CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2013

The City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, met in Regular Session on Monday, June 3, 2013, 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 – 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, June 3, 2013.

B. ANNOUNCEMENT OF A QUORUM – Mayor Philip L. Nauert.

Mayor Philip L. Nauert announced that a quorum was present consisting of himself and all members of City Council as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Amanda B. Nathan and Councilmen Roman F. Reed, James P. Avioli, Sr., Corbett Daniel Parker, Pat B. McLaughlan and Andrew S. Friedberg. Also present were City Manager Bernard M. Satterwhite, Jr., City Attorney Alan P. Petrov, and City Clerk Tracy L. Dutton.

C. INSPIRATIONAL READING AND/OR INVOCATION – Councilman Roman F. Reed.

Councilman Roman F. Reed provided the inspirational reading for the evening.

D. PLEDGES TO THE FLAGS – Councilman Roman F. Reed.

1. U.S. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. PLEDGE TO THE TEXAS FLAG.

Councilman Roman F. Reed led the audience and members of City Council in the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

E. APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF MINUTES:

1. CONSIDERATION of and possible action on the approval and adoption of the minutes of the Special Session (Public Hearing) of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, held on
Monday, May 13, 2013 – Item submitted by City Clerk Tracy L. Dutton.

CITY COUNCIL MOTION/ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

Mayor Pro Tem Amanda B. Nathan moved to approve the minutes of the Special Session (Public Hearing) of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, held on Monday, May 13, 2013. Councilman Pat B. McLaughlan seconded the motion.

The motion carried on a 6-0-1 vote as follows:

FOR: Mayor Philip L. Nauert, Mayor Pro Tem Amanda B. Nathan and Councilmen Roman F. Reed, Corbett Daniel Parker, Pat B. McLaughlan and Andrew S. Friedberg

OPPOSED: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Councilman James P. Avioli, Sr.*

*Councilman Avioli abstained from voting on the approval of the May 13, 2013, Special Session (Public Hearing) minutes due to his absence from that meeting.

2. CONSIDERATION of and possible action on the approval and adoption of the minutes of the Regular Session of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, held on Monday, May 20, 2013 – Item submitted by City Clerk Tracy L. Dutton.

CITY COUNCIL MOTION/ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

Mayor Pro Tem Amanda B. Nathan moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, held on Monday, May 20, 2013. Councilman Pat B. McLaughlan seconded the motion.

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

FOR: Mayor Philip L. Nauert, Mayor Pro Tem Amanda B. Nathan and Councilmen Roman F. Reed, James P. Avioli, Sr., Corbett Daniel Parker, Pat B. McLaughlan and Andrew S. Friedberg

OPPOSED: None
ABSENT: None

3. CONSIDERATION of and possible action on the approval and adoption of the minutes of the Special Session (Interviews) of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, held on Monday, May 29, 2013 – Item submitted by City Clerk Tracy L. Dutton.

CITY COUNCIL MOTION/ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

Councilman James P. Avioli, Sr., moved to approve the minutes of the Special Session (Interviews) of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, held on Monday, May 29, 2013. Councilman Pat B. McLaughlan seconded the motion.

The motion carried on a 6-0-1 vote as follows:

FOR: Mayor Philip L. Nauert, Mayor Pro Tem Amanda B. Nathan and Councilmen James P. Avioli, Sr., Corbett Daniel Parker, Pat B. McLaughlan and Andrew S. Friedberg

OPPOSED: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Councilman Roman F. Reed*

*Councilman Reed abstained from voting on the approval of the May 29, 2013, Special Session (Interviews) minutes due to his absence from that meeting.

F. PERSONAL/AUDIENCE COMMENTS.

Robert Riquelmy addressed City Council and referred to the last two City Council meetings, and advised that both of those meetings had been held in the back room. He advised further that the meetings dealt with matters concerning the City Manager.

