



CITY OF BELLAIRE TEXAS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

JULY 20, 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 7:03 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2015. Mayor Nauert announced that a quorum of members of the City Council was present as set forth in the table below.

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

B. Inspirational Reading and/or Invocation - James P. Aviola, Sr., Councilman - Position No. 2.

James P. Aviola, Sr., Councilman - Position No. 2, provided the inspirational reading for the evening.

C. Pledges to The Flags - James P. Aviola, Sr., Councilman - Position No. 2.

James P. Aviola, Sr., Councilman - Position No. 2, led the members of City Council and the audience in the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

D. Recognition of Proclamations:

Issuance of a proclamation by Dr. Philip L. Nauert, Mayor, proclaiming the month of August 2015, as "Commute Solutions Month," and support of the Houston-Galveston Area Council and their partners in the promotion of transportation alternatives.

Dr. Philip L. Nauert, Mayor, referenced a proclamation that he had executed and issued proclaiming the month of August 2015 as "Commute Solutions Month" in support of the Houston-Galveston Area Council and their partners in the promotional transportation alternatives.

Mayor Nauert asked **Roman F. Reed, Councilman - Position No. 1**, to deliver the proclamation. Councilman Reed read the proclamation in its entirety and presented it on behalf of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to representatives from the Houston-Galveston Area Council.

E. Approval or Correction of Minutes:

1. Minutes dated June 15, 2015:

Consideration of and possible action on the approval of the minutes of the Special Session (Interviews) of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, held on Monday, June 15, 2015 - Requested by Tracy L. Dutton, City Clerk.

Mayor and Council - Special Session - Jun 15, 2015 6:00 PM

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Amanda B. Nathan, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Roman F. Reed, Councilman
AYES:	Nauert, Nathan, Reed, Avioli Sr., McLaughlan, Friedberg
ABSENT:	Pappas

2. Minutes dated June 15, 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, June 15, 2015 - Requested by Tracy L. Dutton, City Clerk.

Mayor and Council - Regular Session - Jun 15, 2015 7:00 PM

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Andrew S. Friedberg, Councilman
SECONDER:	Roman F. Reed, Councilman
AYES:	Nauert, Nathan, Reed, Avioli Sr., McLaughlan, Friedberg
ABSENT:	Pappas

3. Minutes dated June 22, 2015:

Consideration of and possible action on the approval of the minutes of the Special Session (Interviews) of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, held on Monday, June 22, 2015 - Requested by Tracy L. Dutton, City Clerk.

Mayor and Council - Special Session - Jun 22, 2015 6:00 PM

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

F. Personal/Audience Comments.

John Monday:

Mr. Monday addressed members of City Council and advised that he was the spokesperson for a small group of residents in Bellaire that had some concerns and suggestions for visual improvements to the City.

A statement regarding the intent of the group was made by Mr. Monday, which was to identify short-term and long-term maintenance or repair items that had been neglected, overlooked, or otherwise contributed to the "shabby" look of the City. It was noted that this list, consisting of low hanging fruit, could likely be completed within 90 days. The group was hopeful that they could return to City Council in 90 days in order to see what the City had accomplished.

Mr. Monday advised that he believed that there were some small items that could be done in addition to the larger items. City Council was asked to translate the list of items that the group had provided into some type of action plan and give the City Manager the responsibility and task of stepping through that action plan and reporting back to City Council.

In closing, Mr. Monday advised that the City as a whole deserved as much attention and as much money to visual improvements as the City might spend on the Holly Trail.

Terry Leavitt-Chavez:

Ms. Leavitt-Chavez addressed City Council and asked for funds to be budgeted for the front entry marker on Bellaire Boulevard. Reference was made to the City of Southside Place and the native plants that were installed in front of their entry marker.

In addition, Ms. Leavitt-Chavez advised that colorful landscaped esplanade end caps should be considered to further beautify Bellaire and urged City Council to support of the seasonal banners that had already been proposed in the City's budget for fiscal year 2016.

David Montague:

Mr. Montague addressed City Council and congratulated the City on a successful groundbreaking event at Evelyn's Park. He indicated that he was anxious to hear the report from the Evelyn's Park Conservancy this evening.

Mr. Montague asked City Council to ask a few questions to address the cafe operations and budget (i.e., specifically a line item that stated "operator's initial projections include beer and wine sales for the cafe; beer, wine and mixed drinks for the private parties"). He inquired as to how members of the public might have some input with respect to the sale and consumption of alcohol in Evelyn's Park. He urged City Council to think about the mix of patrons using the park (i.e., adults and children) when making their decision as to what really needed to be served at the cafe.

