CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2010

The City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, met in Regular Session on Monday, August 16, 2010, in the Council Chamber, First Floor of City Hall, 7008 South Rice Avenue, Bellaire, Texas 77401, for the following purpose(s):

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF A QUORUM – Mayor Cindy Siegel.

Mayor Siegel called the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to order at 7:49 p.m. on Monday, August 16, 2010.

Also present were Mayor Pro Tem Phil Nauert, Councilmen Will Hickman, James P. Avioli, Sr., Corbett Daniel Parker, and Andrew Friedberg, Councilwoman Mandy Nathan, City Manager Bernard M. Satterwhite, Jr., City Attorney Alan P. Petrov, and City Clerk Tracy L. Dutton.

B. INSPIRATIONAL READING AND/OR INVOCATION – Mayor Pro Tem Phil Nauert.

Mayor Pro Tem Nauert provided the inspirational reading for the evening.

C. PLEDGES TO THE FLAGS – Mayor Pro Tem Phil Nauert.

1. U.S. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. PLEDGE TO THE TEXAS FLAG.

Mayor Pro Tem Nauert led the audience and City Council in the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

D. PERSONAL/AUDIENCE COMMENTS.

Robert Riquelmy, 506 Winslow Lane, Bellaire, Texas:

Mr. Riquelmy advised that the City Council should act as a Board of Directors and involve themselves with setting policy and evaluating the effectiveness of existing policies and how well those policies were executed. He urged City Council not to do the work of, for example, the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board or City Manager.
Lynn McBee, 5314 Evergreen Street, Bellaire, Texas:

Ms. McBee urged City Council to discuss what their roles were at some point in the future. She advised that there had not been a conversation between the elected officials and the residents of Bellaire in a long time. Expectations should be discussed and expressed by both parties.

E. REPORTS:

1. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT regarding residential safety (police activity report), public infrastructure/utilities (facilities update, South Rice Lift Station update, Holly Trail landscaping, and Feld Park restroom project), cultural and recreational (Library summer reading program and report on Parks & Recreation summer activities), quarterly indicators (crime and building permits), and upcoming City Council meetings/events – Presented by City Manager Bernard M. Satterwhite, Jr.

City Manager Satterwhite presented the City Manager’s Report to City Council.

Residential Safety

With respect to police activity, there were 32 part 1 criminal offenses as compared to 45 at this point in the previous year. There were 61 traffic accidents in Bellaire as compared to 62 in the previous year. The average response times for emergency calls was noted to be three minutes and 15 seconds.

Three robberies were reported during the month of July. Two of those were committed by the same suspects. One occurred at Randall’s and one occurred in the 4500 block of Pin Oak. There were two suspects and both were arrested and charged.

Also in July, a victim was approached by a suspect at the Bellaire Post Office who demanded money. The suspect fled without any property.

Three burglaries of residences occurred in July. Two involved forced entry into residences, one of which was not currently occupied by the owner.

The Community Resources Office of the Bellaire Police Department conducted two residential surveys, seven child safety seat installations, and 48 free gun locks were provided to residents.
**Infrastructure/Utilities**

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<td>Baldwin Avenue</td>
<td>Design 25% completed; expected design completion scheduled for February of 2011.</td>
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<td>South Rice Avenue Crosswalk</td>
<td>Bids scheduled to be opened in September of 2010.</td>
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<td>Rice Lift Station</td>
<td>On schedule; to be completed in November of 2010.</td>
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<td>Police Station</td>
<td>A circuit blew in the Police Station just before Court was to be in session on Tuesday of last week. The City’s vendor was able to get the air conditioning back on in time for Court.</td>
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<td>City Hall</td>
<td>Air conditioning issues had occurred in City Hall over the last few months due to the age of the system. In addition, a water leak occurred in the City Manager’s Office last week. The City had experienced five major water leaks over the past year.</td>
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<td>Holly Trail</td>
<td>Re-completed recently; landscaping, as well as the installation of trash receptacles, would start on Tuesday.</td>
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<td>Feld Park Restrooms</td>
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**Cultural and Recreational**

It was noted that the Bellaire City Library had been busy over the summer with the “Summer Reading Program.” Over 1,000 (i.e., 1,028) children registered for the program. The requisite ten books were read by 698 of those that registered for the program. A party was held on Friday afternoon to celebrate the occasion and 418 people attended that party.
The teen Summer Reading Program for ages 12 through 19 had 110 registered and 43 completed their requisite books.