It seemed to Mr. Riquelmy that the City now had and have had a very rigid, militaristic sort of City government. The City also had a very rigid, militaristic way of thinking about things. It was Mr. Riquelmy’s opinion that a more open civilian approach to the City’s problems might be good.

Mr. Riquelmy continued and advised that he would advocate for someone from outside of Texas. Being from Texas, in this case, might be a real impediment to good government.
He urged City Council to look to the northeast, perhaps as far as Canada, for a candidate to fill the important position of City Manager in Bellaire. If it took more money to get a good candidate, then Mr. Riquelmy would vote for more money to get the best there was.

Larry Shreve addressed City Council regarding the agenda proposition to fill in the sidewalk gaps on streets that had partial, but not continuous, sidewalks. He indicated that he and his wife lived in one of the “gap” houses and were very much against the proposition. He indicated that he had emailed City Council with a list of reasons why they were opposed to the proposition.

Mr. Shreve summarized the key reasons he and his wife were against the proposal. Firstly, building new sidewalks to fill in the gaps was going to kill and damage trees and landscaping. One of the most important assets a homeowner had was his or her trees. When roots were dug up and concrete poured around their base, some trees would die and some would suffer. When planning his landscaping, Mr. Shreve followed the rules that were in existence at that time. Those rules did not contemplate sidewalks. Twenty-three years into the growth plan for homeowners’ trees and landscaping, the Public Works Department wanted to change the rules in a way that put at risk those trees and landscaping, which was not fair in Mr. Shreve’s opinion.

Secondly, new sidewalks were mind-bogglingly expensive. Mr. Shreve advised that he looked at the minutes of City Council’s August 2011 meeting and read that one linear foot of new sidewalk cost $37.00. A sidewalk in front of one house with 60 feet of frontage would cost over $2,200.00. He referred to the price tag associated with the item on City Council’s agenda and indicated that no one knew what that cost might be because the Public Works Department had not provided the number of “gap” houses. It seemed to Mr. Shreve that City Council was being asked to approve a blank check for the Public Works Department.

Mr. Shreve was more than willing to pay substantial amounts of public funds for things that needed to be done that would improve the quality of life of the residents of Bellaire. But, building unnecessary sidewalks that people did not want was not one of those things that needed to be done.

Thirdly, new sidewalks would increase the risk of flooding. Whenever green space was replaced with impermeable concrete, floodwaters would be pushed that much closer to residents’ front doors.

Fourth, parking problems would be created. The reason parking problems would be created was because some people would no longer be able to park in their driveway if they straddled a sidewalk. This was especially a problem for multi-car households that had shallow front yards and narrow one-lane driveways. As a result, those residents would end up having to park on the street. In Mr. Shreve’s opinion, street parking increased congestion,
accidents, and crime because cars parked on the street were much more vulnerable to vandalism and theft.

Mr. Shreve referred to the other side of the argument—which would be to favor filling in gaps in the sidewalks. In that case, the advantage cited was public safety. That did not float in this context, in Mr. Shreve’s opinion, because the “gap” houses were on quiet residential streets. On those types of streets, Mr. Shreve could not find any evidence that safety was enhanced by the construction of additional sidewalks. What was known, however, was that constructing additional sidewalks would put pedestrian safety at risk in two brand new ways—drivers backing out of their driveways did not become fully alert until they reached the public street. Small children with low profiles were particularly at risk while riding tricycles, running, or walking across sidewalks and across driveways. Secondly, in one year, the new sidewalks would subside and lips would jut up and trip people.

In closing, Mr. Shreve indicated that constructing sidewalks for the purpose of public safety was a false and unconvincing argument when talking about quiet residential streets like the one he lived on. He urged City Council in the strongest possible terms to reject the proposal as it was unnecessary, wasteful, and harmful.

