

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF LAKE JACKSON

BE IT KNOWN that the City Council of the City of Lake Jackson met on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in Regular Session at 25 Oak Drive, Lake Jackson, Texas, in the Council Chambers at the Lake Jackson City Hall with the following in attendance:

Bob Sipple, Mayor
Vinay Singhanian, Mayor Pro Tem
Matt Broaddus, Council member
Gerald Roznovsky, Council member
Buster Buell, Council member
Jon Baker, Council member

William P. Yenne, City Manager
Modesto Mundo, Asst. City Manager
Sally Villarreal, Asst. City Secretary
Sherri Russell, City Attorney
Pam Eaves, Finance Director
Sal Aguirre, City Engineer
Athelstan Sanchez, Asst. City Engineer
Eric Wilson, Public Works Director
Paul Kibodeaux, Police Chief
Eddie Herrera, Engineering Tech

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council member Singhanian led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION

Council member Buell led the invocation.

COMMENDATIONS

Robin Brandt went over the donation by Jack and Jill of American Organization for \$3978.35 to the Parks and Recreation Department. In October 2018, the LJ Parks and Rec started the scholarship program to help those who do not have the financial means to participate in swimming lessons. This program is made possible through donations from individuals and businesses. Jack and Jill of America Southbelt Houston donated \$3978.35 to the scholarship fund. It made it possible for 90 youth to receive free swim lessons. Not only did they donate to a worthy cause, they also offered a free water safety clinic at the Recreation Center to help promote Swim Lessons Save Lives. With their donation and other local donations, the Recreation Center has received \$4338.35 and have awarded 42 scholarships this past year.

Shantell Brown, Southbelt Houston Chapter President

Ms. Brown stated they partner with Dow Chemical and they were the recipients of the Dow promise grant that awarded their organization money to put on the water safety clinic in Lake Jackson. The remaining funds were used to support all the scholarship donations for the individuals who needed swimming lessons. Ms. Brown was very excited they were able to partner with the LJ Recreation Center to bring water safety opportunities to individuals to this area.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes – October 7, 2019
- B. Boards and Commissions

On motion by Council member Singhania second by Council member Buell with all present members voting “aye” the consent agenda was approved as follows:

- A. Approval of Minutes – October 7, 2019 - approved
- B. Boards and Commissions - accepted

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUEST FROM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TO WAIVE THE PERMIT FEES FOR A BUILDING AT 425 WINDING WAY

Dave Edgington, Executive Director

Mr. Edgington stated Habitat has built and completed 109 homes in Southern Brazoria County. Mr. Edgington stated by waving the cost of permit fees it helps reduce the cost of the homes and provides for a safe and affordable home for people who may not otherwise be able to afford a home.

Council member Baker asked Mr. Edgington how many Habitat homes were in Lake Jackson. Mr. Edgington said there were 21 completed homes in Lake Jackson. Two more homes should be completed making it a total of 23 in Lake Jackson. There will be a total of 111 homes in Brazoria County with 23 homes in Lake Jackson. Lake Jackson has come on the last few years. Freeport has more homes than other cities currently.

Mr. Edgington stated the recipients pay for the basic cost to build the home. Two liens are carried on the homes. One is for the basic cost that is financed at 0% interest with the mortgage spread out to about 25 years to keep it affordable. With taxes and insurance payments are usually below \$800 a month. If the recipients do not pay for the home, they do not get to keep it. The second lien on the home is to keep from flipping the home. Which is the difference between the appraised value and the actual cost to build.

On motion by Council member Baker second by Council member Buell with all present members voting “aye” the request from Habitat for Humanity to waive the permit fees for a building at 425 Winding Way was approved.

APPROVE REQUEST FOR THE PLACEMENT OF HEADSTONES TO MARK 2 GRAVES IN THE MEDIAN ON ANY WAY

Mr. Yenne briefly went over the history of the graves. No one was present to discuss this item. This item will move to the next agenda.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION FROM TRAFFIC COMMISSION TO MAKE THE NORTH BOUND OUTSIDE LANE ON OAK DRIVE AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH OYSTER CREEK DRIVE A “RIGHT TURN ONLY”

Mr. Yenne stated there is not an ordinance for the right turn only. He felt it should be and the Traffic Commission is making the recommendation to Council to add signage and make the northbound right lane on Oak Drive a right turn only. An ordinance will be needed.

Motion by Council member Singhania second by Council member Broaddus with all present members voting “aye” the recommendation from Traffic Commission to make the North bound outside lane on Oak Drive at its intersection with Oyster Creek Drive a “right turn only” was approved.

DISCUSS NO OVERNIGHT PARKING ON SOUTH PARKING PLACE ON THE WEEKENDS

Mr. Mundo stated there is no weekend parking, but there is no signage for towing. The current signs say “No Overnight parking, Friday through Monday, 2 a.m. to 6 a.m.” There have been a couple of occasions where vehicles that have stayed overnight. One car was towed because it had an expired inspection sticker. In order to enforce towing it must be in an ordinance and signage will be needed.

Recently a car was towed because it had an expired sticker. It didn't sit well with one of the business owners because it was one of their employees.

Council member Singhanian asked why not just say no overnight parking? Ms. Russell stated it should be noted what we mean by overnight because some people work late and park there.

Council member Roznovsky asked what hours the pavilion is rented out for on the weekend. Mr. Mundo believes it starts at 7:00 p.m. It can be rented on Friday in the evening after 5:00 p.m., and then on the weekends starting at 7:00 a.m. Mr. Yenne stated there is an option to rent the whole street. The cost to rent is \$250 for the pavilion or \$350 for the whole street. Mr. Mundo mentioned there could be a conflict with a Friday rental.

Mr. Roznovsky asked if a small carnival wants to rent for the whole weekend, then it would be overnight. Mr. Mundo stated it would have to start on Friday. The signage would need to be changed. Once it's rented and we have proper signage it gives us the ability to tow. All businesses would be notified first of the change. Currently we have two signs at the entrance. A couple of signs would need to be added to the pavilion as well.

On motion by Council member Buell second by Council member Singhanian with all present members voting "aye" the overnight parking on South Parking Place on the weekends was approved.

DISCUSS AND UPDATE ON DRAINAGE IN THE PARKWOOD SUBDIVISION NEAR MOSS, CHESTNUT AND PALM LANE

Mr. Sanchez gave the following update.

Summary of Subject:

Phase I: Completed

Phase II (from 84% Completion to 88% / Alternatives to coincide with Phase III):

FNI has completed the existing conditions Hydraulic & Hydrological (H&H) modeling. Alternative development / recommended drainage improvements morphed into Phase III.

Phase III (Final Phase went from 88% Completion to 91%):

Freese & Nichols (FNI) continues working on final deliverables

UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

- i. Construction Funds Financial Update
- ii. Sidewalk Projects
- iii. Utility Repair Projects
- iv. Drainage Repair Projects
- v. Woodland Park Paving Project

Mr. Herrera updated council on the construction projects.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Mr. Singhanian asked if anything could be done about people driving through flooded streets and pushing water into homes. Mayor Sipple asked if a resident is observed doing that, can they be reported? Ms. Russell stated that you would have to know who's driving. The driver must be identified. A picture of the driver and the license plate would be needed. This is something that could fall between the driver and resident at a small claims court.

Council member Roznovsky stated he had received some calls from concerned people regarding parking in

the street on Sycamore headed towards Plantation Dr. where it makes a hard 90 and turns into Pin Oak. People are parking in the street, and it creates a terrible blind spot. Council member Roznovsky felt if we don't have anything preventing parking at an intersection like that, perhaps there is something that can be done. Mr. Roznovsky also stated he has driven by there and it is a tough spot. This item will go to the Traffic Commission for discussion.

Mr. Sipple mentioned that he, Mr. Yenne and Ms. Russell attended the TML Conference. There is a lot of good information they will share next month when it is on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

These minutes read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Bob Sipple, Mayor

Alice A. Rodgers, City Secretary