Keith Bowers:

Mr. Bowers addressed City Council regarding the proposed budget for fiscal year 2016. He thanked City Manager Paul A. Hofmann and his staff for a very thorough and complete presentation of the budget. He indicated further that this budget was the best he had seen.

One thing that was missing, however, was paid time off (vacation, sick leave, and holidays). Mr. Bowers assumed that paid time off represented 14-15% of salaries and was equivalent to 30 people on the payroll. He advised that paid time off needed to be

counted in his opinion. He advised further that he wished to see the total cost to Bellaire (now and in the future) compared to private industry. He suggested that several Bellaire positions should be compared to industry positions to make sure that Bellaire was in line. Onerous pension obligations and health care after retirement obligations were referenced by Mr. Bowers. He stated that the Texas pension fund was under-funded by 61% and bringing it up to a fully funded status would increase the City's expenditures in future years.

Although Mr. Bowers had no specific comments on the budget, he again thanked City Manager Hofmann and his staff for the first comprehensive look ahead approach to the budget. He suggested that the per capita debt load be included in the budget document, as well as the cost of water for the City's swimming pools, parks, and grounds.

In closing, Mr. Bowers thanked Councilman Andrew S. Friedberg for declaring his candidacy for Mayor. He advised that he was sorry to lose Mayor Philip L. Nauert and hoped that he did not go too far away.

Richard Franke:

Mr. Franke addressed City Council and reiterated the many thank yous and congratulations that other speakers had mentioned to City Council. He thanked Mayor Nauert for the incredible amount of time he had spent on projects during his tenure. He also expressed his support of Councilman Andrew S. Friedberg.

Mr. Franke advised that a lingering issue that was never addressed was the risk (pros and cons) of decisions made on various financial issues. Mr. Franke advised that his favorite issue was infrastructure. The criteria used to identify the streets that needed pavement, water lines, sanitary sewer, etc., were not listed and documented. He noted further that he had spoken many times at the podium over the last 17 years advocating complete reconstruction of the City streets.

Mr. Franke stated that the City needed to be brought together quadrant by quadrant. People who lived on reconstructed streets were not sensitive to the needs of the rest of the City in Mr. Franke's observation. Bellaire was responsible for the maintenance and the future of the City.

In closing, Mr. Franke thanked Mr. Monday and Ms. Leavitt-Chavez for bringing up the aesthetics of the City. He indicated that he had talked with the Mayor, City Manager, Director of Development Services, and Building Official many times regarding the lot between Mulberry Lane and Howard Lane off of Bissonnet Street. Two months ago, huge amounts of dirt had been dug up and nothing had been done

{The speaker's allotted time ended at this point in the meeting}

Lynn McBee:

Ms. McBee addressed City Council and referenced the impressive array of speakers that had addressed City Council this evening. Ms. McBee added her home to Mr. Monday's list due to the adjacent City curb that had been crumbling for 20 years.

Additionally, Ms. McBee stated that she had been spending an inordinate amount of time looking at the proposed budget for fiscal year 2016. She indicated that it was a well-constructed, impressive document that reflected long hours by staff.

The one big omission Ms. McBee had found thus far was on page 101 (staffing detail). She advised that four departments were listed as follows: Police, Library, Public Works, and Parks with a total of 101 employees plus the Enterprise Fund consisting of another 32 employees. She stated that Development Services, Fire, Human Resources, Information Technology, Legal, and City Clerk, insofar as staffing was concerned, were missing from the staffing detail. She hoped that the City Manager would prepare an addendum with a complete list of staffing by all departments.

Secondly, reference was made to a new category in the budget that Ms. McBee had not seen before--the City Manager's Office (pages 13-24). Previous terms for the department had been Administration and Organizational Services. The new category combined Human Resources, Information Technology, the City Clerk, and the Legal Department. Ms. McBee stated that the City Clerk belonged to the City Council. Additionally, she advised that the organizational chart needed to be revamped starting with the citizens who elected the City Council. Missing from the City Council oversight was the City Attorney, City Clerk, Boards and Commissions, City Engineer, and City Auditor.

