

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017  
WORKSHOP AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Herron called the City of Hilshire Village Workshop and Special Council Meeting to order at 11:31 A.M. at 8301 Westview, Houston, Texas 77055.

**1.2 PRESENT:** were Mayor Russell Herron, Mayor Tem Paul Maddock, Council Members Mike Gordy, Robert Byrne, David Gunn and Council Member Robert Swanson arrived late. Also in attendance was City Administrator Susan Blevins.

**2. ACTION ITEMS:**

**2.1** Mayor Herron went over the responsibilities of the Mayor and then Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Maddock stated he was willing to serve as Mayor Pro Tem if Council so deemed. Council Member Gunn made a motion to nominate and approve Paul Maddock for the position of Mayor Pro Tem for a one (1) year term, seconded by Council Member Gordy and third by Council Member Byrne. **A vote was taken to approve the motion nominating and approving Paul Maddock for the position of Mayor Pro Tem for a one (1) year term. The vote passed unanimously.**

**2.2** Mayor Pro Tem Maddock made a motion to discuss and possibly take action to authorize the City Attorney and City Engineer to prepare documents allowing the encroachment of a fence along the City's easement on Pine Creek Lane, behind 8389, 8391, 8393 and 8397 Westview and authorizing the Mayor to sign, seconded by Council Member Byrne.

Council Member Gordy stated he would like the documents to be prepared in a workable way for the Church. Council wants the Mayor to talk with the Korean Seventh Day Adventist Church to make sure they understand everything before the papers are prepared. Council also wants to make sure of the addresses it will include. Mayor Herron also requested a drawing to be included in the documents.

Council Member Gunn made a motion to table the original Motion to discuss and possibly take action to authorize the City Attorney and City Engineer to prepare documents allowing the encroachment of a fence along the City's easement on Pine Creek Lane, behind 8389, 8391, 8393 and 8397 Westview and authorizing the Mayor to sign, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Maddock.

**A vote was taken to approve the motion to table the original motion to discuss and possible take action to authorize the City Attorney and City Engineer to prepare documents allowing the encroachment of a fence along the City's easement on Pine Creek Lane, behind 8389, 8391, 8393 and 8397 Westview and authorizing the Mayor to sign. The vote passed unanimously.**

**2.3** Council Member Gordy made a motion to discuss and approve Resolution Number 156 requesting the City of Houston to deny the variance requested by GBI Partners, LP in behalf of Edry, Inc. regarding Project Take 5 Westview, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Maddock.

Mayor Herron stated the Oil Lube Company (GBI Partners) would be next to the Walgreens on Westview. Concerns of the citizens were an oil spill, no left turn and the excess traffic. Mayor Herron asked if the Council Members would be interested in signing a resolution that the City was not in favor of the variance for the Oil Lube business. The Council Members agreed to sign the resolution opposing the Oil Lube Business. **A vote was taken to approve the motion to approve Resolution Number 156 requesting the City of Houston deny the variance requested by GBI Partners, LP in behalf of Edry, Inc. regarding Project Take 5 Westview. The vote passed unanimously.**

## **2. Discussion:**

### **OUT OF ORDER**

**3.4 Tree Ordinance:** Mayor Herron showed pictures of trees that were “cut down” under the current ordinance at Hilshire Villas. He wanted to know if Council wanted to adopt a more restrictive ordinance to prevent this from happening again. Council Member Gunn stated he felt the City would benefit from discussion from more of the residents. He stated there are all types of lots and the needs of all the residents vary. Council Member Byrne stated that the Zoning Committee has already presented a presentation to Council and they have made changes after the presentation. He also stated that it was disappointing that the residents do not come to the meetings and voice their opinions. Council Member Byrne stated he feels the ordinance that has been prepared needs to be brought to Council and discussed. Council Member Gordy stated he is always looking for the balance between homeowner’s rights and the City’s restrictions. He stated that some of the large trees are extremely old and might need replacing. Council Member Byrne stated the Tree Ordinance needs to preserve the canopy, makes sure it preserves the values of the properties and that it is enforceable. Council Member Gordy stated he is in favor of balancing out what is fair to the City and the citizens. All the Council Members agreed that the City needed to review the Tree Ordinance closer and have the City Attorney go through the Ordinance as well, so that the Tree Ordinance is clear and fair to all residents.

**3.1 Discussion of Ordinance 63-1 adopted in 1963 regarding trucks on streets prohibited:** The existing ordinance that was adopted in 1963 allows the City to put up state approved “No Through Traffic” signs on the existing street signs to help control the construction traffic but the signs cannot be in the Right of Way. Mayor Herron said that large dump trucks are turning into Hilshire Grove and using the cul-de-sac to make it easier to get to the new construction site. He then decided to have a sign made and put out to control the dangerous situation. Mayor Herron stated that City Administrator Blevins stated it was not a good idea to place the sign out on the street. After receiving

a complaint that the sign was “illegal”, the City removed the sign. City Administrator Blevins said the City Attorney stated the sign could be placed on the City Street Signs if it is a legal State of Texas sign. Mayor Herron stated that the current ordinance allows the City to place a proper sign if needed.

**3.2 Discussion on the reconnection of the 6-inch PVC water line located within the designated utility easement on 8399 Westview restoring the water loop service between Westview and Pine Creek Lane.** Mayor Herron stated that he and the City Engineer met with the plumber from 8399 Westview. The plumber will be giving the City a quote on the reconnection of the 6-inch PVC water line. Mayor Herron stated the City Engineer would come back to Council after he receives the detailed quote.

**3.3 Ordinance Enforcement:** Mayor Herron stated that the citizens have stated that City Council is not patrolling the City and looking for offences. Mayor Herron stated, “It is not the City Council’s responsibility to drive throughout the City looking for offences”. He did state that he does drive throughout the City looking for issues and reports them to City Hall. Mayor Herron stated that several citizens are putting their trash bins and leaf bags out before the specified time and he feels we may want to have a revision on the Garbage Ordinance. Mayor Herron stated that he felt the ordinance needed to be reviewed and amended with an earlier timeframe for leaf bags to be placed at the street. Council Member Byrne stated the Zoning Committee is already working on the Garbage Ordinance and when it is completed, they will present it to the City Council.

**4. FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS:** Mayor Herron asked Council if they had a priority for the List and if they would like anything added. Council decided the list for now would be:

#### **Code Enforcement**

**YTD Budget Review** (add Fire Station Renovations)

**Capital Improvements** – Council Member Gordy wanted to bring to Council’s attention that the City has spent 61% of all the Capital Improvement Funds in the last three (3) years on Pine Creek Lane. He stated the City’s priority is health and safety. Several other projects should take priority.

**City Hall Maintenance and Enhancements** (needs assessment – a fence and accessory building)

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None**

**6. ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Pro Tem Maddock made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Council Member Byrne. **A vote was taken to approve the motion to adjourn the meeting. The vote passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 P.M.**

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Russell Herron, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susan Blevins, City Secretary