

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
July 14, 2015
Kyle Hayes, City Manager

Gethrel Wright, At-Large
Michael D. Getz, Mayor Pro Tem
Robin Mouton, Ward IV
Tina Broussard, City Clerk

The City Council of the City of Beaumont, Texas, met in a regular session on **July 14, 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/Consent Agenda
- * Consent Agenda

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

Pastor "Big" Jim Sales of West End 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: Tyrone Cooper; City Attorney. Also present were Kyle Hayes, City Manager; Quentin Price, 1st Assistant City Attorney; Tina Broussard, City Clerk.

Proclamations, Presentations, Recognitions

Charlie Gibbs spoke to Mayor and Council in regards to the City of Beaumont, hosting the 57th U.S. National Baton Twirling Championship with 600 participants at Ford Park July 13-18, 2015, Freddie Willard with the City of Beaumont Convention and Visitors Bureau was present as well. Mr. Gibbs and Ms. Willard introduced Sandi Wiemers, who is the Facility Coordinator for the United States Twirling Association. She has been affiliated with the United States Twirling Association for many years and is a twirler herself, and competed for years. She was an owner/instructor of her own academy.

Mayor Ames read the announcement regarding Executive Session, since the posting of the agenda for the July 14, 2015, City Council meeting, an unforeseen situation requiring the City Council's immediate attention has arisen. Specifically, the attorneys for the City of Beaumont in the British Petroleum litigation, In re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon" in the Gulf of Mexico on April 20, 2010; MDL No 2179, has informed the City that it must accept or reject a recommended settlement of the City's claim. The deadline recently set by the Court for the City to act is the close of business July 15, 2015. In order for the City Council to consider this matter and act in a timely manner, it is being set on the agenda for the July 14, 2015, City Council meeting.

Recessed into Executive session at 1:44 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

In re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon" in the Gulf of Mexico on April 20, 2010; MDL No 2179

Reconvened into Regular session at 2:22 p.m.

ACTION ITEM

- * Consider settlement of the British Petroleum litigation, In re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon" in the Gulf of Mexico on April 20, 2010; MDL No 2179

Councilmember Guidroz moved to approve the settlement of the British Petroleum litigation, In re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon" in the Gulf of Mexico on April 20, 2010; MDL No 2179. Councilmember Pate seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

RESOLUTION 15-137

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

Roberto Flores

2425 Buchanan

Beaumont TX

Spoke on Item #1 on the Agenda; asked that Council consider electing a Mayor Pro Tem on the persons qualifications and look at the fact that each Councilmember with the exception of the two new Councilmembers has had an opportunity to serve as Mayor Pro Tem except Councilmember Getz; asked that Council consider him for the position

CONSENT AGENDA

- * Approval of minutes – **June 30, 2015**
- * Confirmation of committee appointments – **Resolution 15 – 122**

Roy Steinhagen would be appointed to the Police Department Community Advisory Committee. The term would commence July 14, 2015 and expire July 13, 2017. (Councilmember W.L. Pate, Jr.)

- A) Approve the award of a contract for Emergency Standby Products, Services and Debris Removal to TFR Enterprises of Leander, Texas (Primary), CERES Environmental Services of Houston, Texas (Secondary) and CrowderGulf of Theodore, Alabama (Tertiary) – **Resolution 15 - 123**
- B) Approve agreements with AFLAC, TrustMark Life Insurance Company, Arch Insurance Group, and Davis Vision for Critical Illness, Accident and Vision group coverage to be offered to employees on a voluntary basis – **Resolution 15 - 124**
- C) Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to apply for and accept funding from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) awarded to the Beaumont Public Health Department for an Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response grant – **Resolution 15 - 125**
- D) Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to apply for and accept funding from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) awarded to the Beaumont Public Health Department for the IMM/LOCALS Immunization Branch-Locals grant – **Resolution 15 - 126**
- E) Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to apply for and accept funding from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) awarded to the Beaumont Public Health Department for the RLSS/LPHS Regional and Local Services System/Local Public Health Services grant – **Resolution 15 - 127**
- F) Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to apply for and accept funding from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) awarded to the Beaumont Public Health Department for the CPS/HAZARDS Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) grant – **Resolution 15 - 128**
- G) Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to apply for and accept funding from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) awarded to the Beaumont Public Health Department to assist the EMS Division in the purchase of a Stryker Power-LOAD system, Stryker service upgrade, and a compatibility upgrade kit – **Resolution 15 - 129**
- H) Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to accept funding from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) awarded to the Beaumont Public Health Department for the CPS/OT-UNIQUE grant – **Resolution 15 - 130**
- I) Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to apply for and accept funding from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) awarded to the Beaumont Public Health Department for the TB/PC Tuberculosis Prevention Control/State grant – **Resolution 15 - 131**
- J) Authorize the City Manager to remit \$22,500 to a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Line of Credit – **Resolution 15 - 132**