Circulation was strong in July with 24,876 items circulated.

The Parks & Recreation Department still had a few summer programs ongoing for the next few weeks. On any given day during the summer, there were approximately 425 people participating in programs, and 415 swimming in the pools. The Civic Center, which included the Bellaire L.I.F.E. programs, usually had 150 participants during the day.

**Quarterly Indicators**

City Manager Satterwhite provided statistics for crime and building permits. It was noted that the average number of crimes per month were below the numbers that occurred in the previous year.

In addition, residential building was up from last year, with remodeling permits remaining healthy. Overall values were lagging compared to the previous year.

**Upcoming City Council Meetings/Events**

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At the conclusion of City Council questions of the City Manager regarding his report, Councilwoman Nathan moved to accept the City Manager’s Report into the record. Councilman Avioli seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a 7-0 vote as follows:

**FOR:** Mayor Siegel, Mayor Pro Tem Nauert, Councilmen Hickman, Avioli, Parker, and Friedberg and Councilwoman Nathan

**OPPOSED:** None

**ABSENT:** None

2. **FINANCE REPORT** for the City of Bellaire, Texas, covering the period ended July 31, 2010, and including discussion of revenues and expenditures in the General Fund, Enterprise Fund, Debt Service Fund, Vehicle, Equipment, and Technology Fund, and Capital Improvement Program Fund, as well as a
discussion on statistical data – Presented by Chief Financial Officer Donna Todd.

Chief Financial Officer Todd presented the Finance Report for the City of Bellaire, Texas, covering the period ended July 31, 2010, to City Council (ten months into the fiscal year).

Revenues

Revenues collected in the first ten months of the fiscal year totaled $23.5 million or $1.8 million less than last July. The previous year included monies on the revenue side associated with Hurricane Ike ($2.2 million). If those revenues were removed from the equation, the City’s revenues in the current fiscal year were actually higher than the previous fiscal year by $393,000 (primarily property tax revenues and building permits).

Sales taxes, fines, and interest earnings were still below the previous year’s levels and would remain that way for the rest of the fiscal year.

Water revenues were $340,000 lower than the previous year. The sprinkler revenues were also down. In looking at the statistics, the City’s rainfall was approximately 20 inches more this year than the previous year.

Expenditures

Total expenditures were noted to be approximately $21.7 million, which was $1.9 million lower than the previous year. Again, Hurricane Ike had an impact on the expenditure side in the previous year ($1.4 million). If those expenditures were removed from the equation, the City’s year over year expenditures were about $450,000 less than the previous year or $166,000 on the operations and maintenance side and $616,000 on the capital improvements program side.

At the conclusion of City Council questions of Chief Financial Officer Todd regarding the finance report, Councilman Friedberg moved to accept the Finance Report for the period ended July 31, 2010, into the record. Councilmen Hickman and Avioli seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a 7-0 vote as follows:

FOR: Mayor Siegel, Mayor Pro Tem Nauert, Councilmen Hickman, Avioli, Parker, and Friedberg and Councilwoman Nathan

OPPOSED: None
ABSENT: None

3. BELLAIRE RECYCLES DAY 2009 FOLLOW-UP REPORT on the first Bellaire Recycles Day that was held on Saturday, November 14, 2009 – Presented by Brenda Cauthen, Chair, Bellaire Recycling Committee.

Chair Cauthen presented a follow-up report of the Bellaire Recycling Committee’s first Bellaire Recycles Day held on Saturday, November 14, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

It was noted that approximately 150 people attended Bellaire Recycles Day, with over 100 adults taking the America Recycles Pledge. On the same date, the Friends of the Bellaire Library held a book sale. The book sale went in hand in hand with the Bellaire Recycling Committee’s efforts. Many individuals visited both events.

The primary objective of Bellaire Recycles Day was education on all things recycling—from what could be recycled in Bellaire’s curbside recycling program to ideas on how to reuse items or donate them to other organizations that greatly needed their products.

The event included five organizations on hand to collect items for reuse or recycling, such as the Fairy Godmother Project (for the collection of gently used prom attire for high school students), and Faith Lutheran Church Outreach Committee (for the collection of blankets and coats for Houston and Harris County homeless individuals).

In addition, seven companies showcased green goods and services, such as Batteries Plus (for the collection of old batteries to be recycled).

