



## City of Cottonwood Shores

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**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**City of Cottonwood Shores, Texas**  
July 16, 1992  
7:10 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Joseph Beyer at 7:10 p.m. at City Hall located at 3915 Cottonwood Drive, Cottonwood Shores, Texas. Commissioners Adrian Gawlik and Mike Butler were in attendance. The accompanying sheet provides names of individuals attending who signed the register as requested.

Mayor Beyer explained that the meeting was intended to let the public know of the funding available through the Texas department of Commerce and to decide if the general concensus was to re-apply for funding to upgrade the Water System.

Mayor Beyer said the amount of funding available is a little over 56 million dollars. There are 6-7 grants available of \$250,000. He explained the areas of availability. The same funding is available that we applied for last year and did not receive.

Mayor Beyer said that he feels we need to re-apply for the funding for the urgent needs at the water plant. He then opened the floor for discussion.

Tony Plumlee of Willis Engineering explained the selection criteria. The selection criteria is divided into 2 grading systems. The Regional Review Council and the State. The Regional Review Council is made up of people within the Capitol area of the Council of Governments. (10-11 people) they have the ability to award  $\frac{1}{2}$  point to the project and the other  $\frac{1}{2}$  point is through the State. Last year there was a maximum of 350 points awarded through the Regional Review Committee and the other 350 points was awarded through the State. The State awards their points strictly on hard data. Poverty criteria, numbers, distress factors, such as, what their taxes are, what your water and sewer rates are, what your bond indebtedness is. The Regional Review Committee gets into your non-hard data criteria, which in the past meant who got what. This was based on the impact the project had on the city. Some cities got the maximum and some got 0. That was the conditions leeway in the political moves of establishing who got what. Naturally if I was on the city council and my profession came forward, I would award it the maximum points. Or if I was a judge and one or two of my cities was up, I would award it the maximum points. Because of that, the biased opinions,



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this year under project impact scoring, they limited the range, so now project impact scoring goes from 160 to 140 for water, sewer and housing. This restricts the large flexibility the committee had.

Commissioner Butler asked how are things scored now that we got stuck for last year, like minorities working for the city. Do we need to hire someone part time or whatever we need to do? Tony Plumlee said that a city of this size that had 50 or 100% of the people working for them were considered minority, that got the extra points for that city. They were awarded 15 points automatically. It is my understanding that now if you are a town of this population or have less than 5 employees, you will be considered in the average category of all the recipients to be judged.

Commissioner Butler said that we need to know what they are looking for so if there is something we need to conform to, we need to do it.

Mayor Beyer stated that he felt that this year we have an additional advantage, in that some of the work that we have done in the past year we have unearthed some problem areas that give further support in our request, so it doesn't look like we are going in for whole sale replacement of our facilities. We can make a much stronger case for a need for this particular equipment.

Commissioner Gawlik asked, with this loan application last year for the same thing we are applying for now, does it give a breakdown on how far down the line we were or how far we missed it?

Mayor Beyer said, at the Regional level we were 8th. That's why he was so disappointed when he received the State reading we were 12th. What they killed us on was the merits of the project. Our urgency of the project was created by a regulatory requirement and not because of a facility that's about to fall down around your ears. Commissioner Butler said we will just tell them it's a facility that's about to cause bad water. The Mayor stated that it's a year closer to falling down around your ears.

Tony Plumlee suggested we tell them that the facility has met it's expected life or appreciation.

Mayor Beyer stated that the tanks at Castle Terrace are in urgent need of repair. One tank is probably the original tank on the system. If we are going to resolve the problem we are simply

to have to put some new capability there. We have filters which are at the point now where it's a flip of a coin, do you scrap it or do you spend money to get another 7-10 years out of it, or do you spend X amount of dollars and get 50 years out of it. We are at the point now where it is just financially feasible to do these things. The only smart thing to do financially is to replace these things and make some major improvements.

Commissioner Gawlik asked how many times people have applied and failed with a grant like this? Tony Plumlee stated that Marble Falls has applied for seven years on the same project and finally got it. Burnet applied for probably three years maybe four and finally got it. So it depends on honing your project to get the most points and if you can do that and you are more competitive than your neighbor, you are going to get funded whether it takes one year or five years.

Commissioner Gawlik asked Tony how he would address the project application, if it's by minorities? Tony said, he wouldn't change anything from what we applied for last year other than adding filters. He said he did notice that they considered pump replacement a maintenance item. Mayor Beyer stated that we have replaced the pumps this year at our own expense.

Tony said he felt the application we submitted last year was a good one. we just got hit on factors we couldn't control. Commissioner Gawlik said there was others rated better than ours. Tony said there was 8 more rated better than ours. Mayor Beyer stated that we haven't been standing in line long enough. Tony Plumlee said that is one criteria they have implemented this year to our benefit, is that we will automatically receive 10 extra points if we applied last year and we are applying virtually for the same project. This proves that the need is still there.

Mayor Beyer asked if there were any more questions? There were none. He also stated that he and Tony Plumlee would gather more information on this to have available at the next Public Hearing scheduled for July 23, 1992. Also at that time a decision should be made to go ahead with the application.

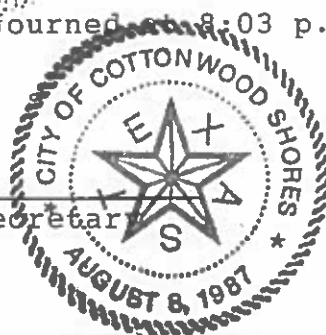
Commissioner Butler asked if we would get more points if we went more than the 5% matching funds? Tony said that if your population was equal to or less than 750, matching funds equal to or greater than 5%, you will automatically receive 60 points. Matching funds at 4-5%, you get 40 points. So 5% is the maximum. So we received the maximum points.

With no further questions being asked, Commissioner Butler made a motion that the hearing be adjourned. Commissioner Gawlik seconded the motion.

The Public Hearing adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully,

Shirley Pitts  
Shirley Pitts, City Secretary



Joseph F. Beyer  
Joseph F. Beyer, Mayor

