

**REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NASSAU BAY, TEXAS
MAY 13, 2019
7:00 PM**

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Mark Denman, Mayor Pro Tem Don Matter, Councilmembers Ashley Graves, John Mahon, Bryce Klug, Jonathan Amdur, and Matt Prior

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney Dick Gregg Jr., Councilmember-Elect Bob Warters, City Manager Jason Reynolds, City Secretary Sandra Ham, Assistant City Manager Mary Chambers, Finance Director Csilla Ludanyi, Police Chief Tim Cromie, Public Works Director Paul Lopez, Fire Chief Tom George, and Planning Commission Chairman Roscoe Lee

PRESIDING: Mayor Mark Denman

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Mayor Mark Denman called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and announced a quorum of Council was present with all elected officials in attendance.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by Assistant City Manager Mary Chambers. The Pledges to the American and Texas flags were led by Eagle Scout Austin Riccio.

APPOINTMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

Presentation of Proclamation to Austin Riccio in Honor of Earning the Prestigious Rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America

Mayor Mark Denman congratulated Austin Riccio for completing all the requirements to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. Additionally, Mayor Denman read a proclamation declaring March 11, 2020 "Austin Chullen Riccio Day" in the City of Nassau Bay. Austin provided a brief overview of his Eagle Scout project, in which he created an expanded gathering area for the youth of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Mayor Denman presented the proclamation and posed for a photo with Austin and his family.

Presentation of a Proclamation for National Police Week

Mayor Denman presented a proclamation to the Nassau Bay Police Department in honor of National Police Week. National Police Week publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation. A photo was taken of Mayor Denman, Chief Tim Cromie, and members of the Nassau Bay Police Department.

Presentation of a Life Saving Award to Officer Donald Linder and Officer Michael Cavazos

Chief Tim Cromie presented both Officer Donald Linder and Officer Michael Cavazos the Life Saving Award on behalf of the Nassau Bay Police Department. Chief Cromie provided an overview of an incident in which Officers Linder and Cavazos responded to a call and found a 49-year-old male who had inflicted several serious slash wounds upon himself. The officers assisted emergency medical responders who, despite the man's combative actions, were able to save his life. Mayor Denman, Chief Cromie, Officer Linder, Officer Cavazos, and City Manager Jason Reynolds posed for a photo.

Presentation of a CANBE Donation to the Nassau Bay Volunteer Fire Department

CANBE Board Member Ashley Graves presented a \$1,000 check to the Nassau Bay Volunteer Fire Department for the Fire and EMS Station's landscaping. Additionally, Ms. Graves promoted the Legacy Brick and Legacy Bench programs, which allows individuals to purchase a brick or bench in honor of a family member or friend, with proceeds benefiting City enhancement projects. A photo was taken of Ms. Graves, Mayor Denman, Fire Chief Tom George and NBVFD President Matt Roper.

Update on Storm Water Pumps in the City of Nassau Bay

Mayor Pro Tem Don Matter provided an update on the City's storm water pump systems. He indicated the City's goal was to upgrade the Upper Bay Road storm pumps in order to keep the street dry up to 1.5 inches per hour of rain fall. Mayor Pro Tem Matter provided basic details on Nassau Bay's flood history and tide levels, and also presented background information on the City's five main storm drains and their drainage paths.

Additionally, Mayor Pro Tem Matter provided more detailed drainage information on several intersections in Nassau Bay, including Prince William Lane at Upper Bay Road, Port Royal Drive and Upper Bay Road, the Sea Cove Court area, and the park entrance at Upper Bay Road. He indicated Nassau Bay has received funds to install larger storm water pumps in these needed intersections.

Continuing, Mayor Pro Tem Matter presented historical data on Upper Bay Road drainage, rainfall totals, and information from the Harris County Flood Control District. He also specifically provided details on the recent rainfall in Nassau Bay on May 9, 2019. Mayor Pro Tem Matter ended his presentation with aerial photos of Nassau Bay.

Presentation by the Running Alliance Sport (RAS)

Robby Sabban of the Running Alliance Sport (RAS) presented an overview of the organization and highlighted details from their recent event, Yuri's Fun Run. He expressed appreciation to the City of Nassau Bay for their efforts in making RAS a successful non-profit organization. The next Yuri's Fun Run will be April 11, 2020.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING: None

CITIZENS' REQUEST FOR HEARING BEFORE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Denman announced a Public Hearing for citizens to address Council regarding issues and concerns.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:41 p.m.

Pete Seroka, 18226 Nassau Bay Drive, announced the Nassau Bay Homes Association will be holding their Board Election on May 17th. As Mr. Seroka is running for a Board seat, he asked for the audience's consideration as they cast their votes in the Board Election.

Roscoe Lee, 1631 Antiqua Lane, expressed appreciation to City staff for the recent Hurricane Seminar held at the Fire and EMS Station. He stated he enjoyed the new format, as the various speakers highlighted Nassau Bay's response to Hurricane Harvey. Additionally, he noted the opportunity for participants to view up close the emergency command post. Ending his comments, he encouraged attendance by all at next year's seminar.

There were no other public comments and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:47 p.m.

COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS/REPORTS

Councilmember Ashley Graves announced CANBE's upcoming fundraising event, Stellar Soiree: Discovering Nassau Bay, which will be held on September 30th at Nassau Bay City Hall. Businesses interested in sponsorship opportunities for the event should contact her. Additionally, she thanked all who donated to Communities in Schools, as she received many donations for Space Center Intermediate's end of year dance. Individuals interested in getting involved with Communities in Schools should also contact Councilmember Graves.

Mayor Pro Tem Don Matter spoke briefly about Nassau Bay's alert system Swift911 and encouraged all to confirm their registration with the emergency alert system.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS/REPORTS

Mayor Mark Denman remarked on the recent rain event in Nassau Bay, and indicated there were no overflow issues.

REPORTS FROM STAFF MEMBERS & COMMITTEES

City Manager

City Manager Jason Reynolds began his comments by thanking all those involved in all of the City's recent events. He highlighted the Hurricane Preparedness Seminar and thanked Fire Chief Tom George for his efforts in revamping the program format. Mr. Reynolds also recognized the Police Department for their recent Prescription Drug Take Back event on April 27th, in which they collected approximately 400 pounds of prescription drugs. Lastly, City Manager Reynolds noted City Hall would be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 27th.

Police Department

Chief Tim Cromie provided a general overview of the Prescription Drug Take Back event on April 27th. He specifically noted the event collected 407 pounds of prescriptions, which were then turned over to the DEA. He announced the next event would be in October. He ended his comments by providing nationwide statistics, in which at the last Prescription Drug Take Back event in October 2018, across the United States there were 5,800 collection sites, with 457 tons of prescription drugs collected.

Fire Department

President Matt Roper presented the Fire Department's April status report. Mr. Roper stated the Department responded to 25 calls and logged 900 man hours. Current membership holds at 35 members, with 33 members classified as active and two members as special assignment. The NBVFD also recently responded to an apartment fire, where he noted the Department was able to contain the fire to one unit.

Parks & Recreation

Parks & Recreation Committee Chairman Roscoe Lee stated at the April Committee meeting members further reviewed the status of the City's parks. He stated Beautification Day really assisted in enhancing the current appearance of the parks. Additionally, members discussed the strategic plan, and Mr. Lee detailed several of the action items that have been remedied by the Public Works Department.

Continuing his comments, Chairman Lee summarized a discussion regarding feeding the water fowl at the parks. He indicated there have been several questions and concerns regarding feeding bread to the ducks, as it can cause health issues for them. One solution suggested was the addition of a monetized feeding machine. Mr. Lee will be submitting a news article for the upcoming Compass Rose newsletter on best practices for feeding the water fowl. There was some discussion on the idea of putting up signs regarding feeding the ducks, but the Parks Committee is averse to an overabundance of signage in the City's parks.

He ended by announcing the next Parks & Recreation Committee meeting will be May 15th. At this meeting, a representative from the Houston Zoo make a presentation on bee and butterfly migration in the area.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda listed the following items for approval:

Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting & Planning Retreat on March 29, 2019

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting on April 8, 2019

Approval of Minutes of Planning Retreat on April 22, 2019

Approval of the Economic Development Corporation Minutes of February 4, 2019 and Mid-Year Report as approved by the EDC at its meeting held on April 22, 2019

Approved an annual resolution updating the Investment Policy

The caption of the resolution reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASSAU BAY, TEXAS, ADOPTING AN ANNUAL INVESTMENT POLICY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC FUNDS INVESTMENT ACT AND THE PUBLIC FUNDS COLLATERAL ACT.

(Said Resolution is of record in Resolution Book No. 19 of the City of Nassau Bay, Texas, being Resolution No. R2019-2173.)

Approved of an annual resolution exempting from 2019 Ad Valorem Taxes a portion of the market value of a residence homestead

The caption of the resolution reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASSAU BAY, TEXAS, EXEMPTING FROM 2019 AD VALOREM TAXES A PORTION OF THE MARKET VALUE OF A RESIDENCE HOMESTEAD AS AUTHORIZED BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 1-b, SUBSECTION (E) & (N); AND TEXAS PROPERTY CODE SECTION 11.13.

(Said Resolution is of record in Resolution Book No. 19 of the City of Nassau Bay, Texas, being Resolution No. R2019-2174.)

It was moved by Councilmember Matt Prior, seconded by Councilmember Bryce Klug, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion passed 7 – 0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Meeting recessed to Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Open Meetings, Subchapter D, Exceptions to Requirement that Meeting be Open, with Mayor Denman reading from the posted agenda the following topic to be discussed in Executive Session:

1. §551.074 Personnel – Discuss the employment, evaluation, compensation, goals, and duties of the City Manager.

Meeting returned to Open Session at 8:41 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Action regarding personnel matter(s) as discussed in executive session – City Manager

No action was taken on this agenda item.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

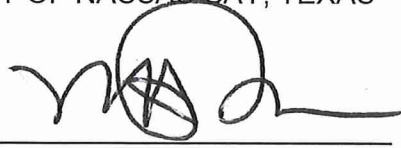
Minutes approved as submitted and/or amended this 10th day of June, A.D. 2019.





Sandra V. Ham
City Secretary

CITY OF NASSAU BAY, TEXAS



Mark A. Denman
Mayor