department.

Approval of resolution.

Councilmember Pate moved to APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT THE BIDS SUBMITTED BY YARDBOY LAWNCARE SERVICE, OF BEAUMONT, TEXAS, FOR AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$203,387.08, SMO UNLIMITED OF PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS, FOR AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$88,835.90, GULF COAST L&L, OF BEAUMONT, TEXAS, FOR AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$61,344.67, AND BY BULLDOG EXCAVATING, INC., OF VIDOR, TEXAS, FOR AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$105,208.48 FOR AN ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR MOWING PRIVATELY-OWNED DEVELOPED AND VACANT PROPERTIES BE ACCEPTED BY THE CITY OF BEAUMONT; AND THAT THE CITY MANAGER BE AND HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH EACH OF THE VENDORS LISTED FOR THE PURPOSES DESCRIBED HEREIN.

MOTION FAILED DUE TO A LACK OF A SECOND.

Councilmember Getz moved to APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT THE BIDS SUBMITTED BY YARDBOY LAWCARE SERVICE, OF BEAUMONT, TEXAS, FOR AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$203,387.08, SMO UNLIMITED OF PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS, FOR AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$88,835.90, GULF COAST L&L, OF BEAUMONT, TEXAS, FOR AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$61,344.67, AND BY BULLDOG EXCAVATING, INC., OF VIDOR, TEXAS, FOR AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$105,208.48 FOR AN ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR MOWING PRIVATELY-OWNED DEVELOPED AND VACANT PROPERTIES BE ACCEPTED BY THE CITY OF BEAUMONT; AND THAT THE CITY MANAGER BE AND HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH EACH OF THE VENDORS LISTED FOR THE PURPOSES DESCRIBED HEREIN. Councilmember Pate seconded the motion.

AYES: MAYOR AMES, MAYOR PRO TEM GETZ, COUNCILMEMBERS WRIGHT AND PATE

NAYS: MOUTON

MOTION PASSED

Resolution 15 - 221

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

COUNCILMEMBER GUIDROZ -

ABSENT

MAYOR PRO TEM GETZ -

COMMENTED ON THE SOUTH PARK 100TH YEAR CELEBRATION OVER THE WEEKEND, ALSO COMMENTED ON HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW IRIS NATHAN WHO HAD AN INCIDENT WHILE SHE WAS HERE AT CITY HALL, WANTED TO THANK GLENDA McZEKE WHO RUSHED TO HER AIDE, STAYED WITH HER UNTIL THE EMS ARRIVED, WANTED TO THANK HER PUBLICALLY FOR ALL THAT SHE DID

COUNCILMEMBER WRIGHT -

ENJOYED HERSELF AT THE 5K COLOR RUSH WALK/RUN, STATED IT WAS A WONDERFUL EVENT AND VERY WELL ATTENDED

COUNCILMEMBER PATE -

COMMENTED ON THE 5K COLOR RUSH WALK/RUN, THE 100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF SOUTH PARK AND THE FIRE MUSEUM FESTIVAL THAT TOOK PLACE OVER THE WEEKEND, ANNOUNCED DOGTOBERFEST THIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015, AS WELL AS LAMAR UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL GAME AT 7:00 P.M.

COUNCILMEMBER SAMUEL -

ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER MOUTON -

MENTIONED ALL THE EVENTS THAT SHE ATTENDED ON SATURDAY, THE 5K COLOR RUSH WALK/RUN, 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOUTH PARK, FIRE MUSEUM FESTIVAL

he was told that the dog was already adopted, was wanting to know how the dog was adopted already

Renata Rawlins

4050 Maida Rd. #339

Beaumont TX

Had concerns in regards to Simons and Linton Streets that have large holes that are in need of repair, also inquired as to all of the things going on in the Water Department, how does one go about requesting that the City do an investigation

Richard Guinni

3300 Chimney Rock #104

Houston TX

Spoke in regards to the workshop that was mentioned earlier, he will co-facilitate with the Tri County Black Chamber for the event, his organization is a twenty one year old non-profit, lift fund, their main goal is to help small businesses gain access to capital when they are able to do so conventionally and the other side of that is education to help manage a business, encouraged Council to attend if they schedule permits

Beverly Wilson

2205 Washington Blvd.

Beaumont TX

Thanked Council for approving her children center that was on the agenda, gave Mayor and Council invitations to the grand opening on October 17, 2015

Jeanetta Price

4410 S. 5th St.

Beaumont TX

Informed Council that this month is Meet the Blind month, invited Council and citizens to come out on October 15, 2015, which will be National Awareness White Cane Safety Day, the white cane is symbolic for blindness and also independence, also added that on October 15, 2015, there will be an intersection crossing at the intersection of 11th St. and Calder from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., would love support from the leaders and citizens, signs will be held stating to respect the White Cane Law, also will have support of the Beaumont Police Department, there will be two officers in support and for safety purposes, also in conjunction with Lamar University on October 24, 2015, there will be an event called a Blind Date with the Community, invited everyone to join them for that event as well

Landry Rountree

1565 S. Major

Beaumont TX

Commented on an address that was made to the United Nations by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in New York, on September 30, 2015, stated that on last week he spoke against the 2.5% increase for the City Attorney, Council unanimously approved the increase, when bad behavior is rewarded it only gets worse, during his comments last week the City Attorney interrupted him, ask that Council look at the guidelines for speakers, again the City Attorney showed his incompetence and it yet remains in his office today

Galen Key

1307 Wall St.

Beaumont TX

Thanked the City Manager and staff for working them to get the five year labor agreement done, stated that it has been a long time since they all were able to work together to get an

agreement done, it has been a pleasure to work with the City Manager and staff and hopes they will continue in the future

Christopher Jones

1045 Doucette

Beaumont TX

Commented on his attending the 100th Anniversary of South Park, the 5K Color Rush Walk/Run, the homecoming of the Central Jaguars, stated that it was a great weekend, asked that the Council request an investigation on what's going on in the Water Department, because there is a wealth of skill and knowledge that has disappeared in that department and other departments as well, would like to know what is it that as a community to rectify an issue that seems to be plaguing the health, welfare and safety here in the city, there are several streets that are known for sure over the years have been rectified, there have been several pipes that have burst over the years due to the dry weather that we have been having, would like to know why it takes so long for work to be done after the repairs have been done, has noticed that in certain areas where there are barricades and rocks in holes, would like to know what can be done to get those repairs done in a timely fashion

Mike Brosnahan

8380 Shenandoah

Beaumont TX

Spoke regarding a vacant home that his father has in the North End and has been red tagged on 2490 Lynwood St., the home has been broken into and certain things stolen, they entered into a work program, the house was to be sold and it didn't go through, since that time they have sold the house again, the work program that they have entered is now coming to an end, he stated that they are being told that the new owner needs to get an injunction against the City because now the house will not come before Council and will be demolished and she is not going to have the house ready in the allotted time of the work program, would like to know if they can get an extension for her to make the necessary repairs to the home

Carol Riley

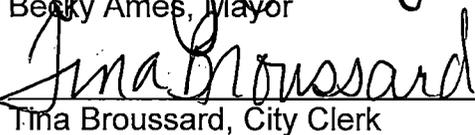
Announced that this weekend they will be having the Motor Cop Rodeo, this ceremony will take place at Parkdale Mall behind Macy's, there will be competition all day on Friday, October 9, 2015, the opening kickoff time will be Saturday morning, October 10, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.

With there being no Executive Session, Council adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Audio available upon request in the City Clerk's Office.



Becky Ames, Mayor



Tina Broussard, City Clerk

