





March 24, 2009

**III. Review and consider approval of the proposed expenditures and investments.**

The proposed expenditures were reviewed by Council prior to the meeting.

Mayor Persiani pointed out the automatic payments that are now being paid from our checking account at Prosperity Bank.

MOTION made to accept as stated and amended.

MOTION: Walker

SECONDED: Bercaw

Show of hands  
APPROVED: 4 - 0

The proposed Expenditures as approved for March 24, 2009 attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

**IV. Citizen Comments.**

1. Mayor Persiani introduced Patricia Combs, one of the candidates running for Council in the upcoming election. He reported on the meeting prior to the Council meeting. It was a Political Forum Committee to Meet the Candidates. The Barbers School District Candidates will also be invited.

**V. Review and act upon Chambers County request for acceptance of roads in Barrow Ranch Sec. II for public maintenance.**

Mayor Persiani reviewed Ordinance No2009-01 with Council in response to a memo received from Don Brandon saying these roads, Stablebrook Drive, Saddlewood Drive, Blackhorse Road and Rock Creek Road are all acceptable to Chambers County.

MOTION to accept Ordinance No. 2009-1, an ordinance accepting for dedication to public use certain lands within Barrow Ranch Section II. with the condition that we enter into an enter-local agreement for all roads in the City of Beach City be maintained by the County.

MOTION: Standridge

Secoded Walker

Discussion: Alderman Bercaw

Question called.

Show of hands

APPROVED: 4 - 0

**VI. Review and act upon request for Chambers County Recovery team for "start up funding"**

Mayor Persiani said the Chambers County Recovery Team is set up as a non-profit organization. He went on to say that he is on the steering committee and they are working with FEMA on the long term recovery of Chambers County. On Thursday night there will be a community open house for people to become familiar with the projects that are listed. They will give you so many green dots and so man yellow dots, check the projects and put the dots on the ones you are interested in. There is no money attributed to this yet. The idea is to get a long term recovery going, you prioritize the projects and then you go seek grant

money, and federal funding in any manner, shape or form. It is done through a funded effort. It is going to take some funding to have a person that coordinates all of these committees. He wanted to introduce council to this whole subject because at some point we will be asked if we would participate in that. When he knows more he will bring more information to Council.

**VII. Review and act upon location for early voting for City May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 election.**

Mayor Persiani said the election is no issue. The interlocal agreement that we sat up with Barbers Hill School District and they do have an election. It's the early voting that is in question. Could you actually do the early voting outside our area and be OK for the law? Looking at the interlocal agreement it does, Barbers Hill will take care of it and we will do it all up there. According to the rule, Election Code Sec. 271.003 Location of common polling place. (a) A regular county polling place may be used for a common polling place in a joint election.

(b) The voters of a particular election precinct or political subdivision may be served in a joint election by a common polling place located outside the boundary of the election precinct or political subdivision if the location can adequately and conveniently serve the affected voters and will facilitate the orderly conduct of the election. The voting will be held in the C. T. Joseph Conference Center at Barbers Hill School. Alderman Standridge said she had read that part but in Terms and Conditions number 8 a. says "each entity's election order shall designate the joint election judge." City Secretary Margaret Gainer said when she talked earlier to Ms. Smith she was told the Nick Bercaw had volunteered to serve as a judge and that she had assigned him to be at Beach City. Mrs. Gainer will talk to Ms. Smith and bring the answer back to the next council meeting.

**VIII. Council Member Comments.**

1. Mayor Persiani said what happened today is a different exercise, this is actual Hurricane Recovery Funding that was provided with federal funding being sent to the State that was \$840,000,000.00 that was laundered or washed through the process of the Houston/Galveston Area Council. H/GAC contracted with ORCA (Office of Rural Community Affairs) to handle the distribution of money. and that company hired an engineering firm and they went out and did assessments in the area. They interviewed Mayor Persiani and the Mayor of Cove to talk about our needs. They told the Mayor also that there will be two more batches of money just like this. The biggest needs have to do with drainage and emergency capability. They put in \$1,400,000.00 for drainage Our money is coming through the County. Alderman Smith ask if it definitely going to happen? Mayor said, "yes, we're just waiting for the money, Commissioners Court approved it to day.

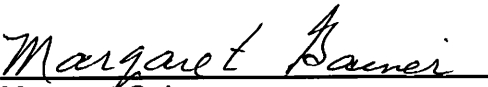
2. Alderman Standridge said she wanted to know her zip code is it 0915 or 8214. Mayor Persiani said his advice is to ignore the last four digits because even the Post Office because even the postal service says it means nothing to us.

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**IX. Adjourn.**

Mayor Persiani adjourned the meeting at 9:03 P.M. Tuesday, March 24, 2009.

ATTEST TO:

  
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Margaret Gainer  
City Secretary

APPROVED BY:

  
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Guido Persiani  
Mayor