

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BUNKER HILL VILLAGE, TEXAS
December 13, 2016 AT 7:45 A.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:46 a.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 11977 Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas

Those Present:

Mayor Jay Williams
Councilman Robert Lord
Councilman Jay Smyre
Councilman Jay Janecek
Councilwoman Susan Schwartz
Councilwoman Laurie Rosenbaum-absent

Also in Attendance:

Karen Glynn, City Administrator
Britique Williams, City Secretary/Dir of Finance
Steve Smith, Dir of Public Works/Bldg Official

II. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MEMORIAL VILLAGES POLICE DEPARTMENT'S TRI-CITIES WHICH INCLUDE THE CITIES OF PINEY POINT, THE CITY OF HUNTERS CREEK, AND THE CITY OF BUNKER HILL VILLAGES AND SHRADER ENGINEERING TO COMPLETE A PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING STUDY FOR THE EVALUATION AND CONSIDERATION OF A SMART CITIES VIRTUAL GATE PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$49,700.00 (\$16,567 per City) - Karen Glynn, City Administrator and Jay Janecek, Public Safety Committee Chair

Councilman Janecek presented the item explaining that, after going out for the request for qualifications to develop a Virtual Gate System for the three Cities, Shrader Engineering is the only company that responded. Councilman Janecek went on to say that after extensive discussion with Shrader Engineering during an interview/question and answer session, the tri-cities unanimously agreed that Shrader was the best company to develop the project. The Cities are confident that the Preliminary Engineering Study will provide the Cities (with oversight by the Public Safety Committee) to identify the needs for the virtual gate/camera project. The contract with Shrader is scheduled to be on the agenda for all three City Council agendas in December. With these approvals, Shrader will be able to get started on the project in early January. Shrader is expected to have the results of the study completed in the April 2017 timeframe.

The Public Safety Committee is recommending moving forward as soon as possible.

A motion was made by Councilman Janecek to approve the agreement with Shrader Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$16,567 per City. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smyre and the motion carried 4-0.

III. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-13-2016 BY THE CITY OF BUNKER HILL VILLAGE, TEXAS SUSPENDING THE DECEMBER 21, 2016 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE STATEMENT OF INTENT OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY TO INCREASE RATES WITHIN THE HOUSTON AND TEXAS COAST DIVISIONS AND CONSOLIDATE THE HOUSTON AND TEXAS COAST DIVISIONS TO PERMIT THE CITY TIME TO STUDY THE REQUEST AND TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE RATES; FINDING THAT THE CITY’S REASONABLE RATE CASE EXPENSES SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY THE COMPANY; AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION WITH THE GULF COAST COALITION OF CITIES; HIRING LEGAL AND CONSULTING SERVICES TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COMPANY AND DIRECT ANY NECESSARY LITIGATION AND APPEALS; 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 -- *Karen Glynn, City Administrator*

Karen Glynn spoke about a rate increase submitted by CenterPoint Energy that would take effect on December 21, 2016. Ms. Glynn stated, that the legal counsel for the Gulf Coast Coalition which the City is a part of, has recommended its member cities take action to suspend the tax increase. Passing the Resolution will give the attorneys time to work to understand and explain the need and extent of the increase.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Schwartz to approve the Resolution suspending the December 21, 2016 effective date of Centerpoint Energy’s rate increase. The motion was seconded by Councilman Janecek and the motion carried 4-0.

IV. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Councilman Smyre and seconded by Councilman Lord to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 a.m. The motion carried 4-0.

Approved and accepted on January 17, 2017.



Jay Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Britique Williams, City Secretary/Dir. of Finance