

CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES

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Mayor: Donald Orr

Mayor Pro-Tem: Stephen Sherry

Councilmember: Tony Satsky



Councilmember: Cheri Trinidad

Councilmember: Marley Porter

Councilmember: Roger L. Wayson

People, Parks and Prosperity

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**** NOTICE ****

The City Council held a regular meeting on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was held at the Cottonwood Shores City Hall,
located at: 3808 Cottonwood Drive in Cottonwood Shores, TX 78657

AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 5:40 p.m.
2. Roll Call:

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT EXCUSED	ABSENT UNEXCUSED
Mayor Orr	✓		
Mayor Pro-Tem Sherry		✓	
Councilmember Satsky	✓		
Councilmember Trinidad		Arrived at 6:01pm	
Councilmember Porter	✓		
Councilmember Wayson	✓		

City Administrator/City Secretary Sheila Moore announced that a quorum was present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance to U.S. Flag and Texas Flag: Led by Mayor Donald Orr

Texas Flag Pledge: Honor the Texas Flag. I pledge allegiance to Thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.

4. Financial Workshop and Budget Review

Financial Officer Orr stated that the Council would use the information presented as a kick off for next year's budget. He told Council and the audience that the City of Cottonwood Shores must grow. The largest problem areas for the City in the future are - World: Greece, China and Extremism; Nation: oil prices, Congress and Extremism; State: the drought, oil prices, property/school taxes, basic State finance model and the Business Climate; Local: trickle down from State Financial model problems, ability to capitalize on available growth and City funding sources.

The problems that the City of Cottonwood Shores MUST solve in order for it to grow are: roads, wastewater, antiquated water system; public safety and image.

He then went on to present his recommendation for amending the budget.

5. Citizen's Comments:

This is the opportunity for the public to address the City Council. Please sign up to speak and indicate the subject you intend to address. Speakers will be recognized in their order of sign-up. City Council may not discuss or act on any issue not posted on the agenda for this meeting. (Attorney General Opinion JC-0169). Citizen's comments will be

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limited to 3 minutes after they have been acknowledged to speak by the chair of the meeting. If the Citizen wishes to make comments about an item that is already on the agenda, discussion will be deferred until the item comes up.

Wendy Wayson spoke to acknowledge the City's police officers during this transitional time. Their visibility is appreciated and makes her feel safer. She said Interim Chief Bieze and Officers Talamantez and Dodd are courteous and respond in a concerned manner.

John and Billie Parker left a comment that the Mayor read for them regarding the non-enforcement of the Sound Ordinance as it pertained to On The Rocks' extremely loud music several nights a week.

6. Mayor's Report: No Report

City Administrator reported that Dollar General's signs were up and the lights were on; scheduled to open on May 18. She also reported that Interim Chief Bieze had secured a non-paid reserve officer who will be worked into the schedule as needed along with Officers Talamantez, Dodd and himself.

Parks and Recreation Board Chairman Ray Whitis reported on the Parks. Boat ramp is up and running and well used. One issue to address is when boaters back onto the ramp at night there have been problems with slipping off the edge of the ramp. The Playscape at community park needs to be repaired and the fence around the basketball court are being worked on. Working on stepping up security at the parks in conjunction with the Crime, Control and Prevention Board. At their next scheduled meeting, they will be discussing the Nature Reserve and Bike Trail.

7. Consent Agenda:

7.1. Minutes from a Regular Meeting of the City Council held on April 16, 2015.

7.1.1. Motion to approve the April 16, 2015 minutes with minor change

7.1.1.1. Motion: Councilmember Satsky

7.1.1.2. Seconded: Councilmember Porter

NAME	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Mayor Pro-Tem Sherry			
Councilmember Satsky	✓		
Councilmember Trinidad	✓		
Councilmember Porter	✓		
Councilmember Wayson	✓		

7.2.2. Vote: Yea: 4 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

7.2.3. Motion: Passed

8. Unfinished Business:

8.1. Discussed and considered action on Policy for Lot Combinations. *As presented by Mayor Orr The Mayor presented his correspondence with City Attorney Elliot Barner and the attorney's opinions on the process. Councilmember Wayson and Porter felt the opinion was inadequate and did not cover several issues. Councilmember Wayson suggested a workshop to hammer out the details and Councilmember Porter said he would bring a Real Estate attorney to the workshop.*

8.1.1. Motion to postpone until next meeting and conduct a workshop between now and the next meeting.

8.1.1.1. Motion: Councilmember Porter

8.1.1.2. Seconded: Councilmember Satsky

NAME	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Mayor Pro-Tem Sherry			
Councilmember Satsky	✓		
Councilmember Trinidad	✓		
Councilmember Porter	✓		
Councilmember Wayson	✓		

8.1.2. Vote: Yea: 4 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

8.1.3. Motion: Postponed

8.2. Discussed and considered action on amending Ordinance 3010 (Building Regulations) as it pertains to lot combinations. *As requested by Councilmember Wayson.*

8.2.1. Motion to postpone until next meeting and discuss at the workshop

8.2.1.1. Motion: Councilmember Porter

8.2.1.2. Seconded: Councilmember Satsky

NAME	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Mayor Pro-Tem Sherry			
Councilmember Satsky	✓		
Councilmember Trinidad	✓		
Councilmember Porter	✓		
Councilmember Wayson	✓		

8.2.2. Vote: Yea: 4 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

8.2.3. Motion: **Postponed**

8.3. Discussed and considered action on changing the acronym CWS (Cottonwood Shores) to CCS (City of Cottonwood Shores). *As requested by Councilmember Trinidad*

Councilmember Porter felt CWS was much easier to understand than CCS. Councilmember Wayson stated that he had discussed it with some of the City's residents and they all preferred CWS. That the City of Horseshoe Bay uses HSB, not CHB.

Mayor Orr felt there was no need to change the acronym.

Councilmember Trinidad prefers CCS as she would like everyone to know it is a City. Projects more of an image.

8.3.1. Motion to leave as CWS

8.3.1.1. Motion: Councilmember Porter

8.3.1.2. Seconded: Councilmember Satsky

NAME	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Mayor Pro-Tem Sherry			
Councilmember Satsky	✓		
Councilmember Trinidad		✓	
Councilmember Porter	✓		
Councilmember Wayson	✓		

8.3.2. Vote: Yea: 3 Nay: 1 Abstain: 0

8.3.3. Motion: **Passed**

9. New Business:

9.1 Discussed and considered action on adopting Ordinance 11085 (Budget Amendment Fiscal 2015). *As requested by Staff.*

Councilmember Wayson stated that he did not receive the documents to review so he was not prepared to vote on adopting the budget amendment and requested a postponement.

9.1.1. Motion to postpone until next meeting

9.1.1.1. Motion: Councilmember Wayson

9.1.1.2. Seconded: Councilmember Porter

NAME	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Mayor Pro-Tem Sherry			
Councilmember Satsky	✓		
Councilmember Trinidad	✓		
Councilmember Porter	✓		
Councilmember Wayson	✓		

9.1.2. Vote: Yea: 4 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

9.1.3. Motion: Postponed

9.2. Discussed and considered action on accepting the amended 2013-2014 Audit. *As requested by Staff*
Error found by CPA.

9.2.1. Motion to accept amended Audit

9.2.1.1. Motion: Councilmember Porter

9.2.1.2. Seconded: Councilmember Trinidad

NAME	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Mayor Pro-Tem Sherry			
Councilmember Satsky	✓		
Councilmember Trinidad	✓		
Councilmember Porter	✓		
Councilmember Wayson	✓		

9.2.2. Vote: Yea: 4 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

9.2.3. Motion: Passed

9.3. Discussed and considered action on activating the Splash Pad at Community Park. *As requested by the Parks & Recreation Commission.*

Parks Commissioner Wendy Wayson requested that the Splash Pad be opened from Memorial Day through Labor Day this Summer. It was a big hit last year and the children really enjoy and need it. She recommended running it on Saturdays from 11:00am to 3:00pm.

City Administrator Moore advised the Council that when the Splash Pad was in use last year from July through August, the water usage never exceeded the base water rate and recommended that Council allow Commissioner Wayson's request.

9.3.1. Motion to run the Splash Pad beginning Memorial Day, May 25, 2015 through Labor Day, September 7, 2015 on every Saturday and Holiday from 11:00am to 3:00pm.

9.3.1.1. Motion: Councilmember Porter

9.3.1.2. Seconded: Councilmember Trinidad

NAME	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Mayor Pro-Tem Sherry			
Councilmember Satsky	✓		
Councilmember Trinidad	✓		
Councilmember Porter	✓		
Councilmember Wayson	✓		

9.3.2. Vote: Yea: 4 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

9.3.3. Motion: Passed

9.4. Discussed and reviewed ADA Plan for Noah Thompson Park. *As requested by the Parks & Recreation Commission.*

Parks Commission Chair Ray Whitis presented the Park's recommendation. Acknowledged there were some grading issues and they chose to place the ADA picnic table where the least grading work would be needed. Grant Administrator Cummings let them know that she had already sent their plan to TPW who had approved it and now needs to submit the plans to TDLR and send TPW the TDLR registration number to ensure compliance with accessibility standards. After ADA is complete on all the parks, will begin working on original plan designs.

9.5. Discussed and reviewed options for tires at P-Squared Park. *As requested by the Parks & Recreation Commission.*

Parks Commission Chair Ray Whitis began the discussion by posing the question if the tire problem was an environmental issue, health issue or an aesthetic issue. It has been that way for 5 years and the BMX trail has had zero usage in that time. Councilmember Porter said that it is not being used because it has not been finished. And that the state/grant paid for the BMX park with the skate park attached, not the other way around. Cannot just eliminate the BMX park. More research would need to be done on that issue. Ray said that it will cost the City either way (removal of tires or completion). Ray had done some research and quoted from the Texas Administrative Code and from TCEQ his discovery that the tires in their current status were now a legal issue. The City is in violation of the law which turns the problem into a tire extraction issue.

Jim Bristow had met with a person from Reliable Tire Disposal who came out and reviewed the tires. He quoted a price of \$3.00 per tire plus \$60 per hour to remove and dispose of all the tires. Burying the tires was not a feasible solution due to the sheer number of tires and the amount of work required to cut the tires before burying them.

Debbie Holloway spoke with Commissioner Dockery who said he was aware of the problem and that perhaps the County could help. Chair Whitis said he would pursue the issue further with Commissioner Dockery to see what could be done.

City Administrator Moore answered Chairman Whitis' question posed at the beginning of the discussion: if the tires were an environmental issue, health issue or an aesthetic issue. She said it was all of those, plus the added problem that the park had now become a dumping ground for tires which only exacerbated the issue.

It was agreed that the Parks Commission would come back to Council with a recommendation on what they feel the Council should decide to do on the tires.

10. Future agenda items:

- 10.1. Lot combination/relinquishment of easements process
- 10.2. Ordinance 14000 (Zoning) regarding privacy fences
- 10.3. Noah Thompson approved ADA
- 10.4. Ordinance 3010 (Building)
- 10.5. Ordinance 11085 (Budget Amendment)

11. Adjournment: 7:54 pm

The preceding document is a true and accurate reflection of the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of the City of Cottonwood Shores, held on May 7, 2015.



Attest:

Sheila C. Moore
City Administrator/City Secretary