G. Reports:

1. Presentation of a report by the Evelyn's Park Conservancy Board.

Lou Waters, Vice President of the Evelyn's Park Conservancy Board (the "Board"), and Scott Aronstein, Treasurer of the Board, jointly presented a report recapping recent activities and accomplishments of the Board, as well as a report regarding the Board's financial position.

Vice President Waters began the report by indicating that the biggest accomplishment to date was the formal successful kick-off (groundbreaking event) of Phase One of the Evelyn's Park Project. It was estimated that 400-500 people attended the kick-off event, and that the contractor, Linbeck Group, LLC ("Linbeck"), was ready to begin work on the site.

Treasurer Scott Aronstein next provided a brief overview of the Board's financial position. The Board had funded its portion of the construction project with Linbeck during the month of June. Additional funds had come in from The Jerry and Maury Rubenstein Foundation for the memorial garden and statue in honor of Evelyn Rubenstein, with \$100,000 having already been paid for the statue.

With respect to fundraising, **Vice President Waters** noted that the Board had raised approximately \$3.2 million since it started four years ago. Over \$1.0 million had been spent on the design, consultations, and other work leading up to the issuance of the requests for proposal for Phase One of Evelyn's Park. Another \$1.36 million was spent to fund the Board's portion of Phase One.

Additionally, **Vice President Waters** indicated that the Board was in the middle of a further capital campaign to raise funds ranging from \$350,000 to \$500,000. Those funds would be used to replenish the Board's capital for contingencies or inclusions in the construction project, as well as to get ahead on the Board's operating capital needed to open the park. The timeline for the fundraising campaign would begin during the month of September 2015. Marketing materials, a mission statement, a campaign slogan, and a park slogan were currently under development.

With respect to cafe operations and the related budget for such operations,

Treasurer Aronstein referenced the Board's recent request for proposals for a cafe operator. He indicated that the Board was ready to begin contract negotiations and planned to start at the beginning of the next week. He advised that the operator, a well-known local Houston artisan chef, would be announced in a future "launch" campaign.

In determining the budget for cafe operations, **Treasurer Aronstein** stated that the Board based revenue estimates on two events per week in the Event Center. Every operator had a different view as to what they wished to offer in the cafe. Consistently, all operators wished to consider beer and wine sales. As to private events, some discussion was held regarding the ability to sell and consume mixed beverages, as well as beer and wine.

{At this point in the meeting, the Bellaire City Council received an overview from Vice President Lou Waters, Evelyn's Park Conservancy Board, related to agenda item H. 1. c. Following that overview, discussion, and pending action, the Bellaire City Council returned to this item.}

Motion:

To accept the Evelyn's Park Conservancy Quarterly Report, as presented by Vice President Lou Waters and Treasurer Scott Aronstein, into the record.

Following questions of Vice President Lou Waters and Treasurer Scott Aronstein, as well as discussion, Mayor Nauert called for a vote on the motion to accept the Evelyn's Park Conservancy Quarterly Report into the record.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Roman F. Reed, Councilman
SECONDER:	Andrew S. Friedberg, Councilman
AYES:	Nauert, Nathan, Reed, Avioli Sr., McLaughlan, Friedberg
ABSENT:	Pappas

2. Presentation of the Third Quarter Report for fiscal year 2015 - Requested and presented by Diane K. White, Assistant City Manager.

Diane K. White, Assistant City Manager, presented the Third Quarter Report for fiscal year 2015 to members of City Council. She indicated that the Third Quarter Report (the "Report") was a cumulative report as of June 30, 2015.

Highlights:

It was noted that one of the key highlights in the financial analysis section of the Report was a discussion on vacancies. With Police Department had eight (8) vacancies as of June 30, 2015; however, as of today, one police officer had been hired, three (3) police officers were scheduled to begin their employment with the City on August 31, 2015, and one (1) police officer was scheduled to begin employment with the City next spring upon completion of the police academy.

General Fund revenues of 89% were noted to have been collected as of June 30, 2015. By the end of the fiscal year, the City anticipated that revenues would be higher than the allocated budget.

With respect to expenditures, Assistant City Manager White advised that the City had spent 70% of its expenditures as of June 30, 2015, and that the City was underbudget for the third quarter by approximately \$209,000.

Assistant City Manager White stated that the City had received 22.2" more in rain than the same period for the previous year. Thus far, the City had collected \$473,000 less in revenue than expected in the Enterprise Fund. Expenditures in the Enterprise Fund were noted to be at 66%, with revenue collections of 70%.

