

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
November 10, 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 **November 10, 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 – 1) Creative Development Services, LLP representing the Texas Turnpike Corporation related to the SH 105 Toll Project; 2) BUILD, Inc., Beaumont Main Street
- * Public Comment: Persons may speak on scheduled agenda items 1-8/Consent Agenda
- * Consent Agenda

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

Pastor Vernon P. Tubbs of First Full Gospel Baptist Church gave the invocation. Vietnam Veterans of America Southeast Chapter 292 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, Samuel and Mouton. Absent: Councilmember Guidroz. Also present were Kyle Hayes, City Manager; Tyrone Cooper, City Attorney; Tina Broussard, City Clerk.

Proclamations, Presentations, Recognitions

“Diabetes Awareness Week” - November 8-14, 2015 - Proclamation read by Councilmember Getz; accepted by Ronnie Johnson and others with the District 2-S1 Lions Club

“Alzheimer’s Awareness Day” – November, 2015 – Proclamation read by Councilmember Samuel; accepted by Judy Ware, Linda Domino, Ann Thompson, Judy Manuel, Megan Onviteres and Clarissa Urban with Alzheimer’s Association

“Veterans Day” – November 11, 2015 – Proclamation ready by Mayor Ames; accepted by Kerwin Stone, President of Vietnam Veterans of America Southeast Texas Chapter 292; President of Vietnam Veterans of America Texas State Council; and National Director for Vietnam Veterans of America Inc.

Recognitions - Recognized City Attorney Tyrone Cooper – The International Municipal Lawyers Association awarded the James H. Epps II Award for Longevity of Service to a Community to Beaumont City Attorney Tyrone Cooper on October 6, 2015 at the 80th Annual Conference in Las Vegas. Mr. Cooper has served the Beaumont Community for 35

years and has been an active member of the International Municipal Lawyers Association for the past 30 years. He presently serves on the IMLA Board of Directors. This award is a significant achievement that recognizes those local government lawyers who have political skills necessary to persevere changes in government to represent the same community over a period of at least 30 consecutive years.

Public Comment: Persons may speak on scheduled agenda items 1-8/Consent Agenda.

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- * Approval of minutes – **October 27, 2015**
- * Confirmation of committee appointments – **Resolution 15 – 239**

Bart Owens would be appointed to the Civil Service Commission. The term would commence November 10, 2015 and expire November 9, 2018. (Kyle Hayes, City Manager)

- A) Approve a contract with Apache Oil Company, Inc., of Houston for the purchase of various lubricants used in City vehicles and equipment – **Resolution 15 - 240**
- B) Approve a one year contract with BUILD, Inc., Beaumont Main Street for Fiscal Year 2016 – **Resolution 15 - 241**
- C) Authorize the acceptance of two (2) ten foot (10') wide Exclusive Water Line Easements located at 3775 Dowlen Road – **Resolution 15 - 242**
- D) Authorize the City Manager or his designee to reenter into a Cooperative Working Agreement with the Rape and Suicide Crisis Center of Southeast Texas, Inc. – **Resolution 15 - 243**
- E) Approve a payment of dues to the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC) for Fiscal Year 2016 – **Resolution 15 – 244**

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

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Consider an ordinance amending Article 2.02, (Boards, Commissions, and Committees) of the Code of Ordinances relating to City Council appointments to various boards, commissions, and committees.

On October 27, 2015 the City Council held a work-session to discuss appointments to various city boards, commissions, and committees. During that work-session, the City Council agreed to the following changes:

- All members of boards, commissions, and committees will serve without compensation.
- All members of boards, commissions, and committees shall be subject to removal at the will and pleasure of the Beaumont City Council.
- All members serving on boards created under Article 2.02 will be on two (2) year, non-overlapping terms, with all terms expiring on September 30 of odd numbered years.
- The Planning and Zoning Commission will be removed, in its entirety, from Article 2.02 and will exist solely under Article 28.02.006 of the Code of Ordinances.
- The Drug Free Beaumont Commission and the Keep Beaumont Beautiful Commission will be abolished and removed from the Code of Ordinances.
- The attendance requirement has been removed from the Police Department Community Advisory Committee.

Approval of the ordinance.

