

MINUTES - CITY OF BEAUMONT

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

BECKY AMES, MAYOR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 19, 2015
Kyle Hayes, City Manager

Gethrel Wright, At-Large
Michael D. Getz, Ward II
William R. Sam, Sr. Ward IV
Tina Broussard, City Clerk

The City Council of the City of Beaumont, Texas, met in a regular session on **May 19, 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
- * Public Comment: Persons may speak on scheduled Consent Agenda
- * Consent Agenda

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

Father Peter Funk, A Monk of the Holly Cross Monastery and Director of the Holy Family Retreat Center gave the invocation. Pastor Harland Merriam led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was made by Tina Broussard, City Clerk.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Ames, Councilmembers Getz, Wright, Pate, Samuel and Sam. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Coleman. Also present were Kyle Hayes, City Manager; Tyrone Cooper, City Attorney; Tina Broussard, City Clerk.

ELECTION OF MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

1. Consider approval of an ordinance canvassing the results of the May 9, 2015 City General Election

The Texas Election Code Section 67.003 requires that the election returns be canvassed, and thereby made official not later than the 11th day after election day. No candidate for Councilmember Ward IV received more than 50% of the votes cast making it necessary to call a runoff election for such position. Said runoff election is to be held between the two (2) candidates who received the greatest number of votes cast in the May 9, 2015, general election. A runoff election is to be scheduled for June 20, 2015.

Administration recommends approval of an Ordinance Canvassing the results of the City of Beaumont General Election which was held on the 9th day of May, 2015 to name a Mayor, four (4) Councilmembers (Ward I, II, III, IV), two (2) Councilmembers-At-Large; and ordering a Run-Off Election to be held in the City of Beaumont, Texas, on the 20th day of June, to determine who shall be Councilmember of Ward IV of the City of Beaumont.

Funds are available in the City Clerk's Operating Budget

Councilmember Getz moved to APPROVE AN ORDINANCE CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION OF THE CITY OF BEAUMONT HELD ON THE 9TH DAY OF MAY, 2015, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR, TWO COUNCILMEMBERS-AT-LARGE, COUNCILMEMBERS WARDS I, II, III AND IV; AND ORDERING A RUN-OFF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF BEAUMONT, TEXAS, ON THE 20TH DAY OF JUNE, 2015, TO DETERMINE WHO SHALL BE THE COUNCILMEMBER IN WARD IV. PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEAL. Councilmember Sam seconded the motion.

AYES: MAYOR AMES, COUNCILMEMBERS GETZ, WRIGHT, PATE, SAMUEL AND SAM

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

ORDINANCE 15 - 014

- Administration of the Oath of Office

Before recess for a reception honoring the Mayor and Council, each Councilmember was allowed to give brief comments

- Recess – 2:12 p.m.

RECONVENE MEETING - 2:35 p.m.

Proclamations, Presentations, Recognitions

“Emergency Medical Services Week” - May 17 - 23, 2015 - Proclamation read by Councilmember Samuel; accepted by Sherry Ulmer, Director of City of Beaumont Emergency Medical Services, and EMS members

“Elder Abuse Awareness Month” – May, 2015 – Proclamation read by Councilmember Wright; accepted by Isaac Fenter, Adult Protective Services

“Sales Management and Professionals Day” – May 28, 2015 – Proclamation read by Councilmember Pate; accepted by members of the Sales and Marketing Executive Club of Southeast Texas – Alan Tapley, Vera Sanders and others

“Rev. Harland Merriam Day” – May 21, 2015 – Proclamation read by Mayor Ames; accepted by Rev. Harland Marriam

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

Public Comment: Persons may speak on scheduled Consent Agenda.