There was tremendous community support for the event as well, from food donations to banners to advertise the event to lots of different product donations for drawings held during the day.

Many Bellaire Recycling Committee members spent many hours and more than $400 in personal money. The Bellaire Recycling Committee was certainly committed to further recycling in the community and hoped that the City continued to do the same.

Also of note were children’s activities and many high school student volunteers that helped make the day a success.

In closing, Ms. Cauthen advised that the cost was well under the $3,000 asked for from the City. The Bellaire Recycling Committee asked the Public Works Department to help remove the recyclable
items from the event itself and Director of Public Works Joe Keene had committed to do so.

Ms. Cauthen thanked all who had made the event a great success.

At the conclusion of City Council questions of Chair Cauthen regarding Bellaire Recycles Day 2009, Mayor Pro Tem Nauert moved to accept the Bellaire Recycles Day 2009 Follow-Up Report into the record. Councilwoman Nathan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a 7-0 vote as follows:

FOR: Mayor Siegel, Mayor Pro Tem Nauert, Councilmen Hickman, Avioli, Parker, and Friedberg and Councilwoman Nathan

OPPOSED: None

ABSENT: None

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES:

APPROVAL of the minutes of the Regular Session of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, held on Monday, June 21, 2010 – Item submitted by City Clerk Tracy L. Dutton.

2. DONATION:

CONSIDERATION of and possible action on the adoption of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, accepting a donation in the amount of $4,021.00 from The Nature Discovery Center, Inc., half of which is to be utilized by the Bellaire Public Works Department for recycling program educational costs associated with the Bellaire Recycling Committee initiatives and objectives and the other half of which is to be utilized by the Bellaire Community Development Department for educational costs associated with the Building and Standards “Green Building” initiatives and objectives – Item submitted by Director of Public Works Joe Keene.

3. FINAL PAYMENTS ON CONTRACTS:

a. CONSIDERATION of and possible action regarding a recommendation from the Bellaire Public Works Department and HDR|Claunch & Miller, Engineering Consultants, to approve Final Change Order (No. 2) with Metro City Construction, LLP, on a contract for the FY 2008 Sidewalk Repair/Maintenance Project in the
amount of $31,212.69, which reflects a net decrease in such project of $80.63, and on the adoption of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to execute said Final Change Order (No. 2) with Metro City Construction, LLP, and approval for the City of Bellaire, Texas, to make the final payment on said contract to Metro City Construction, LLP, in an amount not to exceed $31,212.69 – Item submitted by Director of Public Works Joe Keene.

b. CONSIDERATION of and possible action regarding a recommendation from the Bellaire Public Work Department and HDR|Claunch & Miller, Engineering Consultants, to approve Final Change Order (No. 1) with JFT Construction, Inc., on a contract for the Newcastle Drive Paving and Drainage Improvements Project in the amount of $382,906.49, which reflects a net decrease in such project of $30,673.42, and on the adoption of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to execute said Final Change Order (No. 1) with JFT Construction, Inc., and approval for the City of Bellaire, Texas, to make the final payment on said project to JFT Construction, Inc., in an amount not to exceed $382,906.49 – Item submitted by Director of Public Works Joe Keene.

4. CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGE:

CONSIDERATION of and possible action on the adoption of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, authorizing a change in the date of the first Regular Session of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, during the month of September 2010 from Monday, September 6, 2010, to Monday, September 13, 2010, due to the observance of the Labor Day holiday – Item submitted by City Clerk Tracy L. Dutton.

Councilman Hickman requested separate consideration of Consent Agenda items F.1. and F.2. Councilman Friedberg requested separate consideration of Consent Agenda item F.2. Councilman Avioli moved to approve and/or adopt Consent Agenda items F.3.a., F.3.b., and F.4., as follows:

- Adoption of ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute Final Change Order (No. 2) with Metro City Construction, LLP, on a contract for the FY 2008 Sidewalk
Repair/Maintenance Project in the amount of $31,212.69 (a net decrease of $80.63) and authorizing the final payment by the City to Metro City Construction, LLP, on said contract in an amount not to exceed $31,212.69;

- Adoption of an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute Final Change Order (No. 1) with JFT Construction, Inc., on a contract for the Newcastle Drive Paving and Drainage Improvements Project in the amount of $382,906.49 (a net decrease of $30,673.42) and authorizing the final payment by the City to JFT Construction, Inc., on said contract in an amount not to exceed $382,906.49; and

