



# CITY OF BELLAIRE TEXAS

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

JANUARY 26, 2015

Council Chamber

Regular Session

7:00 PM

7008 S. RICE AVENUE  
BELLAIRE, TX 77401

### REGULAR SESSION - 7:00 P.M.

#### A. Call to Order and Announcement of a Quorum - Dr. Philip L. Nauert, Mayor.

Dr. Philip L. Nauert, Mayor, called the Regular Session of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to order at 7:14 p.m. on Monday, January 26, 2015. He announced that a quorum was present consisting of all members of City Council as set forth in the table below.

Full Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Dr. Philip L. Nauert	Mayor	Present	
Mr. B. Nathan	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Mr. J. Reed	Councilman	Present	
Mr. J. Aviola Sr.	Councilman	Present	
Mr. J. Appas	Councilman	Present	
Mr. J. Laughlan	Councilman	Present	
Mr. S. Friedberg	Councilman	Present	
Mr. J. Hofmann	City Manager	Present	
Mr. J. Petrov	City Attorney	Present	
Mr. J. Dutton	City Clerk	Present	

#### B. Inspirational Reading and/or Invocation - Dr. Philip L. Nauert, Mayor.

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

#### C. Pledges to The Flags - Dr. Philip L. Nauert, Mayor.

Dr. Philip L. Nauert, Mayor, led the audience and members of the City Council in the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

#### D. Approval or Correction of Minutes:

##### 1. Bellaire City Council Special Session (Public Hearing) Minutes dated January 5, 2015:

Consideration of and possible action on the approval of the minutes of the Special Session (Public Hearing) of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, held on Monday, January 5, 2015.

Mayor and Council - Public Hearing - Jan 5, 2015 6:00 PM

##### Motion:

**To approve the minutes of the Special Session (Public Hearing) of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, held on Monday, January 5,**

**2015.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Roman F. Reed, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	James P. Avioli Sr., Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Nauert, Nathan, Reed, Avioli Sr., Pappas, McLaughlan, Friedberg

**2. Bellaire City Council Regular Session Minutes dated January 5, 2015:**

Consideration of and possible action on the approval of the minutes of the Regular Session of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, held on Monday, January 5, 2015.

Mayor and Council - Regular Session - Jan 5, 2015 7:00 PM

**Motion:**

**To approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, held on Monday, January 5, 2015.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Gus E. Pappas, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Amanda B. Nathan, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>AYES:</b>	Nauert, Nathan, Reed, Avioli Sr., Pappas, McLaughlan, Friedberg

**3. Bellaire City Council Special Session (Board and Commission Interviews) dated January 12, 2015:**

Consideration of and possible action on the approval of the minutes of the Special Session (Board and Commission Interviews) of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, held on Monday, January 12, 2015.

Mayor and Council - Special Session - Jan 12, 2015 6:00 PM

**Motion:**

**To approve the minutes of the Special Session (Board and Commission Interviews) of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, held on Monday, January 12, 2015.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Andrew S. Friedberg, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Amanda B. Nathan, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>AYES:</b>	Nauert, Nathan, Reed, Avioli Sr., Pappas, McLaughlan, Friedberg

**E. Personal/Audience Comments.****Charlene O'Shea:**

Ms. O'Shea addressed City Council and advised that she had served as a Commissioner of the "Keep Houston Beautiful" organization and worked with the City of Houston to

beautify many of their esplanades over the years. Ms. O'Shea advised further that she had been working with the City of Bellaire on improvements to the Holly Street esplanade for over ten years.

She continued and advised that she had watched two different landscape companies (hired by the City) blow debris and granite from the esplanade into neighbors' yards, into the street, and into storm drains. Holly Street was tired of the lack of attention that the street had been given. Holly Street was the only street in the City, other than Bellaire Boulevard with an esplanade on it. Ms. O'Shea indicated that the esplanade on Bellaire Boulevard, was not attractive in her opinion. She cited the esplanades in Southside Place and the Maplewood subdivision entrance at the corner of Beechnut Street and South Rice Avenue as examples of beautifully landscaped esplanades.

Ms. O'Shea advised that the City finally got a City Manager, Paul Hofmann, who also agreed with master planning in the City, which was a blessing in her opinion. Sheila Condon of Clark Condon Associates, Landscape Architects, was hired to create a master plan for the esplanade, and the City Manager proposed a plan for \$250,000 to be allocated over several years to Holly Street in accordance with that master plan. Shortly thereafter, City Council decided that there were other priorities in the City's park system.

In closing, reference was made to the number of residents and pets that used the Holly Street esplanade, including the Bellaire High School Track Team. Ms. O'Shea urged City Council to consider funding the total irrigation system included in the master plan for Holly Street as soon as possible to avoid the possible loss of trees. She concluded and noted that if the residents and City Council worked together, Holly Street could be a shining example of what was needed in Bellaire.

**Annette Botas-Rock:**

Ms. Botas-Rock addressed City Council regarding Holly Street. She advised that nine trees on the esplanade had been cut down due to disease and rot. Seeing the esplanade lose a significant amount of foliage was upsetting. Ms. Botas-Rock was more upset to learn that the City had no plans to replace the fully grown trees at the time of removal. When the Holly Street residents learned of the lack of foresight and demanded a formal meeting with City officials, a real plan of action was created.

Later, the residents were told that the City did have funds to care for the unique walking trail on the Holly Street esplanade, and City officials recommended that City Council spend \$250,000 on the Holly Street esplanade. The residents were now being told that only 20% of the aforementioned funds were going toward the Holly Street esplanade. Ms. Botas-Rock indicated that the reduced funding was merely a Band-Aid® on a situation that needed more attention.

She advised further that the esplanade got a great deal of walking traffic during the day and night by residents, Bellaire High School students, and the Bellaire High School Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC). Holly Street was one of a kind in Bellaire, in Ms. Botas-Rock's opinion. It was one of the only streets that provided shade from the heat in the middle of summer.

The Bellaire City Council was informed during the previous year that the Holly Street esplanade was important to Bellaire residents. City officials researched, investigated, and had developed a long-term plan for the esplanade. Rather than creating more attractive outdoor spaces in Bellaire, the City should be preserving and enhancing the spaces already established. The \$250,000 set aside for the Holly Street esplanade was

intended for long-term use. The space was approximately ½-mile long and would require a real sum of money if real work was to be done. Ms. Botas-Rock urged City Council to find the extra funds immediately to make the Holly Street esplanade improvement take place now-not in 2016 or 2020.

**Rachel Crochet:**

Ms. Crochet addressed City Council and thanked her neighbors for coming this evening to support Holly Street. It was noted that many of the residents that used the esplanade lived on Laurel, Pine, Maple, and Valerie Streets.

