

MINUTES - CITY OF BEAUMONT

W.L. Pate, Jr., At-Large
Claude F. Guidroz, Ward I
Audwin Samuel, Ward III
Tyrone E. Cooper, City Attorney

BECKY AMES, MAYOR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 30, 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 **June 30, 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 agenda items 1-4, and 8/Consent Agenda
- * Consent Agenda

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

Pastor Edison Colbert, Jr. of Paradise Missionary 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, Councilmembers Guidroz, Getz, Wright, Pate, Samuel and Sam. Absent: Kyle Hayes, City Manager; also present was Tyrone Cooper, City Attorney; Tina Broussard, City Clerk.

ELECTION OF COUNCILMEMBER - WARD IV

- * Consider an ordinance canvassing the results of the City of Beaumont Run-Off Election which was held the 20th day of June, 2015, to determine who shall be Councilmember of Ward IV of the City of Beaumont.

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 the Run-Off election day. Council shall meet and canvass the returns and officially declare the results. This ordinance will canvass the results of the June 20, 2015, Run-Off election to elect one (1) Councilmember for Ward IV, held in the City of Beaumont, Texas.

Approval of ordinance.

Councilmember Samuel moved to **ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF THE CITY OF BEAUMONT RUN-OFF ELECTION HELD ON THE 20TH DAY OF JUNE, 2015, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD IV; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.** Councilmember Wright seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: **NONE**

MOTION PASSED

Ordinance 15 – 019

* Administration of the Oath of Office

Before recess for a reception honoring Councilmember Ward IV Robin Mouton, Councilmember Sam was allowed to give comments

* Recessed – 1:48 p.m.

* Reconvened – 2:13 p.m.

Proclamations, Presentations, Recognitions

None

Public Comment: Persons may speak on scheduled agenda items 1-4, and 8/Consent Agenda.

Jude Paredez

10620 Gage Rd.

Beaumont TX

Spoke to Council in regards to item D on the Consent Agenda; asked that the City spend the City's money to help the citizens and to handicap and not to harass them or deny them

Paula Blazek

2534 Long St.

Beaumont TX

Spoke to Council in regards to #8 on the Agenda; asked that Council not vote in favor of this item, there has already been a public hearing on this item

CONSENT AGENDA

* Approval of minutes – **June 16, 2015**

* Confirmation of committee appointments – **None**

A) Approve the renewal of an annual support agreement with Creative Switching Designs, Inc. for the ShoreTel phone systems – **Resolution 15 - 115**

B) Authorize the acceptance of a ten foot wide Exclusive Water Line Easement located at 3995 Crow Road – **Resolution 15 - 116**

C) Approve a request to abandon a 60'x~660' general utility easement – **Ordinance 15-018 (this item was read aloud by the City Attorney)**

- D) Authorize the City Attorney to bring suit against Joseph D. Butler to compel him to comply with the City's Health and Safety Codes – **Resolution 15 - 117**

Councilmember Pate moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Getz seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to award a bid to SR Tilley Builders, Inc. for the Concrete Rehabilitation of Various Locations Project.

The Concrete Rehabilitation of Various Locations Project consists of saw cutting, removing cracked and broken existing concrete pavements, repair and compact to existing base course, and placement of new reinforced concrete pavement on various concrete pavement locations throughout the City of Beaumont.

On May 21, 2015, three (3) formal bids were received. The bid total is shown below.

Contractor	Location	Bid
SR Tilley Builders, Inc.	Vidor	\$3,450,445.00
Excavators & Constructors, LTD.	Port Arthur	\$3,600,144.19
Brystar contracting, Inc.	Beaumont	\$3,946,544.00

A total of 270 calendar days is allocated in the completion of the project.

SR Tilley Builders, Inc., is a Registered Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) in the City of Beaumont.

Capital Program.

Approval of resolution.

Councilmember Getz moved to **APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT THE CITY COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO SR TILLEY BUILDERS, INC., OF VIDOR, TEXAS, IN THE**

AMOUNT OF **\$3,450,445.00** FOR THE CONCRETE REHABILITATION OF VARIOUS LOCATIONS PROJECT. Councilmember Samuel seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Resolution 15 – 118

2. Consider a resolution approving the purchase of a court management software system from Tyler Technologies for use by Municipal Court.

Pricing was obtained through the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA). NJPA provides cities and political subdivisions with the means to make purchases at volume prices contracted under procurement statues.

Municipal Court currently uses the Sungard HTE case management software to process all court transactions including citations, arraignments, warrants, jury management, and payments. This software no longer accommodates the needs of the court, therefore it must be replaced. Currently cases are processed manually with all case documents being printed. Tyler Technologies' Encode software will allow for cases to be processed electronically which will result in a significant savings of time as well as a reduced paper supply cost.

Tyler Technologies' Encode software, as well as multiple other vendors, have been reviewed. The Encode software has been found to provide all of the necessary components to meet the Court's needs.

One (1) year of software maintenance and support is included in the purchase.

Municipal Court – Technology Fund.

Approval of resolution.

Councilmember Wright moved to APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT THE CITY COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE PURCHASE OF ENCODE COURT MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE SYSTEM FOR USE BY MUNICIPAL COURT FROM TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, OF PLANO, TEXAS, IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$313,426** THROUGH THE NATIONAL JOINT POWERS ALLIANCE (NJPA) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM. Councilmember Guidroz seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Resolution 15 – 119

3. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order No. 2, accept maintenance, and authorize a final payment to Reytec Construction Resources, Inc. for the Paving and Drainage Improvements on Magnolia Project.

On November 19, 2013, by Resolution No. 13-262, City Council awarded Reytec Construction Resources, Inc. of Houston, Texas the contract for the Paving and Drainage Improvements on Magnolia Project in the amount of \$4,820,038.45.

Change Order No. 1 increased the contract time from 365 days to 455 days. Change Order No. 2 is required to adjust the estimated quantities in the contract to reflect the actual quantities used in the completion of the project. The adjustment in quantities results in an overall increase of \$280,919.50 (5.83%) and a final contract value of \$5,100,957.95. The project has been inspected by the Engineering Division and found to be complete in accordance with the provisions and terms set forth in the contract. Acceptance of maintenance and approval of Change Order No. 2 and final payment in the amount of \$276,236.95 is recommended.

The MBE participation in the performance of the contract is \$182,303.72. The MBE participation represents 3.57% of the final contract value.

Community Development Block Grant Round 2.2 Non-Housing Grant with the balance of funds from Capital Program.

Approval of resolution.

Councilmember Samuel moved to APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT THE CITY MANAGER BE AND HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR ADDITIONAL WORK, THEREBY INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$280,919.50 FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$5,100,957.95 FOR THE MAGNOLIA AVENUE PAVING AND DRAINAGE, WATER AND SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE MAGNOLIA AVENUE PAVING AND DRAINAGE, WATER AND SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY ACCEPTED; AND, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT THE CITY MANAGER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO MAKE FINAL PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$276,236.95 TO REYTEC CONSTRUCTION RESOURCES, INC. Councilmember Pate seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Resolution 15 – 120

4. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept maintenance and authorize a final payment to McInnis Construction, Inc., for the new Fire Station No. 2 Project.

On October 22, 2013, by Resolution No. 13-240, City Council awarded McInnis Construction, Inc., of Silsbee, Texas the contract for Fire Station No. 2 in the amount of \$2,724,920.00.

Fire Station No. 2 had a total of thirteen (13) change orders. Change Orders 1-12 were deducted from the Contingency Allowance of \$40,000.00 and Change Order No. 13 in the amount of \$8,542.01 was executed by the City Manager making the final contract price \$2,733,462.01. The project has been inspected by the Engineering and Facilities Maintenance Divisions and found to be complete in accordance with the provisions and terms set forth in the contract. Acceptance of maintenance and final payment in the amount of \$136,573.09 is recommended.

The MBE participation in the performance of the contract is \$81,580.00. The MBE participation represents 3.15% of the final contract value.

Community Development Block Grant Round 2.2 Non-Housing Grant with the balance of funds from Capital Program.

Approval of resolution.

Councilmember Samuel moved to **APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT THE FIRE STATION NO. 2 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY ACCEPTED; AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY MANAGER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO MAKE FINAL PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$136,573.09 TO MCINNIS CONSTRUCTION, INC., OF SILSBEE, TEXAS.** Councilmember Wright seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Resolution 15 – 121

5. Consider a request for a specific use permit to allow a retail, used clothing and merchandise store in an RCR (Residential Conservation Revitalization) District at 1795 Park Street.