Motion:

To accept the City of Bellaire Third Quarter Report for fiscal year 2015, as presented by Diane K. White, Assistant City Manager, into the record.

Following questions from members of City Council regarding the Third Quarter Report for fiscal year 2015, a vote was taken on the motion on the table.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Amanda B. Nathan, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Roman F. Reed, Councilman
AYES:	Nauert, Nathan, Reed, Avioli Sr., McLaughlan, Friedberg
ABSENT:	Pappas

3. Presentation of the annual budget for the City of Bellaire, Texas, for the fiscal year commencing on October 1, 2015, and ending on September 30, 2016 - Requested and presented by Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager.

Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager, presented the proposed budget for the City of Bellaire, Texas, for the fiscal year commencing on October 1, 2015, and ending on September 30, 2016 (fiscal year 2016), to members of City Council.

City Manager Hofmann began his presentation by noting that there were three important objectives in the FY 2016 budget that separated it from the FY 2015 budget. Those objectives were noted as follows: 1) commitment to ongoing street maintenance, including drainage systems in an amount of \$2 million per year (derived from a sales tax rebate from the Metropolitan Transit Authority (\$1.2 million) and from current General Fund resources in the amount of \$800,000); 2) funding for a true vehicle and equipment replacement fund (\$1 million funded in FY 2016, with similar amounts funded in future fiscal years); and 3) keeping vacancies filled.

In order to address the third objective, City Manager Hofmann indicated that the budget included a proposal to add a technician-level position to the Human Resources Department, along with some additional software. This position would allow the Director of Human Resources to spend more time managing the City's salary structure, implementing the City's evaluation system, and being out front and center in the City's recruitment efforts.

It was also noted that a significant amount of funding had been included in the proposed budget in the Fire Department to provide an enhanced level of paramedic training to provide an increased level of emergency medical services. For example, the Fire Department had been looking into a community-based approach wherein its paramedics would be trained and equipped to provide services to Bellaire residents who needed ongoing health care, but not always on

an emergency basis.

Of further note was funding included for the development of a leadership class (a series of classes over a 10-11 consecutive week basis that represented an opportunity for the City and City departments to promote and describe what they did). One goal of the class would be to engage people in the decision-making process and inspire and excite them to get involved and become active in their neighborhoods and, perhaps, apply for a position on City boards and commissions.

A brief overview of proposed capital projects were presented next. Capital projects included, but were not limited to, a rights-of-way analysis, integration and planning; storm water drainage plan; pavement maintenance program; street reconstruction; wastewater collection line replacement; rehabilitation of Renwick ground storage tank; upgrades for the Wendell and Bellaire lift stations; wastewater system upgrades; infrastructure improvements in the UVT Zoning District; Bellaire Family Aquatic Center pool improvements, and replacement of playgrounds and shade structures.

City Manager Hofmann advised that there were approximately 180 full-time positions reflected in the proposed FY 2016 budget. He stated that he intended to move the project management function currently in the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department and held by Michelle Jordan to the City Manager's Office. He indicated that he wanted Ms. Jordan to be centrally responsible for all capital project management and reporting and advised that she would directly report to Assistant City Manager Diane K. White. In addition, Todd Gross, Information Coordinator for the Public Works Department, would be reassigned and become a part of the capital project management team.

With respect to a beautification presence in Bellaire, City Staff felt that tying the "Keep Bellaire Beautiful" plan to the already existing organization of "Keep Texas Beautiful" would be beneficial. City Manager Hofmann advised that he would get back to City Council regarding the reporting relationships and staff involvement on a day-to-day basis for the beautification plan.

The City's annual estimate for maintenance expenditures related to Evelyn's Park was noted to be \$200,000. Since the park would be under construction for much of fiscal year 2016, the City had allocated approximately \$100,000 for maintenance (which included the cost of electricity).

With respect to salaries and compensation, City Manager Hofmann noted that it was the City's recommendation to move the pay scale 1.5% (market adjustment) and to include an annual step increase of 3.5% for employees. In addition, pool personnel had not received a salary increase since 2010. A salary increase had been included in the budget for pool personnel.

Suggested fee increases included solid waste (increase to be utilized to implement routing efficiency improvements and help cover the cost of providing services), park fees (increase to be utilized for upgraded maintenance efforts), and development services fees (increase to be utilized to help cover the cost of providing services).