Jeryl Schultz addressed City Council and advised that she was strongly opposed to the sidewalk proposal. She indicated that when she and her husband learned about the proposal, they realized that few, if any, of the people affected were going to know City Council would be considering the proposal this evening. To get the word out, she and her husband prepared a flyer alerting the residents to the situation and issues and printed 100 copies. The flyers were left at front doors of homes in blocks that had gaps in the sidewalks. The residents were asked to get back with Ms. Schultz and her husband with comments.

She stated that the effort was unscientific and grass roots and probably only covered the tip of the iceberg with respect to the Bellaire streets. There was not enough time to go past Bellaire Boulevard to the north or to the other side of the West Loop. She had no way of knowing how many people read the flyers because it was a weekend.

Ms. Schultz advised that she had received 23 responses, which represented 23% of the flyers. She advised further that this was a very strong response rate given the limitations that she and her husband operated under. One hundred percent of those responses were opposed to filling in the gaps. The respondents asked that their opposition be relayed to the City Council and Ms. Schultz read the names of the respondents for the record, as well as some of the comments made, as follows:

Ken Kennedy was vehemently opposed and concerned about trees and the safety of children. Toby Turner and Thomas
Jones, Jim and Valerie Harrison, Diego and Mariel De Villalobos, Paul and Anne Marie Gregory, and Gordon and Sheila Sacks were opposed. J. F. Patterson made the following comment: "I have been without a sidewalk for 47 years and I don't want one now. Tim Belton and Richard Palmer were opposed. Ira and Patricia Gruber were strongly opposed and concerned about trees and cost. Mike and Sheryl Gale were concerned about trees, cost, and flooding. James Cook was adamantly opposed and asked why this kept coming up every few years. Gunther and Joyce Klein and Forrest Jenkins were opposed. Camille Hill commented that filling in the sidewalk gaps was an unwise use of funds. Mary and Charles Gibbs commented that landscaping under previously existing sidewalk rules would be ruined and trees threatened. Kathy Jackovich commented as follows: unwise use of funds and danger of ruffled sidewalks. Judy and Carl Thrasher expressed a concern about trees. Caren Grant, Scott Meshberger, former Councilman John Monday, and Paula M. Hertel were opposed.

Tag and Susan Borland commented that one of the most attractive parts of Bellaire was the park-like small town feel created by the grassy lawns. Installing sidewalks would surely reduce our property values while spending the money the City did not have. Given our aging water mains, sewers, roads, and public buildings, any spare or new funds could surely be put to a less frivolous use. It would be cheaper to remove the orphaned sidewalks required by past building codes than to inflict unwanted concrete and urbanization on the remaining homeowners.

In closing, Ms. Schultz stated that she hoped City Council would take the Bellaire homeowners' concerns into account and reject the proposal.

Ira Gruber addressed City Council regarding his corner lot, which had a sidewalk on one side (on a major thoroughfare) which needed repair. He was all for the repair proposal. There were 24 lots on his block and only three had sidewalks. Of the three that had sidewalks, those sidewalks were not congruent—one was set back ten feet from the street, one was right at the curb, etc. Mr. Gruber was not quite sure what would be done in his block under the proposal.

Mr. Gruber indicated that he was quite opposed to the proposal to fill in the gaps for the reasons that had already been stated quite eloquently. He inquired as to what might happen to a street like his, with very few sections of sidewalks. He stated he would be very positive about fixing the existing sidewalks that needed repairs and for installing sidewalks on main thoroughfares in the City.
Mr. Gruber closed by advising that he came to the meeting this evening with a question of Director Joe Keene as to what Director Keene had in mind for streets such as the one described by Mr. Gruber. He urged City Council to ask the question on his behalf.

Lynn McBee addressed City Council and observed that having heard citizens address City Council at the podium for 40+ years, the citizens kept getting better and better.

