# CITY OF BELLAIRE TEXAS

**BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION**

**JUNE 22, 2016**

| Council Chamber | Regular Session | 7:00 PM |
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**7008 S. RICE AVENUE**
**BELLAIRE, TX 77401**

| Chairman | Commissioner | |
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| Laura Thurmond | Mike Baker | |
| **Commissioner** | **Vice Chairman** | **Commissioner** |
| Paul Katz | Danny Spencer | Charles Formica |
| **Commissioner** | **Commissioner** | |
| Burt Martin | Lee Hampton | |

***Mission Statement:***
***The City of Bellaire is dedicated to outstanding quality service and facilities to ensure an open, progressive, and secure community.***

## I. REGULAR SESSION

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### B. Announcement of Quorum

### C. Rules for Public Comment

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### D. Approval or Correction of the Minutes

1. Building and Standards Commission - Regular Session - Apr 27, 2016 7:00 PM

### E. Public Comment

### F. Report from Building Official

### G. Reports of Committees and Communications

1. **Communications to Commission members outside of posted meetings**

2. **Committee Reports**

3. **Reports from Staff other than the Building Official**

### H. Old Business

1. **Discussion on drainage issues within the City of Bellaire, to include the use of pervious concrete and paver systems as an alternate method of addressing lot coverage requirements.**

**I. New Business**

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**J. Public Hearings**

**K. Announcements & Comments by Commissioners**

**L. Adjournment**

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**APRIL 27, 2016**

**Council Chamber** | **Regular Session** | **7:00 PM**

**7008 S. RICE AVENUE**
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## I. REGULAR SESSION

### A. Call to Order

Chairman Thurmond called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

### B. Announcement of Quorum

Chairman Thurmond announced that a quorum was present, consisting of the following members:

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
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| Laura Thurmond | Chairman | Present | |
| Paul Katz | Commissioner | Absent | |
| Burt Martin | Commissioner | Present | |
| Mike Baker | Commissioner | Present | |
| Danny Spencer | Vice Chairman | Present | |
| Lee Hampton | Commissioner | Present | 7:06 PM |
| Charles Formica | Commissioner | Present | |
| Scott Eidman | Attorney | Present | |
| Ashley Parcus | Secretary | Present | |
| David R. Montague | Council Member | Present | |

### C. Rules for Public Comment

Chairman Thurmond mentioned that the rules for public comment were listed on the agenda.

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**D. Approval or Correction of the Minutes**

1. Building and Standards Commission - Regular Session - Mar 23, 2016 7:00 PM

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| **RESULT:** | **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]** |
| **MOVER:** | Mike Baker, Commissioner |
| **SECONDER:** | Burt Martin, Commissioner |
| **AYES:** | Thurmond, Martin, Baker, Spencer, Formica |
| **ABSENT:** | Katz, Hampton |

**E. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**F. Report from Building Official**

There was no report form the Building Official.

**G. Reports of Committees and Communications**

**1. Communications to Commission members outside of posted meetings**

There were no communications to report.

**2. Committee Reports**

There were no committee reports.

**3. Reports from Staff other than the Building Official**

Mrs. Parcus informed the Commission that the City has hired a Building Official, and that he would be present at the Commission's next meeting. She also mentioned that the City is currently aware of about 20 homes that received flood damage during the Tax Day Flood, and stated that she would find out how many, if any, of them had applied for a permit.

Vice Chairman Spencer asked if there were any properties that had damage in both of the recent flood events.

Mrs. Parcus stated that she believes there were a couple properties with repetitive loss.

Councilmember Montague informed the Commission that there were several residents from Mildred and Mimosa Street who had experienced repetitive loss that spoke at Monday night's Council meeting. He added that they were very frustrated with the fact that they had not seen anything overtly done by the City before or after the last flood. Councilmember Montague mentioned that James Andrews, the City Engineer, was present and commented that the analysis of the Memorial Day Flood is

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underway and is making good progress. He stated that there was considerable discussion involving the City Engineer, City Council, and the City Manager regarding the City's current drainage issues. Councilmember Montague added that the recent policy of raising houses has given some residents relief at the detriment of those that were not able to raise their homes. He informed the Commission that no conclusion was met, but that City Manager Hofmann mentioned that addressing some of these issues would be part of Council's workshop on May 5th.

Commissioner Baker asked Councilmember Montague if there was something that Council would like to task the Building and Standards Commission, or any other boards or commissions that report to Council, to look into with regards to this issue.

Councilmember Montague explained that there was no discussion along those lines, but stated that the City Manager and City Engineer are thinking about how to get "all hands on deck" to address the problems.

Commissioner Baker urged Councilmember Montague to let the Commission know if there was something within their purview that they could do to help.

## H. Old Business

There was no old business.

## I. New Business

### 1. Discussion on permeable concrete and permeable paver systems.

Chairman Thurmond explained that she is currently involved with a project that is dealing with pervious concrete, and wanted to bring it up as a discussion point to see if the Commissioners felt that it would be something to look into allowing within the City of Bellaire. She added that some residents may be looking into implementing these materials with the hopes that it will count as pervious cover rather than impervious cover. Chairman Thurmond then provided each of the Commissioners with an informational packet on pervious concrete and the different installation options involved. She stated that the Commission may need to think about incorporating this into the code as an improved method of meeting the lot coverage requirements.

Commissioner Formica asked if this would be viable for residential construction. He stated that it seems as though it would be more beneficial for commercial projects.

Chairman Thurmond stated that it is actually more popular in the residential market than in the commercial market.

Commissioner Hampton mentioned that permeable pavers (similar to pervious concrete) are very common within residential environments.

Mrs. Parcus informed the Commission that on several occasions the City has been asked if permeable paver systems are allowed, and Mr. McDonald felt that this was something that the Commission should look into.

The Commission agreed that it should be considered, and that it would be a good idea to have someone come to the next meeting to better educate them on these materials and the pros and cons of installing these systems and allowing them within the City.

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No new business was brought forward.

**J. Public Hearings**

There were no public hearings.

**K. Announcements & Comments by Commissioners**

Chairman Thurmond thanked Councilmember Montague for the update from Monday night's Council meeting with regard to the April 18th flood event and drainage issues within the City.

**L. Adjournment**

**Motion:** a motion was made by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Formica to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

**Vote:** the motion passed on a unanimous vote of 6-0.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.**

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