CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2012

The City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, met in Regular Session (Town Meeting) on Monday, February 6, 2012, 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 Philip L. Nauert.

Mayor Philip L. Nauert called the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to order at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, February 6, 2012.

Also present were Mayor Pro Tem Amanda B. Nathan, Councilmen Roman F. Reed, James P. Avioli, Sr., Corbett Daniel Parker, Pat B. McLaughlan, and Andrew S. Friedberg, City Manager Bernard M. Satterwhite, Jr., City Attorney Alan P. Petrov, and City Clerk Tracy L. Dutton.

B. INSPIRATIONAL READING AND/OR INVOCATION – Mayor Philip L. Nauert.

Mayor Philip L. Nauert provided the inspirational reading for the evening.

C. PLEDGES TO THE FLAGS – Mayor Philip L. Nauert.

1. U.S. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. PLEDGE TO THE TEXAS FLAG.

Mayor Philip L. 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.

Lynn McBee, 5314 Evergreen Street, Bellaire, Texas, addressed City Council and encouraged them to move forward with the business of the City. She referred to the number of “ceremonial” meetings that had been held thus far in the year and suggested that business could have been taken care of during such ceremonial meetings.
E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS – Mayor Philip L. Nauert.

Mayor Philip L. Nauert provided a recap of the City’s goals, accomplishments, and activities during the 2011 calendar year, as well as statistical data from previous years. Among the topics included in Mayor Nauert’s report were a ten-year history of the City’s property tax rate, a ten-year history the City’s appraised and taxable property values, sources of revenues, and expenditures by department.

In addition, Mayor Nauert outlined accomplishments and awards citywide, as well as individual accomplishments by departments, and reviewed crime statistics and trends over the last ten years.

In closing, Mayor Nauert identified a list of items that the City would continue to develop as follows:

- Continue to expand outreach via social media and the web;
- Continue to seek more competitive health insurance rates for City employees;
- Provide training to new board and committee members;
- Continue to expand credit card and e-payment options;
- Provide a better customer service setting to Bellaire citizens and business owners;
- Continue to work with planning consultants to complete new regulations for the Urban Village (TOD) District and initiate work on the commercial corridor and downtown zoning regulations;
- Define and develop an economic development strategy;
- Continue Rebuild Bellaire projects;
- Work closely with the Evelyn’s Park Conservancy in the development of Evelyn’s Park;
- Hire a new Human Resources Director and Chief of Police; and
- Develop five-year plans for the City’s Vehicle, Equipment and Technology Fund and Capital Improvements Project Fund.
2. BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2011, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2011:

a. BELLAIRE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION (BCAC) – Presented by Chair Judy McConnell.

Chair Judy McConnell introduced current and newly appointed members of the BCAC, recognized members of the BCAC that served during the 2011 calendar year, and outlined projects that the BCAC shepherded in 2011. Special thanks were given to former Council Liaison Corbett Daniel Parker, current Council Liaison Roman F. Reed, and Staff Liaison City Manager Bernard M. Satterwhite, Jr., for their guidance and advice as BCAC’s Council and Staff Liaisons.

b. BELLAIRE L.I.F.E. ADVISORY BOARD (BLIFE) – Presented by Chair Iola Pickul.

Chair Iola Pickul noted that BLIFE provided programs for active adults ages 50 and older. The programs were designed to keep adults engaged in life through continued learning opportunities, new relationships, and new experiences. Chair Pickul outlined the various program opportunities and numbers of participants involved in BLIFE during 2011. Special thanks were given to former Council Liaison Cindy Siegel and to Staff Liaisons Jane L. Dembski, Cheryl Bright-West, and Valerie Langdon. Mayor Philip L. Nauert was welcomed as BLIFE’s new Council Liaison.

c. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (BOA) – Presented by Chair Randy Pollard.

Chair Randy Pollard advised that the BOA was a statutory board responsible for considering applications for variances or special exceptions to the City’s zoning regulations. Meetings were held to hear testimony on the applications and to make a subsequent determination. Chair Pollard introduce members that served on the BOA during 2011 and provided a brief summary of the various docket applications that were considered by the BOA, as well as the outcome as to determinations made. Special thanks were given to Council Liaison Corbett Daniel Parker and Staff Liaisons Assistant Director of Community Development Chris Magisano and Administrative Secretary Rebecca Eppler.
d. **BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION (BSC)** – *Presented by Chair Kristin Schuster.*

Chair Kristin Schuster advised that the BSC served both a statutorily mandated purpose and in an advisory role to City Council. She introduced the members that served on the BSC during 2011 and briefly summarized the considerations and actions taken by the BSC with respect to variances, complaints, proposed ordinance revisions, subcommittee work (green building), and other business. Special thanks were given to Council Liaison Andrew S. Friedberg and Staff Liaisons Director of Community Development John McDonald, Building Official Lee Cabello, and Administrative Secretary Rebecca Eppler.

e. **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (PRAB)** – *Presented by Chair Jeff Addicks.*

Chair Jeff Addicks introduced members that served on the PRAB during 2011 and noted that the PRAB served the City Council regarding policy matters pertaining to City parks and recreation. He outlined the various duties and responsibilities of the PRAB, as well as policy and advisory matters undertaken by the PRAB during 2011. Special thanks were given to Council Liaison James P. Avioli, Sr., and Staff Liaison Director of Parks and Recreation Jane L. Dembski.

f. **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION (PZC)** – *Presented by Chair Michael Doyle.*

Chair Michael Doyle introduced members that served on the PZC during 2011 and noted that the PZC existed as an advisory body to City Council in order to promote public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the community. The PZC also served in an administrative capacity by performing reviews and approvals or denials of plat submissions. Chair Doyle outlined various tasks undertaken by the PZC during 2011, as well as major accomplishments, such as work on proposed revisions to the City’s zoning regulations for the Urban Village (TOD) District. Special thanks were given to Council Liaison Mayor Philip L. Nauert and Staff Liaisons Director of Community Development John McDonald and Administrative Secretary Rebecca Eppler.

g. **RECYCLING COMMITTEE (BRC)** – *Presented by Chair Brenda Cauthen.*

Chair Brenda Cauthen introduced members that served on the BRC during 2011 and reviewed the purpose for the BRC as
set forth in the City Code. Chair Cauthen outlined the goals and priorities, educational efforts, and proposed ordinance revisions completed by the BRC in 2011, noting the tremendous progress that had been made toward increasing recycling and reducing solid waste. Special thanks were given to Council Liaison Amanda B. Nathan and Staff Liaisons Director of Public Works Joe Keene and Information Coordinator Todd A. Gross. Councilman Pat B. McLaughlan was welcomed as the BRC’s new Council Liaison for 2012.

F. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS; COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL.

Members of City Council were given an opportunity to mention items that they would like to see on future agendas, as well as any items of community interest.

G. ADJOURNMENT.

The Regular Session (Town Meeting) of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, was adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m. on Monday, January 16, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved:

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Philip L. Nauert, Mayor
City of Bellaire, Texas