- K) Authorize the Mayor to execute a letter of intent with the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC) for City participation in the revision of the Regional and County Mitigation Action Plan – **Resolution 15 - 133**

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

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Consider an election of Mayor Pro Tempore.

Article III, Section 6 of the City Charter states "The City Council shall elect one of its members as Mayor Pro Tempore for a one (1) year term". The Mayor Pro Tempore shall perform the duties of the Mayor in case of the absence or inability of the Mayor to perform the duties of his office, and, if a vacancy occurs, shall become Mayor for the unexpired term."

Councilmember Pate moved to **APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT COUNCILMEMBER GETZ IS ELECTED MAYOR PRO TEMPORE FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM**. Councilmember Guidroz seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: COUNCILMEMBER SAMUEL

MOTION PASSED

Resolution 15 - 134

2. Consider a resolution approving the award of four, one-year contracts for the purchase of inventory materials to be used in the Water Utilities Department.

Bids were received from five (5) vendors for an annual contract for couplings, pipe fittings, valves, fire hydrants and other related materials for use by the Water Utilities Department. The materials are used in the repair and maintenance of existing water and sewer lines and installation of new service lines in order to maintain adequate water and sewer service throughout the City.

Specifications required bidders to submit pricing for 189 line items, separated into fifteen (15) specific sections. Bids were evaluated upon the lowest total price per section on an all or none basis and which provides the best value to the City. Only bidders providing pricing for every item within each section were considered. Pricing is to remain firm for the term of the contract. Specifications also required that all bids involving brass materials to quote items that are certified NSF61 lead-free compliant and are manufactured in the United States.

NSF61 compliance is an EPA requirement for municipal water systems which establishes the permissible level of lead in various components. Several years ago the Water Utilities Department established the requirement for domestic manufacture of these materials because of quality control problems found in foreign manufactured products; primarily those coming from China and Mexico.

The administration recommends award of one-year contracts to the following vendors, all of whom were the low bids in their respective sections, in the amounts indicated: H.D. Supply & Waterworks, Inc., of Beaumont, \$738,804.95; Rural Pipe & Supply, Inc., of Jasper, \$436,407.30; Coburn's Inc., of Beaumont, \$83,231.75; ACT Pipe & Supply, Inc., of Beaumont; \$88,301.60. Total estimated contract value is \$1,346,745.60. This represents an approximate \$18,615.58 (1.36%) reduction from the current contract.

Water Utilities Fund.

Approval of resolution.

Councilmember Guidroz moved to APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT THE BIDS FOR A ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT FOR PURCHASING COUPLINGS, PIPE FITTINGS, VALVES, FIRE HYDRANTS AND OTHER RELATED MATERIALS FOR USE BY THE WATER UTILITIES DEPARTMENT THAT WAS SUBMITTED BY H.D. SUPPLY & WATERWORKS, INC., OF BEAUMONT, \$738,804.95; RURAL PIPE & SUPPLY, INC., OF JASPER, \$436,407.30; COBURN'S INC., OF BEAUMONT, \$83,231.75; ACT PIPE & SUPPLY, INC., OF BEAUMONT; \$88,301.60, BASED UPON UNIT PRICING, FOR AN ESTIMATED TOTAL CONTRACT EXPENDITURE OF \$1,346,745.60, THIS REPRESENTS AN APPROXIMATE \$18,615.58 (1.36%) REDUCTION FROM THE CURRENT CONTRACT, WITH THAT REDUCTION THE TOTAL ESTIMATED CONTRACT AMOUNT WOULD BE \$1,246,745.60 BE ACCEPTED BY THE CITY OF BEAUMONT; AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY MANAGER BE AND HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS WITH THE VENDORS FOR THE PURPOSES DESCRIBED HEREIN. Councilmember Wright seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Resolution 15 – 135

3. Consider a resolution approving a three-year contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX) with an option for two additional years effective January 1, 2016 for third party administration of the City's self-funded Dual Option Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) medical and dental plans.