Ms. McBee continued and stated that she had a conversation with Police Chief Byron Holloway at the Evelyn’s Park Picnic regarding the number of dogs in the park (at least 12-15). All of the dogs were on leashes; however, many small children ended up colliding with the dogs. She referred to the City’s ordinance prohibiting dogs in City parks, and noted that the City had even spent public money, as well as private money, to build a dog park. Chief Holloway advised Ms. McBee earlier in the day that Evelyn’s Park was officially a city park and, therefore, subject to the “no dogs in park” ordinance. Ms. McBee pled with City Council, City management, and the Police Department to keep the dogs out of the park. The reasoning for the ordinance prohibiting dogs in parks was related to public safety.

Secondly, Ms. McBee stated that the subject of her comments was not sidewalks, but, rather, the purpose of city streets. Her understanding was that streets were set aside for two reasons in Bellaire: (1) for vehicular traffic; and (2) to retain water. The streets were not intended nor designed for joggers or pedestrians. The City Council had worked very hard to put sidewalks on at least one side of the street, yet constantly an increasingly irate public took over the streets, particularly at dusk, and challenged the driver for using the street. Citations had never been imposed and Ms. McBee encouraged the City to enforce state law which required pedestrians to use a sidewalk, if one was provided. At the very least, she recommended that the City provide some education to residents regarding that state law.

Finally, with respect to a search firm that would be best to find a City Manager, she urged that people in the community probably had a point of view as to who should be their chief administrative officer. She encouraged everyone who lived in Bellaire to let the City Council know their feelings, such as whether the individual should be a financial management whiz, public administration educator, experienced city manager, or a manager with an overwhelming concern about the community and the community’s well-being.

Richard Franke addressed City Council and stated that he understood where everyone who had spoken this evening was coming from. In his neighborhood, cars were seen whizzing by at 40-50 miles per hour while pedestrian activities were occurring. It was time to set up some kind of standards for what the City was doing.
Mr. Franke advised that he had a sidewalk, his neighbor had a sidewalk, and there was one sidewalk across the street. It was all part of the stop and go history that City Council was well aware of.

The other dimension of sidewalks related to the manner or method of installation. For example, if sidewalks installed by a builder under previous City regulations were flawed, the City was stuck with flawed sidewalks. Under the City’s ordinance, a sidewalk could not be removed without appearing before the Board of Adjustment. The ordinance needed to be changed in Mr. Franke’s opinion.

G. REPORT(S):

1. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT regarding Residential Safety (Police Activity Report), Public Infrastructure/Utilities (Major Projects Report), Current Issues/Information (Board applications/interviews), and Upcoming City Council Meetings/Events – Item submitted and presented by City Manager Bernard M. Satterwhite, Jr.

City Manager Bernard M. Satterwhite, Jr., presented the City Manager’s Report dated June 3, 2013, to members of the City Council. Following questions of City Manager Satterwhite regarding his report, a motion was made and action taken to accept the report into the record.

CITY COUNCIL MOTION/ACTION TO ACCEPT REPORT INTO THE RECORD:

Councilman Andrew S. Friedberg moved to accept the City Manager’s Report dated June 3, 2013, as presented by City Manager Bernard M. Satterwhite, Jr., into the record. Councilman Roman F. Reed seconded the motion.

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

FOR: Mayor Philip L. Nauert, Mayor Pro Tem Amanda B. Nathan and Councilmen Roman F. Reed, James P. Avioli, Sr., Corbett Daniel Parker, Pat B. McLaughlan and Andrew S. Friedberg

OPPOSED: None

ABSENT: None

2. CITY ENGINEER’S REPORT regarding an engineering pavement condition assessment performed for every street and sidewalk
maintained by the City of Bellaire, Texas – Item submitted and presented by City Engineer James Andrews, P.E., ARKK Engineers, LLC.

City Engineer James Andrews, P.E., ARKK Engineers, LLC, presented the City Engineer's Report regarding a pavement condition assessment performed for every street and sidewalk maintained by the City of Bellaire, Texas, to members of City Council.