Residents on Holly Street came to the City for help with the esplanade in April of 2009. Several meetings were held with the former Director of Parks and Recreation and the Parks and Recreation Department. Residents were told that the matter would be handled. A Boy Scout Troop provided the original granite for the Holly Street Trail (as it was originally known).

Ms. Crochet indicated that the City was not being a good neighbor with respect to the upkeep of Holly Street. When Paul Hofmann was hired as City Manager, the neighbors were no longer getting lip service. Paul looked at the problem, realized that the trees were in poor shape, and hired a professional tree company to trim the limbs properly.

It was upsetting to Ms. Crochet that the City would take so much time deciding whether Holly Street was a trail or a park. She did not care what it was called-and urged the City Council to take responsibility in caring for it.

**Joan Ounanian:**

Ms. Ounanian addressed City Council regarding the Holly Street esplanade. She noted that she had watched Bellaire High School students use the esplanade for 20 years, noting that it was great.

In the 20 years she had lived in her home, she felt certain that her taxes had increased every year, but she was not seeing anything in return for her tax dollars.

Ms. Ounanian indicated that she had heard a rumor about the possible installation of a median on South Rice Avenue near Condit Elementary School and urged City Council not to install any new medians until the City could take care of the medians it already had.

**Dub Crochet:**

Mr. Crochet addressed City Council and thanked City Manager Paul Hofmann for meeting with and getting to know the Holly Street neighborhood and Councilman Roman F. Reed for meeting with the residents as well.

Reference was made to a Holly Street Committee formed approximately 20 years ago regarding the esplanade. Reliant Energy met with the Committee and presented a plan for under tree lighting; however, the plan was never realized.

Another issue with Holly Street was at the intersection of Holly Street and the IH-610 Service Road, where cars were routinely backed up 15-deep while trying to access IH-610. Mr. Crochet indicated that this was unacceptable and that the issue needed to be addressed.

Mr. Crochet stated that residents on Holly Street knew that the improvements could not be made overnight and that the process would be long. It was hoped that the first phase would cover the installation of a sprinkler system. In closing, Mr. Crochet advised that the residents on Holly Street simply wanted the City to take care of the esplanade as the residents were expected to take care of their properties.

**Judy Thrasher:**

Ms. Thrasher addressed City Council regarding the Holly Street esplanade and asked for their assistance in getting an irrigation system installed on the esplanade. She urged City Council to enhance the City as it needed to be with a beautification project for that area. The number one priority for the esplanade was getting an irrigation system in place in her opinion.

**Michael Lang:**

Mr. Lang addressed City Council regarding Holly Street. His initial comment was a reference to the City's garbage pickup service for Holly Street, which was on Mondays and Thursdays. He indicated that the residents on Holly Street had been short-changed with respect to garbage pickup service due to the following Monday or Thursday holidays in 2014: Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

Thanks were expressed to Paul Hofmann for what he had done for the residents. Mr. Lang continued and advised that City Council's fiduciary responsibility was to take care of the City's assets. He indicated that Holly Street had been neglected for at least 23 years and the residents were merely asking that Holly Street be returned to what it was.

In addition, when Mr. Lang moved on Holly Street, on-street parking was not allowed. City Council approved on-street parking on Holly Street to alleviate the Bellaire High School parking problem. As a result, the granite trail put in by the City had been destroyed and rutted by on-street parking.

Mr. Lang cited further that there had never been a master plan for Holly Street. The request was not intended to provide a benefit in increased value for the residents on Holly Street--the request was about returning the Holly Street property to its intended purpose.

**Diane Citek:**

Ms. Citek addressed City Council and advised that she was an avid walker and often ended up on the Holly Street esplanade. As had been pointed out by previous speakers, the esplanade was a community esplanade and highly utilized by many. In closing, Ms. Citek advised that, in her opinion, the Holly Street esplanade was an irreplaceable asset to the City.

**Sherry Greer:**

Ms. Greer addressed City Council and advised that she agreed with what everyone had previously said about the Holly Street esplanade, but wanted to address an issue that was a little different.

She indicated that there was a no parking sign at the beginning of her block in front of her neighbor's house; however, one of the Bellaire High School teachers decided to park his car in that "no parking" area and had done so all year long. As a result, vehicles

making a left-hand turn onto Holly Street ended up driving through the esplanade to get through. Other cars parked along the street required vehicles passing by to drive on the esplanade as well, resulting in a great deal of destruction to the esplanade.

In closing, Ms. Greer urged City Council to address the parking issue and related damage to the esplanade.

**Jin:**

Mr. Jin addressed City Council regarding the Holly Street esplanade. He referred to the great progress the City had made with other parks on the northeast and southeast sides of the City. Unfortunately, Holly Street had been going down for the last 20 years in his opinion. He urged City Council to consider improving the Holly Street esplanade.

**Darrell Betts:**

Mr. Betts addressed City Council regarding the Holly Street esplanade and noted that he and his family were runners. He indicated that he worked in commercial real estate and often drove clients through subdivisions with beautiful esplanades, such as River Oaks Boulevard, Tanglewood, and even Bellaire Boulevard. He indicated that Holly Street could become as beautiful as well.

Mr. Betts stated that allocating \$250,000 to improvements to the Holly Street esplanade would be money well spent, in his opinion. He stated further that ground cover, gravel, and irrigation would go a long way toward improving the esplanade, and urged City Council to authorize expending money for the esplanade.

**Taylor Betts:**

Ms. Betts addressed City Council regarding the Holly Street esplanade. She indicated that she ran on the Holly esplanade every night and observed many people walking their dogs or running on the esplanade as well. She urged City Council to install irrigation and drainage systems to help the residents that utilized the esplanade. She noted that the gravel could be managed better to provide a more durable and safer surface for the residents, and recommended the installation of better lighting.

In closing, Ms. Betts urged City Council to grant funds for the esplanade.

**Steve Meltzer:**

Mr. Meltzer addressed City Council regarding the Elm Street request for speed humps. Speeding cars along Elm Street had been a long-standing problem for area residents. The issue was one of safety for families, children, and pets. He indicated that he was present to ask for City Council's approval to install speed humps on Elm Street and indicated that the citizens were willing to pay for the installation. He advised that he could not think of a single downside to the request.

**Robert Henschen:**

Mr. Henschen addressed City Council regarding the Elm Street request for speed humps. He indicated that the traffic on Elm Street had become progressively worse over the years. He referenced the problems with speeding traffic and stated that his family had lost a wonderful pet at First Street and Elm Street.

