MINUTES - CITY OF BEAUMONT

W.L. Pate, Jr., At-Large	**BECKY AMES, MAYOR**	**Gethrel Wright, At-Large**
Claude F. Guidroz, Ward I	**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**	**Michael D. Getz, Mayor Pro Tem**
Audwin Samuel, Ward III	**May 3, 2016**	**Robin Mouton, Ward IV**
Tyrone E. Cooper, City Attorney	**Kyle Hayes, City Manager**	**Tina Broussard, City Clerk**

The City Council of the City of Beaumont, Texas, met in a regular session on **May 3, 2016**, 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 No. 1/Consent Agenda
* Consent Agenda

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

The Very Reverend Michael Pavez, with St. Michael Orthodox Christian Church gave the invocation; Rebecca Woodard with the Convention and Visitors Bureau 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 Guidroz, Wright, Pate, Samuel and Mouton. Also present were Kyle Hayes, City Manager; Tyrone Cooper, City Attorney; Tina Broussard, City Clerk.

Proclamations, Presentations, Recognitions

"Older Americans Month" - May, 2016 - Proclamation read by Mayor Ames; accepted by Elaine Shellenberger with Nutrition and Services for Senior's

"65th Annual National Day of Prayer" - May 5, 2016 - Proclamation read by Councilmember Samuel; accepted by Pastor Howard Cameron, Beaumont Area Pastor Council

"100 Club of Southeast Texas Awareness Month" - May, 2016 - Proclamation read by Councilmember Pate; accepted by Warren Claybar, President of 100 Club of Southeast Texas

"8th Annual St. Michael Mediterranean Festival Day" - May 7, 2016 - Proclamation read by Mayor Ames; accepted by Georgia Vasilakis, Festival Chairman, along with chefs of the Festival

"National Tourism Week" - May 1-7, 2016 - Proclamation read by Mayor Pro Tem Getz; accepted by Dean Conwell, Director of Beaumont Convention and Visitors Bureau, along with staff

Public Comment: Persons may speak on scheduled agenda item No. 1/Consent Agenda.

None

CONSENT AGENDA

* Approval of minutes – April 26, 2016

* Confirmation of committee appointments - **None**

A) Authorize the City's attorneys and the City Manager to execute a Consent Decree with the United States Justice Department relating to the settlement of the suit styled United States of America vs. City of Beaumont, Texas; Civil Action No. 1:15CV201 - **Resolution 16 – 076**

B) Approve a resolution adopting the Reinvestment Zone Tax Abatement Policy for the City of Beaumont - **Resolution 16 – 077**

C) Authorize the City Manager to execute Change Order No. 1, accept maintenance, and authorize final payment to A-1 Construction Services for the Edson Drive Rehabilitation Project - **Resolution 16 – 078**

D) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Legacy Community Development Corporation for HOME Investment Partnerships funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development - **Resolution 16 – 079**

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

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

NAYS: **NONE**

MOTION PASSED

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to apply for and accept new grant funding for the Southeast Texas Auto Theft Task Force.

The Southeast Texas Auto Theft Task Force is a multi-jurisdiction agency comprised of six personnel from the Beaumont Police Department, and one each from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Pt. Arthur Police Department and Hardin County Sheriff's Office. Since the inception of the Task Force, motor vehicle thefts have decreased in Beaumont by more than 80%. The Task Force currently covers Jefferson, Orange, Hardin, and Jasper Counties. The Task Force focuses efforts in two areas: investigations, which target vehicle burglaries and vehicle thefts, and public awareness, which uses media campaigns, training and public presentations to promote prevention techniques and awareness.

Title 43, Part III, Chapter 57 of the Texas Administrative Code, allows local government agencies to apply for funding through a grant or an extension of a grant from the Texas Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority. The City of Beaumont has been the grantee for the Southeast Texas Auto Theft Task Force since 1993. The total budget being requested is $1,125,889 with state funds in the amount of $528,714. The Beaumont Police Department will provide $146,267 as a cash match in the form of personnel benefits, fuel, and maintenance for vehicles, while other agencies will provide an additional $107,761 in cash match. An "in-kind" match of $343,147 will also be provided in the form of salaries for personnel. The upcoming grant cycle will begin on September 1, 2016 and will end on August 31, 2017.

Approval of Resolution.

Councilmember Pate moved to **APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT THE CITY MANAGER BE AND HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF $528,714 THROUGH THE TEXAS AUTOMOBILE BURGLARY AND THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY FUND FOR THE SOUTH EAST TEXAS AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE TO PROVIDE VEHICLE BURGLARY AND THEFT INVESTIGATIONS AND CRIME PREVENTION EDUCATION.** Councilmember Wright seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: **NONE**

MOTION PASSED

Resolution 16 - 080

PUBLIC HEARING

* Receive comments on Consolidated Grant Program's 2016 Annual Action Plan

Open at 2:22 p.m.

None

Closed at 2:22 p.m.

2. Consider approving a resolution adopting the 2016 Annual Action Plan.

As mandated by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), City Council has conducted public hearings and work sessions in previous years prior to adopting the City's Annual Action Plan. Community Development Staff, along with the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC), hosted Public Hearings in order to receive public comments on the process and activities related to the 2016 Annual Action Plan.

The proposed Preliminary Budget reflects allocations of $1,266,349 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, an estimated $100,000 in Program Income and

$369,414 in HOME funding. It should be noted that HUD informed the city on April 22, 2016 that the amount of HOME funding increased from the original amount of $367,763.

At a Work Session held on April 19, 2016, a request was made to amend the Preliminary Budget by allotting $20,000 in additional funds to the Public Services/Public Facilities line item. Given the need for a thirty day comment period for such a budget amendment, HUD has requested that the original budget be submitted and that after the grant award is made, the budget can be amended administratively to reflect the $20,000 change. The individual Public Services/Public Facilities allocations are not submitted as part of the overall budget but are needed to give staff direction on how to allocate the funds. The CDAC met and amended their recommendations to reflect the distribution of the additional funds.

Council will conduct a Public Hearing to approve the resolution.

Councilmember Samuel moved to **APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT THE CITY COUNCIL HEREBY ADOPTS THE HUD CONSOLIDATED GRANT PROGRAM'S 2016 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,735,763.** Councilmember Pate seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: **NONE**

MOTION PASSED

Resolution 16 - 081

COMMENTS

* Councilmembers/City Manager/City Attorney comments on various matters

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

COUNCILMEMBER GUIDROZ - **ANNOUNCED SEVERAL EVENTS THAT OCCURRED OVER THE WEEKEND, COMMENTED ON HIS ATTENDANCE FOR AURORA WILLIAMS' 1ST COMMUNION AT OUR MOTHER OF MERCY CHURCH, ANNOUNCED EVENTS THAT WILL TAKE PLACE ON THIS WEEK MARCH OF DIMES, NATIONAL PRAYER WEEK, BUTLERS PRAYERS WALK, MEDITERRANEAN FESTIVAL, MEALS ON WHEELS, AND PREPARING FOR THE HISPANIC FESTIVAL THAT IS GOING TO BE COMING SOON, BOYS HAVEN FESTIVAL, ALSO COMMENTED ON LAMAR UNIVERSITY BASEBALL TEAM, AS WELL AS MOONLIGHT MADNESS THAT IS COMING UP**

MAYOR PRO TEM GETZ - **COMMENTED ON THE MOONLIGHT MADNESS THAT'S COMING UP WHICH IS A FUN EVENT FOR THE FAMILY, AS WELL AS THE**

	MEDITERRANEAN FESTIVAL, ENCOURAGED EVERYONE TO GET OUT AND TAKE PART IN SOME OF THE FESTIVITIES
COUNCILMEMBER WRIGHT -	COMMENTED ON THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S RELAY FOR LIFE AT THE BEAUMONT CIVIC CENTER, SHOWED HER ARTWORK THAT SHE MADE AT THE EVENT, CONGRATULATED HER GRANDDAUGHTER AURORA ON MAKING HER 1ST COMMUNION ON SUNDAY, THANKED COUNCILMEMBERS GUIDROZ AND MOUTON FOR ATTENDING
COUNCILMEMBER PATE -	COMMENTED ON THE FRENCH HIGH SCHOOL 50TH CLASS REUNION OVER THE WEEKEND, ALSO COMMENTED ON LAMAR UNIVERSITY TRACK AND BASEBALL
COUNCILMEMBER SAMUEL -	NONE
COUNCILMEMBER MOUTON -	WISHED ALL OF THE MOTHERS A HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY, ENCOURAGED EVERYONE TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, ANNOUNCED THE MAYPOLE FESTIVAL AT THE BOTANICAL GARDENS
CITY ATTORNEY COOPER -	NONE
CITY MANAGER HAYES -	NONE
MAYOR AMES -	COMMENTED ON ALL OF THE FUNCTIONS THAT ARE GOING ON IN THE CITY, THANKED EVERYONE WHO FILLED IN FOR HER, WISHED ALL OF THE MOTHERS A HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Public Comments (Persons are limited to three minutes)

Lawrence Joseph **4420 General Dr.** **Beaumont TX**

Made a request to Council in regards to the city streets in Beaumont, specifically Trinidad from Magnolia to Coleman, these streets need to be resurfaced, stated that he would like to see concrete and gutters on his side of town, if the City is going to come out to patch the streets asked that they not waste their time, if the residents can't get concrete streets they would rather see the streets further deteriorate

Alto Watson **4495 Thomas Glen** **Beaumont TX**

Commented on the lawsuit regarding the lawsuit United States vs. the City of Beaumont and the fact that the City spent $375,000.00 for attorneys in San Antonio rather than use local attorneys here in the City of Beaumont

Jennifer Atkins **1925 Tulane** **Beaumont TX**

Commented on the streets in her neighborhood, stated the streets have been patched up so long they have been that way since she was in school, asked that Council get from behind their desk and come out and visit their neighborhood to see the deplorable streets in their area, commented on the Zumba classes at the Sterling Pruitt Center, they were at one time having the classes free now they are wanting to charge them and she doesn't think it's fair to charge seniors

Landry Rountree **1565 S. Major Dr.** **Beaumont TX**

Spoke to Council in regards to the lawsuit involving the United States vs. the City of Beaumont and how much money was spent

Dora Nisby **4520 Corley** **Beaumont TX**

Spoke to Council on behalf of the Community Development Advisory Board, thanked them for the appointments to this board and the fact that they have always backed them with the hard work that they put into the decisions that are made and how hard this board works

Open session of meeting recessed at 2:49 p.m.

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

Becky Ames, Mayor

Tina Broussard, City Clerk