City Engineer Andrews advised that at the first of the year, his firm set out to assess the current condition of all the sidewalks and all the streets in the City. There were 65 miles of roadway (from two-lane residential roadways up to six-lane major thoroughfares) and over 50 miles of sidewalks currently in existence in the City, all of which were inspected as part of the assessment process.

Sidewalks currently in existence were either continuous on both sides of the block, continuous on one side of the block, or piecemeal (with some gaps). There were 20+ blocks with no sidewalks at all.

The condition assessment was conducted to help guide the City with future plans for street and sidewalk improvements. The drought condition that the entire State of Texas endured over the last few years took its toll on Bellaire area pavements (both sidewalks and streets). City Engineer Andrews advised that the City was built on very high plastic clays, with a Placidity Index (PI) among the highest in the southeast Texas area.

City Engineer Andrews advised that the plastic clays were very unforgiving with changes in moisture content. When saturated, the clay soil expanded and heaved. During drought conditions, the clay soil shrunk considerably.

For the assessment evaluation, all of the streets in the City were inspected for rideability (with the exception of Loop 610, which was the Texas Department of Transportation's purview). City Engineer Andrews referenced crevices, cracks, offset slabs, and ponding that were observed in some areas of the City. All of the problems that were observed were logged onto "Field Evaluation Forms." The number of stresses were quantified and qualified by severity and a weighted average was applied to the field quantities to emphasize blocks with the most severe defects. The rating was assigned on a block-by-block basis as the improvements would be attacked project-wise on a block-by-block basis.

Some of the City’s newer streets had little or no defects that needed immediate attention (i.e., Fournace Place). A classification system was used, with 1A being the best rating. Several streets had defects on
just a portion of the street (i.e., Alpine Street). Other streets had defects along one entire side of the street (i.e., Mulberry Lane, which received a rating of 3C or the worst rating).

City Engineer Andrews continued and advised that a spreadsheet was developed for every street in the City that summarized the defects by block (both street and sidewalk problems). Reference data was included in the spreadsheet (i.e., the 1997 rating). This data was used to graphically illustrate the condition of the streets throughout the City. With respect to the major thoroughfares, ratings were assigned by lane direction.

The sidewalk assessment was done in much the same fashion as the street assessment. The sidewalks were subject to the same types of issues that the street pavements were. The sidewalks were also subject to structural deterioration due to the root systems of nearby trees. Gaps in sidewalks were also noted during the assessment.

The data ratings and rating maps resulting from the assessment provided the necessary information for the City to quickly plan improvements on a citywide basis. The maps also provided a picture for citizens as to what the City was facing with respect to infrastructure.

In closing, City Engineer Andrews indicated that by taking the best streets out of the equation and the streets that were slated for the Rebuild Bellaire Program, the rating map could be used to prioritize the repairs to sidewalks and to streets until the day arrived when the street could be totally reconstructed.

On future projects, efforts could be made to improve the design of streets; different techniques could be used to improve the cross-slope on streets; geotextile fabric could be used so that street replacement could be performed in panels versus an entire slab; and cracks could be controlled. With respect to sidewalks and trees, it was noted that the City could bridge roots and use different materials in that situation.

Mayor Philip L. Nauert thanked City Engineer Andrews for his report and opened the table to questions from members of City Council. After all members of City Council had an opportunity to ask questions regarding the report, a motion was made and action taken to accept the report into the record.

CITY COUNCIL MOTION/ACTION TO ACCEPT REPORT INTO THE RECORD:

Councilman Pat B. McLaughlan moved to accept the City Engineer's Report, as presented by City Engineer James E. Andrews,
P.E., into the record. Councilman Roman F. Reed seconded the motion.