In May, 2015, City Council approved a specific use permit at 1795 Park for a used clothing and merchandise store. Following this approval, staff received a written protest from a neighbor, claiming that she was not provided proper notification of the Joint Public Hearing on April 20, 2015.

June 9, 2015, City Council voted to repeal ordinance 15-010, and rehear the case.

The applicant has applied for a specific use permit to allow a retail clothing store in an RCR (Residential Conservation and Revitalization) District. The property is located at 1795 Park. The property received a Specific Use Permit (File 2032-P), in April of 2010 for a retail clothing store, however, the property was not used as a retail clothing store for at least one complete year and therefore must reapply.

The applicant is requesting a waiver to the landscape buffer and screening requirements along the North and East property lines.

At a Joint Public Hearing held June 15, 2015, the Planning Commission recommended 9:0 to approve a specific use permit to allow a retail, used clothing and merchandise store in an RCR (Residential Conservation Revitalization) District at 1795 Park Street and waive the landscaping requirements along the north and east property lines, subject to the following conditions:

1. Provide nine (9) parking spaces including one (1) disabled parking space.
2. Provide a six (6) foot wide landscape strip along the Irma St. frontage of the parking lot.

Approval of ordinance, subject to the following conditions:

1. Provide nine (9) parking spaces including one (1) disabled parking space.
2. Provide a six (6) foot wide landscape strip along the Irma St. frontage of the parking lot.

Councilmember Samuel moved to **ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A RETAIL USED CLOTHING AND MERCHANDISE STORE IN AN RCR (RESIDENTIAL CONSERVATION REVITALIZATION) DISTRICT AT 1795 PARK STREET WITH THE CONDITIONS IN THE CITY OF BEAUMONT, JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS.** Councilmember Guidroz seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Ordinance 15 - 020

6. Consider a request for a specific use permit to allow a home daycare in an R-S (Residential - Single Family) District at 3590 Bennett Road.

Debra Kay Griffin, owner of Lil Debs Daycare, is requesting a specific use permit to allow for a day care facility in her home. The property is in an R-S (Residential – Single Family Dwelling) District, which allows this kind of use with a specific use permit application. The property is located at 3590 Bennett Road.

The facility will be located in a somewhat rural, residential area. The facility will be in operation from 6 AM to 6 PM, Monday through Friday and have a maximum of 6 children enrolled. Traffic is not anticipated to be a problem as this is not a highly populated area, the Griffin's have an ample driveway, and they have limited the number of children.

Utilities and drainage will not need to be altered. Parking will be provided on the existing driveway; however, it is not anticipated that this use will require any additional parking. The property owner has requested a waiver for the fencing requirement due to the rural nature of the area. Property lines to the east, north and west are all heavily wooded.

At a Joint Public Hearing held June 15, 2015, the Planning Commission recommended 9:0 to approve a specific use permit to allow a home daycare in an R-S (Residential- Single Family) District at 3590 Bennett Road subject to the following condition:

1. ADA space must be paved, striped, and designated with signage.

Approval of ordinance, subject to the following condition:

1. ADA space must be paved, striped, and designated with signage.

Councilmember Guidroz moved to **ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A HOME DAYCARE FACILITY IN AN RS (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY) DISTRICT AT 3590 BENNETT ROAD WITH THE CONDITIONS IN THE CITY OF BEAUMONT, JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS.** Councilmember Wright seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Ordinance 15 – 021

7. Consider a request for a specific use permit to allow an automotive repair shop in an NC (Neighborhood Commercial) District at 3135 Park Street.

Shelia Spikes is requesting a specific use permit to allow for a mechanic shop at 3135 Park Street. The property is zoned NC (Neighborhood Commercial). Ms. Spikes states that this property was used as a mechanic's shop several years ago. Since it has been several years, and the most recent use of the property was a restaurant, a specific use permit is required. A waiver to the landscaping and screening requirements is requested. As the property has been commercial in nature for many years, the buildings and parking situation are existing. The building abuts the property line and existing fencing appears to be sufficient.

At a Joint Public Hearing held June 15, 2015, the Planning Commission recommended 9:0 to approve a specific use permit to allow an automotive repair shop in an N-C

(Neighborhood Commercial) District at 3135 Park Street, subject to the following conditions:

1. The driveway from Euclid should be narrowed to allow placement of 6 parking spaces. Parking area must be cleared, repaired and striped as per plan.

Approval of ordinance, subject to the following conditions:

1. The driveway from Euclid should be narrowed to allow placement of 6 parking spaces. Parking area must be cleared, repaired and striped as per plan.

Councilmember Getz moved to ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO ALLOW AN AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR SHOP IN AN NC (NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL) DISTRICT AT 3135 PARK STREET WITH THE CONDITION IN THE CITY OF BEAUMONT, JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS. Councilmember Mouton seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Ordinance 15 – 022

Open session of meeting recessed at 2:32 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Samuel and Son Law Firm, P.L.L.C. vs. City of Beaumont

United States v. City of Beaumont

Open session of meeting reconvened at 3:41 p.m.

8. Consider a request to conduct a new Public Hearing pertaining to a request for a specific use permit to allow a law office in an RM-H (Residential Multiple Family Dwelling - Highest Density) District at 2226 Hazel Avenue.

The applicant applied for a specific use permit to use the property at 2226 Hazel Avenue to house his law firm.

At a Joint Public Hearing held June 15, 2015, the Planning Commission recommended 5:4 to deny a specific use permit to allow a law office in an RM-H (Residential Multiple Family Dwelling - Highest Density) District at 2226 Hazel Avenue.

However, following this hearing, the applicant's son, Sean Villery-Samuel, raised an objection, stating that Planning Commission members Lynda Kay Makin and Marty Craig and staff member, Chris Boone, have property within the Oaks Historic District and therefore should recuse themselves from the matter. Mr. Villery-Samuel has requested a new hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission.

For reference purposes, the size of the Oaks Historic District is approximately one mile by one mile. Also for reference purposes, Commissioner Makin's property is approximately .35 miles from the subject property, Commissioner Craig's property (although recently sold) is .42 miles from the subject property and staff member Boone's property is .34 miles from the subject property.

Councilmember Getz moved to DENY A RESOLUTION THAT THE CITY COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES A NEW PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A LAW OFFICE IN AN RM-H (RESIDENTIAL MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLING-HIGHEST DENSITY) DISTRICT AT 2226 HAZEL AVENUE. Councilmember Mouton seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBER SAMUEL

MOTION PASSED

9. Consider a request for a specific use permit to allow a law office in an RM-H (Residential Multiple Family Dwelling - Highest Density) District at 2226 Hazel Avenue.

The applicant would like to use the property at 2226 Hazel Avenue, to house his law firm. The office is to house two licensed lawyers and one assistant. Office hours would be from 8:00am - 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. Normal business would involve no more than two scheduled clients visiting the office for consultation at the same time.

The office use is proposed to be located in a block of Hazel between 6th and 7th Streets that is shown in the Comprehensive Plan as a Stable Area. While commercial uses are not necessarily prohibited in a Stable Area, great care should be given in allowing them. If allowed, this office would be the only non-residential use in this block. While RM-H (Residential Multiple Family Dwelling - Highest Density) does allow for the approval of offices with an SUP, this particular block should be considered stable, given the few vacant structures in the block, the lack of applications to convert residential uses to commercial uses, and the fact that the property values in this block continue to increase and not decrease. It should be noted that the analysis showing increasing property values in this block is only intended to demonstrate that this is a stable area and not intended to argue or imply that allowing this office would reverse or impact property values.

Allowing this first new commercial use in this established residential block would not be compatible and would be considered injurious to adjacent properties and would impede the

normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant and improved properties.

At a Joint Public Hearing held June 15, 2015, the Planning Commission recommended 5:4 to deny a specific use permit to allow a law office in an RM-H (Residential Multiple Family Dwelling - Highest Density) District at 2226 Hazel Avenue.

The Administration recommends denial of a specific use permit.

Councilmember Getz moved to DENY AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A LAW OFFICE IN AN RM-H (RESIDENTIAL MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLING-HIGHEST DENSITY) DISTRICT AT 2226 HAZEL AVENUE IN THE CITY OF BEAUMONT, JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS. Councilmember Guidroz seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBER SAMUEL

MOTION PASSED

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

COUNCILMEMBER MOUTON -

STATED THAT IT HAS BEEN A VERY EXCITING DAY, HAS GOTTEN OFF TO A GOOD START GOING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AND LEARNING THE ROPES, LOOKS FORWARD TO THE NEXT MEETING, THANKED EVERYONE FOR THE WARM WELCOME

COUNCILMEMBER SAMUEL -

NONE

COUNCILMEMBER PATE -

COMMENTED ON JULY 4TH, AND HOW IMPORTANT THAT DAY IS IN THIS COUNTRY, STATED THAT IT'S GREAT TO LIVE IN A COUNTRY WHERE WE CAN WORSHIP LIKE WE WANT, SPEAK LIKE WE WANT TO AND GO WHERE WE WANT, SOME PEOPLE TAKE ALL OF THOSE THINGS FOR GRANTED, STATED IF YOU SEE SOMEONE IN THE MILITARY TELL THEM THANK YOU FOR THEIR SERVICE, ANNOUNCED THE 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION THAT WILL BE HELD DOWNTOWN, AS WELL AS OTHER EVENTS ON THAT DAY

COUNCILMEMBER WRIGHT -

WELCOMED COUNCILMEMBER MOUTON, ASKED EVERYONE TO ENJOY THE 4TH OF JULY, ALSO STATED THAT IT WAS A JOY TO BE AN AT-LARGE COUNCILMEMBER AND REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE ENTIRE CITY OF BEAUMONT, STATED THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO CATER TO

ANY PARTICULAR GROUP, YOU CATER TO ALL GROUPS OF YOUR CITY, YOU DO WHAT IS RIGHT, YOU VOTE THE RIGHT WAY AND YOU SHOULD NOT BE ACCUSED OF YOUR VOTE BEFORE IT EVEN HAPPENS, STATED THAT YES THERE ARE SOME PROBLEMS BUT EVERYONE SHOULD WORK TOGETHER TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS

COUNCILMEMBER GETZ -

STATED THAT THE 4TH OF JULY IS ONE OF HIS FAVORITE HOLIDAYS, SEEING THE CITY COME TOGETHER AND CELEBRATE OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE IS ALWAYS A WONDERFUL THING TO DO, ENCOURAGED EVERYONE TO COME OUT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENTS

COUNCILMEMBER GUIDROZ -

COMMENTED THAT HE AND HIS WIFE ATTENDED A HOUSTON ASTROS BASEBALL GAME OVER THE WEEKEND, STATED THAT HE DIDN'T RUN FOR HIS SEAT TO BE SERVED BUT TO SERVE THE PEOPLE, WHAT MAKES BEAUMONT DIFFERENT FROM FERGUSON IS THAT OUR PEOPLE OF FAITH PRAY TO THE SAME GOD AND DEMAND FROM OURSELVES, CHARACTER, HONESTY AND INTEGRITY REGARDLESS OF THEIR POSITIONS IN LIFE OR ETHNICITY, IF YOU DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE PEOPLE ON THIS COUNCIL HAVE CHARACTER, THEN ELECT SOMEONE ELSE, BELIEVES THAT EVERYONE ON THIS COUNCIL HAS THE BETTERMENT OF BEAUMONT IN THEIR MINDS AND THEIR HEARTS, AT THE END OF THE DAY WE ARE ALL PLAYING IN THE SAME BASEBALL GAME AND WE ALL NEED TO FOLLOW THE RULES, BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS FOR THEY SHALL FIND PEACE

CITY ATTORNEY COOPER -

NONE

CITY MANAGER HAYES -

ABSENT

MAYOR AMES -

COMMENTED ON THE 4TH OF JULY FESTIVITIES, STATED THAT ALL CITIZENS CAN GO TO THE CITYOFBEAUMONT.GOV WEB SITE AND GET INFORMATION IN REGARDS TO THE FESTIVITIES

Public Comments (Persons are limited to three minutes)

Jude Paredes

10620 Gage Rd.

Beaumont TX

Welcomed Councilmembers Guidroz and Mouton to Council, stated that the City needs some oversight of the Police Department, the youth, elderly and mentally ill have been killed by Beaumont Police officers, asked that Council create a Citizen Review Board with the authority to investigate and discipline police misconduct, the lives of the citizens do matter, crimes committed by the police should be prosecuted

Rodney Denclau

3030 French Rd. #425

Beaumont TX

Thanked Council for taking action in regards with the bus stop, there have been several people in wheelchairs that have waited on the bus, when the bus arrived the lift on the bus sometimes doesn't work, they then have to wait on another bus that has a working lift, asked that Council check into this to make sure that maintenance on the buses are being done properly, wanted to know why the disability committee was not active any longer, that committee is very helpful and serves as a voice for the disabled, the committee is needed so that they could speak for the disable, stated that he would be willing to work on the committee