Mr. Henschen continued and advised that he did not understand why the decision to

install speed humps would be a difficult one. He also did not understand why the safety issues were not a City responsibility. He asked City Council to look favorably on the petition submitted by the residents and to pay for all or at least part of the needed safety improvement.

**Cindy Preble:**

Ms. Preble addressed City Council regarding the Elm Street request for speed humps. She advised that she agreed that there were people who drove too fast down Elm Street, but she was not sure about the speed humps. Her concern regarding the speed humps was that North Third, Holton, and North Second Streets intersected Elm Street, and she believed that people would cut-through those streets to access Wedgewood Drive to get to the IH-610 Service Road (i.e., Wedgewood Drive did not have speed humps). She felt that rather than solving the issue, the issue would be moved to Wedgewood Drive.

Ms. Preble urged City Council to consider another traffic study for the area and the installation of stop signs rather than speed humps.

**Christopher Butler:**

Mr. Butler addressed City Council and indicated that he wished to discuss issues related to the Ad Hoc Municipal Facilities Committee ("Committee"). He advised that the Ad Hoc Municipal Facilities Committee was not operating behind City Council's backs or trying to go off of their charge--they were simply doing what they were instructed to do.

He indicated that the item placed on City Council's agenda this evening regarding the Committee's charge was placed on the agenda without the Committee's knowledge. They were not asked to provide any type of feedback nor were they notified officially about the agenda item from the City Manager's Office. The Committee had to find out about the agenda item through the grapevine.

More concerning than that was that there seemed to be a narrative fed to City Council that the Committee had run rogue. Mr. Butler believed the Committee should be given the opportunity to discuss the narrative if they were being accused of going "off message." He very much respected the dais and advised that he was a Planning and Zoning Commissioner as well. The Committee had taken oaths and respected those oaths and their charge. Any Committee Member would be willing to explain what they had been working on and why they felt it was important.

Mr. Butler agreed that City Council really should look at the charge and go one of two directions. One, look at the Committee as a focus group and give them a very specific list of questions to ask with no ambiguity and no room for interpretation. If there were questions that the Committee should not be addressing, then they should be told that. If City Council wanted the Committee, a group of very experienced professionals and citizens, to really answer the questions asked of them, then the Committee should be given the authority clearly so that they knew where their boundaries were.

**John Gabriel:**

Mr. Gabriel addressed City Council regarding the Ad Hoc Municipal Facilities Committee ("Committee"). He indicated that he had been actively involved with Evelyn's Park as well. With respect to the Committee, Mr. Gabriel advised that the members were very bright and fully engaged. The Committee was appointed to develop consensus recommendations to the City Council. Those words, among others, were the

Committee's charge from City Council.

The Committee had made significant progress and there was a great deal that the Committee agreed on, in his opinion. There was only one substantive decision at debate--the campus plan that City Council had previously seen. The debate was whether the Council Chamber should be located in the same building with the Municipal Court or whether the Council Chamber should be located in the same building with the Civic Center. Mr. Gabriel indicated that it was important to zone the site to locate compatible functions adjacent to one another. In other words, all of the law enforcement-related functions should be located in proximity to one another and all the citizen-centric functions adjacent to one another.

Mr. Gabriel continued and advised that City Council was the helm of the ship and anything that the architecture could do to widen the umbrella of citizen involvement in Council matters strengthened the City. Architecture had the power to do that in Mr. Gabriel's opinion. Getting the campus relationships right was critical. Community Development, Organizational Services, Council Chamber, and the Civic Center were all open, easily accessible, low security citizen-centric type spaces.

On the other hand, the Municipal Court was a higher security function and had a close working relationship with the Police Department. There was no synergy between Municipal Court and City Council. In fact, fewer than 20% of the people in Municipal Court were Bellaire citizens according to Mr. Gabriel. There was no benefit to citizen involvement in Council matters by locating the Court in the same building with Council.

The Committee had listened to numerous citizens who had spoken before them, as well as the Chief of Police and Municipal Court Judges. The Committee agreed with all of them. Among a diverse Committee, the Committee had not simply developed a consensus recommendation as charged, the Committee had expressed unanimous consent that the Municipal Court be located adjacent to the Police Department on the north side of the campus and that the Civic Center be located in the City Hall building with the Council Chamber in the middle of the park environment.

The Committee was currently working with the architect to refine the site plan so they could bring a recommendation back to City Council. Mr. Gabriel simply asked that City Council allow the Committee to continue working and making progress.

He personally felt that the Committee was very close to a site plan that they could all support, and he believed City Council would support that plan as well. He thanked City Council for the trust they had placed in each member of the Committee.

**Kristin Schuster:**

Ms. Schuster addressed City Council and noted that she was currently a member of the Ad Hoc Municipal Facilities Committee. She thanked City Council for the opportunity to serve on an incredibly important project.

It was noted that the City was building more than a new City Hall, Police Station, Municipal Court, and Civic Center. The City was creating a campus of buildings. By its nature, a campus was an organizing framework that served far longer than any particular building might stand. Without the right framework, the City's municipal facilities could end up as just a collection of buildings. The layout was critical to the success of the project.

The Committee had been giving great consideration to the functional relationships that



would best serve the citizens of Bellaire in the design of the campus. She was in support of the consensus that the Committee had developed and hoped that City Council would hear more about that.

Ms. Schuster urged City Council to allow and encourage the design process to result in the best possible municipal campus. She indicated that the process must begin with the right site plan. City Council appointed the Committee to represent them and the citizens in the process. She urged City Council to support the Committee's ability to participate effectively.

**David Montague:**

Mr. Montague addressed City Council and indicated that he agreed with the last three speakers who were members of the Ad Hoc Municipal Facilities Committee. He indicated that he was an interested citizen and attended one of the Committee meetings held the previous week. He strongly agreed with and was impressed by the Committee's suggestions and interaction. He urged City Council to follow their recommendations to find that pursuing site plan options was appropriate.

**Richard Franke:**

Mr. Franke addressed City Council and stated that he agreed with statements made previously by Councilman Roman F. Reed that the City needed a broader perspective with respect to infrastructure. Mr. Franke urged the Mayor to appoint Councilman Roman F. Reed to take charge of a project to install enterprise risk assessment planning in the City of Bellaire. Bellaire handled things on a piecemeal basis, which was not working, in his opinion.

With respect to permits for commercial construction, Mr. Franke advised that a five-story parking garage would soon be constructed on Howard Lane. As he understood things, the City's goal was to beautify the City of Bellaire. A pre-fab concrete garage on a residential street would not beautify Bellaire, in Mr. Franke's opinion. He advised that the whole process needed to be halted and the Comprehensive Plan needed to be reassessed by the City Council. The permit process that City Staff was using was too big of a job for them in his opinion. Mr. Franke suggested that the whole process needed to be subjected to a new level of scope of authority. The approvals should be escalated up to the City Manager and then on to City Council.

He urged City Council to develop an ordinance detailing what City Staff should look at when reviewing every commercial project (i.e., impact on traffic, impact on residents, impact on tax values--both commercial and residential). This was not being done in Mr. Franke's opinion. Zoning had proved to be a failure and needed to be corrected immediately. He urged that the permit process be frozen until the issues could be corrected.

As to Mr. Andrews' forthcoming presentation, Mr. Franke made reference to an article that appeared in the Southwest News on July 29, 2008, the headline of which read "The End of West U's Construction Era Nears." Mr. Franke indicated that West University Place was a city slightly smaller than Bellaire and offered no homestead exemption. West University Place had addressed their street construction in a comprehensive fashion because they knew about economic cycles and did not want any streets to be left out of the reconstruction project.

Mr. Franke continued and advised that he believed the sub-base of streets throughout Bellaire was severely deteriorated, yet Bellaire persisted with a mindset of using asphalt

overlays to improve rideability while pushing the burden onto other taxpayers.

**Lynn McBee:**

Ms. McBee addressed City Council and referenced the Holly Trail supporters who had spoken earlier in the evening. She offered one minor correction as to the length of time that had passed with little to no improvement for Holly Street. She advised that resident Theresa Sims began a long vigilant effort to get Holly Street seen to and to ultimately become a trail around 1978, which was closer to one-half a century rather than one-quarter of a century.

She continued and indicated that she was speaking to what she had observed directly about the creation of the Ad Hoc Municipal Facilities Committee and rules that controlled that. Ad Hoc Advisory Committees were a creature of the City Council and served in an advisory capacity for the purpose of letting City Council know its recommendations.

The charge City Council ultimately executed on the Ad Hoc Municipal Facilities Committee ("Committee") was one drafted by their newly hired City Manager. It seemed okay on the surface, except that it was apparently calculated to severely undermine the very independent nature of an Ad Hoc Committee appointed by the governing body, in Ms. McBee's opinion.

The Committee was denied from the first meeting, the ability to elect its own officers (i.e., Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary). It lost one of the appointees who quickly discerned that the Committee was not going to be independent, in Ms. McBee's opinion. She believed that the Committee, nonetheless, had acted and performed very well, with six talented professional individuals.

Presentations had generally been made by the architect-consultant to the City, who was employed by the City Council. The presentations had been debated, discussed, questioned, analyzed, and thought out by the Committee. Ms. McBee indicated that whenever the Committee raised an alternative, the Committee was restricted and limited. She found that insulting, demeaning, and unworthy of a governing body. She urged City Council to give the Committee everything they asked for as she believed City Council would be given the best that six independent minds could give them.

In closing, Ms. McBee raised the question as to who the architect was responsible to-- the sitting Council Liaison, the City Manager, or the City Council that hired him. She advised that she had no problem with the architect, but indicated that there was a problem in that the Committee had been limited and undercut in her opinion.

**Brent Floyd:**

Mr. Floyd addressed City Council and stated that he used the Holly Trail one to two times every day. He stated that he went there because it was the only place he could walk his dog. He had no interest in Evelyn's Park because he could not take his dog there.

When he first started walking on the Holly Trail, he could walk from South Rice Avenue all the way to the IH-610 Service Road in shade. Now, approximately 25% of the former tree canopy was missing.

He referred to metal stripping that had been installed around the granite on Holly Trail and stakes that were sticking up to hold the metal stripping. Mr. Floyd indicated that the metal stripping and stakes were hazardous to users of the Holly Trail, in his opinion.

In closing, Mr. Floyd stated that he did not understand why the City Council did not want to protect the Holly Trail, which was a beautiful asset to the City.

**Bill Wong:**

Mr. Wong addressed City Council regarding the request for speed humps on Elm Street. He advised that he was against the request and did not believe that speed humps were needed. On the other hand, a stop sign or stop signs would help tremendously.

He asked City Council to think over the petition carefully and to perform another study to understand why a stop sign could not be installed on Elm Street between 2nd and 3rd Streets.

Mr. Wong advised further that he was concerned about safety on Elm Street. He did not expect the City to take care of his children and pets. Citizens did need to be responsible for their children, family, and pets. Speed humps should not be installed to slow down people who did not even live in Bellaire in his opinion. He suggested tighter traffic control and stop signs.

**Written Comments:**

Dr. Philip L. Nauert, Mayor, read the following written comments into the record:

**Linda Goldstein:**

*I agree with Joe Keathley. We live on Evergreen, being residents of Bellaire since 1991. I have been running on Holly for all those years, enjoying the off road path and covering of shade produced by its beautiful trees. Maintaining the green spaces of our community is an essential enhancement to the neighborhood in which we live. We have rules concerning the preservation of our trees when houses are being torn down and rebuilt. Certainly, the city should be protecting and maintaining the public spaces over which they are in charge.*

*Holly Street was a gem which I hope will be restored.*

**The Keathleys:**

*We built our house in Bellaire in 1984 on the corner of Rice and Pine. When I started jogging on Holly Street there was just a trail. It offered some shade but you had to be careful of the tree roots. Not one new home had been built at that time.*

*Over the years I started to notice the trees were not being maintained. They were full of dead limbs and rotten spots. This is especially harmful to the Ash trees because they are soft woods and the boring insects bore into the core of the trees causing permanent damage. The area was not landscaped with little grass and poorly maintained. There was no irrigation system for what grass was there at the time.*

*I was happy to see a cinder track was put in and hoped it was the start of some additional improvements. But come to find out there has been NO maintenance of the track since then. There was an attempt with the planting of some plants and bushes but there was no way of watering and little maintaining. There was an attempt with garden hoses but soon most of them died. I even noticed the holes for the boxwoods were not dug large enough and the root balls were actually sticking above the ground.*

*The trees were finally trimmed and some of the Ash trees removed because of the lack*

of maintenance for so many, many years. That's sad because if the dead limbs had been cut out when needed the City of Bellaire could have saved the trees and a LOT of money. Then I noticed the tree stumps. Parts of some were not completely removed. Hard to believe the City of Bellaire didn't have someone in the maintenance department to inspect the job and see it wasn't complete and then paid them anyway. It seems there has always been a big issue with the maintenance department with the city.

Have you noticed when you cross over the drainage ditch going South on Rice the beautiful landscaping in the next neighborhood or most neighborhoods leaving or before entering Bellaire? Doesn't seem right when you drive along Holly with all the beautiful expensive homes and then see how unkempt and unmaintained the esplanade is. Looks like an eyesore to me.

Paul Hofmann says we may get \$50,000? That would be great, much appreciated and a good start. It would probably fund a good irrigation system. But that would just be a "Band-Aid®" solution. I think we the taxpaying citizens deserve more. I think the esplanade along Holly should be made beautiful even nicer than Meyerland and West U. I also think we are getting the "short end of the stick" when it comes to this \$250,000 proposal.

Final thought. Every home here along Holly Street has ample parking in their driveways or garages. Why not have no parking 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM except for daily maintenance workers.

Let's ALL work together and make our neighborhood proud to be seen.

**Barbara Winthrop:**

Dear Distinguished Bellaire City Mayor and Council Members,

I moved to Bellaire in 2000, first living on Pocahontas Street and then moving to Holly Street just a few short years ago.

The Holly Esplanade is a very special community landmark in Bellaire. It's big Oak Trees draw the center line of the esplanade surrounded by a 1-mile granite gravel walking/running path, punctuated by welcoming benches. Every time I look out my window, take my dog for a walk, or go for a "power walk" with friends or family, I always love the fact that at any time of the day or evening, there are many others enjoying the esplanade as I am.

The Esplanade promotes healthy exercise and a sense of community. I love the fact that at any point in the day I might look out my window and see students from Bellaire High School running drills, couples and friends chatting while staying fit through exercise on the wonderful granite gravel path. These people are from many parts of Bellaire, not just Holly Street, enjoying it as I do!

I don't take this very special piece of land for granted. I urge our city's leadership to cherish and nurture this wonderful landmark that symbolizes so much about connecting to our fellow community members while promoting healthy outdoor activity.

The Esplanade is one of the prize jewels in the heart of our community. Please invest in it by keeping its trees trimmed, fed and watered, our granite gravel path in top condition, consider landscaping the center area around the trees and increasing the lighting for safety.

*I urge you to continue funding the necessary support for the Holly Street Esplanade to thrive! It's an indelible part of Bellaire life enjoyed by all ages from our community and high school on a daily basis.*

**Jay Steinfeld:**

*If you've ever walked through an old, once premier grand hotel, you can usually imagine how glorious the hotel used to be in its previous heyday. And your thoughts are usually coupled with sadness about how the current hotel ownership allowed those once prestigious furnishings and décor to become faded, in disrepair, and sometimes even dangerous.*

*So when the trees on Holly Street were trimmed last year, I heard from many of my Bellaire friends how pleased they were. Because all Bellaire residents appreciate when the city maintains its property - especially a landmark of Bellaire such as Holly Street.*

*City landmarks such as Holly Street create impressions and symbolize Bellaire not just from Bellaire residents, but from those outside of Bellaire. You don't live in Southside Place, but I'll bet you know about the Fire Truck Park and how so many residents have used it with pride.*

*So many people use Holly as a comfortable place to walk, shaded from the sun, and gentle on the feet. And Bellaire High School students use it as a running track. Surely, we do not want students to risk falling tree limbs.*

*It would be a travesty to allow the Holly Landmark to decay by withholding money for its maintenance.*

*Do you want to be that current owner with the legacy that you were the one who caused Holly's demise and tarnished Bellaire's overall reputation?*

**F. Reports and Presentations:**

1. City Manager's Report dated January 26, 2015, regarding calendar year 2014 police activity.

Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager, presented the City Manager's Report dated January 26, 2015, to members of City Council. The report consisted of an overview of the City of Bellaire's crime statistics for the calendar year ended 2014 as compared to the calendar year ended 2013.

Following questions by members of City Council regarding the City Manager's Report, a motion was made and seconded to accept the report into the record.

**Motion:**

**To accept the City Manager's Report dated January 26, 2015, as presented by Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager, into the record.**

(Requested by Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Roman F. Reed, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	James P. Avioli Sr., Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Nauert, Nathan, Reed, Avioli Sr., Pappas, McLaughlan, Friedberg

2. Presentation by Pablo Valle, Program Manager I, Engineering & Capital Projects, of the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Houston, Texas ("METRO"), regarding METRO's Bus Shelter Special Request Program and possible direction from the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, ("City Council") to the Cultural Arts Board of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to develop a proposal to be submitted to City Council and, upon approval, to the METRO Bus Shelter Special Request Program. Other representatives available for questions and discussion include METRO President & CEO Tom Lambert, METRO Executive Vice President Roberto Trevino, METRO Board Member Burt Ballanfant, and Cultural Art Board Chair Terry Leavitt-Chavez.

Pablo Valle, Program Manager I, Engineering & Capital Projects, Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Houston, Texas ("METRO"), provided a brief description of METRO's Bus Shelter Program ("Program") to members of City Council.

Mr. Valle indicated that there were two types of "special requests" under the Program. The first request related to bus shelter design and the second request related to bus shelter artwork. An overview of METRO's general guidelines for the two types of special requests under the Program was provided by Mr. Valle, along with examples of several shelters that had been modified in accordance with the Program (such as the Upper Kirby Project in Houston).

In closing, Mr. Valle indicated that the approval process for a special request would follow the submission of a written proposal to the METRO Bus Shelter Committee. It was noted that the METRO Bus Shelter Committee was comprised of representatives from various METRO departments, such as Facility Maintenance, Engineering & Capital Projects, Safety/METRO Police, Planning, and/or Operations. Upon completion of a review of a special request proposal by the METRO Bus Shelter Committee, written notification of the decision would be provided to the proposer.

Following questions of Mr. Valle and Cultural Arts Board Chair Terry Leavitt-Chavez by members of the Bellaire City Council regarding the Program, a motion was offered for City Council consideration.

**Motion:**

**To direct the Cultural Arts Board of the City of Bellaire, Texas to prepare a proposal for the METRO Bus Shelter Special Request Program, the proposal to be approved first by City Council, that may be incorporated in master plans in conjunction with the future City of Bellaire concepts.**

<b>RESULT</b>	<b>UNANIMOUS</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Roman F. Reed, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Gus E. Pappas, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Nauert, Nathan, Reed, Avioli Sr., Pappas,

	McLaughlan, Friedberg
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(Requested by Diane K White, City Manager's Office)

3. Presentation by James Broadwell, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the City of Bellaire, Texas ("Parks Board"), regarding the Parks Board's recommendation for the expenditure of \$250,000 in budgeted funds for park improvements and consideration and possible action by the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, regarding said recommendation.

James Broadwell, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the City of Bellaire, Texas ("Parks Board"), indicated that he was present before City Council to present the Parks Board recommendation regarding an expenditure of \$250,000 for park improvements.

While City Council had not funded any major park improvements, other than Bellaire Town Square, over many years due to financial limitations, the Parks Board had continued its responsibility to periodically assess all of the parks and prioritize improvements to be made.

The Parks Board had spent the past three months reviewing and discussing many options, including the Holly Street Project, Lafayette Park improvements, playground replacement equipment, fencing in parks, and other amenities (i.e., trash receptacles, picnic tables, benches, signage, etc.). There were opportunities to enhance all of the City's parks which would add value to the community and allow for enjoyment by neighbors for years to come.

Chair Broadwell advised that the Parks Board was made aware of concerns from neighbors on Holly Street this past August. Even though it was not classified as a park, the Parks Board felt a responsibility to understand the issues and determine what, if anything, the Parks Board could assist with in helping to improve Holly Street. The Parks Board was presented with several options regarding Holly Street that included various phases of updating. In addition, the Parks Board requested the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department to provide preliminary cost estimates for the projects previously mentioned.

The Parks Board understood their responsibility to recommend the best use of the money budgeted and wanted to impact as many parks and neighbors as possible. The Parks Board voted and approved the following recommendations:

**Lafayette Park - \$150,000**

Chair Broadwell advised that Lafayette Park consisted of three parks, as follows: a playground, a soccer field, and a dog park, and noted that Lafayette Park was the largest park in need of updating. In fact, according to the Master Park Plan, the equipment at Lafayette Park was slated for replacement in 2008. A small amount of the \$150,000.00 expenditure was allocated for the dog park and soccer field, with a majority of the monies to be allocated for the playground and park.

**Safety Fencing - \$50,000**

Chair Broadwell indicated that \$50,000 was recommended to be allocated to provide safety fencing at four City parks: Feld, Joe Gaither, Loftin, and Russ Pitman. Emphasis was near playgrounds to ensure young children were unable to run into high traffic areas. The referenced fencing had also been a high

priority for years.

**Holly Street Trail - \$50,000**

Based on preliminary estimates, Chair Broadwell advised that the recommended \$50,000 would allow for an initial phase of updating. Further improvements to Holly Street should take the design of the esplanade proposed for South Rice Avenue into consideration.

Further, Chair Broadwell advised that the Parks Board recognized that their master plan needed to be expanded to include a classification for pathways and trails. Holly Street would be listed as part of the master plan. The Parks Board had included funding for Holly Street in 2016 and 2017 as part of the master plan to be presented to City Council in the next few months.

Following questions of Chair Broadwell by members of City Council, an amendment was offered for consideration by City Council.

**Motion:**

**Councilman Roman F. Reed moved to amend the recommendation from the Bellaire Parks and Recreation Advisory Board regarding the expenditure of \$250,000 for park improvements by increasing the amount recommended for Holly Street from \$50,000 to \$100,000.**

**Friendly Amendment to Motion:**

**Councilman Andrew S. Friedberg offered a friendly amendment to increase the amount recommended for Holly Street from \$50,000 to \$200,000 and to utilize \$50,000 for safety fencing as recommended by the Bellaire Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The friendly amendment was accepted by Councilman Roman F. Reed.**

**Motion (Restated with Friendly Amendment):**

**To amend the recommendation from the Bellaire Parks and Recreation Advisory Board regarding the expenditure of \$250,000 for park improvements by increasing the amount recommended for Holly Street from \$50,000 to \$200,000 and to utilize \$50,000 for safety fencing as recommended by the Bellaire Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.**

**The motion was seconded by Councilman Gus E. Pappas.**

Following discussion among members of City Council, an amendment was offered to the main motion for consideration.

**Amendment (No. 1) to the Main Motion:**

**Councilman James P. Avioli, Sr., moved to increase the total amount of the expenditure for park improvements from \$250,000 to \$350,000, to be apportioned as recommended by the Bellaire Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, with an additional \$100,000 added to the Holly Street Trail improvements. Councilman Pat B. McLaughlan seconded the amendment to the main motion.**



<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>FAILED [3-4]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	James P. Avioli, Sr., Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Pat B. McLaughlan, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Avioli Sr., Pappas, McLaughlan
<b>NAYS:</b>	Nauert, Nathan, Reed, Friedberg

Discussion continued among members of City Council regarding the main motion. At the conclusion of the discussion, action was taken on the main motion. (Requested by Karl Miller, Parks, Recreation and Facilities)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [5 TO 2]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Nauert, Reed, Avioli Sr., Pappas, Friedberg
<b>NAYS:</b>	Nathan, McLaughlan

4. Presentation by Council Member Gus Pappas, Council Liaison to the Ad Hoc Municipal Facilities Committee, regarding the status of Committee activities and the extent to which exploring additional site plan options is consistent with the direction provided to the Committee in Ordinance No. 14-058, and receive City Council direction as appropriate.

#### **Ad Hoc Municipal Facilities Committee Update:**

Councilman Gus E. Pappas, Council Liaison to the Bellaire Ad Hoc Municipal Facilities Committee ("Committee"), advised that he wished to provide a status report regarding the Committee's activities to date, as well as to present the areas he believed the Committee needed guidance from City Council on a going-forward basis.

It was noted that the Committee was formed at the end of October of 2014 and had met seven times since then. Although the number of meetings held thus far were greater than originally anticipated, the requirements and demands on the issues that arose required it.

The Committee was originally presented with the campus plan (a site plan developed by Pierce, Goodwin, Alexander & Linville or PGAL) and a budget. Discussions started with the notion of different architectural designs for the various buildings in the campus plan. Environmental issues, in terms of LEED certification (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design--green building program), were discussed, as well as the relationship of buildings to the park and to each other.

The notion in the first site plan or campus of buildings was to place the City Hall and Municipal Court in the same building; to construct the Civic Center and a future potential site for the Library with the Civic Center to be located where the Police and Municipal Court Building currently stood; to construct a Police Station in the current parking area that existed between the Fire Station and the Library; and potential plans for a signature corner (at the intersection of Jessamine Street and South Rice Avenue) and median along South Rice Avenue.

In the context of discussing the relationship of buildings to one another, a question was raised regarding how the campus plan arose. Jeff Gerber, the City's Architect from PGAL, showed the Committee the background work that led up to the campus option the City Council selected in May of 2014. The functional

relationship of the buildings to each other was discussed in detail. The Committee sincerely believed that what they were doing was to make sure, at the end of the day, that the project they brought forward was ultimately one that was in the best interest of the City on a long-term basis.

Over the last few weeks, Architect Gerber presented 12 separate site plans to the Committee that addressed all of the various questions that the Committee had. Councilman Pappas commented that the Committee had worked very diligently on a plan that they could get behind and recommend that would also stand the test of time. On January 20, 2015, there was consensus among the six members regarding one of the plans. That plan had some changes in terms of the functions and relationships of the buildings to one another and the available space.

Councilman Pappas advised that one could argue that the Committee had worked outside their charge and one could argue that the Committee had not worked outside their charge. The Committee implicitly, and by virtue of the agenda item before City Council this evening, was asking for approval to fully flesh out some alternative site plans. It was important for the Committee to get some direction from City Council regarding their charge. Clearly, the desire of the Committee was to fully flesh out an alternative site plan.

At the conclusion of Councilman Pappas' report, Dr. Philip L. Nauert, Mayor, indicated that, with respect to providing direction to the Committee, options for City Council included the following: (1) finding that pursuing site plan options was appropriate; (2) finding that pursuing site plan options was not appropriate and redirect the Committee accordingly; or (3) directing that amendments to Ordinance No. 14-058 be drafted and brought back to City Council for further consideration.

**Motion:**

**Mayor Pro Tem Amanda B. Nathan moved to direct the Committee not to pursue site plan options and that they be directed, instead, to pursue only the matters itemized in their charge. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roman F. Reed.**

Discussion ensued among members of City Council regarding the motion on the table. Upon completion of the discussion, action was taken on the motion.

Members of City Council who were opposed to the motion felt that members of the Committee should be able to present an alternate site plan to members of City Council.

(Requested by Tracy L. Dutton, City Clerk)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [4 TO 3]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Amanda B. Nathan, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Roman F. Reed, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Nauert, Nathan, Reed, Friedberg
<b>NAYS:</b>	Avioli Sr., Pappas, McLaughlan

5. Presentation by City Engineer James Andrews, P.E., regarding an update on the City's streets and drainage infrastructure.

Due to the lateness of the hour, Dr. Philip L. Nauert, Mayor, indicated that the Infrastructure Update and Report would be presented at a future meeting.  
(Requested by Brant Gary, Public Works)

#### **G. New Business:**

##### **Adoption of Ordinance(s)/Resolution(s):**

1. Presentation of a petition submitted under the "Neighborhood Traffic Improvement Program" by residents abutting Elm Street from South Rice Avenue to IH-610 for the installation of traffic control devices (speed humps) on Elm Street and consideration of and possible action on the adoption of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, setting the neighborhood area for said petition and calling a public hearing before the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, on Monday, March 2, 2015, in the Council Chamber, First Floor of City Hall, 7008 South Rice Avenue, Bellaire, Texas 77401, to hear any and all persons desiring to be heard on or in connection with a petition from more than 80% of the property owners abutting Elm Street from South Rice Avenue to IH-610 for the installation of traffic control devices (speed humps) on said street.

##### **Motion:**

**To adopt an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, calling a public hearing before the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, regarding a petition submitted under the "Neighborhood Traffic Improvement Program" by more than 80% of the residents abutting Elm Street (from South Rice Avenue to the IH-610 Service Road) for the installation of speed humps along Elm Street and setting the neighborhood area for said petition.**

##### **Presentation:**

Primary Petitioners Kyle Simson and Tucker Burkhart presented a petition from more than 80% of the property owners abutting Elm Street from South Rice Avenue to the IH-610 Service Road to members of City Council by means of a PowerPoint™ presentation.

Petitioners Simson and Burkhart cited a number of safety issues that were of concern to the Elm Street residents, including accidents, cut-through traffic, and speeding. The Elm Street residents had approached the City over a number of years regarding their concerns. The City had a traffic study performed in August of 2013. As a result of that study, stop signs were not warranted on Elm Street. Speed limit signs were installed and bushes removed to improve visibility in January of 2014. Initial costs for speed humps and radar signs were gathered in February of 2014.

Although Elm Street residents would prefer stop signs as opposed to other traffic control measures, such as speed humps, the residents accepted the City's position that stop signs were not an option for Elm Street and were petitioning for the installation of speed humps.

Petitioners Simson and Burkhart indicated that the Elm Street residents were requesting the installation of speed humps as quickly as possible and that the City share in the costs related to the speed humps. It was noted that the City's traffic engineer had recommended the installation of three speed

humps along Elm Street from South Rice Avenue to the IH-610 Service Road. The Elm Street residents were in support of the installation of a fourth speed hump.

Estimated costs of speed humps ranged from \$3,000 to \$4,000 per location for temporary speed humps and \$4,000 to \$6,000 per location for permanent, asphalt speed humps. Estimated project engineering costs related to the permanent speed humps ranged from \$3,000 to \$5,000.

Following questions of the petitioners by members of City Council, action was taken on the main motion on the floor.

(Requested by Tracy L. Dutton, City Clerk)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Andrew S. Friedberg, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Amanda B. Nathan, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>AYES:</b>	Nauert, Nathan, Reed, Avioli Sr., Pappas, Friedberg
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	McLaughlan

2. Consideration of and possible action on the adoption of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, granting a planned development permit, PD-24-CMU, to Sandcastle Homes, Inc., for the construction of twelve (12) single-family two-story residences to be known as "Bellaire Gardens" in the CMU Zoning District on a 0.9545 acre site on the north side of Bissonnet Street between Newcastle Street and Howard Lane and currently addressed as 0 Newcastle Street and 0 Howard Lane in the City of Bellaire, Texas.

**Motion:**

**To adopt an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, granting a planned development permit, PD-24-CMU, to Sandcastle Homes, Inc., for the construction of twelve (12) single-family two-story residences to be known as "Bellaire Gardens" in the CMU Zoning District on a 0.9545 acre site on the north side of Bissonnet Street between Newcastle Street and Howard Lane and currently addressed as 0 Newcastle Street and 0 Howard Lane in the City of Bellaire, Texas.**

(Requested by John McDonald, Development Services)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Amanda B. Nathan, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Pat B. McLaughlan, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Nauert, Nathan, Reed, Avioli Sr., Pappas, McLaughlan, Friedberg

3. Consideration of and possible action on a recommendation from the Director of Public Works and the Project Engineer, HDR Engineering, Inc., to award a contract to Total Contracting Limited for the performance of work and provision of materials necessary to complete Phase 5A of the Rebuild Bellaire Program (consisting of new storm sewer systems, new streets, new driveway approaches and new sidewalks) in an amount not to exceed \$10,250,150.00 and consideration of and possible action on the adoption of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to execute and attest, respectively, for and on behalf of the City of Bellaire, Texas, a Standard Form of Agreement with Total Contracting Limited for said project in an amount not to exceed \$10,250,150.00.

**Motion:**

**To approve a recommendation from the Director of Public Works and the Project Engineer, HDR Engineering, Inc., to award a contract to Total Contracting Limited for the performance of work and provision of materials necessary to complete Phase 5A of the Rebuild Bellaire Program (consisting of new storm sewer systems, new streets, new driveway approaches and new sidewalks) in an amount not to exceed \$10,250,150.00 and to adopt an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, authorizing the City Manager and the City Clerk of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to execute and attest, respectively, for and on behalf of the City of Bellaire, Texas, a Standard Form of Agreement with Total Contracting Limited for said project in an amount not to exceed \$10,250,150.00.**

Director of Public Works Brant Gary provided a brief overview of the bid process related to the project, the estimated construction timeline, and the funding to be provided. Following questions of Director Gary and Terry Maher of HDR Engineering, Inc., action was taken on the main motion on the floor. (Requested by Brant Gary, Public Works)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Roman F. Reed, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Pat B. McLaughlan, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Nauert, Nathan, Reed, Avioli Sr., Pappas, McLaughlan, Friedberg

4. Consideration of and possible action on a recommendation from the Director of Public Works to award a contract to ANDRITZ Separation, Inc., for the purchase of two rotating drum assemblies to replace the existing rotating drum assemblies for the fine screens at the Bellaire Wastewater Treatment Plant and associated installation costs in an amount not to exceed \$72,052.00 plus a contingency of 5% to cover any unforeseen overages, said replacement of which would enhance the functionality and effectiveness of the fine screens with respect to the removal of solids from incoming flows, and on the adoption of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to execute and attest, respectively, for and on behalf of the City of Bellaire, Texas, a Standard Form of Agreement with ANDRITZ Separation, Inc., for the provision and installation of two new rotating drum assemblies for the fine screens at the Bellaire Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**Motion:**

**To approve a recommendation from the Director of Public Works to award a contract to ANDRITZ Separation, Inc., for the purchase of two rotating drum assemblies to replace the existing rotating drum assemblies for the fine screens at the Bellaire Wastewater Treatment Plant and associated installation costs in an amount not to exceed \$72,052.00 plus a contingency of 5% to cover any unforeseen overages, said replacement of which would enhance the functionality and effectiveness of the fine screens with respect to the removal of solids from incoming flows, and to adopt an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, authorizing the City Manager and the City Clerk of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to execute and attest, respectively, for and on behalf of the City of Bellaire, Texas, a Standard Form of Agreement with ANDRITZ Separation, Inc., for the provision and installation of two new rotating drum assemblies for the fine screens at the Bellaire Wastewater Treatment Plant.**

(Requested by Brant Gary, Public Works)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Pat B. McLaughlan, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Gus E. Pappas, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Nauert, Nathan, Reed, Avioli Sr., Pappas, McLaughlan, Friedberg

5. Consideration of and possible action on the adoption of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, appointing Patricia D. (Pat) Lunn, CPA, to serve as the citizen appointee to the Audit Finance Board of the City of Bellaire, Texas, for a one-year term commencing on February 1, 2015, and ending on January 31, 2016.

**Motion:**

**To adopt an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, appointing Patricia D. (Pat) Lunn, CPA, to serve as the citizen appointee to the Audit Finance Board of the City of Bellaire, Texas, for a one-year term commencing on February 1, 2015, and ending on January 31, 2016.**

(Requested by Tracy L. Dutton, City Clerk)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Pat B. McLaughlan, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Roman F. Reed, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Nauert, Nathan, Reed, Avioli Sr., Pappas, McLaughlan, Friedberg

6. Consideration of and possible action on the adoption of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, appointing one (1) member to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to fill an unexpired term commencing on January 26, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2016.

Each member of City Council selected an applicant of their choice from a list of applicants that expressed an interest in serving on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to fill an unexpired term commencing on January 26, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2016. Selections were made by ballot and tallied by the City Clerk.

Dr. Philip L. Nauert read the tally into the record as follows:

<b>Member of City Council</b>	<b>Applicant</b>
Dr. Philip L. Nauert, Mayor	Lisa Lim
Amanda B. Nathan, Mayor Pro Tem	Susan Hawes
Roman F. Reed, Councilman	Susan Hawes
James P. Avioli, Sr., Councilman	Lisa Lim
Gus E. Pappas, Councilman	Susan Hawes
Pat B. McLaughlan, Councilman	Susan Hawes
Andrew S. Friedberg, Councilman	Louis Rodriguez

**Motion:**

**To adopt an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, appointing Susan Hawes to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to fill an unexpired term commencing on January 26, 2015, and expiring on June 30, 2016.**

(Requested by Tracy L. Dutton, City Clerk)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Andrew S. Friedberg, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Roman F. Reed, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Nauert, Nathan, Reed, Avioli Sr., Pappas, McLaughlan, Friedberg

7. Consideration of and possible action on the adoption of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, designating one (1) member to serve on the Evelyn's Park Conservancy Board as the City's Representative to fill an unexpired term commencing on January 26, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2015.

Each member of City Council selected an applicant of their choice from a list of applicants that expressed an interest in serving on the Evelyn's Park Conservancy Board to fill an unexpired term commencing on January 26, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2015. Selections were made by ballot and tallied by the City Clerk.

Dr. Philip L. Nauert read the tally into the record as follows:

Member of City Council	Applicant
Dr. Philip L. Nauert, Mayor	Jeffery S. Christman
Amanda B. Nathan, Mayor Pro Tem	Terry Leavitt-Chavez
Roman F. Reed, Councilman	Jeffery S. Christman
James P. Avioli, Sr., Councilman	Terry Leavitt-Chavez
Gus E. Pappas, Councilman	Jeffery S. Christman
Pat B. McLaughlan, Councilman	Terry Leavitt-Chavez
Andrew S. Friedberg, Councilman	Jeffery S. Christman

**Motion:**

**To adopt an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, appointing Jeffery S. Christman to the Evelyn's Park Conservancy Board as the City's Representative to fill an unexpired term commencing on January 26, 2015, and expiring on June 30, 2015.**

(Requested by Tracy L. Dutton, City Clerk)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Andrew S. Friedberg, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Roman F. Reed, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Nauert, Nathan, Reed, Avioli Sr., Pappas, McLaughlan, Friedberg

**H. Items for Future Agendas; Community Interest Items from the Mayor and City Council.**

Community interest items from the Mayor and City Council included expressions of thanks to the cities of Sugar Land, Hedwig Village, Southside Place and West University



Place for their hospitality in showing Bellaire around their facilities; an expression of thanks on the excellent retirement party hosted for former Director of Parks and Recreation Jane L. Dembski; and a reminder to attend the Annual State of the City Address on February 2, 2015.

**I. Adjourn.**

Dr. Philip L. Nauert, Mayor, announced that the Regular Session of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, was adjourned at 12:20 a.m. on Monday, January 26, 2015.