

**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, May 10, 2011 at 7:10 P.M.

Those present were:

Mayor Richard Rothfelder
Mayor Pro-Tem Renato Pereira
Councilman Randy Sim
Councilman Scot Luther
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 Mayor Richard Rothfelder. Roll Call indicated a quorum.

The minutes of the April 12, 2011 regular city council meeting were approved. Council Member Luther made a motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Bryan seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0. The minutes for April 20, 2011 council meeting was approved. Council Member Luther made a motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Bryan seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0.

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

Police Chief Bernhardt presented the police department report. There were 141 calls for service and eleven (11) offense reports generated for the month of April. The department served 104 warrants during the month of April. There were thirty (30) Class C arrests made for the month of April.

Fire Chief Mike Pack presented the Fire Department report. There were five (5) calls for service during the month of April. One (1) call was to the City of Bellaire for a serious kitchen fire at midnight on April 23. Chief Pack announced that they have purchased a new gas detector for the fire department. He also announced that on Saturday, June 4th the department would be accepting donations for MDA at the corner of Stella Link and Bellaire Boulevard from 8:00 A.M. to Noon.

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City Manager David Moss presented the financial report for April. The General Fund balance was \$83,296.20. Receipts for April totaled \$200,000.00. Disbursements for April totaled \$272,309.87. Large expenditure items in April included:

\$ 42,916.72 City of West University Place (EMS/Building Regulations)
\$ 20,855.00 Re-Pipe Construction, LLC (Storm Sewer Repair on Edloe)
\$ 16,686.55 TMRS (March, 2011)
\$ 14,071.82 Dowley Security Systems (Park Clubhouse Cameras)

The Money Market account statement ending balance for April was \$857,666.71. Receipts for April were \$179,479.71. Disbursements for April totaled \$200,416.04.

The Water and Sewer Department balance was \$246,162.37. Receipts for April were \$25,712.48. Disbursements for April totaled \$43,755.72. Large expenditure items in April included:

\$ 14,467.95 City of Houston (March Surface Water)
\$ 7,042.96 TML-IEBP (Health Insurance)
\$ 6,401.13 Reliant Energy (Electricity)

The Special Construction Account ending balance was \$421,903.26. Receipts for April totaled \$205.75. Disbursements for April totaled \$ 0. Special Construction Account total for April was \$422,109.01.

The Bridge Construction Account balance was \$82,018.71. Receipts for April totaled \$23.59. Disbursements for April totaled \$ 0. Bridge Construction Account total for April was \$82,042.30.

The Interest and Sinking Fund Account balance was \$15,066.13. Receipts for April totaled \$2.81. Disbursements for March totaled \$ 0. The I/S Fund Account total for April was \$ 15,068.94.

The TEXPOOL General Fund monies totaled \$131,380.63. The TEXPOOL Water/Sewer monies totaled \$65,782.25. The TEXPOOL Certificates of Obligation Series 2007 monies totaled \$270,475.57. The TEXPOOL Certificates of Obligation Series 2008 monies totaled \$708.70. The TEXPOOL Bellaire Boulevard monies totaled \$450.03.

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

City Manager Moss announced that the Harris County Mayors' and Councils' Association meeting would be on Thursday, May 19, 2011 at Monument Inn in La Porte with Harris County Judge Ed Emmett as the speaker.

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City Manager David Moss stated that the Harris County Appraisal District has provided the 2011 estimated values as of April 2011. Property taxable value remains flat for Southside Place with an estimated \$1,760,000 in revenue.

City Manger Moss stated that a 1940's sanitary sewer line continues to cause blockage problems behind the Centro Properties on Bellaire Boulevard. This sewer line from Centro Pro Properties to Blair House Apartments is the last remaining sewer replacement line needed in the city. The \$ 300,000 impact fee obtained from Koontz McCombs for the redevelopment of Blair House was to be used for this line. City staff recommends replacement of this line within the next 6-8 months along with a 1940's water line in the same location.

President Andy Chan of the Southside Place Park Association provided the Southside Place Park report. He stated the swim team is minus forty (40) members this year and the season begins on Monday, May 16, 2011. Mr. Chan announced that there would be a park fundraiser in the near future.

Mayor Richard Rothfelder and Mike Vandewater, P.E. discussed Poor Farm Ditch proposed reconstruction methods and estimated construction costs. Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) has accepted the engineer's option that was presented to them, but project funding still needs to be discussed between the parties. H.C.F.C.D. has offered to pay eighty percent of the cost to reconstruct Poor Farm Ditch.

Mayor Rothfelder introduced the topics of leaf blower regulations and proposed amendments to the noise ordinance in the residential district. Bruce Nichol, a resident at 3780 Jardin,

spoke to council on February 8 about air and noise pollution associated with gas powered leaf blowers. City Attorney Allums and Councilman Thompson drafted an ordinance concerning leaf blower regulations and hours of operation. During the April council meeting, an amendment to Ordinance 168 was approved. Non-residents are allowed to use gas and electric powered leaf blowers from Monday-Thursday from 8am to 4 pm. Several residents attended the council meeting requesting that non-residents be able to use leaf blowers on Friday. After discussion, Councilman Sim made a motion to amend the ordinance by adding Friday to the days of operation. Councilwoman Bryan seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-1 with Councilman Pereira voting against it.

Andy Chan and Thomas Bailey discussed park committee work regarding ground improvements and a potential purchase by the city. A presentation of a master plan and fundraising efforts for the park grounds were provided at the March meeting. A group of citizens will be forming a fundraising committee soon. Park representatives provided updates on a lunch meeting with Mayor Rothfelder and Councilman Thompson. The Park Association is suggesting the city acquire the park. Mr. Chan stated that park association members could vote on the issue in October.

The meeting was adjourned.