- Adoption of an ordinance authorizing a change in the date of the first Regular Session of the City Council during the month of September 2010 from Monday, September 6, 2010, to Monday, September 13, 2010, due to the observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Councilman Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a 7-0 vote as follows:

FOR: Mayor Siegel, Mayor Pro Tem Nauert, Councilmen Hickman, Avioli, Parker, and Friedberg and Councilwoman Nathan

OPPOSED: None

ABSENT: None

{The Consent Agenda items above were subsequently numbered as Ordinance 10-061, Ordinance 10-062, and Ordinance 10-063, respectively}

Separate Consideration of Consent Agenda Item F.1.: Councilman Friedberg moved to approve Consent Agenda Item F.1., to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, held on Monday, June 21, 2010. Councilman Hickman seconded the motion.

Councilman Hickman advised that he had requested separate consideration of this consent agenda item in order to ask the City Clerk how much time it had taken her to complete the modified (reduced) version of the minutes. City Clerk Dutton advised that she estimated it had taken her 3-4 hours to complete the minutes.
Separate Consideration of Consent Agenda Item F.2.:

Councilman Hickman moved to adopt a resolution accepting a donation in the amount of $4,021.00 from The Nature Discovery Center, Inc., half of which to be utilized by the Bellaire Public Works Department for recycling program educational costs associated with the Bellaire Recycling Committee initiatives and objectives and the other half of which to be utilized by the Bellaire Community Development Department for educational costs associated with the Building and Standards “Green Building” initiatives and objectives. Councilwoman Nathan and Councilman Friedberg seconded the motion.

Councilmen Hickman and Friedberg requested separate consideration of this consent agenda item in order to ask whether the funds could be used for any other initiatives and why the resolution had not stipulated that the expenditure of funds be made by the end of the fiscal year. It was noted that the funds would be restricted for the purposes set out in the resolution. City Staff had not stipulated that the funds be spent prior to the end of the fiscal year in order to give the Bellaire Recycling Committee and the Building and Standards “Green Building” some flexibility since the fiscal year ended on September 30, 2010.

The motion carried unanimously on a 7-0 vote as follows:

FOR: Mayor Siegel, Mayor Pro Tem Nauert, Councilmen Hickman, Avioli, Parker, and Friedberg and Councilwoman Nathan

OPPOSED: None

ABSENT: None

(The Consent Agenda item above was subsequently numbered as Resolution 10-13)

G. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

Code Suspension

CONSIDERATION of and possible action on the adoption of an ordinance temporarily suspending the application on the adoption of an ordinance temporarily suspending the application of Chapter 3, Alcoholic Beverages, Section 3-3, Use Prohibited in Public Parks and Other Public Places, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bellaire, Texas, for the purpose of allowing the Challenge Early College High
School Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) to hold a fundraising event at The Henshaw House located at The Nature Discovery Center in Russ Pitman Park, 7112 Newcastle Drive, Bellaire, Texas, on Sunday, October 17, 2010, said suspension to commence at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 17, 2010, and terminate at 9:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 17, 2010 – Item submitted by City Clerk Tracy L. Dutton on behalf of Gayle Davies, Challenge Early College High School PTO.

Mayor Pro Tem Phil Nauert moved to adopt an ordinance temporarily suspending the application on the adoption of an ordinance temporarily suspending the application of Chapter 3, Alcoholic Beverages, Section 3-3, Use Prohibited in Public Parks and Other Public Places, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bellaire, Texas, for the purpose of allowing the Challenge Early College High School Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) to hold a fundraising event at The Henshaw House located at The Nature Discovery Center in Russ Pitman Park, 7112 Newcastle Drive, Bellaire, Texas, on Sunday, October 17, 2010, said suspension to commence at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 17, 2010, and terminate at 9:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 17, 2010. Councilman Parker seconded the motion.

A suggestion was made to the PTO that they consider hiring bartenders that were licensed by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) as it would be a good safeguard when serving alcohol.

The motion carried unanimously on a 7-0 vote as follows:

FOR: Mayor Siegel, Mayor Pro Tem Nauert, Councilmen Hickman, Avioli, Parker, and Friedberg and Councilwoman Nathan

OPPOSED: None

ABSENT: None

{The Ordinance was subsequently numbered: 10-064}

H. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION:

Municipal Setting Designation

CONSIDERATION of and possible action on the adoption of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, in support of the application by 8200 Southwest Freeway, LLC, to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a Municipal Setting Designation (MSD) for property located north of the intersection of South Gessner Road and US 59 in Houston, Harris County, Texas, and authorization for the Mayor of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to execute
an *Indemnity Agreement* in favor of the City of Bellaire, Texas, as Indemnitee, and as executed by 8200 Southwest Freeway, LLC, owner of the property, as Indemnitor – *Item submitted by Director of Community Development John McDonald*.

Councilman Parker moved to adopt a resolution in support of the application by 8200 Southwest Freeway, LLC, to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a Municipal Setting Designation (MSD) for property located north of the intersection of South Gessner Road and US 59 in Houston, Harris County, Texas, and authorization for the Mayor of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to execute an *Indemnity Agreement* in favor of the City of Bellaire, Texas, as Indemnitee, and as executed by 8200 Southwest Freeway, LLC, owner of the property, as Indemnitor. Councilman Hickman seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Nathan referred to the middle “whereas” on the second page of the resolution and noted that the distance from the designated area should be 3.65 rather than the stated 2.8. The correction was noted in the record.

The *motion carried unanimously on a 7-0 vote* as follows:

FOR: Mayor Siegel, Mayor Pro Tem Nauert, Councilmen Hickman, Avioli, Parker, and Friedberg and Councilwoman Nathan

OPPOSED: None

ABSENT: None

{The *Resolution* was subsequently numbered: 10-14}

I. *ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:*

**Bellaire Recycles Day 2010**

1. CONSIDERATION of and possible action on a recommendation from the Bellaire Public Works Department and the Bellaire Recycling Committee to host a “Bellaire Recycles Day” event on November 13, 2010, in the City of Bellaire, Texas, and to present a report to City Council after the event – *Item submitted by Director of Public Works Joe Keene.*

**Summary:**

Chair Brenda Cauthen, Bellaire Recycling Committee, 5409 Valerie Street, Bellaire, Texas:
Chair Cauthen advised that she was present this evening to ask for approval of the Bellaire Recycles Day event that the Bellaire Recycling Committee would like to hold on Saturday, November 13, 2010, at the City Hall Complex area, including the Bellaire Water Tower parking lot, during the same hours as the Friends of the Bellaire Library Book Sale event.

The objectives of the day were similar to the previous year—to raise awareness of and educate residents on recycling, as well as the City’s curbside recycling program. The Bellaire Recycling Committee would like to include organizations with ideas to reuse and recycling unwanted items and invite vendors with green goods and services that could benefit the residents of Bellaire.

The biggest endeavor that the Bellaire Recycling Committee would like to include this year was to work with other groups to provide more educational education. Such groups would include the Nature Discovery Center, the Green Building and Standards Subcommittee, Greenstar (the City’s recycling company), and the Bellaire Cultural Arts Commission.

In addition, the Bellaire Recycling Committee wished to add more community services to the event this year. For example, in the previous year there were requests from residents to have a shredding event similar to the one that the bank held around tax day. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts had also requested to participate in the event.

Chair Cauthen advised that the Bellaire Recycling Committee aspired to hold a bigger and better event than the first year. The total estimated cost of $3,000 for the entire event was approximately the amount asked for in the previous year. The Committee had not approached any shredding companies to obtain a cost until they were certain that the event could be held. If the cost were too great, the Committee would obviously not include the shredding event. If the amount received from the Nature Discovery Center were utilized, the Committee would need to ask the City for $1,000 to hold the event on November 13, 2010.

Councilwoman Nathan moved to approve the recommendation from the Bellaire Public Works Department and the Bellaire Recycling Committee to host a “Bellaire Recycles Day” event on November 13, 2010, in the City of Bellaire, Texas, with funding to be provided by the City in the amount of $1,000.00 and for a report to be submitted to City Council after the event. Councilmen Avioli and Friedberg seconded the motion.

Councilman Hickman made an amendment to the motion to remove the funding by the City in the amount of $1,000.00 and
approve the recommendation with no out-of-pocket expense by the City. The amendment failed due to the lack of a second.