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- * Approval of minutes - **May 12, 2015**
- * Confirmation of committee appointments - **None**
- A) Approve a resolution approving the City of Beaumont Investment Policy – **Resolution 15 - 092**
- B) Approve a contract with Daddio's Burger/Novrozsky's for the 2015 Summer Food Service Program – **Resolution 15 - 093**

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

AYES: MAYOR AMES, COUNCILMEMBERS GUIDROZ, GETZ, WRIGHT, PATE, SAMUEL AND SAM

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

COUNCILMEMBER GUIDROZ - STATED THAT IT WAS A PRIVILEGE TO BE A PART OF COUNCIL, HAS A LOT TO LEARN AND APPRECIATES ALL OF COUNCIL GUIDING HIM THROUGH THE PROCESS

COUNCILMEMBER GETZ - ANNOUNCE THE DOWLEN/WEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015, PRIVILEGED TO HAVE CHRIS BOONE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SPEAK AT THE MEETING, THE MEETING WILL BE AT 7:00 P.M., AT ROGERS PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

COUNCILMEMBER WRIGHT - THANKED ALL CITIZENS OF BEAUMONT, THAT HAD CONFIDENCE IN HER TO RETURN HER TO COUNCIL, APPRECIATES IT VERY MUCH AND IS VERY HUMBLE, ENJOYS WORKING WITH AND LOVES EVERYONE ON COUNCIL, COMMENTED ON THE IEA PROGRAM THAT IS BENEFICIAL TO OUR YOUTH

COUNCILMEMBER PATE - WELCOMED CLAUDE GUIDROZ AS WARD 1 COUNCILMEMBER, STATED THAT HE KNOWS THAT COUNCILMEMBER GUIDORZ IS GOING TO WORK VERY HARD, ALL OF COUNCIL APPRECIATES THE OPPORTUNITY TO REPRESENT ALL OF THE CITIZENS, ALSO COMMENTED ON THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM GALA FUND RAISER

COUNCILMEMBER SAM -

THANK YOU

COUNCILMEMBER SAMUEL -

COMMENTED ON THE IEA PROGRAM THAT HE ATTENDED ON LAST WEEK, STATED THAT IT IS A GREAT PROGRAM AND WHAT A GREAT JOB THEY DO, THANKED COUNCIL FOR ALL THAT THEY ARE INVOLVED IN, ALSO GAVE CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF RONALD BISHOP WHO WORKED ON THE POLICE ADVISORY BOARD AS WELL AS WITH THE NAACP

CITY ATTORNEY COOPER -

CONGRATULATED ALL OF COUNCIL, ESPECIALLY WELCOMED COUNCILMEMBER CLAUDE GUIDROZ, STATED THAT HIS DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN

CITY MANAGER HAYES -

CONGRATULATED ALL OF COUNCIL ON THEIR ELECTION

MAYOR AMES -

ASKED THAT EVERYONE REMEMBER MEMORIAL DAY AND REMEMBER A VETERAN WHEN YOU WAKE UP ON MONDAY MORNING

Public Comments (Persons are limited to three minutes)

Landry Rountree

1565 S. Major Dr.

Beaumont TX

Congratulated Mr. Guidroz on his election to Ward I, as well as Rev. Harland Merriam on his retirement, stated that if anyone on Council would like to talk to him they could, stated that on December 3, 2013, his company had its permit revoked for two years after 33 years of serving the City of Beaumont, commented on other towing companies that were not permitted

Jamie Brown

4050 E. Lynwood

Beaumont TX

Congratulated all of Council that was elected and re-elected to Council, also read comments related to Hani Tohme and the Water Utilities Department

Open session of meeting recessed at 3:16 p.m.

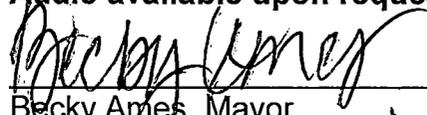
EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

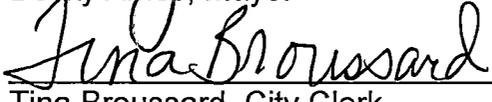
United States of America vs. City of Beaumont, Texas

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