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

**FOR:** Mayor Philip L. Nauert, Mayor Pro Tem Amanda B. Nathan and Councilmen Roman F. Reed, James P. Avioli, Sr., Corbett Daniel Parker, Pat B. McLaughlan and Andrew S. Friedberg

**OPPOSED:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**H. NEW BUSINESS:**

**ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:**

**Sidewalks**

1. **CONSIDERATION of and possible action regarding the institution of a policy that would require that missing sections of sidewalk along streets identified for inclusion in the annual CIP Sidewalk Improvement Program be filled in to create a continuous pedestrian travel way along those streets, in addition to repair and replacement of defective sidewalks along those streets – Item submitted by Director of Public Works Joe Keene.**

**CITY COUNCIL MAIN MOTION:**

Councilman Corbett Daniel Parker moved, for purposes of discussion, to approve a new policy for the CIP Sidewalk Improvement Program as follows:

On streets in the City of Bellaire that are included in the annual CIP Sidewalk Improvement Program, sidewalks will be engineered and constructed to effect repair and/or replacement of defective sidewalks, as well as to construct new sections of sidewalks on those streets where missing sections of sidewalk may exist to provide a continuous pedestrian travel way along the street.

Councilman Pat B. McLaughlan seconded the main motion.
Following questions of City Manager Satterwhite and Director of Public Works Joe Keene regarding the new policy and discussion of the policy, an amendment to the main motion was offered.

**CITY COUNCIL AMENDMENT (NO. 1) TO THE MAIN MOTION:***

Councilman Roman F. Reed moved to amend the main motion to approve a new policy for the CIP Sidewalk Improvement Program in two phases, the first phase of which would be considered this evening as follows:

On streets in the City of Bellaire that are included in the annual CIP Sidewalk Improvement Program, sidewalks will be engineered and constructed to effect repair and/or replacement of defective sidewalks.

Councilman James P. Avioli, Sr., seconded the amendment to the main motion.

[It was noted by Councilman Reed that the second phase of the new policy, which was to construct new sections of sidewalks on those streets where missing sections of sidewalk may exist to provide a continuous pedestrian travel way along the street, could be considered after City Council had an opportunity to study the data on a block by block basis as provided by City Engineer Andrews].

Following discussion regarding the amendment (no. 1) to the main motion, a friendly amendment was recommended as follows:

**CITY COUNCIL FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT (NO. 1):***

Councilman Andrew S. Friedberg suggested rephrasing the amendment to move for deferral of the proposed new policy so that streets with gaps could be approved individually.

Councilmen Roman F. Reed and James P. Avioli, Sr., accepted the friendly amendment.

**CITY COUNCIL AMENDMENT (NO. 2) TO AMENDMENT (NO. 1):***

Councilman Corbett Daniel Parker moved to amend the amendment (no. 1) to state that streets with more than 25% of the sidewalks not currently existing on any given block would not be considered as part of the annual CIP Sidewalk Improvement Program.
The amendment (no. 2) to the amendment (no. 1) failed due to the lack of a second.

Following further discussion among members of City Council, City Staff, and the City Attorney on the amendment (no. 1) to the main motion, action was taken on the amendment.

CITY COUNCIL ACTION ON AMENDMENT (NO. 1) TO MAIN MOTION:

The amendment (no. 1) to the main motion failed on a 2-5 vote as follows:

FOR: Councilmen Roman F. Reed and James P. Avioli, Sr.

OPPOSED: Mayor Philip L. Nauert, Mayor Pro Tem Amanda B. Nathan and Councilmen Corbett Daniel Parker, Pat B. McLaughlan and Andrew S. Friedberg

ABSENT: None

Councilman Friedberg immediately asked for the floor in order to offer an amendment.

CITY COUNCIL AMENDMENT (NO. 2) TO MAIN MOTION:

Councilman Andrew S. Friedberg moved to amend (no. 2) the main motion by rephrasing the policy to read as follows:

On streets in the City of Bellaire that are included in the annual CIP Sidewalk Improvement Program, sidewalks will be engineered: (1) to effect repair and/or replacement of defective sidewalks, and (2) to construct new sections of sidewalks on those streets where missing sections of sidewalk may exist to provide a continuous pedestrian travel way along the street.

