

**REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NASSAU BAY, TEXAS
April 11, 2016
7:00 PM**

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Mark Denman, Councilmembers, John Mahon, Bryce Klug, Jonathan Amdur, and Bob Warters.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Mossman and Councilmember Harry Dollar.

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Attorney Dick Gregg, Jr., City Manager Jason Reynolds, City Secretary Marisela Garcia, Assistant City Manager Mary Chambers, Finance Director Csilla Stiles, Fire Chief Tom George, Communications Director Kristi Sykora, Public Works Director Paul Lopez, Sgt. Glenn Sharp, Planning Commission Chair Roscoe Lee, and Parks Committee Chair Buck Gay.

PRESIDING: Mayor Mark Denman.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Mayor Mark Denman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced a quorum of Council was present with five elected officials in attendance.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS

The invocation was given by Associate Pastor of Education and Outreach Charles Draper of Nassau Bay Baptist Church.

The Pledges of Allegiance were Councilmember John Mahon.

APPOINTMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS

Presentation of certificates of completion for Nassau Bay 101 graduates.

City Manager Jason Reynolds and Mayor Mark Denman presented certificates of completion of the inaugural 2016 Nassau Bay 101 graduates. City Manager Reynolds and Mayor Denman posed for photos with each of the graduates in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing was held.

CITIZENS' REQUEST FOR HEARING BEFORE CITY COUNCIL

No Citizens' request.

COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS/REPORTS

There were no comments from any Councilmembers.

Mayor Mark Denman stated there were no water breaks during March. He commented on the Garden Club's Gala which was an outstanding event.

REPORTS FROM STAFF MEMBERS & COMMITTEES

COMMITTEES

City Manager

City Manager Reynolds welcomed new Chief of Police Kenneth Campbell who will be joining the Nassau Bay staff from Santa Fe on May 16th.

City Manager Reynolds recognized that Officers Jerel Crowder and Kaila Sullivan had been awarded commendations for their work out in the field. They both took the initiative, researched and worked hard which led to the apprehension of two suspects. He thanked the officers for what they do out in the field and wanted everyone to see the fine officers in Nassau Bay.

City Manager Reynolds reminded residents of the April 15th deadline for comment cards regarding the coastal spine alternatives. He gave a brief recap of the alternatives and encouraged residents to submit their comments supporting CR#1.

City Manager Reynolds stated the Town Square Event was scheduled for Saturday, April 23rd. He also informed the audience of the phone tree going live at City Hall on April 11th.

Fire Department

Fire Department President Matt Roper reported there were currently 42 members. The members logged 1,050 standby man hours and 43 calls at the station in March.

City Manager Reynolds thanked the Fire Department and Police Department with their assistance with the accident on NASA Road 1.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda listed the following items for approval:

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. Regular Meeting on March 14, 2016; and
 - 2. Special Meeting on March 21, 2016; and

It was moved by Councilmember Amdur, seconded by Councilmember Warters, that the above items on the Consent Agenda be approved.

Motion passed 5 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of a resolution denying CenterPoint's application for a rate increase

Assistant City Manager Chambers gave an overview of the item noting this was a housekeeping item. She indicated the City of Nassau Bay was a member of the Gulf Coast Coalition of Cities and the general counsel assigned to this is Thomas Brocato of Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend. CenterPoint has applied for a rate increase and this resolution would deny the rate increase.

Councilmember Amdur inquired whether information had been provided to substantiate whether their request was reasonable.

City Manager Reynolds stated Thomas Brocato had mentioned in his letter to the City that CenterPoint's request was unreasonably high compared to recent increases.

After brief discussion it was noted this was not denying their request but a resolution voicing Nassau Bay's objection to the rate increase.

The caption of the resolution reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NASSAU BAY, TEXAS FINDING THAT CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND ITS DISTRIBUTION COST RECOVERY FACTOR PURSUANT TO 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 25.243 AND TO RECONCILE DOCKET NO. 44572 REVENUES TO INCREASE DISTRIBUTION RATES WITHIN THE CITY SHOULD BE DENIED; FINDING THAT THE CITY'S REASONABLE RATE CASE EXPENSES SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY THE COMPANY; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL

(Said Resolution is of record in Resolution Book No. 19 of the City of Nassau Bay, Texas, being Resolution No. R2016-2066.)

It was moved by Councilmember Amdur, seconded by Councilmember Mahon, that the resolution denying CenterPoint's application for a rate increase.

Motion passed 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Meeting recessed to Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. with Mayor Mark Denman reading from the posted agenda the following topics to be discussed in Executive Session:

1. §551.071 Consultation with Attorney – Discussion of possible litigation pertaining to dangerous animal.

Meeting returned to Open Session at 7:57 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Minutes approved as submitted and/or amended this 9th day of May, A.D., 2016.



Marisela Garcia
Marisela Garcia, TRMC
City Secretary

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