Councilmember Mouton moved to **ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2.02, SECTION 2.02.001, SUBSECTION 2.02.001(A); ADDING NEW SUBSECTIONS 2.02.001(D) AND 2.02.001(E); REPEALING SECTIONS 2.02.031, 2.02.032, AND 2.02.033; AMENDING SECTION 2.02.061; AMENDING SECTION 2.02.091; REPEALING SECTION 2.02.121; AMENDING SUBSECTION 2.02.151(A); AMENDING SECTION 2.02.181; REPEALING SECTIONS 2.02.211, 2.02.212, AND 2.02.213; AMENDING SUBSECTIONS 2.02.241(B) AND 2.02.271(A); AMENDING SECTIONS 2.02.291 AND 2.02.292 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF BEAUMONT, TEXAS TO MAKE CHANGES AND ADDITIONS RELATING TO THE CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY.** Councilmember Pate seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Ordinance 15 - 049

2. Consider an ordinance amending Chapter 28 of the Zoning Ordinances, specifically, section 28.02.006 – Planning Commission and section 28.02-007 – Historic landmark Commission.

On October 27, 2015 the City Council held a work-session to discuss appointments to various city boards, commissions, and committees. During that work-session, the City Council agreed to the following changes to the Planning commission and Historic landmark commission:

- Members of both the Planning commission and the Historic landmark commission will serve without compensation.
- Members of both the Planning commission and the Historic landmark commission shall be subject to removal at the will and pleasure of the Beaumont City Council.
- Members of both the Planning commission and the Historic landmark commission will serve two (2) year, non-overlapping terms, with all terms expiring on September 30 of odd numbered years.
- The size of the Historic landmark commission will be reduced from twelve (12) to nine (9) members.
- The number of community at large appointments on the Historic landmark commission will be reduced from six (6) to three (3) members.
- The number of members necessary to constitute a quorum on the Historic landmark commission will be reduced from seven (7) to five (5) members.
- The attendance requirement has been removed from the Historic landmark commission and from the Planning commission.

Approval of the ordinance.

Councilmember Mouton moved to ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 28, ARTICLE 28.02, SECTION 28.02.006, SUBSECTIONS 28.02.006(A) AND 28.02.007(A) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF BEAUMONT, TEXAS TO MAKE CHANGES AND ADDITIONS RELATING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY. Councilmember Pate seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Ordinance 15 - 050

3. Consider an ordinance amending Title 1 Chapter 20 Section 20.03.003 of the Code of Ordinances that will establish the speed limit on one (1) section of IH-10.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) performed a traffic survey of IH-10 from South US-69 to the western city limits of Beaumont on September 1, 2015. On September 23, 2015 TxDOT provided the City with their findings and a Speed Zone Strip Map detailing their recommendation to reduce the speed limit on the east bound and west bound main lanes of this section of IH-10 from 75mph to 65mph.

Administration and TxDOT propose the speed limit and speed zone boundary for this section of IH-10 be amended under the schedule of Chapter 20 Section 20.03.003 of the Code of Ordinances to read as follows:

<u>Street</u>	<u>Limits of Zone</u>	<u>Dir. of Travel</u>	<u>Speed</u>
Interstate 10 (East Bound Main Lane)	(a) From the MP 14.370 to the MP 17.845	East and West	65

<u>Street</u>	<u>Limits of Zone</u>	<u>Dir. of Travel</u>	<u>Speed</u>
Interstate 10 (West Bound Main Lane)	(a) From the MP 14.370 to the MP 18.647	East and West	65

Approval of ordinance.

Councilmember moved to DENY AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 20, SECTION 20.03.003 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF BEAUMONT, TEXAS BY CHANGING AND ADDING SPEED LIMITS AND SPEED ZONE BOUNDARIES TO THE SCHEDULE FOR ONE (1) SECTION OF IH-10; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY. Councilmember Mouton seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

4. Consider authorizing the City Manager to execute an Industrial District Agreement with Martin Operating Partnership, LP.

Industrial District Contracts enable the City to collect payments in lieu of taxes from industries located outside the city limits but within the extra territorial jurisdiction of the city.

The City currently has an agreement with Martin Operating Partnership, LP that will expire December 31, 2015. The new contract will be effective January 1, 2016. The in-lieu of tax payment will be based on a ratio of 80% of property taxes due to the City as if the industry were located within the city limits in 2016 through 2018 and 75% of property taxes due to the City in 2019 through 2022. The 2016 payment will be calculated based on 80% of the

assessed value multiplied by the tax rate effective on October 1, 2015 or \$0.69 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Payments will be due to the City by February 1st of each year.