Denise Hinz

3030 French Rd. #225

Beaumont TX

Stated that when she got on the City bus today the seatbelt wasn't working as well as the tie downs, requested that there be a crossing light on Downlen where McDonalds is located, stated she almost got hit because there is nowhere to cross in that area and no sidewalk, very happy with future requested that has been taken care of by the City

Virginia Jordan

2145 Hazel

Beaumont TX

Commended Council on their unwavering dedication for doing what is right for the City of Beaumont, stated that she represents the Oaks Historic District, the members of the Historic District appreciate the affirmation of the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning to disapprove the SUP at 2226 Hazel St., the Oaks Historic District will continue to search for ways to enhance the quality of life in the Oaks and the City of Beaumont in general, we are pleased that Council appreciates the reality that commercial encroachment in a residential area is detrimental to an area that continues to flourish, on behalf of the Oaks District thanked council for their service and their support

Christopher Jones

1045 Doucette Ave.

Beaumont TX

Gave good wishes to the Mayor and newly elected Council, hoped that these next two years are progressive under their service to the people of Beaumont, Texas, hopes that no one will make random go with the flow type votes just to keep good allies, all of you represent the citizens, no matter what Ward a person lives in, when the direction of the Mayor, Council, Manager and residents align we will as a City prosper bountifully, challenged Council on several issues, asked that the Council be transparent and honest about the state of the City, allow the citizens to help reform the City collectively, permit the citizens to come to you with ideas, projections, studies and facts that will aid all citizens for years to come, without favoritism or personal quarrel, the citizens makeup the City of Beaumont and without the citizens the City falls

Icy Wade

4325 Crow Rd. #127

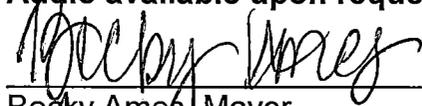
Beaumont TX

Spoke to Council in regards to the Beaumont Municipal Transit, stated that there is no place for citizens to sit when waiting on the bus from downtown to the Parkdale Mall area, has been requesting bus stops with seats and covers for a long time, also commented on the transfer ticket that should allow citizens to ride and change to another bus without

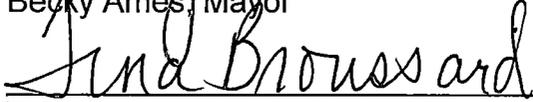
having to pay another fare, spoke to Mr. Munson with Municipal Transit over a year ago and he is still waiting on that phone call to this day

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

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



Becky Ames, Mayor



Tina Broussard, City Clerk



ABSTENTION AFFIDAVIT

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON §

I, Audwin M. Samuel, as a member of the City Council (City Council, Commission, or Board) make this affidavit and hereby on oath state the following: I, and/or a person or persons related to me, have a substantial interest in a business entity that would be peculiarly affected by a vote or decision of the City Council (City Council, Commission, or Board) as those terms are defined in V.T.C.A., Local Government Code, § 171.002.

The business entity is: Samuel & Son Law Firm Items # 8 + 9 Agenda
(Name)
Beaumont Texas
(Address)

("I," or name of relative and relationship) I have/has a substantial interest in this business entity for the following reasons: (check all of which are applicable.)

- Ownership of 10 percent or more of the voting stock or shares of the business entity.
- Ownership of either 10 percent or more or \$15,000 or more of the fair market value of the business entity.
- Funds received from the business entity exceed 10 percent of (my, her, his) My gross income for the previous year.
- Real property is involved, and (I, he, she) _____ have an interest which is an equitable or legal ownership with a fair market value of at least \$2,500.
- A relative of mine, within the first or second degree by blood or marriage, has a substantial interest in the business entity or property that would be affected by a decision of the public body of which I am a member.

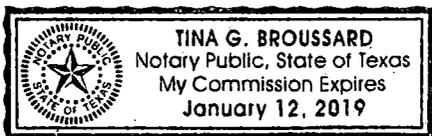
Upon filing of this affidavit with the City Clerk, I affirm that I will abstain from voting on any decision involving this business entity and from any further participation on this matter whatsoever.

Signed this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Audwin M. Samuel
Signature of Official
COUNCILMAN
Title

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Audwin M. Samuel and on oath stated that the facts hereinabove stated are true to the best of his/her knowledge or belief.

SWORN to and subscribed before me on this the 30th day of June, 2015.



Tina G. Broussard
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas