

MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Call to Order

The City Council of the City of Katy, Texas, convened in regular session Monday, March 28, 2011, at 6:30 p.m., at Katy Municipal Complex, 910 Avenue C, Katy, Texas. The following City Officials were present:

Don Elder Jr., Mayor
 Hank Schmidt, Mayor Pro Tem
 Carol Adams, Councilmember
 Kenneth Berger, Councilmember
 Larry Gore, Councilmember
 Fabol R. Hughes, Councilmember
 Art Pertile, City Attorney
 Missy Bunch, City Secretary
 Johnny Nelson, City Administrator
 David Leyendecker, City Engineer

Keep Katy Beautiful Board – Katy Proud Business Award

Sharon Rhoads, Keep Katy Beautiful Member, presented the Katy Proud Business Award to Schmidt Funeral Home, 1508 East Avenue. Hank and Sandy Schmidt accepted the award. Board Member Rhoads explained the Board is always looking for local businesses that take pride in the outward appearance of their business, and maintain a consistently well manicured and neat landscaping. She commented the Schmidt's had always adopted the esplanade on East Fifth Street at East Avenue. Mr. Schmidt thanked Chris Henderson for the excellent job of maintaining the appearance at the funeral home and expressed appreciation for this honor.

Comments from the Audience

All were given an opportunity to be heard and the following spoke: 1) Bob Walters, 2714 Village Court, commented on the removal of the City of Katy sign located on the northeast corner of I-10 and Highway 90. He did not think it was appropriate for the City to ask Texas Department of Transportation for the funds to beautify this area. 2) Linda Willis, 3106 Brant, explained she was a long time Katy resident and explained she initially attended the meeting to present the City with a petition against the proposed airplane/house to be located in the 3100 block of Katy Hockley Road, but understood it was premature at this time, since no permits had been requested. She understood the City has Zoning laws, a specific process for such a request and citizens will be given opportunity to be heard if the request proceeds forward. She thanked the City for a job well done.

Bank Statement and Check Register thru 02-28-2011

Councilmembers were given an opportunity to ask questions or make comments on the Bank Statement and Check Register thru 02-28-2011, and there were none.

Appoint Building and Standards Commission (Regular Member – Vincent C. Morille, Jr.; Alternate Members – Trent A. Cooke and Stephen M. Schilder)

Motion was made by Councilmember Schmidt, seconded by Councilmember Berger, appointing Building and Standards Commission (Regular Member – Vincent C. Morille, Jr.; Alternate Members – Trent A. Cooke and Stephen M. Schilder). All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Consider Convention and Tourism Bureau Application from Katy Heritage Society – Repair and Restore Historic Buildings (3) located a Katy Heritage Park, Amount Requested \$19,092.00 (Funding Historical Restoration or Preservation Programs) (approved by Convention and Tourism Bureau 03-23-2011)

Motion was made by Councilmember Hughes, seconded by Councilmember Berger, approving the Convention and Tourism Bureau Application from Katy Heritage Society – Repair and Restore Historic Buildings (3) located a Katy Heritage Park, Amount Requested \$19,092.00 (Funding Historical Restoration or Preservation Programs). Councilmember Gore asked City Treasurer Byron to confirm there was in excess of \$500,000.00 in Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds. Hebert clarified there was approximately \$450,000.00 in Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Consider Convention and Tourism Bureau Application from City of Katy – Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Museum New 200 AMP Electric Service and Rewire, Amount Requested \$14,750.00 (Funding Historical Restoration or Preservation Programs) (approved by Convention and Tourism Bureau 03-23-2011)

Motion was made by Councilmember Schmidt, seconded by Councilmember Gore, approving the Convention and Tourism Bureau Application from City of Katy – Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Museum New 200 AMP Electric Service and Rewire, Amount Requested \$14,750.00 (Funding Historical Restoration or Preservation Programs). All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Resolution No. 454 Authorizing the Use of \$433,892.00 in Metro Funds by Katy Development Authority for the Construction of the Lilac Street Extension

Motion was made by Councilmember Hughes, seconded by Councilmember Berger, approving as presented and printed a Resolution (No. 454) Authorizing the Use of \$433,892.00 in Metro Funds by Katy Development Authority for the Construction of the Lilac Street Extension (included in cost: Construction Contract Amount - \$348,450.00; Contingencies - \$38,450.00; Engineering - \$23,468.00; Surveying \$2,100.00; Inspection \$7,607.00; and, Administration/Attorney/CPZ - \$17,422.00). The Mayor believes the extension of Lilac Street will better assist the Police, Fire and EMS Departments is bettering serving Katy. City Engineer David Leyendecker explained the runoff will drain into the detention pond. Councilmember Hughes explained the City had received a request from citizens requesting additional stop signs on Town Park Boulevard. Leyendecker explained a study will have to be done on the proposal of stop signs on the extension of Lilac Street; however, 30 m.p.h. signs will be put in place on the extension. Councilmember Hughes expressed concern that the lack of stop signs on Lilac Street could be an invitation to persons wanting to speed. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Presentation by Republic Waste on Curbside Recycling (requested by Councilmembers Hughes and Gore)

David Aguilar, Republic Services, presented Councilmembers with a handout titled Introducing Recyclebank, Rewarding Green Actions in Katy Texas. Aguilar explained Recyclebank is a nationwide program with over 200 customers in 28 states. He briefed Councilmembers on how computerized coupons are earned, how computerized coupons are redeemed and the potential savings of the proposed program. He explained there is a built in chip in each recycling container that assists with determining the tonnage of recycled materials. Aguilar commented the City currently has Tuesday and Friday residential garbage service and the recycling program would be performed along with the regular services. The bins would be provided to all households and residents would put all recycling in the one bin, the sorting of the materials would be conducted by the company. Aguilar explained the bins have a kickstand and some

Presentation by Republic Waste on Curbside Recycling (cont'd)

elderly residents may have difficulty maneuvering the bin to the street. He explained the City could develop guidelines for these residents to be assisted. Councilmember Schmidt asked about citizens having the opportunity to opt in or out of the program. Aguilar explained all residents will receive a bin. Councilmember Berger understood the proposed rate is \$3.75 per household, per month. Aguilar spoke of local recycling centers in the area. Councilmember Berger asked how the proposal works with apartment complexes. Aguilar stated it would depend on the size of the complex. Councilmember Adams asked about residents who do not have computers to review coupon account balances. Aguilar explained there is a 1-800 number and a catalog. The Mayor asked about those on limited income. Aguilar explained the City could determine guidelines. He reported there are approximately 4309 residential units in the City. Aguilar explained 2/3 of a specific Municipal Utility District (M.U.D.) participated in the proposed program. Councilmember Gore asked if this specific M.U.D. had increased participation over the past 8 months. Aguilar replied yes. The Mayor recognized Karl Schmidt, Green Arrow Recycling, 27235 Highway Blvd., had signed up to speak. He briefly spoke of his business, he had worked with Aguilar and hope citizens continue to drop off their recyclables. He believes the proposed program would be a good thing.

Ordinance No. 2495 Declaring the Unopposed Candidates for Mayor and for Councilmember from Ward A Duly Elected; Providing that the May 14, 2011, Regular Election for City Officers Shall Not be Held for Mayor and Councilmember from Ward A

(Considerare la posibilidad de una Ordenanza Declarando de los candidatos únicos a Alcalde y por el concejal del Distrito electoral, debidamente elegidos; A condición de que las elecciones 14 de mayo 2011, regular para los oficiales de la ciudad no se hace a Alcalde y Concejal de Distrito electoral)

(Hãy xem xét một lệnh Tuyên bố thí sinh Unopposed cho Thị Trưởng và Nghị Viên Madison từ Phường cho A Đúng cứ; Cung cấp các Ngày 14 tháng 5 năm 2011, thường xuyên cho cán bộ thành phố bầu cử sẽ không chịu cho Thị Trưởng và Nghị Viên Madison từ Phường A)

Motion was made by Councilmember Schmidt, seconded by Councilmember Gore, approving as printed and read (*caption*) an Ordinance (*No. 2495*) Declaring the Unopposed Candidates for Mayor and for Councilmember from Ward A duly Elected; Providing that the May 14, 2011, Regular Election for City Officers shall not be held for Mayor and Councilmember from Ward A. All voted Aye, and the motion carried

Councilmembers' Reports

Councilmember Gore congratulated Schmidt Funeral Home on their well deserved Katy Proud Business Award. He thanked David Aguilar, Republic Waste for his presentation on recycling and commented City Council will consider at a later date. Councilmember Adams thanked the employees responsible for the City of Katy Annual Banquet and congratulated Linda Vourazeris on her award as the 2010 Employee of the Year. She also congratulated the Mayor on winning the election. Councilmember Hughes congratulated Hank and Sandy Schmidt on receiving the Katy Proud Business Award and congratulated Bill Lawton on winning the election for Councilmember Ward A and thanked Linda Willis for her comments about the proposed airplane/house and thanked David Aguilar for his recycling presentation.

Mayor's Reports

The Mayor thanked Boy Scout Jacob Hazel for leading the pledges earlier in the meeting. He thanked all who had voiced their opinions and reminded all who City Council works for, the citizens. He commented he would never forget who he represents, unlike the State Officials. He congratulated Linda Vourazeris on her award and thanked those involved with banquet.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilmember Berger, seconded by Councilmember Gore, to adjourn the meeting. All voted Aye, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Secretary