

MINUTES - CITY OF BEAUMONT

W.L. Pate, Jr., At-Large
Dr. Alan B. Coleman, Ward I
Audwin Samuel, Ward III
Tyrone E. Cooper, City Attorney

BECKY AMES, MAYOR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 11, 2010
Kyle Hayes, City Manager

Gethrel Wright, Mayor Pro Tem
Nancy Beaulieu, Ward II
Jamie Smith, Ward IV
Tina Broussard, City Clerk

The City Council of the City of Beaumont, Texas, met in a regular session on May 11, 2010, 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 items1/Consent Agenda
- * Consent Agenda

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

Pastor James Blackwell of South Park 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 Wright, Councilmembers Coleman, Beaulieu, Pate, and Samuel. Absent: Councilmember Jamie Smith. Also present were Kyle Hayes, City Manager; Tyrone Cooper, City Attorney; Tina Broussard, City Clerk.

Councilmember Smith was absent due to foot surgery.

Proclamations, Presentations, Recognitions

"Lamar University Lady Cardinals Day" - May 11, 2010 - Proclamation read by Councilmember Samuel; accepted by Coach Larry Tidwell and Lady Cardinals team

"Police Week" - May 15, 2010 - Proclamation read by Mayor Ames; accepted by Police Chief Frank Coffin and Lt. Mark Pierce

"100 Club" - May, 2010 - Proclamation read by Councilmember Beaulieu; accepted by John Reaud, Vice President of the 100 Club, and other member of the Club

"National Tourism Week" - May 8 - 16, 2010 - Proclamation read by Councilmember Pate; accepted by Dean Conwell and staff, along with Kent Turner from Gator Company

"Salvation Army Week" - May 10 - 16, 2010 - Proclamation read by Councilmember Coleman; accepted by Major Florian Estrada

"Cancer Awareness Weekend" - May 14 - 15, 2010 - Proclamation read by Mayor Pro Tem Wright; accepted by Ettie Norwood, Co-Chairman for Relay for Life

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

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- * Approval of minutes - **May 4, 2010**
- * Confirmation of committee appointments - **None**
- A) Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Workforce Solutions Southeast Texas/Power Zone-Beaumont and Family Services of Southeast Texas - **Resolution 10 - 120**
- B) Authorize the purchase of traffic signal control software and training - **Resolution 10 - 121**
- C) Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to accept funding from the Department of State Health Services from the Sexually Transmitted Disease and Tuberculosis Elimination Social Services Block Grant - **Resolution 10 - 122**
- D) Authorize the acquisition of property for the Concord Road Pavement Widening Project - **Resolution 10 - 123**
- E) Authorize the acquisition of property for the Concord Road Pavement Widening Project- **Resolution 10 - 124**
- F) Authorize the acceptance of a water line easement to provide services for St. Stephen's Episcopal Church- **Resolution 10 - 125**

Mayor Pro Tem Wright made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Beaulieu seconded the motion.

AYES: MAYOR AMES, MAYOR PRO TEM WRIGHT, COUNCILMEMBERS COLEMAN, BEAULIEU, PATE AND SAMUEL

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Consider approving a contract for the Summer Food Service Program.

Administration recommended the award of a contract to High Sendero, Inc., (Novrosky's), of Beaumont, in the amount of \$3.24 per lunch served.

The program, which is funded by the US Department of Agriculture and administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture, provides free, nutritious, and well-balanced meals for any child up to eighteen (18) years of age. This is the eighteenth year the Recreation Division has participated in this program.

The 2010 Summer Food Service Program will begin June 7, 2010 and continue through August 13, 2010. The Texas Department of Agriculture will reimburse the City \$3.195 per lunch served. The balance of \$.045 per lunch, an estimated \$1,800, will be funded by the Recreation Division's operating budget.

Councilmember Pate moved to **APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT THE BID SUBMITTED BY HIGH SENDRO, INC. (NOVROSKY'S), BEAUMONT, TEXAS, FOR THE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE RECREATION DIVISION FOR AN ESTIMATED QUANTITY OF 40,000 LUNCHES SERVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3.24 PER LUNCH FOR AN ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE OF \$129,600 BE ACCEPTED BY THE CITY OF BEAUMONT.** Councilmember Coleman seconded the motion.

AYES: MAYOR AMES, MAYOR PRO TEM WRIGHT, COUNCILMEMBERS COLEMAN, BEAULIEU, PATE AND SAMUEL

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Resolution 10 - 126

Mayor Ames read the announcement regarding Executive Session being held at the conclusion of the General Business portion of the meeting.

WORKSESSION

- * Review and discuss an application for federal funding to construct a skate park downtown

Chris Boone, Community Development Director, discussed the application for federal funding to construct a skate park in downtown Beaumont. The skate park would be the only park within 80 miles of the City of Beaumont. The park would be popular among the younger skating age group and families. This would be an outdoor activity for children and young adults, and would enhance further development for the downtown area. The estimated budget for the skate park would be the site improvement which would cost \$114,500, the design \$25,190, and skate improvements would be \$148,500, totaling \$288,190. Funding would be provided through a EDI Grant in the amount of \$283,300, as well as the Tony Hawk Foundation in the amount of \$5,000, totaling \$293,200. The steps that would need to be taken in order to start and complete the project would be for the City Council to approve the EDI

Grant application, apply for the Grant, then an RFP and design would need to be done and then to construct the skate park.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

COUNCILMEMBER SAMUEL -

ON BEHALF OF COUNCILMEMBER SMITH, ANNOUNCED A COMMUNITY SHOWER FOR THE L. L. MELTON FAMILY LIFE CENTER ON SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2010, FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M., AT 3455 SARAH ST., THERE IS A WISH LIST ASKING FOR CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH INCLUDES SPORTS, OFFICE AND JANITORIAL EQUIPMENT, GIFT CARDS, JANITORIAL SUPPLIES, AND FINANCIAL DONATIONS, IF YOU NEED FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 434 - 0000 OR EMAIL MELTONFLC@YAHOO.COM, ALSO EXTREMELY PROUD OF THE LAMAR UNIVERSITY'S WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PROGRAM, COMMENDED STAFF FOR THE JAZZ AND BLUES FESTIVAL THAT IS GETTING BIGGER AND BETTER EVERY YEAR, THANKED KINSEL FORD FOR BEING A TITLE SPONSOR FOR THE JAZZ FESTIVAL, ANNOUNCED THAT THE BRICKYARD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION WILL BE HAVING A CLEAN-UP ON SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2010, FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M., STARTING AT ST. LUKE CHURCH ON BRICKYARD ST.

COUNCILMEMBER PATE -

CONGRATULATED LAMAR UNIVERSITY'S WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PROGRAM, THANKED COACH TIDWELL FOR ALL THAT HE DOES, GLAD THAT THE CITY WILL MOVE FORWARD WITH THE SKATE PARK IN DOWNTOWN BEAUMONT, THIS WILL BE A GREAT ASSET TO THE COMMUNITY, ALSO COMPLIMENTED THE GREAT SUPPORT THAT THE CITY GAVE TO THE BOYS HAVEN 25TH ANNUAL FUND RAISER IN WHICH THEY RAISED ABOUT \$80,000

MAYOR PRO TEM WRIGHT -

DELIVERED WELCOME REMARKS ON BEHALF OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO THE SOUTH TEXAS DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL WHO GAVE SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE FOR ESSAYS THEY WROTE, ALSO ANNOUNCED THE OPTIMIST CLUB NEEDED MEMBERS TO JOIN AND INVITED EVERYONE TO TAKE PART, ALSO PROUD OF ALL OF THE PROCLAMATIONS THAT WERE GIVEN OUT TODAY, WISHED HER HUSBAND, CLINTON WRIGHT, A HAPPY BIRTHDAY ON SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2010, HE WILL BE 81 YEARS OLD, THANKED PASTOR BLACKWELL FOR DOING THE INVOCATION

COUNCILMEMBER BEAULIEU - COMMENTED ON THE PROCLAMATIONS THAT WERE PRESENTED AT THE MEETING, EACH ORGANIZATION GIVES BACK TO CITIZENS IN THE COMMUNITY, SPOKE ON THE POLICE MEMORIAL CEREMONY HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 10, 2010, AT 10:00 A.M., AND HOW MOVING IT WAS, THANKED THE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU FOR ALL THAT THEY DO TO BENEFIT THE CITY, CONGRATULATED BOYS HAVEN ON THEIR SUCCESSFUL FUND RAISER

COUNCILMEMBER COLEMAN - WISHED COUNCILMEMBER SMITH A SPEEDY RECOVERY, REMINDED EVERYONE OF THE RELAY FOR LIFE ON SATURDAY, STAR OF THE ARC SHOW ON FRIDAY, MELTON SHOWER ON SATURDAY, GO LADY CARDS, SEND YOUR CHECK TO THE 100 CLUB, ANNOUNCED THE IDA REED DOG PARK RIBBON CUTTING ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2010 AT 5:30 P.M.

COUNCILMEMBER SMITH - NONE

CITY ATTORNEY COOPER - NONE

CITY MANAGER HAYES - NONE

MAYOR AMES - COMMENTED ON THE JAZZ AND BLUES FESTIVAL AND HOW GREAT IT WAS, THANKED KINSEL FORD FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION, COMMENTED ON EXXON MOBIL RECEIVING THE OSHA AWARD, VISITED THE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER, PROUD OF WHAT THEY ARE DOING FOR THE KIDS, AS WELL AS THE ANNUAL BOYS HAVEN CRAWFISH FUND RAISER

Public Comments (Persons are limited to three minutes)

Bruce Hoffer 2535 North St. Beaumont TX

Commented on the skate park for downtown, as well as the hike and bike trail, also commented on the Ida Reed dog park, Saturday is the last Saturday for the Spring soccer season, which means they are in the middle of registering for the Fall, teams are formed in June and practice starts the first of August, volunteers are needed in the area of coaches and referees

Tavares Johnson 3190 Eastest Fwy. #166 Beaumont TX

Commented on the petition that he is circulating regarding the proposed bus route changes

Open session of meeting recessed at 2:59 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- * Consider matters related to contemplated or pending litigation in accordance with Section 551.071 of the Government Code:

Beaumont Police Officers Association, et al vs. City of Beaumont, Texas, et al

Brandon Pickard v. City of Beaumont, Texas, et al

City of Beaumont v. Greg Abbott, Attorney General of Texas, et al


Eric Kvarme, Derrick Wayne Fowler, Douglas Kibodeaux and Rebecca Chism vs. The City of Beaumont, Texas and The Civil Service Commission of the City of Beaumont

There being no action taken in Executive Session, Council adjourned.

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



Becky Ames, Mayor



Tina Broussard, City Clerk