Summary:

City Manager Hofmann advised that, in summary, the proposed fiscal year 2016

General Fund budget was structurally balanced (i.e., recurring expenses would not exceed recurring revenues) and the City was able to maintain a 60-day reserve requirement.

With respect to the Enterprise Fund, it was structurally balanced (revenues were at least equal to recurring expenses) and the City was meeting its newly established 60-day reserve requirement.

With respect to the City's Fiscal Forecast, City Manager Hofmann noted that the City would end fiscal years 2018 and 2020 short. The City was not flush and needed to be mindful as to how the City made and spent money.

The Debt Service Fund assumptions were noted to have changed slightly since June. The City was no longer suggesting that municipal facilities bonds be sold in fiscal year 2015. In addition, as a result of discussions with City Council, City Staff was no longer assuming the issuance of debt for park projects in the five-year forecast.

The fiscal forecast picture for the Enterprise Fund at the end of five years was not "rosy," with a shortage of \$6.7 million. This would only be manageable with a rate increase.

In closing, City Manager Hofmann advised that a public hearing would be held on the budget on August 17, 2015. Two budget workshop sessions were targeted to be held on August 18, 2015, and August 24, 2015.

Dr. Philip L. Nauert, Mayor, asked members of City Council to hold their questions given the lateness of the hour and the fact that City Council had additional business to discuss this evening.

Motion:

To accept the presentation of the annual budget for the City of Bellaire, Texas, for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2015, and ending on September 30, 2016, as presented by Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager, into the record.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Roman F. Reed, Councilman
SECONDER:	Amanda B. Nathan, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Nauert, Nathan, Reed, Avioli Sr., McLaughlan, Friedberg
ABSENT:	Pappas

H. New Business:

1. Adoption of Ordinance(s)/Resolution(s):

- a. Consideration of and possible action on the adoption of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, calling a special election within the City of Bellaire, Texas, for the purpose of filling a vacancy by electing a Councilman - Position No. 5; establishing the date of the special election on the uniform election date designated by the State of Texas as the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November or November 3, 2015; establishing election precincts, polling places, and appointing election officials; and setting forth certain guidelines - Requested by Tracy L. Dutton, City Clerk.

Motion:

To adopt an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, calling a special election within the City of Bellaire, Texas, for the purpose of filling a vacancy by electing a Councilman - Position No. 5; establishing the date of the special election as the uniform election date designated by the State of Texas as the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November or November 3, 2015; establishing election precincts, polling places, and appointing election officials; and setting forth certain guidelines.

City Clerk Tracy L. Dutton and City Attorney Alan P. Petrov indicated that a change had been made to the first whereas clause on page 1 of the ordinance to change the date the vacancy was created in the office of Councilman - Position No. 5 from July 14, 2015, to July 6, 2015. Copies of the "amended" ordinance were distributed to members of City Council, and the change was considered a scrivener's error.

Dr. Philip L. Nauert, Mayor, called for a vote on the motion to adopt the referenced ordinance with the correction/amendment to the first whereas clause as noted by City Clerk Dutton and City Attorney Petrov.

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Roman F. Reed, Councilman
SECONDER:	Pat B. McLaughlan, Councilman
AYES:	Nauert, Nathan, Reed, Avioli Sr., McLaughlan, Friedberg
ABSENT:	Pappas

- b. Consideration of and possible action on the adoption of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas calling the FY2016 Budget public hearing before the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, on Monday, August 17, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, First Floor of City Hall, 7008 South Rice Avenue, Bellaire, Texas - Requested by Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager.

Motion:

To adopt an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, calling the FY 2016 Budget public hearing before the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, on Monday, August 17, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, First Floor of City Hall, 7008 South Rice Avenue, Bellaire, Texas.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Andrew S. Friedberg, Councilman
SECONDER:	Pat B. McLaughlan, Councilman
AYES:	Nauert, Nathan, Reed, Avioli Sr., McLaughlan, Friedberg
ABSENT:	Pappas

- c. Consideration of and possible action on the adoption of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, accepting a financial contribution in the amount of \$115,549 from the Evelyn's Park Conservancy Board to be utilized by the City for construction associated with Change Order #1 to Phase One of Evelyn's Park construction project - Requested by Michelle Jordan, Project Manager, Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department.

Motion:

To adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, accepting a financial contribution in the amount of \$115,549 from the Evelyn's Park Conservancy Board to be utilized by the City for construction associated with Change Order #1 to Phase One of the Evelyn's Park construction project.