The City offers medical and dental benefits to 1239 full-time employees and medical benefits to 227 retirees. As medical costs continue to rise, the City faces a challenge in providing the same level of medical benefits as in previous years. The City currently offers a self-funded Dual Option Preferred Provider Organization (PPO). In March 2015, City staff began working with the City's health benefit consultant, Holmes Murphy & Associates, to request bid proposals for the City's medical and dental plans for 2016. Six (6) medical and five (5) dental proposals were received and City staff along with Holmes Murphy requested additional information from the top three (3) finalists which were Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, Aetna, and Cigna.

After analyzing and negotiating with the finalists, City staff and Holmes Murphy concluded that BCBSTX, the incumbent carrier, offered the most cost effective plans with an extensive provider network and deep provider discounts. Initial renewal administrative rates projected by BCBSTX for the PPO plan increased 1%. Final negotiated rates by Holmes Murphy & Associates resulted in the PPO plan's administrative cost decreasing by 7.82%. Administrative costs for the next three years are projected to decrease because of the new renewal rates.

The Dual Option PPO plan consists of the following two plans:

PLAN DESIGN	PREMIUM PPO PLAN	STANDARD PPO PLAN
Coinsurance	80%	80%
Deductible	\$500	\$1500
Out of Pocket Maximum	\$4000	\$5000
Primary Care Office Visit	\$20	Deductible/80%
Specialist Office Visit	\$30	Deductible/80%

The final negotiated rates are lower than the projected industry trend of 8%. Staff recommends approval of the following rates to be paid by the City for the Dual Option PPO and Dental administration effective January 1, 2016:

	2015 Monthly PPO Administration Rates	2016 Monthly PPO Administration Rates
Employee Only	\$52.07	\$48.00
Employee + 1 Dependent	\$52.07	\$48.00
Employee + Family	\$52.07	\$48.00

	2015 Monthly Dental Rates	2016 Monthly Dental Rates
Employee Only	\$5.66	\$3.80
Employee + 1 Dependent	\$5.66	\$3.80
Employee + Family	\$5.66	\$3.80

Employee Benefits Fund.

Approval of resolution.

Councilmember Getz moved to APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT THE CITY MANAGER BE AND HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF TEXAS (BCBSTX), WITH AN OPTION FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL YEARS, FOR THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY'S SELF-FUNDED DUAL OPTION PREFERRED PROVIDER ORGANIZATION (PPO) MEDICAL PLAN AND SELF-FUNDED DENTAL PLAN EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016. Councilmember Mouton seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Resolution 15 – 136

4. Consider an ordinance authorizing the suspension of the effective date of Entergy Texas, Inc.'s proposed rate increase until October 15, 2015.

On June 12, 2015, Entergy Texas, Inc. (Entergy) filed with the City of Beaumont its Statement of Intent to change rates in the Beaumont service area. It is anticipated that this request would increase base rates and riders an estimated \$75.3 million annually. For an average residential customer using 1,000 kw hours of electricity per month, the proposed increase of \$35.3 million in residential revenue would mean an increase of \$6.81 per month. The proposal includes a revenue increase in street lighting tariffs of approximately \$2.9 million. Also included in the request is \$56 million which is intended to cover capital investment, operating expenses and taxes related to Entergy's proposed acquisition of the Union Power Station in El Dorado, Arkansas.

Each city retaining exclusive original jurisdiction over electric rates and services has a responsibility to determine whether the requested increase allows for a reasonable rate. The proposed ordinance authorizes the suspension of the effective date of the request for a period of ninety (90) days or until October 15, 2015 to allow for an opportunity to review the rate increase filing package to determine if the request is reasonable. If a timely determination is not made to suspend the effective date of the request, the increase will become effective as a matter of law on July 17, 2015. The ordinance also provides for the hiring of the Lawton Law Firm, P.C. and rate consultants who represent the interest of the City in coordination with the Steering Committee of Cities within the

Entergy service area.

The reasonable expenses associated with rate cases are reimbursable by the company.

Approval of ordinance.

Councilmember Pate moved to ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEAUMONT, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUSPENSION OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR AN ADDITIONAL NINETY (90) DAYS BEYOND THE JULY 17, 2015, EFFECTIVE DATE PROPOSED BY ENTERGY TEXAS, INC., IN CONNECTION WITH ITS RATE INCREASE APPLICATION ENTITLED "APPLICATION OF ENTERGY TEXAS, INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES," FILED ON JUNE 12, 2015; AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF LAWYERS AND RATE EXPERTS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION TO THE FULL EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW AT THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS; REQUIREING REIMBURSEMENT OF MUNICIPAL RATE CASE EXPENSES; FINDING THAT THE MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AND EFFECTIVE DATE. Councilmember Getz seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Ordinance 15 - 023

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

MAYOR PRO TEM GETZ -

THANKED COUNCIL FOR THE CONFIDENCE BEING GIVEN TO HIM BY ELECTING HIM AS MAYOR PRO TEM, ALSO THANKED HIS WIFE AND HER PARENTS FOR BEING AT COUNCIL ON TODAY, STATED THAT SOME MIGHT HAVE NOTICED THAT THE DOWLEN/WEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION DIDN'T HAVE THE CONCERTS IN THE PARK THIS JULY LIKE IT HAS TRADITIONALLY DONE, THE REASON BEING IS BECAUSE ATTENDANCE HAS STARTED TO DROP DUE TO THE HEAT, IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT THEY MOVE THE CONCERTS IN THE PARK TO OCTOBER AND CALL IT OCTOBERFEST, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE ON OCTOBER 17, 2015, AT ROGERS PARK, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS NEEDED AT THE OCTOBERFEST EVENT WOULD BE TO SERVE BEER, REQUESTED A WORKSHOP, STATED THAT THE ORDINANCE ALLOWS ALCOHOL TO BE SOLD AT RIVERFRONT PARK, HENRY HOMBERG CLUB HOUSE AND AT TYRRELL PARK, ASKED THAT THE ORDINANCE BE CHANGED SO THAT UNDER A CITY SUPERVISED EVENT THERE COULD BE ALCOHOL SOLD IN A LIMITED AREA LIKE A BEER GARDEN IN THE PARK AND SEE IF THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE IN THE CITY

COUNCILMEMBER GUIDROZ -

COMMENTED ON THE DEATH OF HIS 95 YEAR OLD UNCLE, STATED THAT HE PRAYED FOR HIS UNCLE AND FOR OUR COUNTRY, GLAD TO BE BACK IN BEAUMONT WHERE HE SEES PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER TO LIVE IN PEACE AND MAKE GOOD DECISIONS FOR THE CITY

COUNCILMEMBER WRIGHT -

GAVE CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF IRIS NARCISSE WHO PASSED AT THE AGE OF 103, APPRECIATES THE REMARKS OF MR. FLORES, STATED THAT IT IS THE COUNCIL'S DECISION AS TO WHO THEY WILL ELECT FOR THE DUTIES OF MAYOR PRO TEM, ALSO CONGRATULATED COUNCILMEMBER GETZ AS BEING ELECTED MAYOR PRO TEM AND HAS THE CONFIDENCE THAT HE WILL REPRESENT THE WHOLE CITY AND MAKE THE FAIR AND JUST DECISION

COUNCILMEMBER PATE -

ANNOUNCED THAT THIS WEEKEND WILL BE THE CITY OF BEAUMONT'S 10TH ANNUAL JAZZ AND BLUES FEST, THANKED KINSEL LINCOLN FOR THEIR SUPPORT, THE JAZZ FEST WILL BE ON SATURDAY JULY 18, 2015, NEXT TO AND INSIDE THE JEFFERSON THEATRE, GATES OPEN AT 3:00 P.M., ALSO COMMENTED ON MOVIE NIGHT ON FRIDAY'S AT THE JEFFERSON THEATRE, ENCOURAGED EVERYONE TO GO AND VISIT THE EDISON MUSEUM WHICH HAS MORE THOMAS EDISON MEMORABILIA THAN ANYWHERE ELSE IN SOUTHEAST TEXAS

COUNCILMEMBER SAMUEL -

NONE

COUNCILMEMBER MOUTON -

STATED THAT SHE SPOKE WITH COUNCILMEMBER WRIGHT ON THE PASSING OF MRS. NARCISSE, WAS SURPRISED TO FIND THAT DURING HER CAMPAIGN THAT WITHIN ONE HOUR SHE SPOKE WITH THREE CENTURIONS THAT LIVED IN HER WARD, ONE BEING HER GRANDMOTHER WHO IS 102 AND WILL BE 103 ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2015, COUNCILMEMBER MOUTON STATED SHE VISITED ONE STREET AND THERE WERE TWO WOMAN, ONE WAS 101 AND THE LADY THAT WAS NEXT DOOR TO HER WAS 102, STATED THAT IN THE NEAR FUTURE SHE WILL TRY AND GET A LIST OF THE CENTURIONS IN THE CITY OF BEAUMONT BECAUSE IT'S TRULY A BLESSING TO LIVE SUCH A LONG LIFE, ALSO COMMENTED ON THE FIRE WORKS FOR THE 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION, THEY WERE AWESOME AND IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE JAZZ AND BLUES FEST THIS WEEKEND

CITY ATTORNEY COOPER -

NONE

CITY MANAGER HAYES -

CONGRATULATED COUNCILMEMBER GETZ ON BEING ELECTED MAYOR PRO TEM

MAYOR AMES -

CONGRATULATED COUNCILMEMBER GETZ ON BEING ELECTED MAYOR PRO TEM, ALSO COMMENTED ON ARTOBERFEST THAT IS HELD IN GALVESTON, WISHED THAT THE CITY WOULD THINK ABOUT DOING SOMETHING OF THIS NATURE TO HONOR LOCAL ARTIST, ALSO SPOKE IN REGARDS TO THE NATIONAL TWIRLING EVENT THAT WILL TAKE PLACE THIS WEEK WHICH IS A HUGE EVENT, ENCOURAGED CITIZENS TO TAKE PART IN THIS EVENT, ALSO SPOKE ABOUT THE MEETING WITH THE BEAUMONT POLICE CHIEF AND THE CITIZENS AT MAGNOLIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Public Comments (Persons are limited to three minutes)

Sharon Rountree

9855 Washington Blvd.

Beaumont TX

Spoke on behalf of her husband Landry Roundtree, asked that Council reconsider a hearing in regards to their family business Landry Towing

Landry Rountree

1656 S. Major Dr.

Beaumont TX

Asked that Council reconsider a hearing that he has been requesting since his business was suspended from towing with the City, this has caused detriment to his business and his family

Dee Phillips

999 Park Meadow Dr.

Beaumont TX

Spoke on behalf of Mr. Landry Rountree and his family business, stated Mr. Rountree is a good man, a godly man and would do anything for anybody, asked that Council would reconsider a hearing for his business that has been suspended from towing for the City of Beaumont

Patricia Hotalen

2106 Hazel

Beaumont TX

Stated that she wanted to make a complaint about one of the Councilmembers who has an establishment at 2226 Hazel St., Councilmember Samuel was denied a SUP at this property in which he was to have his law office, stated that she passed by walking and noticed that there was still activity at this location, she witnessed a person going into the establishment, a few minutes later Councilmember Samuel drove up, he asked her what she was doing and proceeded to get into her face, she told him that he was not to be doing business on the property, Councilmember Samuel proceeded to tell her that what he does on his property was none of her business, she stated to him that it was her neighborhood and anything in that neighborhood is her business, the two exchanged words and Ms. Hotalen stated that she felt threatened by Councilmember Samuel at that point, she wanted to inform Council that it appears the Councilmember may still be operating his business at the Hazel street address

Rodney Deacklau

3030 French Rd. #425

Beaumont TX

Stated that he rides the bus to Parkdale Mall, there is a little curb that they get off of the bus now and it's not adequate for citizens in wheelchairs to get off at the location where they are dropped, requested that the City put a bus stop by the Nutrition Center for people in the wheelchairs near the Parkdale area so that they don't get hit by a car, also asked that there be a curb cut on the corner of S. 11th St., as well as a place to sit to wait on the bus, also commented on the sidewalk issue, sidewalks are needed on the access road near where he lives

Roberto Flores

2425 Buchanan

Beaumont TX

Spoke to Council regarding Fletcher Mini Park, has received complaints on the park, went out to the park at 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon, the playground area was filthy it was covered with bottles and paper, he also witnessed a man and a woman in the tunnel where the kids play partaking in an unauthorized act, later on in the afternoon he went to the corner of Milam and Ave D., there were two women waiting for a pickup, across the street there was an actually pickup, Mr. Flores stated he went back to the park late in the afternoon and there was one vagrant and a guy that was unconscious, this park is no place for the kids to play, wants everyone to know that the Neighborhood Watch is in effect, they will be taking pictures and license plates, giving everyone a warning

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

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



Becky Ames, Mayor



Tina Broussard, City Clerk