The estimated FY 2016 payment for Martin Operating Partnership, LP is \$385,000.

Approval of the resolution.

Councilmember Pate moved to **APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT THE CITY MANAGER BE AND HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT AGREEMENT WITH MARTIN OPERATING PARTNERSHIP, LP, OF KILGORE, TEXAS.** Councilmember Getz seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Resolution 15 – 245

5. Consider authorizing the City Manager to execute an Industrial District Contract with Lucite International, Inc.

Industrial District Contracts enable the City to collect payments in lieu of taxes from industries located outside the city limits but within the extra territorial jurisdiction of the city.

The City currently has a contract with Lucite International, Inc., that will expire December 31, 2015. The new contract will be effective January 1, 2016. The in-lieu of tax payment will be based on a ratio of 80% of property taxes due to the City as if the industry were located within the city limits in 2016 through 2018 and 75% of property taxes due to the City in 2019 through 2022. The 2016 payment will be calculated based on 80% of the assessed value multiplied by the tax rate effective on October 1, 2015 or \$0.69 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The payments for 2017 and 2018 are subject to a floor and ceiling of 10% of the prior year payment and 2019 through 2022 are subject a floor and ceiling of 7%. Payments will be due to the City by February 1st of each year.

The estimated FY 2016 payment for Lucite International is \$349,300.

Approval of the resolution.

Councilmember Mouton moved to **APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT THE CITY MANAGER BE AND HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT CONTRACT WITH LUCITE INTERNATIONAL, INC., OF NEDERLAND, TEXAS.** Councilmember Getz seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Resolution 15 – 246

- 6. Consider a resolution approving the award of an annual contract to Servicewear Apparel, Inc., of Nashville, TN for City work uniforms, for use by all City departments other than Police, Fire and EMS.

City employee work uniforms include men’s and women’s pants and shirts, as well as other items such as jackets, coveralls, and caps when appropriate. Currently, approximately 500-600 civilian employees are issued three (3) to five (5) sets of uniforms each year. Individual City departments determine the number of uniforms issued to each employee.

Servicewear Apparel, Inc., is a member of the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, (U.S. Communities), a national cooperative purchasing association. U.S. Communities provides cities and political subdivisions with the means to purchase materials and equipment at volume pricing. U.S. Communities complies with State of Texas procurement statutes.

User departments’ operating budgets.

Approval of resolution.

Councilmember Pate moved to **APPROVE A RESOLUTION THE CITY COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR CITY WORK UNIFORMS FOR USE BY ALL CITY DEPARTMENTS OTHER THAN POLICE, FIRE AND EMS TO SERVICWEAR APPAREL, INC, OF NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$135,000 THROUGH THE U.S. COMMUNITIES GOVERNMENT PURCHASING ALLIANCE (U.S. COMMUNITIES), A NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ASSOCIATION.** Councilmember Getz seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Resolution 15 – 247

- 7. Consider a resolution approving an agreement with Government Payment Services, Inc. (GPS) for processing payments for cash bail and fines after arrest.

In a work session held on September 29, 2015, Staff discussed the change that the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office had made whereby the jail would no longer accept payments on behalf of the City for a defendant to be released. Effective October 1, 2015, Municipal Court began accepting payments and issuing releases seven days per week. This has been an interim measure until another solution could be identified that would be more convenient and efficient for all parties involved.

GovPayNet by Government Payments Services, Inc. (GPS) specializes in processing credit, debit, and prepaid debit card payments for cash bail and fines to government agencies, on behalf of defendants. The company was founded by a former Sherriff in 1997. GovPayNet is provided at no cost to the City; instead, a service fee is assessed to the defendant on each cash bail and fine paid. All major credit cards are accepted and payments can be made online or by phone 277/7/365. Telephone payments are taken by live agents and bilingual agents are also available. GovPayNet takes direct responsibility for any and all chargebacks, Payment Card Industry (PCI) Security compliance, and compliance with card rules. When a payment is made, a transaction payment confirmation is sent to the jail and serves as the release for the defendant. 911 Dispatch staff will temporarily put a hold on the warrant until the next business day upon receiving the dame confirmation of payment from GovPayNet. The service fee paid by defendant for a cash bail payment is 7% while the service fee for fines and fees is 3.5% via the internet or 5% via telephone implemented in 20 to 30 days.

Jefferson County has agreed to allow bondsman to post surety bonds on behalf of the defendants because it does not require monies to be exchanged. The transaction is between the defendant and the bondsman and the defendant is released based on the bond document.

In conclusion, a defendant will be able to be released from jail by posting a cash bond or by paying the fine in full using GovPayNet or through a surety bond posted by a bondsman. There will no longer be a need for Municipal Court to be staffed seven days per week. No cost to the city.

Approval of the resolution.

Councilmember Getz moved to **APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT THE CITY MANAGER BE AND HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT, BETWEEN GOVERNMENT PAYMENT SERVICES, INC. (GPS), OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, AND THE CITY OF BEAUMONT FOR PROCESSING PAYMENTS FOR CASH BAIL AND FINES AFTER ARREST.** Councilmember Pate seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Resolution 15 – 248

8. Consider granting a new solid waste transportation service agreement to Industrial Transportation Waste LLC. - **Tabled**

On November 2, 2015, Industrial Transportation Waste LLC (ITW) sent a letter to the City indicating that ITW bought out Enviro Waste Solutions (EWS). EWS has a solid waste franchise agreement with the City of Beaumont but due to the merger in corporate structure ITW is required to obtain a franchise agreement with the City in the name of ITW.

According to City Ordinance 22.05.101, no person shall engage in the business of collecting, hauling or transporting, in the city, any garbage, waste or refuse, without first having obtained a franchise from the City. Seven (7) entities currently have nonexclusive franchise agreements with the City and are doing business in this area. ITW has requested that the City Council grant the company such franchise agreement. ITW serves southeast Texas with its corporate office located at 2300 Hwy 365, Suite 400, Nederland, Texas.

The requested franchise is generally the same as those previously approved by City Council. It provides for a term of one year from its effective date and a franchise fee of seven percent (7%) of gross revenues received for service. It also requires the entity to indemnify the City of Beaumont and provide insurance which names the City of Beaumont as a named insured.

According to City Charter, franchise ordinances require readings at three (3) separate Council meetings, with the third not less than thirty (30) days from the first reading. The ordinance does not take effect until sixty (60) days after its adoption on the third and final reading. After passage, the ordinance must be published for four (4) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the city. All publication costs are paid by the franchisee.

PUBLIC HEARING

- * Receive comments related to the proposed FY 2015 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant application

Open: 3:48 p.m.

None

Close: 3:48 p.m.

9. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application and execute a contract with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to receive Operating Assistance funds for the Beaumont Municipal Transit System

Beaumont Municipal Transit has prepared a grant application for FY 2015 FTA funds. The grant will help fund the labor, fringe benefits, parts and supplies, purchased services, utilities, insurance, licenses, and all other miscellaneous expenses needed for the operation and maintenance of the Beaumont Municipal Transit (BMT) System in FY 2015, the period from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

The grant will pay up to 50% of the net operating deficit.

Source	Amount
FTA Grant	\$2,021,901
City Share	\$2,268,092
State	\$367,187
Fare Box	\$540,000
Total:	\$5,197,180

Approval of the resolution.

Councilmember Pate moved to APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT THE CITY MANAGER BE AND HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) TO RECEIVE AN OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,021,901 FOR THE BEAUMONT MUNICIPAL TRANSIT SYSTEM. Councilmember Samuel seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Resolution 15 - 249

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

COUNCILMEMBER GUIDROZ -

ABSENT

MAYOR PRO TEM GETZ -

ANNOUNCED THAT THE DOWLEN/WEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION WILL BE MEETING ON NEXT TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2015, THE SPECIAL GUEST WILL BE BIRD SUPERINTENDENT DR. JOHN FRASSARD, THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT MILLER LIBRARY

COUNCILMEMBER WRIGHT -

COMMENTED ON THE NLC CONFERENCE THAT SHE ATTENDED IN NASHVILLE, STATED THAT SHE HAS A LOT OT REPORT BACK TO THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY ATTORNEY, THANKED ALL OF THE COUNCILMEMBERS FOR THE SPECIAL TREATMENT AT THE CONFERENCE

COUNCILMEMBER PATE -

COMMENTED ON THE NLC CONFERENCE THAT HE ATTENDED, WISHED THE MARINES A HAPPY 240TH BIRTHDAY, COMMENTED LAMAR UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL AS WELL AS THE TRACK TEAM WHO WAS #1 IN THE CONFERENCE,

COUNCILMEMBER SAMUEL -

THANKED ALL VETERANS FOR MAKING THIS COUNTRY WHAT IT IS

COUNCILMEMBER MOUTON -

THANKED ALL VETERANS, IF YOU KNOW A VETERAN THANK THEM, ALSO COMMENTED ON THE NLC CONFERENCE IN NASHVILLE, GAVE A SPECIAL THANKS TO COUNCILMEMBER SAMUEL FOR HELPING HER AND COUNCILMEMBER WRIGHT AT THE CONFERENCE TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE WHERE THEY NEED TO BE, HELPING WITH THEIR LUGGAGE ETC., WISHED HER MOTHER-IN-LAW A HAPPY BIRTHDAY

CITY ATTORNEY COOPER -

THANKED MAYOR AMES FOR THE RECOGNITION, STATED IT'S ALWAYS NICE TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR DOING SOMETHING YOU ENJOY

CITY MANAGER HAYES -

NONE

MAYOR AMES -

NONE

Public Comments (Persons are limited to three minutes)

Jan Ruppel

855 Belvedere Dr.

Beaumont TX

Spoke in regards to the 105 Turnpike Toll Road Resolution, pleased with Council's questions and concerns about this project, asked if Council is questioning the amount of revenues claimed for this project and is it realistic, also asked about the value of the project in relationship and benefit by the community, asked that Council make this project personal and is this a toll road that each of them would travel, and is this project worth 10 to 20 minutes of everyone's time, made other comments about concerns she has in regards to the wet lands and other areas that would be around this toll road

Michael Hoke

2169 Treemont Lane

Orange TX

Commented on the 105 Turnpike Toll Road Resolution, asked that Council think strong and hard about passing the resolution that the company is requesting that Council pass, please read the resolution carefully, stated that the toll bridge will serve as an evacuation route, the evacuation needs to go North and this bridge will not serve as a good evacuation route, stated that if Council passes this proposal without getting it in writing it won't mean very much, stated that this project is very important to them that work with the kids along the Neches for the tours that they do

Bruce Drury

3555 Long

Beaumont TX

Spoke concerning the toll road, stated that he could see some advantages of the toll road, got the impression that the guy that gave the presentation for the Toll Road Association didn't really know what he was talking about, stated that he request be that Council delay any action for a two or three months until the Toll Association can come back after getting more details on the proposal

Ellen Buchanan

P.O. Box 1489

Kountze TX

Stated that she is the President of the Big Thicket Natural Heritage Trust, stated that the Toll Association didn't give very many answers on today, stated that the bridge is a 10 mile road, 1.8 miles of the road will the Big Thicket Preserve, stated that this bridge will destroy the wetlands and they haven't looked at the land that they are going to cross, opposes this project

Elizabeth Waddill

690 21st St

Beaumont TX

Stated that she is a board member of the National Park Conservation Association, spoke in regards to the 105 Turnpike Toll Road, opposes this toll road that will run through the Big Thicket National Preserve as well as hundreds of acres of the wetlands

Vernon Durden

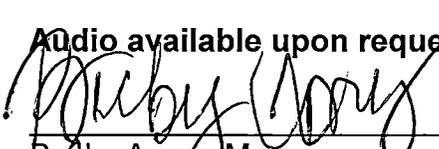
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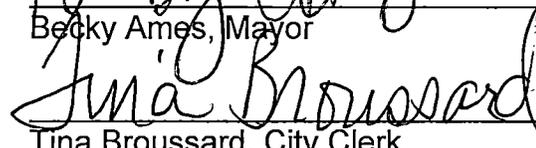
Beaumont TX

Commented on the 105 Turnpike Toll Road, also spoke in regards to a considering a Junior Council, stated that there are no juniors and the City is about building leaders, stated that council will not be around forever, asked that they take this into consideration

With there being no Executive Session, Council adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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


Becky Ames, Mayor


Tina Broussard, City Clerk