{Motion by Amanda B. Nathan, Mayor Pro Tem; second by Roman F. Reed, Councilman - Position No. 1}

Following a brief presentation by Vice President Lou Waters regarding the acceptance of a financial contribution to be utilized for the purchase and installation of solar panels on the office roof top at Evelyn's Park and questions from members of City Council related to the contribution and the related solar panel project, members of City Council indicated a desire to ask additional questions related to the Evelyn's Park Conservancy Quarterly Report, but unrelated to the motion on the table.

Motion to Lay on the Table:

To lay the pending motion on the resolution to accept a contribution for the Evelyn's Park Project on the table.

RESULT:	UNANIMOUS [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Andrew S. Friedberg, Councilman
SECONDER:	Dr. Philip L. Nauert, Mayor
AYES:	Nauert, Nathan, Reed, Avioli Sr., McLaughlan, Friedberg
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Pappas

At this point in the meeting, the Bellaire City Council returned to agenda item G., Reports, 1, Evelyn's Park Conservancy Quarterly Report for further discussion and action.

Following action on agenda item G. 1., the Bellaire City Council returned their attention to agenda item H. 1. c. and removed the pending motion from the table.

Recap of motion:

To adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, accepting a financial contribution in the amount of \$115,549 from the Evelyn's Park Conservancy Board to be utilized by the City for construction associated with Change Order #1 to Phase One of the Evelyn's Park construction project.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Amanda B. Nathan, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Roman F. Reed, Councilman
AYES:	Nauert, Nathan, Reed, Avioli Sr., McLaughlan, Friedberg
ABSENT:	Pappas

- d. Consideration of and possible action on a recommendation from the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department to approve a change order to the construction contract for Phase One of Evelyn's Park and on the adoption of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, authorizing the City Manager of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to execute said change order. This change order includes the cost to procure and install solar panels, and will increase the cost of the project by \$115,549. This additional expense would be funded entirely by Evelyn's Park Conservancy. Construction Phase Services will continue to be provided by Linbeck Group, LLC, for Phase One of Evelyn's Park - Requested by Michelle Jordan, Project Manager, Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department.

Motion:

To approve a recommendation from the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department to approve a change order to the construction contract for Phase One of Evelyn's Park and to adopt an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, authorizing the City Manager of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to execute said change order which included the cost to procure and install solar panels and will increase the cost of the project by \$115,549.00.

{It was noted that the additional expense for the solar panel installation would be funded entirely by the Evelyn's Park Conservancy.}

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

2. Item for Individual Consideration:

Consideration of and possible action directing staff to proceed with preparation for and the acceptance of a Preliminary Official Statement and timetable for the sale of \$7,940,000 in General Obligation Bonds, Series 2015 - Requested by Linda Symank, Chief Financial Officer.

Jim Gilley, US Capital Advisors, Municipal Advisor to the City of Bellaire, stated that the item City Council was asked to consider this evening formally authorized approval of a Preliminary Official Statement and authorized City Staff and bond consultants to move forward with the sale of \$7,940,000 in General Obligation Bonds, Series 2015.

Mr. Gilley advised that the bond sale, if approved, represented the last of the City's 2005 authorization for streets and drainage. Approximately \$1.5 million would remain for facilities.

It was noted that a rating meeting was scheduled for later in the week with Standard & Poor's culminating in an expected sale date of August 17, 2015; with money to be delivered to the bank approximately 30 days later or on September 17, 2015.

Mr. Gilley concluded and stated that based on the assumptions provided, the City could sell the referenced bonds without increasing the debt rate from the previous year.

Motion:

To direct staff to proceed with preparation and the acceptance of a Preliminary Official Statement and timetable for the sale of \$7,940,000 in General Obligation Bonds, Series 2015.

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

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

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

There were no items for future agendas this evening.

Community interest items from the Mayor and City Council included a welcome to returning Bellaire Police Officer David Rocha; expressions of thanks to the citizen group that had identified beautification efforts that could be made throughout the City; and a reminder to submit applications for City Council positions.

J. Adjourn.

Motion:

To adjourn the Regular Session of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, at 10:31 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2015.

RESULT:	UNANIMOUS [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Pat B. McLaughlan, Councilman

SECONDER:	Roman F. Reed, Councilman
AYES:	Nauert, Nathan, Reed, Avioli Sr., McLaughlan, Friedberg
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Pappas