The motion carried on a 6-1 vote as follows:

FOR: Mayor Siegel, Mayor Pro Tem Nauert, Councilmen Avioli, Parker, and Friedberg and Councilwoman Nathan

OPPOSED: Councilman Hickman*

ABSENT: None

*Councilman Hickman stated that he was opposed because he did not feel that it was appropriate to spend another $1,000 in the next budget year.

Bellaire City Library Final Design and Scope of Work

2. CONSIDERATION of and possible action on a recommendation from the City Manager and the Director of Facilities Management for the approval of the final design and scope of work for the proposed renovations of and to the Bellaire City Library located at 5111 Jessamine Street, Bellaire, Texas – Item submitted by Director of Facilities Management Karl Miller; Presentation by Jeff Gerber, President and CEO, Pierce Goodwin Alexander & Linville (PGAL).

Summary:

Jeff Gerber, President and CEO, Pierce Goodwin Alexander & Linville (PGAL), advised that his firm had been working diligently on the renovation of the Bellaire City Library as approved a few meetings ago. Items included in the final design and scope of work were the expansion of the vestibule, reconfiguration of the toilets for accessibility, reconstruction of handrails (internal and external), replacement of wall covering, construction of a new conference room on the second floor, replacement of door hardware, replacement of some of the carpet at the entry, removal of existing book drop, replacement of wood deck, replacement of fabric awning at the rear of the building, replacement of the electrical service, addition of new floor outlets in the adult area, cleaning and painting wood on the roof of the main building, elevator repairs, and abatement.

None of the add alternates discussed previously were not included in the design and scope of the project.
City Manager Bernard M. Satterwhite, Jr., indicated that there was an error on the agenda statement. The project number in the item summary was incorrect. The number on the itemized sheet attached to the agenda statement was correct. In other words, there was a difference of $1,213.60.

Following questions from members of City Council, Councilman Hickman moved to postpone action on the recommendation for approval of the final design and scope of work for the proposed renovations of and to the Bellaire City Library for purposes of scheduling a future workshop or special session so that the scope of work could be reviewed item by item. The motion to postpone failed due to the lack of a second.

Councilman Avioli moved to accept proposed upgrades and to add $71,000 to replace the Bellaire City Library roof for a total renovation cost of $925,371.00. Councilman Parker seconded the motion.

The motion to accept the proposed upgrades and to add monies for a roof replacement at the Bellaire City Library failed on a 1-6 vote as follows:

FOR: Councilman Avioli

OPPOSED: Mayor Siegel, Mayor Pro Tem Nauert, Councilmen Hickman, Parker, and Friedberg, and Councilwoman Nathan

ABSENT: None

Mayor Siegel called for a vote on a recommendation from the City Manager and the Director of Facilities Management for the approval of the final design and scope of work for the proposed renovations of and to the Bellaire City Library located at 5111 Jessamine Street, Bellaire, Texas. City Council voted 6-1 to approve the final design and scope of work for the proposed renovations of and to the Bellaire City Library as follows:

FOR: Mayor Siegel, Mayor Pro Tem Nauert, Councilmen Avioli, Parker, and Friedberg, and Councilwoman Nathan

OPPOSED: Councilman Hickman*

ABSENT: None
*Councilman Hickman’s opposition was based on a desire to study the proposal in greater detail and to consider the possibility of constructing a new library versus a renovation.

J. COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL.

Items of community interest included a reminder of a Special Session on the Budget to be held on September 17, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., as well as the next Regular Session to be held at 7:00 p.m. on September 13, 2010, due to the observance of Labor Day on September 6, 2010; a reminder to remain vigilant with respect to forced entries of homes; an expression of gratitude to Director of Library Mary Cohrs for doing such a great job; an expression of thanks to The Nature Discover Center for their donation to the Bellaire Recycling Committee and Bellaire Building and Standards Commission, as well as thanks to the Bellaire Recycling Committee for their efforts with the November Bellaire Recycles Day 2010.

K. ADJOURNMENT.

Councilman Parker moved to adjourn the Regular Session of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, at 9:59 p.m. on Monday, August 16, 2010. Councilman Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a 7-0 vote as follows:

FOR: Mayor Siegel, Mayor Pro Tem Nauert, Councilmen Hickman, Avioli, Parker, and Friedberg, and Councilwoman Nathan

OPPOSED: None

ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy L. Dutton, TRMC
City Clerk
City of Bellaire, Texas
City of Bellaire  
City Council  

Approved:

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Cynthia Siegel, Mayor  
City of Bellaire, Texas