Councilman Corbett Daniel Parker seconded the amendment (no. 2) to the main motion.

Following discussion on the amendment (no. 2) to the main motion, action was taken on the amendment.
CITY COUNCIL ACTION ON AMENDMENT (NO. 2) TO MAIN MOTION:

The amendment (no. 2) to the main motion carried unanimously on a 7-0 vote as follows:

FOR: Mayor Philip L. Nauert, Mayor Pro Tem Amanda B. Nathan and Councilmen Roman F. Reed, James P. Avioli, Sr., Corbett Daniel Parker, Pat B. McLaughlan and Andrew S. Friedberg

OPPOSED: None

ABSENT: None

CITY COUNCIL ACTION ON THE MAIN MOTION, AS AMENDED:

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

FOR: Mayor Philip L. Nauert, Mayor Pro Tem Amanda B. Nathan and Councilmen Roman F. Reed, James P. Avioli, Sr., Corbett Daniel Parker, Pat B. McLaughlan and Andrew S. Friedberg

OPPOSED: None

ABSENT: None

Executive Search Firm Services

2. CONSIDERATION of and possible action on (a) the selection of a firm to perform Executive Search Firm Services for the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to assist in the employment of a new City Manager to replace Bernard M. Satterwhite, Jr., who has scheduled his retirement in March of 2014; and (b) 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 negotiate and accept, for and on behalf of the City of Bellaire, Texas, a proposal for the performance of Executive Search Firm Services with the selected firm – Item submitted by City Clerk Tracy L. Dutton on behalf of the City Council.
CITY COUNCIL MAIN MOTION:

Councilman Corbett Daniel Parker moved to select the firm of Strategic Government Resources, Inc. ("SGR"), to perform Executive Search Firm Services for the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to assist in the employment of a new City Manager and to adopt an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to negotiate and accept, for and on behalf of the City of Bellaire, Texas, a proposal for the performance of Executive Search Firm Services with SGR. Councilman Andrew S. Friedberg seconded the motion.

Following discussion among members of City Council, action was taken on the motion.

CITY COUNCIL ACTION ON MAIN MOTION:

The motion carried on a 5-2 vote as follows:

FOR: Mayor Philip L. Nauert, Mayor Pro Tem Amanda B. Nathan and Councilmen James P. Avioli, Sr., Corbett Daniel Parker and Andrew S. Friedberg

OPPOSED: Councilmen Roman F. Reed* and Pat B. McLaughlan*

ABSENT: None

*Councilmen Reed and McLaughlan opposed the motion as both felt the City might be better served by another firm, Chris Hartung Consulting, LLC.

{Ordinance was subsequently numbered: 13-028}

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

Community interest items from the Mayor and City Council included remembrances and condolences to the families of the four Houston firefighters who died from injuries suffered while battling a major blaze; expressions of appreciation to those public servants who put their lives on the line to ensure the safety and well-being of residents; congratulations to the Evelyn’s Park Conservancy Board on their recent and very successful Evelyn’s Park picnic; reminders of the upcoming Town Hall Meeting on municipal facilities and the upcoming Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Focus Group
Meeting on the future Park Plan; and compliments and thanks to the speakers who addressed City Council earlier in the meeting for their thoughtfulness.

J. ADJOURNMENT.

CITY COUNCIL MOTION/ACTION TO ADJOURN:

Councilman Pat B. McLaughlan moved to adjourn the Regular Session of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, at 9:22 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2013. Councilman Roman F. Reed seconded the motion.

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

FOR: Mayor Philip L. Nauert, Mayor Pro Tem Amanda B. Nathan and Councilmen Roman F. Reed, James P. Avioli, Sr., Corbett Daniel Parker, Pat B. McLaughlan and Andrew S. Friedberg

OPPOSED: None

ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved:

Philip L. Nauert, Mayor
City of Bellaire, Texas