

**THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR
THE CITY OF SOUTHSIDE PLACE**

A regular meeting for the City of Southside Place was held on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 7:10 P.M.

Those present were:

Mayor Richard Rothfelder
Mayor Pro Tem Renato Pereira was absent
Councilman Randy Sim
Councilman Scot Luther was absent
Councilman Charles David Thompson
Councilwoman Ashley Scott Bryan

City Manager David Moss
City Secretary Olga Garza
Police Chief Lonnie Bernhardt
Fire Chief Michael Pack

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor Richard Rothfelder. Roll Call indicated a quorum.

City Secretary Olga Garza provided the oath of office to newly elected Mayor Glenn “Pat” Patterson. Mayor Patterson provided the oath of office to newly elected council members Raja M Mawad and Alan Hassenflu.

Mayor Patterson presented a grandfather clock to outgoing Mayor Richard Rothfelder. The new clock will remain in the city council room in honor of Mr. Rothfelder’s eighteen years of dedicated public service. Mayor Patterson also presented Mr. Rothfelder with a legislative resolution and Texas flag. State Senator Joan Huffman provided arrangements for this honor.

The minutes of the May 10 and May 23 council meeting were approved. Council Member Sim made a motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Mayor Patterson recognized citizens and guests. There were no comments made.

Police Chief Bernhardt presented the police department report. There were 153 calls for service and seven (7) offense reports generated for the month of May. The department served 102 warrants during the month of May. There were twenty (20) Class C arrests made for the month of May.

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Fire Chief Mike Pack presented the Fire Department report. There were ten (10) calls for service during the month of May. There was one (1) call to the City of Bellaire for a serious fire on Sunday, May 29. Fire Chief Pack announced that Southside Place fire fighters and six (6) Shell employees collected \$1,973.00 for MDA. Chief Pack announced that Shell Technology Center will match the collection.

City Manager David Moss presented the financial report for May. The General Fund balance was \$10,986.33. Receipts for May totaled \$250,000.00. Disbursements for May totaled \$253,596.69. Large expenditure items in May included:

\$ 61,414.76	Comptroller of Public Accounts (Quarterly State Court Fees)
\$ 31,000.00	Southside Place Park Association (Green Space Park Lease Payment)
\$ 16,438.88	TMRS (April, 2011)
\$ 15,358.50	T.M.L. Risk Pool (Insurance)

The Money Market account statement ending balance for May was \$836,730.38. Receipts for May were \$112,220.64. Disbursements for May totaled \$250,000.00.

The Water and Sewer Department balance was \$228,119.13. Receipts for May were \$119,022.82. Disbursements for May totaled \$111,901.67. Large expenditure items in May included:

\$ 15,295.40	City of Houston (April Surface Water)
\$ 9,800.00	Professional Resources Group (Impact Fee Ordinance)
\$ 6,979.41	Reliant Energy (Electricity)

The Special Construction Account ending balance was \$ 422,109.01. Receipts for May totaled \$ 179.25. Disbursements for May totaled \$ 0. Special Construction Account total for May was \$ 422,288.26.

The Bridge Construction Account balance was \$ 82,042.30. Receipts for May totaled \$18.88. Disbursements for May totaled \$ 0. Bridge Construction Account total for May was \$ 82,061.18.

The Interest and Sinking Fund Account balance was \$ 15,068.94. Receipts for May totaled \$ 2.91. Disbursements for May totaled \$ 0. The I/S Fund Account total for May was \$ 15,071.85.

The TEXPOOL General Fund monies totaled \$131,389.99. The TEXPOOL Water/Sewer monies totaled \$65,786.97. The TEXPOOL Certificates of Obligation Series 2007 monies totaled \$270,494.81. The TEXPOOL Certificates of Obligation Series 2008 monies totaled \$708.70. The TEXPOOL Bellaire Boulevard totaled \$450.03.

(NOTE) \$ 1,000,000 International Bank of Commerce - Certificate of Deposit 1.75%

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City Manager Moss announced that the Harris County Mayors' and Councils' Association meeting will be at the Port of Houston on Saturday, June 25, 2011.

City Manager David Moss stated that the city recently resubmitted a revised Harper Street drainage grant to FEMA in the amount of \$535,000 for storm line drainage replacement in the residential district.

Andy Chan and Judy Stanley provided the Southside Place Park Association report. Judy Stanley presented a fundraising flyer that would be distributed to all the residential homes in the city. Mr. Andy Chan stated that summer camp is going well.

Mr. Richard Rothfelder discussed Poor Farm Ditch proposed reconstruction methods and estimated construction costs. He stated that the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) is reviewing in greater detail cost estimates for the preferred option along with a draft of an interlocal agreement. As of May, the county is willing to provide at least \$5.7 Million to the project.

Eva Fromm O'Brien, an attorney with Fulbright & Jaworski, discussed in detail the closure of a groundwater contamination site associated with D/J Venture Property. She added that the City of Bellaire and the City of West University Place have already approved a resolution along with an indemnity agreement. After discussion, Councilman Hassenflu made a motion to approve the resolution and indemnity agreement. Councilwoman Bryan seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-1 with Councilman Sim voting against it.

Mayor Patterson requested nominations for the selection of Mayor Pro Tem. The Mayor Pro Tem position acts on behalf of the mayor in his/her absence. Councilman Mawad made a motion to nominate Councilman Randy Sim. Councilman Hassenflu seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0.

Mr. Ricardo Molina, owner of Molina's Restaurant, spoke in regards to Ordinance 195 concerning the issuance of an amendment for the use of public right-of-way along Braes. Molina's Restaurant signed a lease agreement with Centro Pro Properties last month to occupy the former Terlingua space at the corner of Braes and Bellaire Boulevard. Mr. Molina requested an additional hour of patio usage, a television, and speakers for background music. After discussion, Mayor Patterson suggested the item be tabled. The agenda item was tabled until July 12, 2011.

Mayor Patterson discussed the hiring of a contract city attorney for legal services. David Allums, city attorney since 1986, submitted his resignation letter effective June 14, 2011. Request for qualifications were published in the Village News in May. Rothfelder & Falick and The Randle Law Firm were the two response packets returned by the June 3 deadline.

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City Manager Moss introduced the agenda item concerning sanitation collection and placement times at residential curbs. He stated that every two years the city provides trash bags to residents and includes a \$ 60 charge to residential water bills. On occasion, residents complain about trash and leaf bags left out for several days prior to holidays. Jennifer Anderson, a resident at 3759 Elmora, and Garland Pohl, a resident at 3731 Carlon, expressed concerns regarding excessive trash out at the curb on non collection pick up days. Ms. Pohl stated that other cities penalize residents for placing the trash bags out too early. Mayor Patterson recommended tabling this item and suggested city staff research this issue for next month's meeting.

Council entered into executive session.

Council entered into open session.

Councilman Sim made a motion to hire Rothfelder & Falick as the contract city attorney. Councilwoman Bryan seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned.