

## BEACH CITY COUNCIL

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Beach City Council met for a Regular Meeting May 26, 2009 at the Beach City Community Building. Those present were.

MAYOR: Guido Persiani

MAYOR PRO TEM: Rita Standridge

ALDERMAN: Ray Smith, Vaughn Bercaw Douglas Walker  
Tommy Clayton left the meeting after Alderman Jackey Lasater took the Oath of Office)

CITY ATTORNEY: Daniel Jackson

CITY SECRETARY: Margaret Gainer.

Mayor Persiani called the meeting to order Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:12 P.M.

#### **I. Administer Oath of Office for recently elected Alderman.**

City Attorney Daniel Jackson administered the Oath of Office to Alderman Rita Standridge, Alderman Ray Smith and Alderman Jackey Lasater. Mayor Persiani congratulated the newly elected alderman.

#### **II. Appoint Mayor Pro Tem.**

Mayor Persiani asked for a motion for the nomination of a Mayor Pro Tem, saying that our system is only for a one year term.

MOTION made to nominate Alderman Rita Standridge. Seconded by Alderman Lasater. No other nominations made.

MOTION: Smith                      SECONDED: Lasater                      APPROVED: 5 - 0

Mayor Persiani congratulated Alderman Standridge

#### **III. Review and consider approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 24<sup>th</sup> 2009 and Special Called Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2009.**

MOTION made to accept the Minutes of April 24<sup>th</sup>, and May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 as stated and amended.

MOTION: Walker                      SECONDED: Standridge                      APPROVED: 5 - 0

Discussion: Alderman Standridge said on the April 24<sup>th</sup> Minutes on page 4, item VIII said she was misquoted. She repeated her actual quote, "I'm happy as a fat pig in the sunshine". Alderman Walker had a spelling correction on Item X No. 6, the word "quebec" should be spelled "cubic".

#### **IV. Review and consider approval of the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for 10 months ending April 30, 2009.**

Mayor Persiani stated that we have revenue over expenditures of \$510.00. We have one negative expense and that is Office Expense. We will check this again next month and transfer any needed funds into Office Expense. Total Assets are \$590,597.00.

**A. TEXPOOL rate review - M. Gainer** The interest at TexPool as of May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 was .4043% and the monthly interest rate that was posted was for April and it was .6767%.

**B. CD rate/security review and update.** Mayor Persiani said the Prosperity Bank CD expired 4/16/09 and we renewed it last month at an interest rate of 2.25% interest for 12 months. We have two CD's maturing in June. For a point of information. The last meeting Alderman Clayton had a question relative to security backing for anything over \$100,000.00. For any CD's that were over \$100,000.00, in combination, Prosperity did come up with security backing but when the line moved to \$100,000.00 to \$250,000.00, when he talked to Jean Allen today she said they are not backing that any more because they are federally insured. If and when we go over the \$250,000.00 or the \$250,000.00 comes back down, then there would be security backing and we will address the details of that when it happens.

MOTION made to accept the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures as stated.

MOTION: Walker                      SECONDED: Smith                      Show of Hands  
Approved: 5-0

The Statement of Revenues and Expenditures as approved May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

**V. Review and consider approval of Revenues and Expenditures for current month.**

Mayor Persiani asked Marilyn about the AT&T bill, that he thought we had no more payments. Marilyn replied that she called AT&T when she got the bill because they had told her last month, that would be the final bill. AT&T told her that we had discontinued service with them on March 25<sup>th</sup> and it was after their billing cycle. So this bill is the last bill from AT&T. Alderman Standridge wanted to know why the Internet America bill was only 29.95 this month. Mayor Persiani told her the reason was because he got them to drop the \$5.00 processing fee and they reimbursed the city for 2 months. The only other automated payment we are waiting for is Reliant, and they have not switched us over yet.

MOTION made to accept as stated.

MOTION: Smith                      SECONDED: Walker                      APPROVED: 5-0

The proposed Expenditures as approved for May 26, 2009 attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

**VI. Citizen Comments.**

No comments

**VII. Review comments and questions regarding the May 9, 2009 City Council Election and act upon suggestions to improve the process for future elections.**

Mayor Persiani said basically there were citizens upset for a variety of reasons with the election. For example where the wife was able to vote in the morning but the husband could not vote in the afternoon – they lived in the same house and slept in the same bed. They both lived on the north side of Lawrence Road and neither one should have voted. We also had some votes early on that were counted that should not have been because of the erroneous Voter Registrar Book. The Mayor led a discussion on volunteering and plans to start pretty quick. Counsel gave some good input as to the rolls volunteers can play and what their boundaries are. The Mayor went on to say that this election opened up a message to us that we do have to pay attention.

**VIII. Review and act upon current Public Nuisance Complaints**

**A. Walker Subdivision - Three properties with debris/abandoned cars.**

Ms. Gainer reported that Inspector Nalley was handling this as one complaint because it is four lots all together. Alderman Standridge said Inspector Nalley is saying this is a public nuisance and also saying that the City should get Attorney Jackson involved or try to locate the Enderlis' and get them to do something with that land. Mayor Persiani said we would have to first notify the land owners that they are in violation of the ordinance. City Attorney Jackson explained the process that would have to be taken.

**B. Carol Road – Relocated home over septic system.**

The City Secretary reported that Inspector Nalley had been out to check out this complaint and found that the septic system is not a problem at this point it is out of service. The building too close to the property line, from the public nuisance perspective is not an issue because it was brought to us as a problem with the septic system. The City Secretary will notify Mr. Anderson.

**C. Ocean Drive – Food waste/Grey water going directly into the Bay.**

Inspector Nalley checked on the complaint May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009. He took pictures showing two pipes draining into the gully. Supposedly this is all grey water. He talked with Mr. Robbins, the new owner where the water is being dumped. He also complained about the neighbor throwing food scraps into the gully. Mr. Nalley will visit the Way's and get a solution started.

Mayor Persiani said he did have a conversation with Commissioner Wallace on this subject of enforcing our Nuisance Abatement Ordinance NO. 2003-1 and he said the County should do this for you and said he had tried and had discussions before about the septic systems and was told, "no; you would have to add a bunch of staff". Mayor Persiani told him if you can do this kind of surveillance work and the investigation, that would actually be using our County dollars to do some fairly difficult work, using the power of the County through an inter-local agreement to do this extra work. It doesn't happen that often. Commissioner Wallace will talk to Judge Sylvia about it.

**IX. Schedule Work Session for FY2009/2010 Budget to take place before June 23, 2009 City Council meeting.**

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The Council decided to hold the Work Session on Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 at 6:00 P.M.

**X. Council Member Comments.**

1. Alderman Standridge stated that the Fisher Road Baptist Church has a promotion going on with Chic-filet and she has some of the coupons. If you go to Chic-filet between 5:00 and 8:00 P.M. and purchase something, 20% of that goes to help children, from the Beach City area, go to summer camp.
2. Marilyn Harrison congratulated Ms. Rita, Mr. Ray, and Mr. Jackey on their election to office. She thanked Rusty Senac for all that he did for the election.
3. Alderman Lasater thanked Council for receiving him so well, he feels right at home.
4. Alderman Walker questioned the traffic signs on Hwy 99.

**XI. Adjourn**

Mayor Persiani adjourned the meeting at 9:06 P.M., Tuesday May 26, 2009.

ATTEST TO

  
Margaret Gainer  
City Secretary

APPROVED BY

  
Guido Persiani  
Mayor