

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF OCTOBER 24, 2006
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The regular meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Mark McGrath at Meadows Place City Hall, One Troyan Drive, Meadows Place, Texas, with notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject thereof having been posted as prescribed by Article 6252-17, V.T.A.C.S. with the following members present and in attendance:

Mayor:	Mark McGrath
Aldermen:	Terry Henley Charles Kulhanek Charles Jessup Rick Staigle David Wilkens

thus constituting a quorum.

Captain Jack Ashton gave a report on police activities since the last regular council meeting. He said there were two reportable accidents, 15 arrests, 1320 calls for service, four city ordinance violation citations issued and 500 traffic citations issued. Six city ordinance violation warnings and 107 traffic warnings were also issued during this time frame. Captain Ashton noted that while the numbers are still quite high, they have dropped significantly since last month (from five accidents to two and from 22 arrests to 15.) There were three business alarms answered and eight residential ones. There were three burglary of motor vehicles which is also down from previous months. None of the arrests involved city residents. Captain Ashton emphasized that all 9-1-1 calls are checked out. Many of them are false alarms and residents sometimes become offended when an officer insists on checking out the premises to make sure all is OK. He reminded everyone this is done for their protection and requested understanding on the matter. Captain Ashton noted that there was a low turnout for the last Crime Watch meeting. He also noted the Police Officers will be out in force on Halloween night.

Mayor McGrath received council's consensus to address agenda item nine at this time. He then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 24 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS BY ADDING THERETO A NEW SECTION 24-805, ENTITLED "PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT – OASIS MEDICAL CAMPUS," FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-USE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT, MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS OF FACT, ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT, PROVIDING PROCEDURES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE TO MAINTAIN CONTINUING JURISDICTION, PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT PROVIDING FOR UNCONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE AND OPINION OF COUNSEL

Mayor McGrath explained that a Public Hearing on this issue was held before City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission in July. Planning and Zoning members met and deliberated and recommended Council act favorably and adopt the Planned Development Ordinance with a few conditions. While the Planned Development for the Senior Meadows Village does not allow animals, it has been

proven the Alzheimer's patients react favorably to the presence of some animals and they will be allowed in the new Alzheimer's units at times. While it was first recommended that no retail establishments be allowed in the Planned Development, it is recognized that traditionally hospitals (which are allowed in the Planned Development and are expected to be built there) usually do contain eating facilities and gift shops. These will be allowed in this planned development. Mr. Al Fairfield addressed Council and said that his project was running on schedule although there have been some delays getting steel for the construction. He expects the Alzheimer's/assisted living building to be completed in January or February and the office building to be completed in February or March. Council congratulated Mr. Fairfield on the great landscaping his company installed on the esplanades. Councilmember Staigle made a motion to adopt the Planned Development Ordinance, numbered **2006-36**, as read. Councilmember Henley seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

During audience Comments, Mr. Jim Elrod, a Scottsdale resident, said he walked in on four men who were burglarizing his home. He sent his wife outside to call 9-1-1 and he went into an "attack" mode. He said it took at least two minutes for the dispatcher to dispatch an officer and four more minutes for the officer to arrive at his residence. This was on a Saturday night at about 7:25 p.m. He feels if an officer had arrived just two minutes earlier, the burglars would have been caught and he wondered if we might have a dispatch problem. Mr. Gary Littlejohn, a Meadow Trail resident, said he has experienced better officer response time when he calls the Fort Bend dispatchers directly rather than going through 9-1-1.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor McGrath said the Halloween Carnival will be held at the Park cul-de-sac next Tuesday evening from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. He also noted that a scourge of people have been coming into the city to steal the iron grates covering the storm sewers. It is believed they then sell the grates for scrap. As we replace these grates, a costly project, we must weld them into place.

During Council comments, Councilmember Kulhanek said the Cub Scouts would also be helping with the Halloween Carnival. Councilmember Jessup thanked everyone in the audience for coming to tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Jessup then made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2006 workshop and regular meetings as presented. Councilmember Kulhanek seconded this motion which carried with unanimous approval.

Mayor McGrath then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING RANDLE LAW OFFICE LTD., L.L.P. AS CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS (CITY) AND PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION AND PROVIDING THAT SAID APPOINTMENT SHALL CONTINUE FOR ADDITIONAL TIME THEREAFTER UNLESS OTHER APPOINTMENTS SHALL BE MADE BY ORDINANCE DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL WHICH SHALL BE IN CONFLICT HERewith AND PROVIDING FOR THE POWERS, DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF THE SAID CITY ATTORNEY.

Mayor McGrath noted Mr. Randle has been a great asset for our city. Councilmember Henley made a motion to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2006-37**, as presented. Councilmember Wilkens seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Council then considered accepting the application of Christopher Pham, representing Pacific Interests Partners, LP, for assignment of the rights and privileges of Planned Development Number 4 as granted under Ordinance 2005-29, Section 2, (12). The Planned Development that was granted to Ayrshire allows Ayrshire to assign their rights and privileges to another company with the approval of City Council. Mr. Pham's company plans to develop the property, located at the corner of West Airport and Kirkwood, in a style similar to Sugar Land's Town Center. He is ready to

start formulating building plans immediately upon Council's acceptance of the assignment. Councilmember Staigle reminded Council that Mr. Pham's company would have to submit new plans to Council for the hard corner and proposed a Building Committee composed of himself, Steve Gardner and Dan McGraw be formed to study those plans. Councilmember Henley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jessup, to accept the application of Christopher Pham, representing Pacific Interests Partners, LP, for assignment of the rights and privileges of Planned Development Number 4 as granted under Ordinance 2005-29, Section 2, (12). The motion carried unanimously.

Bills to Helfman Ford for two new police vehicles, Joe L. Salvide for sidewalk and street repairs and to Playgrounds by Worth for an awning over the small baseball field were presented to Council for their ratification. Councilmember Kulhanek made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Staigle to ratify the expenses as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no audience comments at this time.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Staigle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Henley to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary