



# CITY OF BELLAIRE TEXAS

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MAY 1, 2017

Council Chamber

Regular Session

6:00 PM

7008 S. RICE AVENUE  
BELLAIRE, TX 77401

### REGULAR SESSION - 6:00 P.M.

#### A. Call to Order - Andrew S. Friedberg, Mayor.

**Andrew S. Friedberg, Mayor**, called the Regular Session of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2017. The Regular Session was held in the Council Chamber, First Floor of City Hall, 7008 South Rice Avenue, Bellaire, Texas 77401-4411.

#### B. Announcement of a Quorum - Andrew S. Friedberg, Mayor.

**Mayor Friedberg** announced that a quorum of the members of the City Council was present as set forth in the table below.

Name	Title	Status
Andrew S. Friedberg	Mayor	Present
Roman F. Reed	Mayor Pro Tem	Present
Trisha S. Pollard	Council Member	Present
Gus E. Pappas	Council Member	Present
Pat B. McLaughlan	Council Member	Present*
Michael Fife	Council Member	Present
David R. Montague	Council Member	Present

Other officials present were Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager; Alan P. Petrov, City Attorney; and Tracy L. Dutton, City Clerk.

\*Council Member McLaughlan arrived at 6:08 p.m.

#### C. Inspirational Reading and/or Invocation - Gus E. Pappas, Council Member.

**Gus E. Pappas, Council Member**, provided the inspirational reading for the evening.

#### D. Pledges of Allegiance - Gus E. Pappas, Council Member.

**Council Member Pappas** led the members of the City Council and audience in the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

**E. Recognition of Proclamations:**

1. Issuance of a proclamation by Andrew S. Friedberg, Mayor, proclaiming the month of May 2017 as "Older Americans Month" in the City of Bellaire, Texas, in recognition of the contributions that older adults and the people who serve and support them make to the community - Requested by Cheryl Bright, Assistant Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities.

**Mayor Friedberg** read and presented a proclamation he issued proclaiming the month of May 2017 as "Older Americans Month" in the City of Bellaire, Texas.

**The proclamation was accepted by Kevin Newman**, Vice Chair, and **Barbara Davis**, Member, of the L.I.F.E. Advisory Board of the City of Bellaire, Texas ("L.I.F.E. Advisory Board"); and Staff Liaisons **Karl Miller**, Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities; **Cheryl Bright**, Assistant Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities; and **Victoria Arevalo**, Recreation Supervisor, Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department. Mayor Friedberg currently serves as the Council Liaison to the L.I.F.E. Advisory Board.

2. Issuance of a proclamation by Andrew S. Friedberg, Mayor, proclaiming the week of May 14-20, 2017, as "Police Week" in the City of Bellaire, Texas, in recognition and appreciation of the services provided by law enforcement officers and to honor those that have made the ultimate sacrifice for the community - Requested by Byron Holloway, Chief of Police.

**Mayor Friedberg** read and presented a proclamation he issued proclaiming the week of May 14-20, 2017, as "Police Week" in the City of Bellaire, Texas.

Bellaire Chief of Police **Byron A. Holloway** accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Bellaire Police Department.

**I. PUBLIC HEARING (PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 24 OF THE CITY CODE)****A. Reading of the Notice of Public Hearing - Tracy L. Dutton, City Clerk.**

**Tracy L. Dutton, City Clerk**, read the "Notice of Public Hearing" into the record. City Clerk Dutton advised that the notice was posted on the City's official bulletin board on Friday, April 14, 2017, and published in the legal notices section of the Southwest News on Tuesday, April 11, 2017.

**B. Summary of Public Hearing Procedure - Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager.**

**Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager**, summarized the public hearing procedure for the evening.

**C. Presentation:**

Public Hearing on proposed amendments to the City of Bellaire Code of Ordinances, Chapter 24, Planning and Zoning, Article II, Sec. 24-202, Definitions, Article V, Division 1, Zoning Districts of General Applicability, Article V, Division 2, Zoning District Regulations; Secs. 24-536, Corridor Mixed Use, 24-537, Urban Village Downtown; 24-547, Urban Village TOD; and Article XI, Sexually Oriented Businesses; to further regulate the use and operation of pawnshops, head shops, and sexually oriented businesses - Submitted by John McDonald, Director of Development Services.

**John McDonald, Director of Development Services**, presented the

amendments proposed by the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Bellaire, Texas ("PZC"), to Chapter 24, Planning and Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bellaire, Texas. Director McDonald advised that last August, the City Council requested the PZC to review regulations regarding pawn shops, smoke shops, and credit access businesses within the City of Bellaire.

Director McDonald noted that City Attorney Alan P. Petrov recommended that the PZC perform their review of credit access businesses after the recent state legislative session. It was noted that bills had been filed that would remove the City's authority to regulate credit access businesses.

The recommended amendments proposed by the PZC were outlined by Director McDonald. With respect to pawn shops, a new Section 24-526, would prohibit the location of a pawn shop on a parcel within 100 feet of a residential property. Other recommendations included the insertion of a definition for the term "head shop," as well as a specific prohibition in the Corridor Mixed Use, Urban Village Downtown and Urban Village TOD Zoning Districts. With respect to sexually oriented businesses, the PZC recommended deleting the exemption for any retail establishment whose primary business was the offering of wearing apparel for sale to customers.

#### **D. Public Comment.**

**Mayor Friedberg** advised that there were no names listed on the sign-up sheet for the public hearing or written comments. He asked those present if anyone desired to address City Council on the matter of the public hearing. Hearing none, Mayor Friedberg continued to the next order of business.

#### **E. Questions from the Mayor and City Council.**

**Mayor Friedberg** opened the floor for questions from the City Council of John McDonald, Director of Development Services.

Following questions, Mayor Friedberg closed the public hearing.

#### **F. Close of the Public Hearing.**

**Mayor Friedberg** closed the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2016. He advised that oral public comment would not be received following the close of the public hearing. Instructions regarding written comments were provided to members of the public. The deadline for written comments was noted to be Thursday, May 11, 2017, with final deliberation anticipated to occur on Monday, May 15, 2017.

#### **G. Adjourn.**

**Mayor Friedberg** announced that the public hearing was adjourned at 6:31 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2017.

## **II. REGULAR MEETING**

#### **A. Call to Order - Andrew S. Friedberg, Mayor.**

**Mayor Friedberg** called the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to order at 6:31 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2017.

**B. Announcement of a Quorum - Andrew S. Friedberg, Mayor.**

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Other officials present were Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager; Alan P. Petrov, City Attorney; and Tracy L. Dutton, City Clerk.

**C. Personal/Audience Comments.**

**Mayor Friedberg** announced that personal/audience comments would be received by the City Council on topics other than the public hearing. Instructions related to personal/audience comments were provided to members of the public by Mayor Friedberg.

**Robert Riquelmy:**

Mr. Riquelmy addressed City Council regarding the Charter Review Commission ("CRC"). He indicated that he found it difficult to pin down the CRC, so he had opted to bring his suggestion to the City Council.

He suggested that a change be made to the Charter such that when bond elections were called, a winning vote would be a majority of those registered to vote in that jurisdiction. In Mr. Riquelmy's opinion, this would induce City Council to take effective measures to increase the turnout in elections.

**Randy Pollard:**

Mr. Pollard addressed City Council and thanked them for the great job on the Evelyn's Park opening. He noted that along the way, Evelyn's Park had experienced a few bumps in the road which were disturbing to him. He noticed that many neighbors took it upon themselves to fix things they thought were broken. Some neighbors had placed crime tape along the rights-of-way that abutted their property; some had placed cones and sawhorses in front of people's homes. This was not a healthy thing to see, in his opinion, and made Mr. Pollard wonder if the residents hated the park, the Rubensteins, the City, or cars going to the park.

Mr. Pollard stated that he had also heard that some residents wanted the City to construct a wall between the park and their residences. He noted that he had lived behind a City park for 20+ years and was still waiting for a fence.

In summary, Mr. Pollard stated that the park was great and something Bellaire should be proud of.

**Mayor Friedberg** turned to written comments, noting that several had been received, logged by the City Clerk, and provided to members of the City Council.

The referenced written comments were received from the residents in the 5100-5200 blocks of Locust Street for a traffic study to determine a current traffic baseline against which future traffic conditions could be compared once the new HEB grocery store was completed and open for business. Those who had joined in making the request through written comments were:

**Paul Atha, Maxine W. Epstein, Julie Goldberger, Steven Goldberger, Nancy Loncarich, Peggy Newhouse, Rangan Padmanabhan, and Seva Papageorge.**

#### **D. Reports and Presentations:**

1. City Manager's Report regarding communication, field and personnel updates, calendar reminders, and notes of appreciation - Submitted by Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager.

**Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager**, presented the City Manager's Report dated May 1, 2017, to members of the City Council.

At the conclusion of City Manager Hofmann's report, **Mayor Friedberg** opened the floor for questions from the City Council. Following questions, Mayor Friedberg announced that the City Manager's Report was concluded and continued to the next report on the agenda.

2. Presentation and discussion regarding preliminary findings of the 2017 Bellaire Citizen Survey - Submitted by Mary Cohrs, Director of Library.

**Mary Cohrs, Director of Library**, presented the preliminary results of the 2017 Bellaire Citizens Survey, which was launched in February for Bellaire residents to express their opinions about their community and the services offered by the City of Bellaire. She advised that prior to the survey itself, a survey instrument was carefully developed to poll residents' opinions on community planning and priorities, quality of city services, and program improvements.

Director Cohrs advised that the true value of the Citizens Survey would be in the implementation of the same survey instrument over the next decade or two. This year's results would create a baseline for surveys that would be repeated every two-three years to assist in planning City services and allowing for the creation of trends.

Director Cohrs provided an overview of the process for selecting residents to respond to the survey, as well as survey findings. She indicated that the University of Houston Masters' Program was currently compiling a more detailed analysis of the data to be presented to the City Council in June of 2017.

**Mayor Friedberg** opened the floor for questions from the City Council. Hearing none, Mayor Friedberg announced that the 2017 Bellaire Citizens Survey report was concluded and continued to the next item on the agenda.

#### **E. New Business:**

##### **Adoption of Minutes:**

Consideration of and possible action on the adoption of the minutes of the Regular Session of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, held on Monday, March 20,

2017 - Submitted by Tracy L. Dutton, City Clerk.

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**Mayor Friedberg** inquired as to whether there were any corrections to the minutes of Regular Session of the City Council held on Monday, March 20, 2017. Hearing none, Mayor Friedberg announced that the minutes were adopted as presented by general consent.

#### **F. Community Interest Items from the Mayor and City Council.**

Community interest items from the Mayor and City Council included expressions of congratulations and thanks to Executive Director Denton Ragland, the Evelyn's Park Conservancy Board, and City Staff for their work on the grand opening of Evelyn's Park; expressions of thanks to the citizens that participated in the 2017 Bellaire Citizens Survey; and reminders to attend the revealing of improvements at The Nature Discovery Center on May 6, 2017; the Thursday, May 4, 2017, all-day pre-budget planning retreat, which is what kicks off the budget process; and the Municipal Facilities Groundbreaking Ceremony on May 9, 2017.

#### **G. Adjourn.**

**Mayor Friedberg** announced that the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, was adjourned at 7:27 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2017.

### **III. CLOSED MEETING**

#### **A. Call to Order - Andrew S. Friedberg, Mayor.**

**Mayor Friedberg** called the closed meeting of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to order at 7:28 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2017.

#### **B. Announcement of a Quorum - Andrew S. Friedberg, Mayor.**

**Mayor Friedberg** announced that a quorum of the members of City Council was present as set forth in the table below.

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Pat B. McLaughlan	Council Member	Present
Michael Fife	Council Member	Present
David R. Montague	Council Member	Present

Also present was Tracy L. Dutton, City Clerk.

#### **C. Retire into Closed Meeting in the Council Conference Room:**

**Mayor Friedberg** announced that the City Council would retire into the closed portion of the meeting pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Open Meetings Act, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters; Closed Meeting, to deliberate the evaluation of the City Clerk of the City of Bellaire, Texas.

Mayor Friedberg also announced that City Council would not be taking any action in the closed portion of the meeting. Any action that might be taken would be after City Council reconvened in the open portion of the meeting.

The City Council retired to the Council Conference Room at 7:28 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2017.

**D. Reconvene in Open Meeting in the Council Chamber:**

**Mayor Friedberg** announced that City Council had been in a closed meeting to deliberate the evaluation of the City Clerk and were now reconvening the open portion of the meeting at 8:14 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2017. He opened the floor for comments or motions.

**Motion:**

**To increase the salary of the City Clerk, Tracy L. Dutton, to \$126,500.00 annually, a \$2,000.00 per year increase, plus an increase in the annual expense allowance by \$500.00 for reimbursement of professional development activities, including continuing education courses.**

**{Moved by Roman F. Reed, Mayor Pro Tem, and seconded by Trisha S. Pollard, Council Member}**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Roman F. Reed, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Trisha S. Pollard, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Friedberg, Reed, Pollard, Pappas, McLaughlan, Fife, Montague
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None

**E. Adjourn.**

**Mayor Friedberg** announced that closed meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2017.



## *Proclamation*

*Whereas*, the City of Bellaire, Texas, celebrates the older Americans who richly contribute to our community; and

*Whereas*, we acknowledge that what it means "to age" has changed—for the better; and

*Whereas*, we are committed to supporting older adults as they take charge of their health, explore new opportunities and activities, and focus on independence; and

*Whereas*, the City of Bellaire can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by involving older adults in the redefinition of aging in our community; promoting home- and community-based services that support independent living; encouraging older adults to speak up for themselves and others; and providing opportunities for older adults to share their experiences;

***Now, Therefore, I, Andrew S. Friedberg, Mayor of the City of Bellaire, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2017 as***

### *Older Americans Month*

in the City of Bellaire, Texas, and urge every resident to take time this month to acknowledge older adults and the people who serve them as influential and vital parts of our community.

***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to be affixed this 1st day of May, 2017.



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Andrew S. Friedberg  
Mayor  
City of Bellaire, Texas





## Proclamation

*Whereas*, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Bellaire Police Department; and

*Whereas*, nearly 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries; and

*Whereas*, in 2016 there were 140 line of duty deaths, and since the first recorded death in 1791 almost 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty; and

*Whereas*, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., which is the only memorial in our nation's capital to which new names are added year after year; and

*Whereas*, among the engraved names is that of Bellaire Police Sergeant Jimmie Norman, whose name was added in 2013 as he was killed in the line of duty by a robbery suspect on December 24, 2012; and

*Whereas*, on May 15, 2017, the name of Bellaire Police Officer Marco Zarate will be added to the wall as he was killed in the line of duty in the pursuit of robbery suspects on July 12, 2016; and

*Whereas*, members of the Bellaire Police Department will escort fallen Bellaire Police Officer Marco Zarate's wife and children to Washington, D.C., for a memorial ceremony on the Capitol Lawn; and

*Whereas*, in 1962 President John F. Kennedy designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and U.S. flags are to be flown at half-staff on May 15th of each year;

*Now, Therefore,* I, Andrew S. Friedberg, Mayor of the City of Bellaire, Texas, do hereby proclaim the week of **May 14-20, 2017**, as:

### *Police Week*

in the City of Bellaire, Texas, and proudly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.



*In Witness Whereof,* I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to be affixed this 1st day of May, 2017.

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Andrew S. Friedberg  
Mayor  
City of Bellaire, Texas

## Head Shops

Existing Section to be amended.

Section 24-202. - Definitions.

(83.5) Head shops. Any retail establishment open to the public that presents, displays, or offers for sale, distribution, or delivery, smoking paraphernalia items of any kind. "Smoking paraphernalia" shall mean paraphernalia, devices, or instruments, including but not limited to pipes, bongs, and hookahs, that are designed or manufactured for the smoking, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing into the body "controlled substances" as defined by the Texas Controlled Substance Act, Health and Safety Code, ch. 481, as may be amended. "Smoking paraphernalia" shall also mean and include, in the broadest application possible, kits that are used, intended to be used, or commonly known to be used for the ingestion, inhalation, preparation, or injection of illegal substances, and include any device or instrument which has been fabricated, constructed, altered, adjusted, or marked especially for use in the smoking or ingestion of marijuana, hashish, cocaine, methamphetamine, any other "controlled substance," "controlled substance analogue," "synthetic controlled substance," or other substance or chemical that mimics the effect of THC such as synthetic cannabinoids or other controlled substances, or any other substance that violates local, state, or federal law, and is adapted for the purpose of smoking or ingesting by virtue of a distinctive feature or combination of features associated with drug paraphernalia, notwithstanding that it might also be possible to use the smoking paraphernalia for some other purpose. "Smoking paraphernalia" shall also mean and include, in the broadest application possible, kits that are used, intended for use, or designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing or harvesting any species of plant which is a controlled substance, or from which a controlled substance can be derived from the manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing or preparing of a controlled substance. "Smoking paraphernalia" does not include lighters, matches, cigarette holders, and devices used to store or preserve tobacco, tobacco cigarettes, cigarette papers or cigars, nor does it include e-cigarette, e-pipe and e-cigar devices or their respective components including but not limited to the atomizer unit, liquid nicotine reservoir or nicotine cartridge tank, and cartomizer.

**This use would be listed within each commercial or mixed-use district as a non-permitted use.**



## Pawnshops

Add a new Section.

### Section 24-525. Pawnshop Regulations.

The following general conditions for pawnshops shall apply regardless of whether the pawnshop is to be construed as a permitted use or a specific use. A pawnshop shall not be located within one hundred (100) feet of any residential property, measured from the closest point on the property line of the residential property to the closest point of any property in use as a pawnshop or containing such use.

## Sexually Oriented Business

Existing Section (o) (3) to be deleted.

Sec. 24-1101. - Definitions.

As used in this Article, the following words and terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section, unless the context of their usage clearly indicates another meaning:

- (a) *Achromatic*. Colorless, lacking in saturation or hue. Without limitation, gray shall be included, but white and black shall be excluded from the definition of achromatic.
- (b) *Adult bookstore*. An establishment whose primary business is the offering to customers of books, magazines, films or videotapes CDs, DVDs (whether for viewing off-premises or on-premises by use of electronic media image-producing devices), periodicals, or other printed or pictorial materials which are intended to provide sexual stimulation or sexual gratification to such customers, and which are distinguished by or characterized by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to specified sexual activities, or specified anatomical areas.
- (c) *Adult cabaret*. An establishment whose primary business is the offering to customers of live entertainment which is intended to provide sexual stimulation or sexual gratification to such customers, and which is distinguished by or characterized by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to specified sexual activities, or specified anatomical areas.
- (d) *Adult encounter parlor*. An establishment whose primary business is the provision of premises where customers either congregate, associate, or consort with employees who engage in specified sexual activities with or in the presence of such customers, or who display specified anatomical areas in the presence of such customers, with the intent of providing sexual stimulation or sexual gratification to such customers.
- (e) *Adult lounge*. An adult cabaret, as defined above, which is a permitted or licensed premises, pursuant to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code, where alcoholic beverages may be served or sold.
- (f) *Adult modeling studio*. An establishment whose primary business is the provision to customers of figure models who are so provided with the intent of providing sexual stimulation or sexual gratification to such customers and who engage in specified sexual activities or display specified anatomical areas while being observed, painted, painted upon, sketched, drawn, sculptured, photographed, or otherwise depicted by such customers.
- (g) *Adult movie theater*. An establishment, containing a room with tiers or rows of seats facing a screen, or projection area, whose primary business is the exhibition to customers of electronic media which are intended to provide sexual stimulation or sexual gratification to such customers and which are distinguished by or characterized by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas.
- (h) *Applicant*. The applicant for a permit shall be the intended operator of the enterprise.
- (i) *Church*. A building, whether situated within the City or not, in which persons regularly assemble for religious worship intended primarily for purposes connected with such worship or for propagating a particular form of religious belief.
- (j) *Commercial multi-unit center*. A building or structure (including a shopping mall or strip shopping center) containing three (3) or more separate premises, each of which is offered by lease or otherwise for separate occupancy or control and each of which occupies an enclosed area having its own door or entrance way opening onto public property, a public way, or a common area.
- (k) *Conduct any business in an enterprise*. Any person who does any one (1) or more of the following shall be deemed to be conducting business in an enterprise:



- (1) Operates a cash register, cash drawer or other depository on the enterprise premises where cash funds or records of credit card or other credit transactions generated in any manner by the operation of the establishment or the activities conducted therein are kept;
  - (2) Displays or takes orders from any customer for any merchandise, goods, entertainment or other services offered on the enterprise premises;
  - (3) Delivers or provides to any customer any merchandise, goods, entertainment or other services offered on the enterprise premises;
  - (4) Acts as a door attendant to regulate entry of customers or other persons into the enterprise premises; or
  - (5) Supervises or manages other persons in the performance of any of the foregoing activities on the enterprise premises.
- (l) *Customer.* Any person who:
- (1) Is allowed to enter a regulated establishment in return for the payment of an admission fee or any other form of consideration or gratuity; or
  - (2) Enters a regulated establishment and purchases, rents or otherwise partakes of any merchandise, goods, entertainment or other services offered therein; or
  - (3) Is a member of and on the premises of a regulated establishment operating as a private club.
- (m) *Director.* The Chief of Police and such employee(s) of the police department as he may designate to perform the duties of the Director under this Article.
- (n) *Employee.* Any person who renders any service whatsoever to the customers of a regulated establishment or who works in or about a regulated establishment and who receives compensation for such service or work from the operator or owner of the regulated establishment or from the customers therein.
- (o) *Enterprise.* An adult cabaret, adult encounter parlor, adult lounge, adult modeling studio, or any establishment whose primary business is the offering of a service or the selling, renting or exhibiting of devices or any other items intended to provide sexual stimulation or sexual gratification to its customers, and which is distinguished by or characterized by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas. The term "enterprise" shall not be construed to include:
- (1) Any business operated by or employing licensed psychologists, licensed physical therapists, licensed athletic trainers, licensed cosmetologists, or licensed barbers performing functions authorized under the licenses held;
  - (2) Any business operated by or employing licensed physicians or licensed chiropractors engaged in practicing the healing arts; or
  - ~~(3) Any retail establishment whose primary business is the offering of wearing apparel for sale to customers.~~
- (p) *Entertainment.* Any act or performance, such as a play, skit, reading, revue, pantomime, scene, song, dance, musical rendition or striptease, whether performed by employees, agents, contractors, or customers. The term "entertainment" shall also mean bartenders, waiters, waitresses, or other employees exposing specified anatomical areas or engaging in specified sexual activities in the presence of customers.
- (q) *Exterior portion.* Any part of the physical structure of a regulated establishment, including a wall, veneer, door, fence, roof, roof covering, or window, which is visible from any public way or public property.
- (r) *Licensed day-care center.* A facility licensed by the State of Texas, whether situated within the city or not, that provides care, training, education, custody, treatment or supervision for children

under fourteen (14) years of age, where such children are not related by blood, marriage or adoption to the owner or operator of the facility, for less than twenty-four (24) hours a day, regardless of whether or not the facility is operated for a profit or charges for the services it offers.

- (s) *Operator.* The manager or other natural person principally in charge of a regulated establishment.
- (t) *Owner or owners.* Owner or owners shall mean the proprietor if a sole proprietorship, all partners (general and limited) if a partnership, or all officers, directors, and persons holding ten percent or more of the outstanding shares of a corporation. The term "owner" shall not include any such person who has given to the operator a statement under oath that he does not desire to be listed on the permit application and that he waives any right to any notice that is required or permitted to be given under this Article.
- (u) *Permit.* A current, valid permit issued by the Director pursuant to the terms of this Article to an operator for an enterprise.
- (v) *Regulated establishment.* Any enterprise, adult bookstore, or adult movie theater, as defined herein.
- (w) *Residential.* Pertaining to the use of land, whether situated within the City or not, for premises such as homes, town homes, patio homes, mobile homes, duplexes, condominiums and apartment complexes, which contain habitable rooms for non-transient occupancy and which are designed primarily for living, sleeping, cooking, and eating therein. A premises which is designed primarily for living, sleeping, cooking and eating therein shall be deemed to be residential in character unless it is actually occupied and used exclusively for other purposes. Hotels, motels, boardinghouses, nursing homes, hospitals, and nursery schools shall not be considered to be residential.
- (x) *School.* A building, whether situated within the City or not, where persons regularly assemble for the purpose of instruction or education together with the playgrounds, stadium and other structures or grounds used in conjunction therewith. The term is limited to:
  - (1) Public and private schools used for primary or secondary education, in which any regular kindergarten or grades one (1) through twelve (12) classes are taught; and
  - (2) Special educational facilities in which students who have physical or learning disabilities receive specialized education in lieu of attending regular classes in kindergarten or any of grades one (1) through twelve (12).

**Amendment to Sec.24-536 Corridor Mixed Use District (CMU), B. Uses, (1) Permitted Uses**

(c) Commercial uses as follows, not to include any drive-in or drive-through facilities without Specific Use Permit approval, or head shops.

**Amendment to Sec. 24-537 Urban Village-Downtown (UVD), B. Uses, (1) Permitted Uses**

(d) Commercial uses as follows, not to include any drive-in or drive-through facilities without Specific Use Permit approval, or head shops.

**Amendment to Sec. 24-547 Urban Village (TOD) District (UVT), B. Uses, (4) Prohibited Uses, by adding a new prohibited Use.**

o) head shops.





## CITY OF BELLAIRE

Planning and Zoning Commission

March 16, 2017

To: Mayor and City Council  
 From: Win Frazier, Chairman, Planning & Zoning Commission  
 CC: John McDonald, Director of Community Development  
 Subject: Report and Recommendation on proposed amendments to the City of Bellaire's Code of Ordinances with regard to the use and allowance of Pawn Shops, Head Shops, and Sexually Oriented Businesses within the City.

On February 14, 2017, the Planning & Zoning Commission held a public hearing on proposed amendments to the City of Bellaire Code of Ordinances, Chapter 24, Planning and Zoning, to amend Article II, Definitions and Interpretation, Section 24-202, to include a new definition for "head shops," and to prohibit the allowance of such use within the Corridor Mixed Use (CMU), Urban Village TOD (UVT), and Urban Village Downtown (UVD) Zoning Districts; for the addition of a new section 24-526 within Article V, Zoning Regulations, regarding pawn shop regulations and allowances within the City; and to repeal and replace the language within Article XI, Sexually Oriented Businesses, Section 24-1101, Definitions, (o) (3). The amendment was brought forward by the Director of Development Services, based on a request from City Council.

On January 31, 2017 a legal notice was published in the Southwest News inviting any and all persons desiring to be heard in connection with the proposed code amendments to speak before the Commission. Two (2) members of the public spoke during the public hearing. There were no objections to the proposal, but the following concerns were voiced:

- Notices were not mailed out to the City, as a whole
- Proposed distance of 100 feet from pawn shops to residential is not enough
- Include shorter definitions of "head shop", "pawn shop," and "sexually oriented business"

No additional written comments were received.

Questions raised by the Commissioners were as follows:

- Is the 100 foot distance requirement between a pawn shop and a residential property adequate?
- Should a retail establishment where a minimum of sixty (60) percent of gross revenues are generated from the sale of wearing apparel be excluded from the definition of "Sexually Oriented Business?" **(Section 24-1011, Definitions, (o) (3) of the proposed language)**

## CONSIDERATION

The item was on the agenda for consideration at the Commission's March 14, 2017 meeting. In response to concerns raised by the residents, as well as the Commission, staff prepared a map that showed where pawn shops would not be allowed based on a 100 foot distance requirement from a residential property, versus a 200 foot distance requirement. In reviewing the map, the Commission felt that the minimum distance of 100 feet was adequate to protect residential properties. In regard to the concerns over Section 24-1011, Definitions, (o) (3) of the proposed language, Assistant City Attorney, Zach Petrov, informed the Commission that striking that exclusion from the definition of "Sexually Oriented Business" would not cause any legal implications for the City. He added that in doing so, the use would not be excluded, but simply held to higher regulations. The Commission felt that the exclusion should not be included and voted to strike Section 24-1011 (o) (3) from the proposed language.

## RECOMMENDATION

After due consideration and discussion, the Commission found that the proposed amendments to Chapter 24 of the Code of Ordinances, as revised by the Commission, were necessary in order to further regulate the allowance and use of pawn shops, head shops, and sexually oriented businesses within the City of Bellaire. Based on these findings, the Commission voted 7-0 to recommend approval of the code amendments to City Council.

## VOTE OF THE COMMISSION

### Members present and voting FOR this recommendation to City Council:

Mike Axelrad, Win Frazier, Jonathan Saikin, Lynne Skinner, Marc Steinberg, Dirk Stiggins, Bill Thorogood

### Members present and voting AGAINST this recommendation to City Council:

None.

### Members Absent:

None.

## Planning and Zoning Commission

City Council Chambers, First Floor of  
City Hall  
Bellaire, TX 77401



Meeting: 03/14/17 06:00 PM  
Department: Development Services  
Category: Code Amendment  
Department Head: John McDonald  
DOC ID: 2215

### ADOPTED ACTION ITEM (ID # 2215)

#### Item Title:

Consideration of proposed amendments to the City of Bellaire Code of Ordinances, Chapter 24, Planning and Zoning, to amend Article II, Definitions and Interpretation, Section 24-202, to include a new definition for "head shops," and to prohibit the allowance of such use within the Corridor Mixed Use (CMU), Urban Village TOD (UVT), and Urban Village Downtown (UVD) Zoning Districts; for the addition of a new section 24-526 within Article V, Zoning Regulations, regarding pawn shop regulations and allowances within the City; and to repeal and replace the language within Article XI, Sexually Oriented Businesses, Section 24-1101, Definitions, (o) (3).

#### Background/Summary:

At the February 14 meeting, a public hearing was held on proposed amendments to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 24, Planning and Zoning to further regulate the following business types: pawn shops, head shops, and sexually oriented businesses. These amendments were drafted by the City Attorney's Office.

Pawnshops - a new regulation is proposed requiring a minimum distance of 100 feet between such businesses and a residential property.

- As previously requested, City staff has prepared a map (included in your packet) to show which properties would be affected by a 100 foot distance versus a 200 foot distance.

Head shops - a definition will be added and the use will be prohibited in the Urban Village TOD, Urban Village Downtown, and the Corridor Mixed Use Districts.

Sexually Oriented Businesses - Under the definition of Enterprise, the allowance of a retail establishment to be excluded from the SOB requirements will be better defined by replacing the term "primary business" with a minimum of 60% of gross sales.

- There was a question regarding deleting the third item under O) Enterprise referencing retail establishments. The City Attorney states that this item can be removed if the Commission so desires.

#### Recommendation:

The Director of Development Services recommends approval of the ordinances as presented.

#### COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mr. McDonald informed the Commission that this is the consideration item for the public hearing that was held at the February 14th meeting with regard to the allowance and use of pawn shops, head shops, and sexually oriented businesses (SOBs). He mentioned that there was a conversation during the public hearing regarding whether or not the proposed 100

foot buffer from a pawn shop to a residential property was adequate, and stated that staff had created a map to show the difference between a 100 foot and a 200 foot regulation. Mr. McDonald pointed out that the language specifically refers to a parcel of land, not the location of the actual business, therefore, he felt as though the 100 foot regulation would be adequate. He added that there was also a discussion about striking Section 24-1011, Definitions, (o) (3) in the language regarding SOBs, which would remove the exclusion of "any retail establishment where a minimum of sixty (60) percent of gross revenues are generated from the sale of wearing apparel to customers" from the definition of "enterprise." He mentioned that per the City Attorney, the deletion of this would not cause any legal implications for the City.

An original motion was put on the table by Commissioner Steinberg and seconded by Vice Chairman Stiggins to approve the amendment to the code.

Vice Chairman Stiggins asked what the legal nuances of striking Section 24-1011, Definitions, (o) (3) would be.

Attorney Petrov and Mr. McDonald explained that the deletion of that exclusion will not exclude the use, but simply hold it to higher regulations. Mr. McDonald added that the regulations are made stronger by taking that language out and allows staff to interpret whether or not a business would be considered a sexually oriented business, without having to calculate the percentage of sales on clothing items.

An amended motion was then made by Commissioner Saikin and seconded by Commissioner Axelrad to strike Section 24-1011, Definitions, (o) (3) in the language regarding SOBs.

Vote on the amended motion: 7-0.

Vote on the original motion to approved the proposed amendments, as revised: 7-0.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Proposed amendments-Head shops, pawn shops, SOBs (PDF)
- Code Amendment - Chapter 24 - Headshops etc (PDF)
- Pawn Shop Restriction to Residential 200 vs 100 (PDF)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Marc Steinberg, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Dirk Stiggins, Vice Chairman
<b>AYES:</b>	Saikin, Axelrad, Frazier, Thorogood, Steinberg, Stiggins, Skinner

Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Thorogood stated that he appreciates and respects Mrs. Wolf's letter, but wanted to point out that this was an inaccurate statement.

**Motion:** a motion was made by Commissioner Thorogood and seconded by Commissioner Skinner to close the public hearing.

**Vote:** the motion carried on a unanimous vote of 7-0.

The public hearing was closed at 7:20 PM.

#### V. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Persons at the meeting who have indicated their desire to be heard on matters of general interest to the Commission by submitting the form provided shall have three minutes to present their comments. The Commission is not permitted to fully discuss, debate, or consider subjects for which public notice has not been given on the agenda. Issues that cannot be referred to staff for action, may be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

There were no general public comments.

#### VI. CURRENT BUSINESS (ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Chairman Frazier, with consent from the rest of the Commission, moved Current Business item #3 up to be discussed first.

1. Consideration of proposed amendments to the City of Bellaire Code of Ordinances, Chapter 24, Planning and Zoning, to amend Article II, Definitions and Interpretation, Section 24-202, to include a new definition for "head shops," and to prohibit the allowance of such use within the Corridor Mixed Use (CMU), Urban Village TOD (UVT), and Urban Village Downtown (UVD) Zoning Districts; for the addition of a new section 24-526 within Article V, Zoning Regulations, regarding pawn shop regulations and allowances within the City; and to repeal and replace the language within Article XI, Sexually Oriented Businesses, Section 24-1101, Definitions, (o) (3).

Mr. McDonald informed the Commission that this is the consideration item for the public hearing that was held at the February 14th meeting with regard to the allowance and use of pawn shops, head shops, and sexually oriented businesses (SOBs). He mentioned that there was a conversation during the public hearing regarding whether or not the proposed 100 foot buffer from a pawn shop to a residential property was adequate, and stated that staff had created a map to show the difference between a 100 foot and a 200 foot regulation. Mr. McDonald pointed out that the language specifically refers to a parcel of land, not the location of the actual business, therefore, he felt as though the 100 foot regulation would be adequate. He added that there was also a discussion about striking Section 24-1011, Definitions, (o) (3) in the language regarding SOBs, which would remove the exclusion of "any retail establishment where a minimum of sixty (60) percent of gross revenues are generated from the sale of wearing apparel to customers" from the definition of "enterprise." He mentioned that per the City Attorney, the deletion of this would not cause any legal implications for the City.

An original motion was put on the table by Commissioner Steinberg and seconded by Vice Chairman Stiggins to approve the amendment to the code.

Vice Chairman Stiggins asked what the legal nuances of striking Section 24-1011, Definitions, (o) (3) would be.

Attorney Petrov and Mr. McDonald explained that the deletion of that exclusion will not exclude the use, but simply hold it to higher regulations. Mr. McDonald added that the regulations are made stronger by taking that language out and allows staff to interpret whether or not a business would be considered a sexually oriented business, without having to calculate the percentage of sales on clothing items.

An amended motion was then made by Commissioner Saikin and seconded by Commissioner Axelrad to strike Section 24-1011, Definitions, (o) (3) in the language regarding SOBs.

Vote on the amended motion: 7-0.

Vote on the original motion to approved the proposed amendments, as revised: 7-0.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Marc Steinberg, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Dirk Stiggins, Vice Chairman
<b>AYES:</b>	Saikin, Axelrad, Frazier, Thorogood, Steinberg, Stiggins, Skinner

2. Approval of the Planning and Zoning Commission's Report and Recommendation to City Council on proposed amendments to Chapter 24, with regard to the use and allowance of pawn shops, head shops, and sexually oriented businesses.

Mr. McDonald informed the Commission that a paragraph will be added on the Commission's decision to strike Section 24-1011, Definitions, (o) (3) of the proposed language in the regulations regarding SOBs.

Chairman Frazier stated that he will then sign the final and have staff send it out to the rest of the Commission.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Marc Steinberg, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Axelrad, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Saikin, Axelrad, Frazier, Thorogood, Steinberg, Stiggins, Skinner

3. Review and discussion of the City Manager's proposed draft of the 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Plan, under the authority given in City Ordinance Chapter 24-402 ,with consideration given to projects outlined within the Comprehensive Plan and Beautification Conceptual Master Plan.

Mr. McDonald explained that the Commission had previously been presented with the 2018-2022 Draft Capital Improvement Plan. He stated that additionally, this year the Commission has the pleasure of considering projects outlined in the Terrain Studios Beautification Master Plan. Mr. McDonald informed the Commission that staff went through the Master Plan and took out the six items of "low hanging fruit", along with other suggested projects that were between 1 and 5 years. He added that those projects, along with their estimated costs, have been included in the CIP for the Commission's consideration. Mr. McDonald stated that Michelle Jordan is present to answer any questions that the Commission might have, and the Commission's final recommendation will be made at the April meeting.

## Planning and Zoning Commission

City Council Chambers, First Floor of  
City Hall  
Bellaire, TX 77401



Meeting: 02/14/17 06:00 PM  
Department: Development Services  
Category: Public Hearing  
Department Head: John McDonald  
DOC ID: 2188

**SCHEDULED  
PUBLIC HEARING (ID #  
2188)**

### Item Title:

Public hearing on proposed amendments to the City of Bellaire Code of Ordinances, Chapter 24, Planning and Zoning, to amend Article II, Definitions and Interpretation, Section 24-202, to include a new definition for "head shops," and to prohibit the allowance of such use within the Corridor Mixed Use (CMU), Urban Village TOD (UVT), and Urban Village Downtown (UVD) Zoning Districts; for the addition of a new section 24-526 within Article V, Zoning Regulations, regarding pawn shop regulations and allowances within the City; and to repeal and replace the language within Article XI, Sexually Oriented Businesses, Section 24-1101, Definitions, (o) (3).

### Background/Summary:

A public hearing is scheduled on proposed amendments to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 24, Planning and Zoning, to further regulate the following business types: pawn shops, head shops, and sexually oriented businesses. These amendments, drafted through the City Attorney's Office, were originally presented to the Commission at the January 2017 meeting.

Pawnshops - a new regulation is proposed requiring a minimum distance of 100 feet between such businesses and a residential property.

Head shops - a definition will be added and the use will be prohibited in the Urban Village TOD, Urban Village Downtown, and the Corridor Mixed Use Districts.

Sexually Oriented Businesses - Under the definition of Enterprise, the allowance of a retail establishment to be excluded from the SOB requirements will be better defined by replacing the term "primary business" with a minimum of 60% of gross sales.

### Recommendation:

No recommendation is warranted at this time. This item is tentatively scheduled for consideration at the March 14 Commission meeting.

### ATTACHMENTS:

- Proposed Amendments, Zoning-Headshops, Pawnshops, SOBs (PDF)
- Code Amendment - Chapter 24 - Headshops etc (DOCX)

Attachment: P&Z Public Hearing (2229 : PH-Zoning Amendments for Pawn shops)



Public hearing on proposed amendments to the City of Bellaire Code of Ordinances, Chapter 24, Planning and Zoning, to amend Article II, Definitions and Interpretation, Section 24-202, to include a new definition for "head shops," and to prohibit the allowance of such use within the Corridor Mixed Use (CMU), Urban Village TOD (UVT), and Urban Village Downtown (UVD) Zoning Districts; for the addition of a new section 24-526 within Article V, Zoning Regulations, regarding pawn shop regulations and allowances within the City; and to repeal and replace the language within Article XI, Sexually Oriented Businesses, Section 24-1101, Definitions, (o) (3).

#### **A. Presentation of the Public Hearing Process**

Mr. McDonald explained the public hearing procedures to the public, and added that the "staff findings" would be included in the "presentation by the applicant."

#### **B. Presentation by the Applicant**

Mr. McDonald explained that the proposed amendments are from staff, based on a request from City Council. He added that Council asked that the Commission take a look at the use and allowance of pawn shops, head shops, and credit access businesses. Mr. McDonald stated that based on a recommendation from the City Attorney, regulations of credit access businesses will not be amended for the time being. He mentioned that during discussions of these uses, the Commission decided that it would be appropriate to also take a look at the regulation of sexually oriented businesses (SOBs). Mr. McDonald explained that the proposed amendments for pawn shops includes a new regulation to require a minimum distance of 100 feet of such business from a residential property. He mentioned that at the previous meeting, Commissioner Stiggins asked that staff provide the Commission with a map which shows where in the City pawn shops would not be allowed, based on this regulation. Mr. McDonald explained that the City's GIS staff member recently had a medical emergency and has been out of the office, therefore, the map has not been completed but staff hopes to have it finalized before consideration of this item at the next meeting. He added that a definition of "head shops" was added, which are shops that specialize in pipes, and other paraphernalia used in illegal activities. Mr. McDonald stated that the proposed amendments also specifically prohibit the use within the UV-T, UV-D, and CMU zoning districts, which effectively prohibits the allowance of head shops within Bellaire. Mr. McDonald then explained that the proposed language for an SOB includes the definition of what an enterprise is, which regulates what is actually governed by the SOB ordinance. He added that the definition has some exemptions, one of which being if the gross revenues are primarily clothing oriented. Mr. McDonald stated that this exemption has been strengthened to exclude "any retail establishment where a minimum of sixty (60) percent of gross revenues are generated from the sale of wearing apparel to customers. Items generally considered to be shoes or accessories are specifically not apparel."

#### **C. Staff Findings**

Please see "Presentation by the Applicant."

#### **D. Public Comments**

1. Persons at the meeting who have indicated their desire to address the Commission by submitting the form provided shall have three (3) minutes each to present comments concerning the Application. This time limit may be extended to five (5) minutes at the discretion of the Chair with the consent of the Commission.



**Catherine Lewis**-Ms. Lewis stated that she lives very close to the areas of the City that these amendments would impact, and she is concerned by the fact that no letters were mailed out about the public hearing. She also mentioned the 100 foot offset for a pawn shop is barely a lot size, and could essentially mean that one would be allowed in the backyard of people who live on Saxon Street.

**Lynn McBee**-Ms. McBee commended the city's attorney for managing to come up with draft language regarding issues such as these that are ever-changing. She stated that she finds that the American attempt to try and limit human conduct and behavior is an ever-challenging effort. She added that she has no objection to the proposal, and asked if the objective is to ban each of these uses within residential zones, and if so, state it as such. "If you are going to ban it, then ban it, make it 1,000 feet, and if that puts them out of the City limit then so be it." She also questioned where parks would fall into this equation, and stated that there should be a shorter definition of the three. Ms. McBee asked that staff make sure that the minutes are reflective of the public hearing proceedings, as the purpose of the public hearing is to inform, not to obscure.

#### **E. Rebuttal by the Applicant**

Mr. McDonald stated that cities are not allowed to ban or zone out pawn shops, and that they are heavily regulated by the state. Therefore, the City is doing what it can, legally, to further regulate these types of businesses and provide some distance between them and residential areas. Mr. McDonald and Attorney Petrov mentioned that enforcing a distance of 1,000 feet would effectively be zoning them out, which would be illegal. He mentioned that the state regulates how many pawn shops can be located within a certain distance of each other, and the fact that there are already two within the City would prohibit any more coming in. However, if one were to close then the proposed regulations would limit the areas where a new one would be allowed to locate. Mr. McDonald explained that there was a legal notice published in the paper regarding the public hearing, however, mail outs are not required for code amendments that affect the entire City.

#### **F. Questions from the Commission**

Vice Chairman Stiggins mentioned that he recently heard about cases in Houston involving some sort of salt that was being ingested. He added that his understanding was that whoever was producing the substance was continuously changing the chemical make up in an effort to stay just ahead of the law. He asked if the proposed regulations on head shops would cover this type of substance as well.

Attorney Petrov stated that substances of that nature would also be covered and read part of the proposed language which states, "or other substance or chemical that mimics the effect of THC, such as synthetic cannabinoids or other controlled substances..."

Mr. McDonald also mentioned that Bellaire has zoning ordinances that would help to regulate those types of things as well.

Commissioner Saikin stated that although the allowance for retail within the sexually oriented business (SOB) regulations has been increased to 60%, he would like to see it be even more restrictive and asked if there would be anything prohibiting the City from removing this exception all together.

Attorney Petrov explained that in making it more restrictive, it could potentially impact other types of businesses, such as, swim suit or lingerie shops. He added that 60%

would be a hard number to reach, especially with the exclusion of shoes and accessories.

Mr. McDonald mentioned a business that was briefly located within Bellaire, and was allowed to open closer to residential than a typical SOB due to the fact that over 50% of their profits were retail. He added however that shoes were included in that calculation and there would have been no way that they would have made it to the 50% without the allowance for footwear.

Commissioner Saikin stated that he would hate for a questionable business to get approved based on this exception, and added that he would be in favor of eliminating the allowance all together.

Mr. McDonald mentioned that there are stores, such as Fredericks of Hollywood, that in some people's eyes are viewed as being a sexually oriented business. He added that in an effort to move away from the moral judgment, a standard can be set to determine if it was in fact an SOB.

Commissioner Saikin stated that he would be comfortable with excluding a Fredericks and taking that risk.

Mr. McDonald stated that staff and the City Attorney can take a look at the possibility of eliminating that exception before the consideration of the item in March.

Commissioner Axelrad pointed out that by eliminating that exception the City wouldn't be outlawing the use, there would just be stricter regulations.

Mr. McDonald agreed that it would still be an allowable use, the business owner would just have to follow the greater restrictions regarding distance limitations and registering with the state. He added that today's staff interpretation would be that a swim suit shop would not be an SOB.

Commissioner Axelrad agreed with Commissioner Saikin that there is not a lot at stake by taking that exception out all together.

Chairman Frazier asked if the head shop regulations would also cover e-cigarettes, or if language could be added that would do so.

Attorney Petrov mentioned that the current regulations do not deal with e-cigarettes, but that it may be possible to add language that does. However, he also pointed out that many cigar shops and gas stations sell e-cigarettes. Attorney Petrov stated that he could look into the options before the next meeting.

Chairman Frazier suggested that the proposed amendments for pawn shops also include a restriction on the minimum distance that a second hand store can be located from a pawn shop.

Commissioner Axelrad stated that you would need to be careful with the definition so as not to impact consignment stores as well.

Chairman Frazier explained that he is not trying to ban second hand stores all together, he just wondered if they should be allowed to be within a close distance of a pawn shop, which is essentially used for the same purpose.

Commissioner Axelrad felt that pawn shops and second hand stores are two different things.

Chairman Frazier explained that his reasoning behind the suggestion is to limit the avenues that burglars would have to sell goods that they have stolen in the area.

Vice Chairman Stiggins questioned whether that would also impact the Catholic second hand store, as well as Goodwill.

Chairman Frazier also suggested that the definition of a sexually oriented business include "any establishment, such as a regular and substantial course of conduct that provides or allows performers, models, or employees to appear in any place in lingerie or non-regular clothing."

Mr. McDonald pointed out that the definition of sexually oriented business is not actually listed as part of the public hearing, only the enterprise section is under consideration. Therefore, an additional hearing would need to be called in order to amend the definition language.

Commissioner Saikin mentioned that he would also be in favor of amending the sign regulations to prohibit certain pawn shop window signage.

Mr. McDonald mentioned that there is currently a regulation in place for commercial businesses allowing for 20% of the window to be signage of a certain square footage. He also stated that the City will be taking a look at the sign ordinance in the near future due to some recently passed legislation, and staff could potentially include an amendment within those changes that deals with signage for pawn shops. He pointed out that it would be hard to have separate regulations for pawn shops when compared to other commercial properties.

Commissioner Saikin felt that it would be beneficial to add regulations dealing with the signage to the proposed pawn shop language.

Mr. McDonald and Attorney Petrov stated that they would look into the best way to do that.

#### **G. Invitation for Written Comments, if applicable**

Mr. McDonald stated that written comments will be accepted until March 8th, at 5:00 PM.

#### **H. Closure of the Public Hearing**

Motion: a motion was made by Commissioner Skinner and seconded by Commissioner Thorogood to close the public hearing.

Vote: the motion was passed with a vote of 7-0.

The public hearing was closed at 6:52 PM.

### **V. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A. Persons at the meeting who have indicated their desire to be heard on matters of general interest to the Commission by submitting the form provided shall have three minutes to present their comments. The

## Head Shops

Existing Section to be amended.

Section 24-202. - Definitions.

(83.5) *Head shops.* Any retail establishment open to the public that presents, displays, or offers for sale, distribution, or delivery, smoking paraphernalia items of any kind. "Smoking paraphernalia" shall mean paraphernalia, devices, or instruments, including but not limited to pipes, bongs, and hookahs, that are designed or manufactured for the smoking, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing into the body "controlled substances" as defined by the Texas Controlled Substance Act, Health and Safety Code, ch. 481, as may be amended. "Smoking paraphernalia" shall also mean and include, in the broadest application possible, kits that are used, intended to be used, or commonly known to be used for the ingestion, inhalation, preparation, or injection of illegal substances, and include any device or instrument which has been fabricated, constructed, altered, adjusted, or marked especially for use in the smoking or ingestion of marijuana, hashish, cocaine, methamphetamine, any other "controlled substance," "controlled substance analogue," "synthetic controlled substance," or other substance or chemical that mimics the effect of THC such as synthetic cannabinoids or other controlled substances, or any other substance that violates local, state, or federal law, and is adapted for the purpose of smoking or ingesting by virtue of a distinctive feature or combination of features associated with drug paraphernalia, notwithstanding that it might also be possible to use the smoking paraphernalia for some other purpose. "Smoking paraphernalia" shall also mean and include, in the broadest application possible, kits that are used, intended for use, or designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing or harvesting any species of plant which is a controlled substance, or from which a controlled substance can be derived from the manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing or preparing of a controlled substance. "Smoking paraphernalia" does not include lighters, matches, cigarette holders, and devices used to store or preserve tobacco, tobacco cigarettes, cigarette papers or cigars, nor does it include e-cigarette, e-pipe and e-cigar devices or their respective components including but not limited to the atomizer unit, liquid nicotine reservoir or nicotine cartridge tank, and cartomizer.

**This use would be listed within each commercial or mixed-use district as a non-permitted use.**

## Pawnshops

Add a new Section.

### Section 24-525. Pawnshop Regulations.

The following general conditions for pawnshops shall apply regardless of whether the pawnshop is to be construed as a permitted use or a specific use. A pawnshop shall not be located within one hundred (100) feet of any residential property, measured from the closest point on the property line of the residential property to the closest point of any property in use as a pawnshop or containing such use.



## Sexually Oriented Business

Existing Section to be replaced.

Sec. 24-1101. - Definitions.

As used in this Article, the following words and terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section, unless the context of their usage clearly indicates another meaning:

- (a) *Achromatic*. Colorless, lacking in saturation or hue. Without limitation, gray shall be included, but white and black shall be excluded from the definition of achromatic.
- (b) *Adult bookstore*. An establishment whose primary business is the offering to customers of books, magazines, films or videotapes CDs, DVDs (whether for viewing off-premises or on-premises by use of electronic media image-producing devices), periodicals, or other printed or pictorial materials which are intended to provide sexual stimulation or sexual gratification to such customers, and which are distinguished by or characterized by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to specified sexual activities, or specified anatomical areas.
- (c) *Adult cabaret*. An establishment whose primary business is the offering to customers of live entertainment which is intended to provide sexual stimulation or sexual gratification to such customers, and which is distinguished by or characterized by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to specified sexual activities, or specified anatomical areas.
- (d) *Adult encounter parlor*. An establishment whose primary business is the provision of premises where customers either congregate, associate, or consort with employees who engage in specified sexual activities with or in the presence of such customers, or who display specified anatomical areas in the presence of such customers, with the intent of providing sexual stimulation or sexual gratification to such customers.
- (e) *Adult lounge*. An adult cabaret, as defined above, which is a permitted or licensed premises, pursuant to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code, where alcoholic beverages may be served or sold.
- (f) *Adult modeling studio*. An establishment whose primary business is the provision to customers of figure models who are so provided with the intent of providing sexual stimulation or sexual gratification to such customers and who engage in specified sexual activities or display specified anatomical areas while being observed, painted, painted upon, sketched, drawn, sculptured, photographed, or otherwise depicted by such customers.
- (g) *Adult movie theater*. An establishment, containing a room with tiers or rows of seats facing a screen, or projection area, whose primary business is the exhibition to customers of electronic media which are intended to provide sexual stimulation or sexual gratification to such customers and which are distinguished by or characterized by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas.
- (h) *Applicant*. The applicant for a permit shall be the intended operator of the enterprise.
- (i) *Church*. A building, whether situated within the City or not, in which persons regularly assemble for religious worship intended primarily for purposes connected with such worship or for propagating a particular form of religious belief.
- (j) *Commercial multi-unit center*. A building or structure (including a shopping mall or strip shopping center) containing three (3) or more separate premises, each of which is offered by lease or otherwise for separate occupancy or control and each of which occupies an enclosed area having its own door or entrance way opening onto public property, a public way, or a common area.
- (k) *Conduct any business in an enterprise*. Any person who does any one (1) or more of the following shall be deemed to be conducting business in an enterprise:

- (1) Operates a cash register, cash drawer or other depository on the enterprise premises where cash funds or records of credit card or other credit transactions generated in any manner by the operation of the establishment or the activities conducted therein are kept;
  - (2) Displays or takes orders from any customer for any merchandise, goods, entertainment or other services offered on the enterprise premises;
  - (3) Delivers or provides to any customer any merchandise, goods, entertainment or other services offered on the enterprise premises;
  - (4) Acts as a door attendant to regulate entry of customers or other persons into the enterprise premises; or
  - (5) Supervises or manages other persons in the performance of any of the foregoing activities on the enterprise premises.
- (l) *Customer*. Any person who:
- (1) Is allowed to enter a regulated establishment in return for the payment of an admission fee or any other form of consideration or gratuity; or
  - (2) Enters a regulated establishment and purchases, rents or otherwise partakes of any merchandise, goods, entertainment or other services offered therein; or
  - (3) Is a member of and on the premises of a regulated establishment operating as a private club.
- (m) *Director*. The Chief of Police and such employee(s) of the police department as he may designate to perform the duties of the Director under this Article.
- (n) *Employee*. Any person who renders any service whatsoever to the customers of a regulated establishment or who works in or about a regulated establishment and who receives compensation for such service or work from the operator or owner of the regulated establishment or from the customers therein.
- (o) *Enterprise*. An adult cabaret, adult encounter parlor, adult lounge, adult modeling studio, or any establishment whose primary business is the offering of a service or the selling, renting or exhibiting of devices or any other items intended to provide sexual stimulation or sexual gratification to its customers, and which is distinguished by or characterized by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas. The term "enterprise" shall not be construed to include:
- (1) Any business operated by or employing licensed psychologists, licensed physical therapists, licensed athletic trainers, licensed cosmetologists, or licensed barbers performing functions authorized under the licenses held;
  - (2) Any business operated by or employing licensed physicians or licensed chiropractors engaged in practicing the healing arts; or
  - (3) Any retail establishment ~~whose primary business~~ where a minimum of sixty (60) percent of gross revenues are generated from is the offering the sale of wearing apparel ~~for sale to~~ customers. Items generally considered to be shoes or accessories are specifically not apparel.
- (p) *Entertainment*. Any act or performance, such as a play, skit, reading, revue, pantomime, scene, song, dance, musical rendition or striptease, whether performed by employees, agents, contractors, or customers. The term "entertainment" shall also mean bartenders, waiters, waitresses, or other employees exposing specified anatomical areas or engaging in specified sexual activities in the presence of customers.
- (q) *Exterior portion*. Any part of the physical structure of a regulated establishment, including a wall, veneer, door, fence, roof, roof covering, or window, which is visible from any public way or public property.



- (r) *Licensed day-care center.* A facility licensed by the State of Texas, whether situated within the city or not, that provides care, training, education, custody, treatment or supervision for children under fourteen (14) years of age, where such children are not related by blood, marriage or adoption to the owner or operator of the facility, for less than twenty-four (24) hours a day, regardless of whether or not the facility is operated for a profit or charges for the services it offers.
- (s) *Operator.* The manager or other natural person principally in charge of a regulated establishment.
- (t) *Owner or owners.* Owner or owners shall mean the proprietor if a sole proprietorship, all partners (general and limited) if a partnership, or all officers, directors, and persons holding ten percent or more of the outstanding shares of a corporation. The term "owner" shall not include any such person who has given to the operator a statement under oath that he does not desire to be listed on the permit application and that he waives any right to any notice that is required or permitted to be given under this Article.
- (u) *Permit.* A current, valid permit issued by the Director pursuant to the terms of this Article to an operator for an enterprise.
- (v) *Regulated establishment.* Any enterprise, adult bookstore, or adult movie theater, as defined herein.
- (w) *Residential.* Pertaining to the use of land, whether situated within the City or not, for premises such as homes, town homes, patio homes, mobile homes, duplexes, condominiums and apartment complexes, which contain habitable rooms for non-transient occupancy and which are designed primarily for living, sleeping, cooking, and eating therein. A premises which is designed primarily for living, sleeping, cooking and eating therein shall be deemed to be residential in character unless it is actually occupied and used exclusively for other purposes. Hotels, motels, boardinghouses, nursing homes, hospitals, and nursery schools shall not be considered to be residential.
- (x) *School.* A building, whether situated within the City or not, where persons regularly assemble for the purpose of instruction or education together with the playgrounds, stadium and other structures or grounds used in conjunction therewith. The term is limited to:
  - (1) Public and private schools used for primary or secondary education, in which any regular kindergarten or grades one (1) through twelve (12) classes are taught; and
  - (2) Special educational facilities in which students who have physical or learning disabilities receive specialized education in lieu of attending regular classes in kindergarten or any of grades one (1) through twelve (12).



## 2017 Bellaire Citizen Survey - Combined Results

The point estimates below reflect the combination of the survey's random sample results with those of the voluntary response group, and are reported at a 95% confidence level. The computed margin of error given the total number of random sample respondents is +/- 5%. As a visual aid for the interpretation the point estimates with respect to the margin of error, a variety of fonts are seen below. A **red** estimate represents a response with the highest percentage for a given question taking into account the margin of error (+/- 5%). A **bold red** estimate meets the same criteria and is above 50%. There are questions below for which no single estimate is the highest given the margin of error. In cases where there are two high value estimates with overlapping ranges, a **bold black** font was used. On questions where there are more than two higher value estimates with overlapping ranges, or the number of reponses (reported in the "n" column) is low, all estimates will appear in standard black font.

### GENERAL COMMUNITY QUESTIONS

1	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Bellaire:	n	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Very Poor	No Opinion
1a	Bellaire as a place to live	441	41.3%	<b>52.2%</b>	5.9%	0.5%	0.2%	0.0%
1b	Your neighborhood as a place to live	441	<b>41.7%</b>	<b>48.8%</b>	7.5%	1.8%	0.2%	0.0%
1c	Bellaire as a place to raise children	437	<b>45.5%</b>	<b>41.9%</b>	6.6%	0.0%	0.7%	5.3%
1d	Bellaire as a place to retire	438	18.7%	<b>27.9%</b>	<b>28.3%</b>	9.1%	3.4%	12.6%
1e	The overall quality of life in Bellaire	440	36.6%	<b>54.5%</b>	8.0%	0.5%	0.5%	0.0%
2	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Bellaire as a whole:	n	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Very Poor	No Opinion
2a	Sense of community	440	21.1%	<b>46.4%</b>	25.7%	4.8%	1.6%	0.5%
2b	Overall appearance of Bellaire	440	10.2%	<b>47.7%</b>	30.7%	10.0%	1.4%	0.0%
2c	Cleanliness of Bellaire	439	18.5%	<b>50.6%</b>	25.3%	4.8%	0.9%	0.0%
2d	Overall quality of new residential development in Bellaire	438	27.6%	<b>47.5%</b>	17.6%	1.1%	2.1%	4.1%
2e	Overall quality of new commerical development in Bellaire	439	3.6%	21.9%	<b>47.4%</b>	14.1%	3.6%	9.3%
2f	Variety of housing options	440	10.0%	<b>30.0%</b>	<b>33.6%</b>	16.8%	5.0%	4.5%
2g	Overall variety of quality business and service establishments in Bellaire	436	5.3%	23.9%	<b>44.7%</b>	20.6%	4.4%	1.1%
2h	Shopping opportunities	437	5.5%	13.0%	<b>38.0%</b>	<b>34.3%</b>	8.9%	0.2%
2i	Opportunities to attend cultural activities	436	6.9%	21.1%	<b>40.8%</b>	19.7%	5.3%	6.2%
2j	Recreational opportunities	439	14.1%	<b>42.6%</b>	30.8%	8.0%	1.4%	3.2%
2k	Educational opportunities	436	21.1%	<b>38.3%</b>	27.1%	3.0%	2.1%	8.5%
2l	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	440	10.7%	<b>37.0%</b>	<b>36.6%</b>	6.4%	2.0%	7.3%
2m	Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities	438	13.7%	30.4%	28.5%	3.2%	1.8%	22.4%
2n	Opportunities to volunteer	434	11.1%	27.9%	32.9%	7.6%	0.9%	19.6%
2o	Opportunities to participate in community matters	434	15.2%	<b>40.8%</b>	30.2%	4.4%	2.8%	6.7%
2p	Ease of car travel in Bellaire	438	25.8%	<b>42.9%</b>	25.1%	5.3%	0.7%	0.2%
2q	Ease of bus travel in Bellaire	434	4.6%	10.6%	14.3%	4.6%	2.3%	<b>63.6%</b>
2r	Ease of bicycle travel in Bellaire	439	4.3%	17.5%	28.5%	18.9%	11.2%	19.6%
2s	Ease of walking in Bellaire	436	14.2%	<b>29.6%</b>	<b>29.6%</b>	17.0%	8.9%	0.7%
2t	Availability of sidewalks, paths and walking trails	439	6.8%	24.4%	30.8%	23.0%	14.8%	0.2%
2u	Traffic flow on major streets	437	7.6%	28.1%	<b>52.4%</b>	8.5%	3.2%	0.2%
2v	Traffic flow on residential streets	436	13.8%	<b>33.5%</b>	<b>41.3%</b>	8.9%	1.8%	0.7%
2w	Amount of public parking	439	8.4%	23.5%	<b>41.2%</b>	10.3%	2.7%	13.9%
2x	Air quality	438	10.5%	26.5%	<b>45.2%</b>	7.3%	2.5%	8.0%
2y	Quality of overall natural environment in Bellaire	439	12.8%	<b>41.0%</b>	<b>33.5%</b>	8.4%	3.0%	1.4%
2z	Overall image or reputation of Bellaire	440	33.6%	<b>50.9%</b>	11.8%	3.0%	0.7%	0.0%

3	In the last year, about how many times per month have you or other household members participated in the following activities in Bellaire?	n	Never	Less than once per month	About once per month	2 to 3 times per month	More than 3 times per month	
3a	Used the Bellaire City Library or their services	441	42.0%	32.0%	14.7%	7.0%	4.3%	0
3b	Used Bellaire Recreation Centers	438	41.1%	34.0%	9.1%	5.3%	10.5%	0
3c	Participated in a recreation program or activity	440	53.2%	29.5%	6.8%	2.5%	8.0%	0
3d	Visited a neighborhood park or City park	437	12.1%	31.4%	16.9%	12.6%	27.0%	0
3e	Utilized METRO services within Bellaire	439	91.1%	5.2%	1.6%	1.1%	0.9%	0
3f	Attended a meeting of local elected officials or other local public meeting	439	53.5%	39.0%	6.2%	0.9%	0.5%	0
3g	Watched a meeting of local elected officials or other City-sponsored public meeting on cable television, the Internet or other media	437	70.7%	22.7%	4.8%	1.1%	0.7%	0
3h	Visited the City of Bellaire web site (www.bellairtex.gov)	437	7.6%	39.6%	36.6%	11.4%	4.8%	0
3i	Recycled used paper, cans or bottles from your home	440	3.0%	1.1%	3.0%	4.3%	88.6%	0
3j	Volunteered your time to a community group or activity (including City boards and commissions) in Bellaire	435	74.0%	14.5%	4.6%	2.3%	4.6%	0
3k	Participated in a club or civic group in Bellaire	437	76.7%	13.7%	4.6%	1.6%	3.4%	0
3l	Provided help to a friend or neighbor	438	3.0%	27.2%	32.2%	16.2%	21.5%	0
3m	About how often, if at all, do you talk to or visit with your immediate neighbors (people who live in the 3-5 households that are closest to you)	440	2.7%	13.6%	13.4%	19.3%	50.9%	0
4	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Bellaire:	n	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Very Poor	No Opinion
4a	Police services	441	62.1%	28.1%	7.3%	0.7%	0.5%	1.4%
4b	Fire services	437	60.0%	19.9%	2.3%	0.0%	0.2%	17.6%
4c	Ambulance or emergency medical services	440	48.9%	16.1%	2.3%	0.2%	0.2%	32.3%
4d	Crime prevention	437	26.5%	45.8%	16.0%	4.8%	2.1%	4.8%
4e	Fire prevention and education	437	22.9%	29.5%	10.8%	1.4%	0.5%	35.0%
4f	Traffic enforcement	438	26.5%	40.4%	17.6%	5.0%	2.3%	8.2%
4g	Street repair	439	8.0%	31.2%	32.6%	17.8%	10.0%	0.5%
4h	Street cleaning	439	14.1%	34.4%	34.2%	6.8%	5.7%	4.8%
4i	Sidewalk maintenance	440	6.1%	22.3%	34.3%	16.8%	11.1%	9.3%
4j	Traffic signal timing	437	8.7%	31.1%	43.7%	6.4%	4.8%	5.3%
4k	Garbage collection	438	53.2%	33.1%	12.3%	0.7%	0.7%	0.0%
4l	Recycling	439	54.4%	32.1%	9.8%	0.7%	0.7%	2.3%
4m	Storm drainage	435	6.7%	21.1%	31.3%	20.2%	19.5%	1.1%
4n	Drinking water	437	22.4%	34.1%	28.4%	5.5%	2.7%	6.9%
4o	Sanitary sewer services	438	24.2%	28.5%	31.3%	1.8%	2.5%	11.6%
4p	City Parks	437	27.0%	46.0%	20.1%	1.4%	0.7%	4.8%
4q	Recreation programs or classes	437	14.6%	26.1%	16.0%	3.2%	1.1%	38.9%
4r	Recreation Center or facilities	437	16.2%	32.7%	19.5%	7.1%	1.8%	22.7%
4s	Land use, planning and zoning	434	8.8%	30.4%	30.9%	12.2%	6.9%	10.8%
4t	Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	439	10.0%	30.3%	23.9%	10.7%	7.3%	17.8%
4u	Animal control	435	17.5%	31.7%	20.5%	2.5%	2.8%	25.1%
4v	Commercial development	436	3.0%	13.8%	35.1%	19.3%	8.9%	20.0%
4w	Services to seniors (BLIFE)	436	3.9%	6.9%	9.6%	2.8%	2.1%	74.8%
4x	Services to youth	437	11.9%	27.2%	13.5%	1.4%	0.9%	45.1%
4y	Public library services	439	16.4%	28.9%	19.1%	2.5%	0.9%	32.1%
4aa	Public information services	439	15.5%	32.6%	26.4%	4.8%	0.7%	20.0%
4ab	Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	435	17.0%	32.9%	23.4%	4.4%	1.8%	20.5%
4ac	Preservation of natural areas such as open space and greenbelts	437	14.0%	39.4%	27.0%	8.7%	3.7%	7.3%

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5	Please rate the following categories of Bellaire government performance:	n	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Very Poor	No Opinion
5a	The value of services for the taxes paid to Bellaire	438	8.0%	39.3%	37.9%	9.6%	4.1%	1.1%
5b	The overall direction that Bellaire is taking	436	7.8%	45.0%	31.7%	9.4%	2.5%	3.7%
5c	The job Bellaire government does at welcoming citizen involvement	435	10.8%	34.7%	25.7%	11.3%	3.9%	13.6%
6	Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following:	n	Very Likely	Somewhat Likely	Undecided	Somewhat Unlikely	Very Unlikely	
6a	Recommend living in Bellaire to someone who asks	437	67.0%	24.7%	5.0%	2.1%	1.1%	0
6b	Remain in Bellaire for the next five years	436	70.2%	18.1%	6.4%	3.0%	2.3%	0
6c	Remain in Bellaire for the next ten years	437	48.7%	22.7%	16.0%	7.1%	5.5%	0
7	Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	n	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Very Poor	No Opinion
7a	The City of Bellaire	434	27.4%	47.7%	20.7%	2.3%	1.4%	0.5%
7b	Harris County Government	435	2.8%	15.2%	54.5%	13.8%	5.5%	8.3%
7c	The State Government	434	1.4%	12.7%	42.4%	22.6%	12.2%	8.8%
7d	The Federal Government	434	2.3%	10.4%	40.6%	22.1%	15.2%	9.4%
7e	Public and private schools (Provided by HISD and others)	435	13.1%	41.1%	21.1%	9.2%	3.7%	11.7%
7f	Cable television	433	7.6%	21.5%	33.0%	12.9%	8.5%	16.4%
7g	Electric utility (Provided by CenterPoint)	432	19.4%	31.5%	39.1%	4.2%	1.9%	3.9%
7h	Natural Gas utility (Provided by CenterPoint)	429	23.3%	33.3%	36.1%	0.5%	0.7%	6.1%
7i	Street lighting (Provided by CenterPoint)	436	8.7%	22.9%	41.7%	18.1%	6.7%	1.8%
7j	Bus or transit services (provided by METRO)	437	4.6%	6.2%	16.2%	3.9%	3.0%	66.1%
8	If the City were to propose a budget and/or fee increase, to what extent you would support or oppose an increase in funding for each of the following?	n	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Undecided	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	
8a	General Administration (City Manager, City Clerk, etc)	439	4.1%	18.9%	33.5%	26.7%	16.9%	0
8b	Fire services	440	25.0%	40.7%	19.5%	9.5%	5.2%	0
8c	EMS services	436	28.4%	38.1%	19.3%	10.1%	4.1%	0
8d	Police services	439	44.6%	35.8%	10.9%	4.8%	3.9%	0
8e	Street maintenance	440	45.0%	39.1%	9.8%	2.7%	3.4%	0
8f	Solid Waste & Recycling services	438	26.0%	36.1%	22.1%	10.0%	5.7%	0
8g	Water & Wastewater services	436	30.5%	34.4%	23.6%	6.7%	4.8%	0
8h	Parks/recreation programs	431	22.7%	36.9%	24.4%	9.5%	6.5%	0
8i	Parks/recreation maintenance	434	30.9%	43.1%	16.1%	4.1%	5.8%	0
8j	Development Services/Code Enforcement services	435	16.3%	32.4%	34.0%	12.2%	5.1%	0
8k	City facilities	435	17.5%	38.2%	23.2%	13.8%	7.4%	0
8l	Library services	439	24.4%	32.8%	26.2%	10.3%	6.4%	0
8m	Senior center services (BLIFE)	439	16.9%	29.4%	41.0%	7.1%	5.7%	0
9	Why do you choose to live in Bellaire? (Please select up to three of the following choices)	n						
9a	Lived here all my life/grew up here	41/441	9%					
9b	Size of Community	85/441	19%					
9c	Proximity to Houston (shopping, medical, work, etc.)	329/441	74%					
9d	Family and friends nearby	99/441	22%					
9e	Attractive community appearance	59/441	13%					
9f	Public Safety	191/441	43%					
9g	Housing/Neighborhood options	113/441	26%					
9h	Parks & Open Spaces	38/441	9%					
9i	Quality of schools	137/441	31%					
9j	Other City of Bellaire services	36/441	8%					

**LIBRARY**

10	Have you had any in-person, phone or email contact with an employee of the Bellaire City Library over the last year?		n (439)	Yes (45.6%)	No (54.4%) (Skip to Next Question )				
	If so, how would you rate your most recent contact for the following:			Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Very Poor	No Opinion
10a	Knowledge		202	50.5%	31.7%	12.4%	2.0%	1.5%	2.0%
10b	Responsiveness		202	55.0%	23.8%	13.9%	5.4%	1.5%	0.5%
10c	Courtesy		202	60.9%	20.3%	14.9%	1.5%	1.0%	1.5%
10d	Overall impression		200	51.5%	28.0%	15.5%	3.5%	1.0%	0.5%
11	Have you or a member of your family used the programs or services offered by the City of Bellaire Library in the past year?		n (415)	Yes (34.2%)	No (65.8%) (Skip to Next Question )				
	If so, please rate the quality of the following services at the City of Bellaire			Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Very Poor	No Opinion
11a	Library hours		143	29.4%	38.5%	28.7%	2.8%	0.7%	0.0%
11b	Library resources (books, DVDs, audio books, e-books, magazines, etc.)		142	19.7%	34.5%	31.7%	10.6%	0.7%	2.8%
11c	Library programs		142	23.9%	30.3%	18.3%	1.4%	0.0%	26.1%
11d	Access to technology		143	18.2%	25.2%	30.1%	6.3%	0.0%	20.3%
11e	Library facilities & meeting rooms		143	16.1%	14.7%	28.7%	18.9%	3.5%	18.2%
11f	Employees ability to assist citizens in a prompt, helpful, and professional		142	47.2%	33.8%	12.7%	0.0%	2.1%	4.2%

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES/CODE ENFORCEMENT**

12	Have you had any in-person, phone or email contact with an employee of the Bellaire Development Services/Code Enforcement over the last year?		n (438)	Yes (23.1%)	No ( <b>76.9%</b> ) (Skip to Next Question )				
If so, how would you rate your most recent contact for the following:			n	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Very Poor	No Opinion
12a	Knowledge		104	22.1%	18.3%	34.6%	14.4%	9.6%	1.0%
12b	Responsiveness		105	22.9%	15.2%	21.9%	19.0%	21.0%	0.0%
12c	Courtesy		105	28.6%	21.0%	32.4%	7.6%	7.6%	2.9%
12d	Overall impression		105	21.0%	18.1%	27.6%	20.0%	12.4%	1.0%
13	Please rate the following items regarding your impressions of Development Services/Code Enforcement in the City of Bellaire		n	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Very Poor	No Opinion
13a	Overall effectiveness of Bellaire Code Enforcement in controlling for run down buildings, weed lots, or junk vehicles in Bellaire		394	8.9%	23.6%	25.9%	10.2%	4.8%	26.6%

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

14	Have you had any in-person, phone or email contact with an employee in the following areas over the last year? (If all are "No", Skip to Next Question )		n	Yes	No				
	14a	Utility Billing (Finance)	437	22.2%	77.8%				
	14b	Municipal Courts	428	14.7%	85.3%				
	14c	City Administration (including City Manager's Office)	429	19.1%	80.9%				
	14d	City Clerk	429	12.4%	87.6%				
If so, how would you rate your most recent contact for the following:			n	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Very Poor	No Opinion
14e	Knowledge	193	34.7%	34.2%	25.4%	3.1%	1.6%	1.0%	
14f	Responsiveness	194	37.1%	29.9%	22.7%	6.2%	3.6%	0.5%	
14g	Courtesy	194	46.4%	28.4%	21.1%	2.1%	2.1%	0.0%	
14h	Overall impression	193	40.4%	28.5%	24.4%	4.1%	2.6%	0.0%	
15	Please rate the following items regarding your impressions of the Administrative Services Departments in the City of Bellaire								
	Overall effectiveness of the department in responding to and assisting citizens in resolving problems		n	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Very Poor	No Opinion
	15a	Utility Billing (Finance)	425	13.4%	24.2%	17.2%	1.4%	1.2%	42.6%
	15b	Municipal Courts	422	6.4%	16.1%	12.1%	1.4%	0.7%	63.3%
	15c	City Administration (including City Manager's Office)	421	7.4%	19.7%	15.7%	3.1%	2.6%	51.5%
	15d	City Clerk	420	9.3%	14.3%	12.1%	1.0%	0.5%	62.9%
	Employees assist citizens in a prompt, helpful and professional manner.		n	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Very Poor	No Opinion
	15e	Utility Billing (Finance)	422	14.2%	19.4%	13.0%	0.7%	0.5%	52.1%
	15f	Municipal Courts	416	5.5%	13.7%	8.9%	1.2%	1.0%	69.7%
	15g	City Administration (including City Manager's Office)	417	7.9%	14.4%	13.2%	3.1%	2.4%	59.0%
	15h	City Clerk	413	8.2%	14.0%	7.3%	1.2%	0.5%	68.8%
	Employees exhibit expertise and professionalism in conducting their job.		n	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Very Poor	No Opinion
	15i	Utility Billing (Finance)	415	15.7%	15.9%	14.0%	0.5%	0.7%	53.3%
	15j	Municipal Courts	412	8.0%	10.9%	10.7%	1.0%	1.2%	68.2%
	15k	City Administration (including City Manager's Office)	416	9.4%	15.9%	11.8%	2.6%	1.9%	58.4%
	15l	City Clerk	417	10.3%	13.7%	8.2%	0.5%	0.5%	66.9%



**PUBLIC WORKS**

16	Have you had any in-person, phone or email contact with an employee of Public Works over the last year?		n (432)	Yes (37.5%)	No (62.5%) (Skip to Next Question)				
If so, how would you rate your most recent contact for the following:				Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Very Poor	No Opinion
16a	Knowledge		164	29.3%	26.8%	28.0%	8.5%	6.1%	1.2%
16b	Responsiveness		163	33.1%	27.0%	17.2%	9.8%	12.9%	0.0%
16c	Courtesy		162	39.5%	27.8%	24.1%	2.5%	4.3%	1.9%
16d	Overall impression		160	33.1%	28.1%	21.9%	9.4%	6.9%	0.6%
17	Please rate the following items regarding your impressions of the Public Works Department in the City of Bellaire		n	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Very Poor	No Opinion
17a	Overall effectiveness of the department in maintaining the Bellaire public infrastructure		389	13.1%	34.7%	24.7%	9.5%	3.9%	14.1%
	Provides the following maintenance and related services in a professional and reliable manner.								
17b	Streets		398	9.3%	33.2%	29.9%	11.8%	6.5%	9.3%
17c	Storm Drainage Inlets & Lines		396	6.8%	21.5%	28.5%	19.2%	15.2%	8.8%
17d	Water & Wastewater Lines		394	9.1%	26.9%	33.5%	8.9%	4.6%	17.0%
17e	Sidewalks		397	5.3%	19.4%	33.2%	19.6%	12.3%	10.1%
17f	Solid Waste & Recycling		395	35.2%	37.7%	18.2%	2.5%	0.8%	5.6%
18	SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING		n						
	How likely or unlikely you would be to support an automated trash and recycling curbside collection program that would utilize existing staff and one wheeled cart for all recyclables; and one wheeled cart for trash?		426	Strongly Support (31.2%)	Somewhat Support (24.9%)	Undecided (17.6%)	Somewhat Oppose (8.7%)	Strongly Oppose (17.6%)	

**PARKS, RECREATION, AND FACILITIES**

19	Have you had any in-person, phone or email contact with an employee of Parks, Recreation and Facilities over the last year?		n (433)	Yes (22.6%)	No ( <b>77.4%</b> ) <i>(Skip to Next Question)</i>				
	If so, how would you rate your most recent contact for the following:			Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Very Poor	No Opinion
19a	Knowledge		98	34.7%	26.5%	29.6%	5.1%	3.1%	1.0%
19b	Responsiveness		98	38.8%	28.6%	24.5%	5.1%	3.1%	0.0%
19c	Courtesy		98	43.9%	28.6%	21.4%	3.1%	3.1%	0.0%
19d	Overall impression		97	37.1%	28.9%	22.7%	7.2%	4.1%	0.0%
20	Please rate the following items regarding your impressions of the Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Department in the City of Bellaire		n	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Very Poor	No Opinion
	20a	Overall effectiveness of the department in maintaining the Bellaire public facilities, buildings, parks, playing fields, or pools.	373	19.6%	38.6%	22.0%	4.8%	1.3%	13.7%
20b	Performs maintenance services in a professional and reliable manner.		369	15.4%	32.5%	23.0%	3.0%	0.8%	25.2%
20c	Employees respond to citizens' complaints, concerns, or questions about maintenance or service issues in a reliable, prompt, helpful and professional manner.		369	10.6%	19.5%	12.7%	3.8%	2.7%	50.7%
	Maintains the following public improvements to a high standard:		n	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Very Poor	No Opinion
	20d	Buildings	371	11.9%	34.0%	28.3%	4.9%	0.5%	20.5%
20e	Parks and Playground equipment		377	18.0%	35.8%	22.5%	3.2%	0.5%	19.9%
20f	Pools		371	17.8%	28.6%	18.1%	4.3%	2.2%	29.1%
20g	Playing Fields		374	14.4%	32.4%	16.8%	1.9%	0.8%	33.7%
20h	Overall effectiveness of the department in offering programs and/or services that meet the needs of you or your family.		368	13.3%	32.6%	21.2%	4.9%	2.2%	25.8%
20i	Provides programs and services that are professional and of a high quality		367	13.6%	28.3%	21.0%	3.3%	2.7%	31.1%
20j	Employees assist citizens in a prompt, helpful and professional manner.		368	15.2%	26.1%	17.4%	2.4%	1.6%	37.2%
20k	Employees exhibit expertise and professionalism in conducting their job.		367	14.7%	25.1%	19.6%	1.4%	1.6%	37.6%
21	Have you or a member of your family used the programs or services offered by the Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Department in the past year?		n (413)	Yes (47.2%)	No (52.8%)				

BELLAIRE SENIOR SERVICES (BLIFE)							
22	Do you or anyone in your household participate in City of Bellaire Senior Activities (BLIFE)?		n (438)	Yes (1.4%)	No (98.6%) (Skip to Question 27)		
23	How often do you or someone in your household participate in BLIFE Activities		n (6)	More than 3 times per month (0%)	2 to 3 times per month (16.7%)	Less than once per month (33.3%)	About once per month (50%) Less than once per month (0%)
24	Please rate your level of interest relative to the following BLIFE activities		n	Strong interest	Somewhat interested	Average Interest	Very Little Interest Not Interested No Opinion
24a	Fitness activities (yoga, dance, exercise)		6	50.0%	33.3%	16.7%	0.0% 0.0% 0.0%
24b	Special events (neighborhood block parties, holiday parties, etc.)		6	16.7%	16.7%	33.3%	16.7% 16.7% 0.0%
24c	Leisure activities (cards, games, movies)		6	16.7%	33.3%	16.7%	16.7% 16.7% 0.0%
24d	Art classes		6	16.7%	16.7%	16.7%	16.7% 16.7% 16.7%
24e	Sports		5	0.0%	40.0%	20.0%	0.0% 20.0% 20.0%
24f	Social gatherings and meals		6	0.0%	16.7%	50.0%	16.7% 16.7% 0.0%
24g	Language classes		4	0.0%	25.0%	0.0%	0.0% 50.0% 25.0%
24h	Aquatics		4	25.0%	0.0%	25.0%	0.0% 25.0% 25.0%
24i	Special interests (gardening, writing, book club, etc.)		6	16.7%	16.7%	33.3%	16.7% 16.7% 0.0%
24j	Presentations and lectures		6	0.0%	50.0%	33.3%	0.0% 16.7% 0.0%
24k	Computer classes		5	0.0%	20.0%	20.0%	0.0% 40.0% 20.0%
24l	Trips, tours, & excursions		6	33.3%	33.3%	0.0%	16.7% 16.7% 0.0%
25	Please rate the following ways to notify you about BLIFE activities			Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average Very Poor No Opinion
25a	email		6	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0% 0.0% 0.0%
25b	website		6	33.3%	33.3%	16.7%	0.0% 0.0% 16.7%
25c	news letters / flyers		6	83.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0% 16.7% 0.0%
25d	posters		5	40.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0% 20.0% 20.0%
25e	recreation guides		5	40.0%	20.0%	20.0%	0.0% 0.0% 20.0%
25f	word of mouth		5	40.0%	0.0%	20.0%	0.0% 40.0% 0.0%
26	Please rate the following times of day for providing BLIFE activities:			Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average Very Poor No Opinion
26a	Weekday morning		6	16.7%	33.3%	16.7%	0.0% 0.0% 33.3%
26b	Weekday afternoon		6	0.0%	33.3%	33.3%	16.7% 0.0% 16.7%
26c	Weekday evenings		5	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	40.0% 20.0% 20.0%
26d	Weekend morning		5	0.0%	20.0%	40.0%	20.0% 0.0% 20.0%
26e	Weekend afternoons		5	0.0%	0.0%	60.0%	20.0% 0.0% 20.0%
26f	Weekend Evenings		4	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	25.0% 25.0% 25.0%
27	What best describes your support for providing Senior Services through BLIFE?		n (424)	Strongly Support (27.6%)	Somewhat Support (29.7%)	Undecided (39.2%)	Somewhat Oppose (1.9%) Strongly Oppose (1.6%)

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**PUBLIC SAFETY**

28	Have you or a member of your family required the services of the Bellaire police, fire department, or emergency medical services (EMS) in the last 2 years?		n (432)	Yes (46.5%)	No (53.5%)				
29	During the past 12 months, were you or anyone in your household the victim of any crime within the City of Bellaire?		n (434)	Yes (9.7%)	No (90.3%) (Skip to Next Q.)				
	If yes, was this crime (these crimes) reported to the police?		n (42)	Yes (88.1%)	No (11.9%)				
30	Please rate the following items regarding your impressions of Public Safety Departments in the City of Bellaire								
	Overall effectiveness in promoting the health and safety of Bellaire citizens and safeguarding their property		n	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Very Poor	No Opinion
30a	Police		406	53.2%	30.8%	9.6%	2.5%	1.2%	2.7%
30b	Fire Department		401	51.9%	25.2%	4.5%	0.2%	0.0%	18.2%
30c	EMS		406	44.3%	21.7%	4.9%	0.7%	0.0%	28.3%
	Prompt response to citizen calls for help in a professional and timely		n	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Very Poor	No Opinion
30d	Police		406	60.1%	24.1%	5.4%	0.0%	0.5%	9.9%
30e	Fire Department		401	51.4%	16.7%	3.0%	0.0%	0.0%	28.9%
30f	EMS		397	48.4%	15.6%	2.5%	0.5%	0.0%	33.0%
	Shows good judgment in responding to citizen calls for assistance		n	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Very Poor	No Opinion
30g	Police		405	48.4%	24.7%	9.1%	1.2%	2.5%	14.1%
30h	Fire Department		403	44.4%	17.1%	2.5%	0.0%	0.0%	36.0%
30i	EMS		404	40.3%	14.9%	3.5%	0.2%	0.2%	40.8%
	Has the expertise and training to conduct their job properly		n	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Very Poor	No Opinion
30j	Police		405	47.9%	22.7%	8.6%	1.2%	1.0%	18.5%
30k	Fire Department		403	43.2%	17.6%	4.2%	0.0%	0.2%	34.7%
30l	EMS		406	38.7%	15.8%	4.2%	0.2%	0.2%	40.9%
31	Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel from the following in Bellaire:		n	Very safe	Somewhat safe	Neither safe nor unsafe	Somewhat unsafe	Very unsafe	Don't know
31a	Violent crime (e.g., rape, assault, robbery)		433	36.7%	48.5%	4.8%	8.3%	1.6%	0.0%
31b	Property crimes (e.g., burglary, theft)		429	15.6%	46.6%	13.1%	18.9%	5.6%	0.2%
31c	Environmental hazards, including toxic waste		433	46.2%	32.1%	11.1%	5.5%	1.4%	3.7%
31d	In your neighborhood during the day		434	48.8%	41.7%	3.9%	4.6%	0.9%	0.0%
31e	In your neighborhood after dark		433	24.2%	47.1%	10.9%	14.3%	3.0%	0.5%
31f	In Bellaire's downtown area during the day		428	41.6%	37.6%	7.2%	5.4%	0.7%	7.5%
31g	In Bellaire's downtown area after dark		431	12.1%	39.2%	14.6%	16.0%	5.1%	13.0%
31h	In City parks or on jogging trails/sidewalks during the day		429	46.9%	36.1%	4.9%	4.4%	1.4%	6.3%
31i	In City parks or on jogging trails/sidewalks at night		429	9.6%	31.9%	14.5%	22.8%	8.6%	12.6%
32	Have you had any in-person, phone or email contact with an employee of the Bellaire Police Department over the last year?		n (434)	Yes (46.1%)	No (53.9%) (Skip to Next Q.)				
	If so, how would you rate your most recent contact for the following:		n	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Very Poor	No Opinion
32a	Knowledge		198	55.1%	25.3%	14.1%	1.5%	2.5%	1.5%
32b	Responsiveness		200	61.5%	22.0%	12.5%	1.0%	2.5%	0.5%
32c	Courtesy		197	62.4%	20.8%	12.2%	2.0%	2.5%	0.0%
32d	Overall impression		197	57.9%	25.4%	13.2%	2.0%	1.5%	0.0%
33	Have you had any in-person, phone or email contact with an employee of the Bellaire Fire Department/EMS over the last year?		n (428)	Yes (10.3%)	No (89.7%) (Skip to Next Q.)				
	If so, how would you rate your most recent contact for the following:		n	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Very Poor	No Opinion
33a	Knowledge		44	70.5%	18.2%	6.8%	0.0%	0.0%	4.5%
33b	Responsiveness		44	72.7%	18.2%	6.8%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%
33c	Courtesy		44	79.5%	13.6%	6.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
33d	Overall impression		44	79.5%	13.6%	6.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

34	Age	n (441)	18 - 29 (0.0%)	30-45 (22.9%)	46 - 60 ( <b>41.7%</b> )	61 - 70 (24.5%)	71 and over (10%)	No response (0.9%)
35	Education	n (441)	No High school degree (0.0%)	High school or GED (1.1%)	some college (7%)	college degree (34.5%)	graduate degree or beyond ( <b>56.9%</b> )	No response (0.5%)
36	Sex	n (439)	Male (43%)	Female (53.1%)	No response (3.9%)			
37	Race/Ethnicity (select all that apply)	n (436)	American Indian or Alaskan Native (0.0%)	Asian Indian or Pacific Islander (9.6%)	Black or African American (1.1%)	Hispanic or Latino (4.6%)	White ( <b>76.8%</b> )	Other/ No Response (7.8%)
38	Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	n (437)	Yes (42.8%)	No ( <b>54.9%</b> )	No response (2.3%)			
39	Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	n (438)	Yes (31.5%)	No ( <b>67.4%</b> )	No response (1.1%)			
40	What is your current employment status?	n (438)	Working full time for pay ( <b>55.5%</b> )	Working part time for pay (10.5%)	Unemployed, looking for paid work (2.3%)	Unemployed, not looking for paid work (7.1%)	Fully retired (21.5%)	No response (3.2%)
41	How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year?	n (434)	Less than \$35,000 (1.6%)	\$35,000 to \$74,999 (7.4%)	\$75,000 to \$124,999 (8.8%)	\$125,000 to \$199,999 (9.2%)	\$200,000 or more ( <b>42.9%</b> )	No response (30.2%)
42	How many years have you lived in Bellaire?	n (439)	Less than 2 years (5.2%)	2-5 years (11.6%)	6-10 years (12.5%)	11-20 years (29.8%)	More than 20 years ( <b>40.8%</b> )	No response (0.0%)
43	Do you currently own or rent where you currently live?	n (437)	Own ( <b>96.1%</b> )	Rent (3.9%)	No response			
44	Which best describes the building you currently live in?	n (435)	One Family house detached from any other houses ( <b>91.7%</b> )	House attached to one or more houses (e.g., a duplex or townhome) (7.8%)	Building with two or more apartments or condominiums (0.5%)	Other (0.0%)	No response (0.0%)	
45	Please verify your Solid Waste Service Area as shown on the map	n (436)	A (16.3%)	B (19.5%)	C (16.7%)	D (21.3%)	E (17%)	No response (9.2%)

**FEEDBACK/ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS**

45	Please let us know any additional thoughts you may have regarding City-provided services and/or living in Bellaire	(Open Ended Response)						
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# Summary Feedback Response **2017**

Subject	Random	Opt-In	Total
<b>Development Services</b> (Zoning, shopping, restaurants, planning, development)	53	34	87
<b>Police</b> (Crime; feeling safe; traffic enforcement; officers)	49	25	74
<b>Flooding</b>	37	21	58
<b>Bike/Sidewalks</b> (sidewalks; bikeways; walking trails)	28	17	45
<b>Public Works – Other</b> (Water quality; 610 trash; 610 interchange; Street cleaning)	30	13	43
<b>Streets (basic infrastructure)</b>	25	17	42
<b>Other</b> (Air quality; Bellaire High School; HISD; Mail delivery; WiFi; animals, traffic control; trees)	30	10	40
<b>Parks</b>	26	13	39
<b>Aesthetics</b> (Look of Bellaire; branding; beautification)	25	12	37
<b>Code Enforcement</b>	15	13	28
<b>Solid Waste</b>	14	8	22
<b>Street Lights</b>	12	7	19
<b>Response by City (Communication efforts)</b>	11	6	17
<b>Pools</b>	8	7	15
<b>Recycling</b>	11	2	13
<b>PARD</b> (Overall including PARD facility)	10	3	13
<b>Program</b> (Special events; pavilion programs)	10	2	12
<b>Fire Dept/ EMS</b>	5	5	10
<b>Library</b>	6	4	10
<b>Metro Station</b>	5	3	8
<b>Finance Dept</b> (Court personnel; utility billing)	5	1	6

Attachment: Feedback Response Table 2017 (2190 : Presentation of 2017 Citizen Survey Results)

# Citizen Survey Feedback from Random Sample | 2017

My biggest concern in Bellaire is flooding. We have strict codes for weeds etc., but the new homes are being built without yards! We need an ordinance that demands new homes to maintain at least a 50x30 backyard not just two trees. It would also be great if they would do something to help with the fumes from the varnish they use when installing the floors. Bellaire needs to concentrate on the outskirts of the city. We should encourage new development outwards. We don't want to become Sharpstown.
The three cul-du-sacs just south of Bissonnet on Mulberry deserve to be concrete paved. Most other neighborhoods have the privilege. Also, Bellaire PD never patrols Mulberry. Cars go too fast on Mulberry. Lots of kids.
We need much better recreation facilities with indoor pools, jogging trails in the parks and playgrounds. There should be more outreach regrading programs offered by the city of bellaire, including by e-mail.
We could use a larger container for recycling, perhaps on wheels. A green arrow is needed at Newcastle traveling east onto Bellaire Blvd. It is very dangerous in the morning with school traffic. I see school buses run the light because they can't turn left. The water smells like dead fish - this is a big problem. Please have city enforce codes about signs in residential yards. Fine them daily. Our neighbor is in dispute with builder and has about 20 signs in his yard. Enforce your codes.
Though Bellaire Police does an excellent job, we would benefit from more patrolling. Many of us esp female residents feel unsafe walking / jogging or running errands during late evening hours.
FLOODING!! My home flooded in 2001 and 2015. More has to be done to protect homeowners from floodwater damage. I know flooding is affected by development in areas far to the north and west, and Bellaire has to work with Harris County and Houston to help alleviate the flooding of homes. The city could become an undesirable place to live if homes continually flood. Also, more police presence in the Southdale Edition would be welcome. The area was patrolled regularly years ago.
My family really has enjoyed living in Bellaire. The city and neighbors are great. Our largest concern is the crime, and state of the neighborhood just west of Bellaire, which feel unsafe. I worry about letting my 13 year old walk the dog unaccompanied. We do not like the Metro station in the middle of town, which results in loitering.
We moved to Bellaire for the excellent schools. Our children have attended public school since kindergarten. They are now at Bellaire high school. Bellaire has the opportunity to utilize the Chevron property to build a high-quality school for the next generation, and this will benefit all Bellaire residents and continue to support our high property values. Our children will not benefit, but we support this effort!
Keep sidewalks optional on quiet streets where there is no major traffic. Thanks!

# Citizen Survey Feedback from Random Sample | 2017

flooding in our neighborhood has gotten worse over the years. I am fortunate not to have had it in my house but the smallest amount of rain causes street flooding. Promises of street repairs/replacement for more than 15 years...WHEN WILL IT BE DONE???????

I think the City should continue to focus on street maintenance and drainage. I would also like to city to have a mature tree maintenance and replacement plan in order for the city to maintain its natural beauty. Art is great but it doesn't beat nature. We no longer utilize the library or rec programs as much now that our children are grown, but did extensively when they were young. We were always very happy with the programs.

Great place to live. Only complaint is that it is virtually impossible to get speed bumps installed in residential streets; especially on cut-through streets. A few streets have them; most don't. Even when the citizens offer to pay to have them installed.

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the park on the Teas nursery property was to cost no city money. The city spent money on park development and is renting prime space to competitors of established business. The city is replacing buildings that should have more service life to them. The city is accumulating debt. We moved into debt free city. Stop issuing bonds to pay for what we cannot afford. City leaders can leave Bellaire and may not be here to pay tax to service debt on obsolete assets. This is a grave concern.

#45 does not provide enough information to answer. Living in Bellaire is more than satisfactory and we are happy living in this community as senior citizens. We would be delighted to become involved/volunteer in the community. This is a comprehensive and well thought out survey. Thank you.

City needs to upgrade its Accounting system. Provide more online service. Build Wifi coverage all over the city area.

The mail service was not on the survey. It is ranked poor in our opinion. There are days that go by and we do not receive mail. Then we receive it 2 times in one day. Mail gets delivered to wrong address or never arrives. In regards to street drainage. Did not flood on street before storm drainage repair. Now when it rains, it fills up quickly to where it floods midway up our lawn.

Too much emphasis on parks and art, not enough on well built streets, lighting is not good, and library is shameful. Children's books are dirty and the entire library is too small and shabby. With all the professionals in Bellaire, why do we spend so much money on "studies";?

Let's have better shopping choices, especially with all new development on Bellaire blvd inside loop. Keep up dog parks! OLDP is a disgrace to Bellaire and is fully



# Citizen Survey Feedback from Random Sample | 2017

utilized year round. Crime is increasing, used to be safer. Downtown is poor, no sense of community there.
I wish we could have trash cans instead of leaving bags outside.
We need more police and a greater police presence. They should be patrolling the perimeter of the city 24/7 and have unmarked cars patrolling the neighborhoods constantly. There needs to be traffic enforcement at Bellaire HS and speeds need to be enforced on Chimney Rock. Bellaire needs 3-4x more police period, shit is getting scary around here. Property values have skyrocketed, where are the tax dollars going?????
All city services in Bellaire are excellent.
There needs to be more police presence during the day and evening. most individuals are speeding down Bellaire street and are a hazard.
I like living in Bellaire but over the last 5 years, there's been too much crime. Along with our friends and neighbors, we've been burglarized. I don't feel comfortable walking the neighborhood by myself at dusk. When we leave town, we leave all lights turned on to deter burglary at our home. The police have been responsive and I appreciate them greatly. However, I think we need more presence throughout town. Please spend money on our safety.
We moved to Bellaire for the school system. But now that HISD has taken over we send our Kindergarten to a school outside of Bellaire. We really like the proximity Bellaire offers and city services. But if we were to look for a new house it would not be in Bellaire because of HISD taking over the system. .
Households living in mimosa Dr should be assigned to Condit school (not Lovett school).
Our street get flooded so fast with overnight rains. Water pools in front of our driveway pretty much everyday unless temperatures are in 90s. It's breeding ground for mosquitoes and not much appreciated when we have young kids at home.
At street intersections, 4 way stops would aid in predictability of right of way. Cut back shrub or other obstructions of view when crossing intersections. Holly Street should have speed bumps and better drop off and pick up to avoid insane traffic and endangerment to children. Also no parking within 20 or so feet on streets exiting and interring 610 feeder roads! Close calls repeatedly with head on collisions and rear ending when you cannot get egress safely! Thank you!
Proud to call Bellaire home!
A great place to live. Concerned about rising burglaries in the area. Witnessed a

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thief of lawn equipment from a contractor just yesterday. Very concerned about taxes increase since we are retired and I'm fixed income. New home building way to active causing much noise and disruption in my area this year.
Suggestion: Could we get text or email notifications when services (solid waste and recycling) will be suspended because of weather or other immediate problem? I appreciate the police very much, but I also worry about racial profiling. I'd rather be "less safe" and have our police be respectful people of all colors and nationalities. Thank you for the opportunity to take the survey. You all do a great job.
The City of Bellaire was at one time a very safe, family oriented and nice place to live. It's a shame the City is more interested in a pretentious outward appearance instead of just a nice place to live. Streets have no sidewalks and are in disrepair. Parks are not quiet places for strolls and picnics. We stay because we have always lived here and the central location of Bellaire to Houston. There appears to be no move to improve business development. There's more but...
The summer camp at Camp Paseo is a huge benefit to us, and my daughter loves it!
Must not allow HISD to build new High School on old Chevron Property.
I hope the police get their act together and the city funds them better. Safety from burglary, property theft etc. is a big issue among residents, and potential residents. Our reputation on that front is sliding.
I am concerned about water drainage on Fournace. It floods on the street when it rains heavily.
Please take care of the stray cat problem. I have lived here 4 years and there are ALWAYS stray cats in my yard. A stray cat got into my garage and had a litter of kittens and infested the garage with fleas. They kill birds and other wildlife and the city will not pick them up.
Strongly recommend replacing signs that say DEAD END to NO OUTLET, Thank You
I hope my answers help in some way. I have many friends who have moved away and they always remark how much they miss Bellaire. Things can always be better, so I hope I've helped. I look forward to the summary of this survey.
Crime is continuing to get worse by the year. Improve police presence by increased vehicle patrols, video surveillance, and any other means to control crime and increase and enhance the safety of this town.
City services have improved but need to continue to maintain a high standard. Flooding during heavy rains is a major concern. The City needs to help alleviate this

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concern and improve drainage in certain areas.
- City officers and receptionist are excellent - Junior Parks & Rec employees are very good - Senior Parks & Rec officers missing or unresponsive (no reply to my repeated offers of donation for Park Bench - Police seem a bit underfunded (facil
Bellaire High School has become a sports school now. The campus of Bellaire High School has become an athletic field to cultivate student athletes. The noise and traffic are unbearable. The school has made the value of the properties in the neighbourhood de-value. It's more difficult to sell a house than it was before.
Though much improvement made in last few yrs on streets & sidewalks, keep it going. Need MUCH MORE \$\$ from METRO for continuous work on right lanes on Bellaire & Bissonnet. Need more patrols at METRO station - day & night. Big part of where crime comes in. Really need senior living options; really great option for Chevron land!!! All city employees GREAT - all depts, all levels! PLEASE, NO expanded METRO routes!!! Love getting emails from City. Love website. THANKS FOR GREAT WORK, COB!!!
We need to work on improving the appearance & sense of place in Bellaire. We need to concrete all streets, add sidewalks everywhere. Need better plan for civic center bldgs. Need to install gateway monuments, distinctive street lights and signal poles, hide all power lines & poles, create a distinctive vibrant downtown. Remove Metro super stop from Paseo Park. Synchronize all & remove some traffic signals. West U & Southside have better reputations than Bellaire because of most of these issues.
The change in the city in the last 10 years is disheartening.
The new storm drains have made flooding worse. Street gutters in disrepair - put in repair request - still waiting. Live here for the Police.
we need more trees, esp on newcastle hike bike trail. Protection of trees from needless cutting. A developer on my street cut down a 90 yr old Live Oak for no reason. Residents remove so many trees each yr, and don't replace them. This is changing city from leafy haven, to blah suburban. Sidewalks on every street. Traffic on Newcastle is horrible, more stop signs would deter cut thru traffic. I also feel Disc.NC is being too cleared out- it doesn't feel like a nature when u see 1000s of cars go by.
Love Bellaire! Would like to see overall city beautification. Live next to Evelyn's Park and can't wait! Would have liked to have seen utility pole and traffic light relocated so it is not smack dab in the middle of the corner entrance. Had an opportunity to do that twice when Newcastle was closed and dug up for utility lines during construction. Need more lighting on Newcastle for walker. So happy the Henshaw property is being redeveloped finally. Trees along all sidewalks need

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trimming.
Currently, our biggest concern is with the new construction of the 610/59 interchange. What are city officials doing to protect residents impacted? We'd also like to see more development in the downtown Bellaire area. There's a lot of talk but not much action.
Bellaire needs housing options for aging homeowners who wish to downsize. More townhouses and other options. Question about culture not practical given access to Houston culture which is first rate.
I used to enjoy the pools and do water aerobics until they started charging for the pools. Miss going to the pool in the evenings.
The traffic that passes Evergreen and Russ Pittman Parks along Newcastle travels much too fast. Speed bumps along Newcastle and Evergreen for the duration of the parks might be useful in slowing that traffic down. Also, hardly anyone observes or obeys the "No Right Turn On Red" signs on Wendell and Evergreen at Newcastle. Some even turn left on a red light. My concern is for the safety of the children going to and leaving the parks.
We left Southgate and moved to Bellaire because of traffic and safety concerns. After living here for almost a year, all I can say is we should've moved sooner. We couldn't be happier with our neighbors or our immediate neighborhood.
I would love for Bellaire to reflect it's status in the green spaces in the area. The esplanades are often unkempt and I don't think they reflect well on potential buyers, developers, or business owners. Sidewalks should also be a priority. It's so dangerous to walk in the streets and the sidewalks around Bellaire are in terrible shape.
One complaint only, the tennis teachers feel they have absolute ownership of the Bellaire public tennis courts, have been repeatedly rude and disrespectful to members of my family and they need to be either let go, or restrained somehow.
Regarding a couple of the questions related to my future plans, I am concerned that it might be too expensive for me to remain in Bellaire once I have retired.
The traffic in Bellaire is horrible around the High School. I think rezoning is in order. If there was an emergency on any of those streets near Bellaire High School ...during the morning hours...an emergency vehicle would not be able to get down the street. The school was built for 2500 students now has currently over 3700 plus additional staff for all those students. Also, Bellaire residents do not use the Metro- the South Rice/Bellaire Metro should be moved. It brings crime to neighborhood
Happy to complete survey-appreciate opportunity to provide input. Believe city's road infrastructure needs to be reconfigured to transform Bellaire into a cultural, social and dining destination. Our city has an infrastructure that encourages

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automobile use-we should be a place for residents to dwell not simply reside. Reinvent our street infrastructure to allow a broader cross-section of our community to get onto a bike, walk to neighborhood businesses, parks and to congregate.
More police presence at night and during the day after school is out. My daughter attends Pin Oak Middle School and there are speeding vehicles on Howard Lane.
I wish that Bellaire had more of a unified plan for commercial development. We have quite the hodgepodge of buildings and no consistent look to the city at all.
Thank you for your attention toward improving Bellaire! In addition to continuing beautification efforts, our city would be greatly enhanced by mixed building use with nice retail and restaurants on bottom and upscale condos 2-3 stories on top-- maybe in dilapidated triangle area.
As a 50 year resident of Bellaire I have seen many things change but also have things unchanged especially in city politics. Sad but true.
maintain budget on useful things .
Chlorine taste in drinking water. Place single family home development on the Chevron. No multi family or commercial or condos. Traffic on South Rice near Westpark is horrible. I realize that is out of Bellaire's hands.
The building permitting and code inspection department needs a lot of help. They are very unorganized and understaffed for the size of the city. The Bellaire police are excellent. We could use more officers and more patrols. The EMS crew is excellent, quick to respond and are friendly. Our solid waste collectors are excellent, friendly and helpful. We need more sidewalks, I live 2 blocks from a school and there are not any sidewalks. Newcastle needs more lights for sidewalks at night.
I feel The City of Bellaire should provide a housing community for seniors who want to stay in Bellaire. Not retirement apartments, but small homes. Also, be budget sensitive to seniors as they are on Social Security and heaven knows, there has been no help there. If I have to move it is because property taxes and insurance have gone up too high.
I would like more sidewalks and friendly bike paths. My boys and I like bike riding around the neighborhood, but I often feel unsafe. Also, many businesses do not have any place to park your bike.
Need more eating/restaurant options in Bellaire
Regular trash pick up along the 610 feeders is important.
We are senior citizens working full time. After retirement, we might use city



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services more often. The only reasons we would move from Bellaire would be to closer to children or retire to our beach house.
I would like to see Bellaire work with TDOT to put grooves in the freeway to try and alleviate some of the noise from 610. This is being done in areas of I-10 near Memorial. It would improve the quality of life in Bellaire.
Would love more done with drainage for the homes on Holt St close to the railroad tracks. Flooding always happens due to poor drainage.
We pay way too much in HISD taxes to have a public high school that allows kids in from all over the city.
Asian Indian or Pacific Islander is only small portion of Asian. This category should be "Asian";
None
too much through traffic (both commercial vehicles and passenger cars)on residential streets especially since new development at S. Rice/Westpark- poor street drainage is a constant problem - would like to see virtual entry gates in Bellaire(cameras that scan license plates)like Memorial Villages is reported to be looking into implementing - more restricted/limited commercial vehicle street parking during new home construction
Create "modern" connectivity through bike and pedestrian paths between all the park gems we have in the city. Maybe one day we will all ride our bikes for an evening coffee or drink at Evelyn's park... This will require a much improved network of sidewalks and designated walk/bike paths. Crossing of major roads are currently a high risk sport, but the younger generations will want to see this implemented. Provide high speed fiber network connection to all households. Burry utilities (power)
Had great experience with police at RAD program, also appreciate Housewatch. Library staff is excellent but facilities desperately refreshing. Recreation staff and leadership severely lacking. They seem to think it's too much work to create programs or teams of value to local children. We go elsewhere though we'd prefer to stay in the neighborhood. Swim team is a great example- they FINALLY got a great coach then let him go, seems like nepotism/politics- sad for Bellaire.
the main concern are the sidewalks. some blocks have partial sidewalks. there will be a sidewalk, then open space, then some more sidewalk. Each block should have the sidewalk go all the way through or none at all. It really downgrades the athletics of the community. We need better flooding and drainage control. Also I support upgraded recycling and more rules to encourage the residents to participate. Also I support a plan to plant more trees in the community.
I am looking forward to the opening of Evelyn's Park which I anticipate using a

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great deal since I live nearby. Have concerns about the property for sale at the RR track on Bellaire Blvd and whether Bellaire City Govt will respect homeowners wishes to keep it residential. Concerns for increasing traffic on Bellaire and Holcombe due to expansion of apartments and townhomes along Holcombe. I appreciate the police greatly!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
fix the flooding problem on Larch Street please
I'm disappointed that we don't have indoor swimming pool in Bellaire.
PLEASE install nice-looking, substantial &quot;Welcome to Bellaire&quot; signage at ALL entrances to the city, including on Newcastle.
The city needs more beautification...clean up Bellaire. I think there should be some kind of zoning for the businesses. Streets need better paving and drainage.
I use the rec center virtually every week day. The floors in dance room are never clean. The AC is inadequate.Heating in winter is excessive for exercising. Restroom is antiquated needs remodeling Need paper towel dispenser until remodeling hopefully occurs.
We love Bellaire, but will move away if the drainage/flooding problems are not addressed soon. This community cannot afford to become the next Meyerland!!! We also need to address beautification the way our peers like West University have done with green spaces, trails/walkways, etc. Lack of focus on this affects our property values.
lived 50 plus years in SW Houston, only one in Bellaire. Visited family in Bellaire often. Bellaire tries .
Enjoy living in Bellaire. Have lived here since 1952.
Currently there is a sewage smell that comes and go on my street; Innsbruck & Fournace. Several folks have noticed this odor.
Concern about drainage is our priority. It continues to get worse...and closer to the front door!
I would like to have very clean and safe environment. The street in my home area is much higher in the center, low on both side. There is a big ditch between driveway and street. How about build a flat street like most others? I would not mind to pay more tax, but please keep clean and safe environment. Please pave the street in a good way, not the cheap way. Also get some people to clean the street, park. The city library is a joke, dark and small. I like Stella link library.
The air often smells bad near the trash dump and water treatment plant at Newcastle and Lafayette, smell goes up a few blocks to Holt or Darsey street

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Survey was too long and repetitive. Lost interest halfway through.
Would like to see more police (1) patrols to prevent burglaries (2) speed monitoring on neighborhood streets around BHS in the AM. The 6 bag trash limit is absurd when there are yard clippings. I received a letter for having a bag of clippings on the curb before 6 the day before pickup. Meanwhile, many have them on their curb from Fri thru Sunday. I do not begrudge them but am humored by enforcement by convenience vs. effect. Move clippings pick up to Mondays to improve overall appearance.
This survey is way too long and will not be accurate because people will get tired of answering. Please learn how to use surveys.
Great and peaceful area to live but some homes violate the fire safety codes by extending their homes to the fences causing drainage and fire safety issues.
Paying water bill / utilities should be offered on an AutoPay system through the City's website.
I would like to see more porous materials used in construction -- e.g. driveways -- to improve natural drainage.
Crime is the big issue among my neighbors. The rise of incidents recently is of great concern. It seems we never see Bellaire police Patrols. Only after a crime is committed do they swoop in and effectively make no difference. I would like to see more patrols even bicycle Patrols by the police. The other issue of note is sidewalks. Walking in Bellaire is extremely difficult due to the lack up safe walking areas. I would strongly support a bond issue to install sidewalks.
Development Services is a mess. The Code Compliance Officer is unprofessional, impatient & does not return calls. Police have become rude. The city spends \$\$on new sidewalks but doesn't take care of existing ones/require residents to keep them manicured. Want to let grass grow over a sidewalk? Fine. Pass an ordinance to limit trash bags & brush? Sure, but don't enforce it. Tax elderly out of their homes. Sure, they're no longer useful. 40+yrs here & the quality of life is a joke.
Generally fine.Our street (Wedgewood Drive) floods terribly in even small rains. The police are great. Garbage service is fine. The recycling guys are messy and drive through our yard when they turn.The streets are generally in decent shape. We like living here overall.
City services in general are good with exception of the Water utility billing. Personnel are rude over the phone and their customer service is horrible. City should be more supportive of rebuilding Bellaire high school.
Although we do not utilize much of what Bellaire has to offer, we have loved living

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in this neighborhood. The location is a major factor for us and as we look to downsize (we are empty nesters), we would love to stay in this area. We are huge fans of the solid waste department. The employees do their jobs well...both effectively and efficiently. We love the attention paid to the green spaces and have enjoyed the restaurants that have opened over the last few years. We love Bellaire!!!
Water should be available on Holly for runners/pets. In general, more water for pets. Pets should be allowed in the parks. The street lighting on Pine is terrible. Very dim.
Maintain pools and parks please! Also, white fences at end of 4300 blocks (along tracks on Bellaire property between Lafayette and Ione) are in need of repair and replaced. Nobody in Public Works will do it. Some streets (e.g., Lula) have their fences most of the way down and just cones blocking access to the ditch...very unsightly and also dangerous to families with kids and drivers at night. We have called on this issue since November! Please have these fences repaired!!! Thank you!
I like the city commercial center the way it is. Tax rate too high for seniors/retirees to remain in Bellaire. Street construction takes too long, too disruptive. New house construction disruptive w/ too much impervious cover. Yard service noise should be regulated. City staff does excellent job. Would like indoor pool for citizens. Police fire EMS do great job. Would like to see preservation of older affordable houses and greater property tax break for seniors. Thank you for survey opportunity.
Traffic patterns have shifted over the past 10 years, with New Castle being very congested and causing traffic jams up to Bissonnet, making it very difficult to get out and into my home. City planning has allowed commercial development directly across from our street, and the development has caused some flooding issues that didn't exist before this development. With a 6 floor parking garage going into this property and an Emergency Clinic going in adjacent, the traffic problems will get worse.
Could have done better with the money spent on drainage redo at Newcastle and Glenmont. It didn't fix the flooding problem. Waste of money.
I would like to see greater speed control on neighborhood streets; including more 4way stop signs and/or speed bumps. Baldwin for example is a high volume pedestrian street yet vehicles travel at excessive speeds. Additional 4way stops or speedbumps would help dramatically.
Great City and very satisfied with most services except for the pickiness of the ordinance of putting my trash out the day before collection. The property taxes are getting way out of control and the ROI starting to lack. The city infrastructure should be second to none with the amount of taxes being collected.



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Trash and recycling service needs improvement.If taking a holiday or day off due to weather, then a make-up day to pick up trash needs to be scheduled to prevent trash pile up. The recycle workers are sloppy and drop trash in the streets or yards and don't pick it up. They hurl the recycle bins into the yard or leave them on the driveway.Poor attitudes. The clerk in the waste dept. office needs to learn the city's recycle policies.Couldn't answer basic questions about where to recycle big items.
Living in Bellaire is great..I live in the 4500 block of Mayfair....ethnically diverse...great neighbors. The water lines and street shot to hell and need replacing....
would love to pay my city water bill online and set up automatic payments
Excellent place to live
I think the city east of 610 is safer than west of 610. the triangle area of Bellaire and surrounding areas are a bit sketchy. The evergreen pool needs upgrading. Love Evelyn's Park! We need more stuff like this. We need more shopping and restaurant choices - both upscale and casual. It would be great to have a mixed use development where you can park and walk to different things. (especially inside the loop). Love the Police!
attract more small businesses and create more of a &quot;village&quot; atmosphere.
More quality dining options and grocery stores are needed. All streets have not been redone yet for better drainage. Seimens water meters are not needed. A competitive bid tab and evaluation w a minimum of 3 bidders should be required for any contract in excess of \$50k much less contracts in the millions. The consultant should not be one of the bidders. More patrols after dark and more streetlights are needed.
NEW STREETS AND DRAINAGE SHOULD BE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY! EVERY PERIMETER STREET ENTRANCE INTO BELLAIRE SHOULD HAVE SIGNAGE READING &quot;ENTERING THE CITY OF BELLAIRE&quot; SOME ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO MAKE EVERY PERIMETER STREET ENTRANCE INTO BELLAIRE COSMETICALLY APPEALING (YOU WANT EVERYONE ENTERING INTO BELLAIRE TO KNOW THIS IS A PRIVATE CITY INDEPENDENT OF HOUSTON). THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND PRO ACTIVE TRAFFIC STOPS FOR CAUSE ARE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR MAINTAINING A SAFE CITY.
Fix the water lines and streets PD rain citizens self deference weapons training safety retention FD/EMS first aid survival in emergency situations. Encourage businesses.There seems to be mostly restaurants and banks in Bellaire.
This survey was way too long - you should split it or at least show a progress bar

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There should be awnings over play equipment at parks. Summer sun makes slides too hot to be used. Also need more streets with updated drainage.
Bellaire is a great community, we have a very close neighborhood, and I am excited about upcoming changes to the overall city layout. I am concerned about crimes including: attacks on joggers on Newcastle in early morning or evening; home burglaries; and being followed from a bank or restaurant to be robbed at my home. Even so, please continue to ensure the police stay safe while avoiding anything that can be construed as racial profiling. Thank you for including me in the survey.
I am happy to see that the roads are getting repaired. Let's try to maintain them to the highest quality. I would also like to suggest that Bellaire police makes frequent rounds through the neighborhoods to maintain safety
Safety is the most important and concerned agenda. Bellaire City must be safe for both day and night on the street or at home.
Bellaire is a really nice community. Nice facilities, parks, neighborhoods and schools and very close to downtown and other wonderful things in houston. My only suggestion is more sidewalks to facilitate walking and more recycling opportunities
we would like to see more street cleaning---We see almost all lawn service contractors routinely blowing grass clipping, leaves and other debris down the city storm water drains. I think they just don't know better and/or know it's against ordinance. What about more info in Bellaire news media, water bills, etc so homeowners and businesses can inform their lawn services? Also, same info regarding the recycling rules.
Bellaire needs sidewalks on the east-west streets. I have small children and we take them for walks and we are forced to walk in the middle of the street where there are no sidewalks. It is dangerous. Particularly because people park on the curb and you have to walk in the middle of the street around the cars. It would be nice to have more trees and shade along the hike-bike trail on Newcastle.
The dirtiest part of the entire city is along Ferris drive near the high school parking lot behind baseball field. The city needs to put pressure on the school administration and HISD to empty the garbage bins placed there every day. Most days, these bins (many in ill repair) are full and don't get emptied, and trash is scattered
Please hire more policeman and give them a raise. Better training. Too many break ins or theft in Bellaire. Use our taxes for the safety of our citizens. Flooding problems drainage problems.. Thank you for allowing us to voice our opinions.
Our corner of Bellaire floods very easily every time it rains significantly. The new

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construction seems to be making this worse.
Need to repave 4700 block of Linden! Wish there were more dining options in Bellaire.
I have lived in Bellaire and paid taxes for 35 years. I am a disabled veteran and I should use the therapy pool. \$180 a year. Crap you raised my taxes that much. You keep asking for more money from people who can not afford the increases.
Please move the bus station terminal out of the center of Bellaire. It is a primary source of crime.
Not enough emphasis on artistic expression, entertainment, nightlife, restaurants, galleries.
We would like to see Bellaire enforces All households to maintain their yards and forbids any trash, down leaves and tree branches placed below curb lines and on streets! This problem has been lingering in the Southedale neighborhood.
our city needs to take cues from West University in terms how they have beautified their city and maintained their sidewalks and parks
the sewer in area D smells bad. I would fix that as you can smell it five streets down. Also, better sidewalks--we have no continuous sidewalks.
can we please please please allow wheeled trash cans at the curb? by making us just keep bags on the street, the cats and squirrels rip into the bags and make a mess. Plus its gross to store in a wheeled trash can and then pull the trash out. Also, we need make up days when the trash is cancelled for christmas.
Quit giving out plastic trash bags. Replace cobra lighting with decorative lights. Add more art in public green spaces. Bury utilities. From observing police activity on major streets it seems like minorities are disproportionately targeted. Bellaire HS needs updating and fewer students. Concerned that flooding is a growing problem for the city. Feeling uncertain about pending 59&610 highway construction. Thank you for asking!
Is too expensive too retire here due to high property taxes, wasteful to spend money on senior activities;too much trash in grassy areas on the exit ramps from 610 to service roads into Bellaire,often 1st thing is seen of Bellaire;I think Evelyns park is a waste of money, could have been more natural, is a forced and "plastic" park, I will be angry as a tax payer when we are paying for it;don't get Bellaire into debt, spend our money wisely
The downtown area would improve and attract better retail if power lines were buried. It is very unsightly. There are also few standards for landscaping/trees by commercial properties. There are no standards for design and as a result there are

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some hideous houses and commercial buildings. There are houses that have stayed on market over a year because of their hideous architecture bringing down the aesthetics and values our properties. Sidewalks on residential streets look ugly and affect trees
Why can't we get the kind of speed bumps on Elm St that a majority of us want and have paid for out of our own pockets? The humps that they placed are ineffective and worthless. People speed past our home on Elm. It's reckless and dangerous and there's no excuse for the lousy speed bumps we were sold. steve Meltzer
This survey is poorly designed and does very little to provide opportunities for input aimed to improve Bellaire. Reading about downtown Bellaire is laughable as there is nothing distinguishing the community as a Houston sprawl. I am very disappointed by the lack of vision to make Bellaire itw onw place, leveraging on its history and strenghts. All is geared towards making it more and more faceless, without its own center of gravity. The poor choices of "beautifications" only add to the injury.
The city needs to do something to prevent retried seniors from being driven out of their homes do to high taxes.
Overcrowding at Bellaire high school is degrading one of the biggest values of living in Bellaire and I have no confidence that the City of Bellaire leadership has any vision for how to resolve. The police, fire and EMS services are top notch. Please market educational and other programs further- abiove and beyond just the catalog. More programs like tents in the park, movie night, etc Thanks for doing this survey
The amount of trash on the exit ramps entering the city needs to be monitored and cleaned up more regularly.
1. Encourage HISD to move BHS to the Chevron property 2. Upgrade the downtown (commercial)area via straightening Bissonnet and walkable shopping environment. Like Sugar Land or Rice Village 3. Banners on city light poles are unreadable and waste of money 4. Ensure the water draining from the Wal-Mart development does not overwhelm the storm sewer system (in heavy rains the water is coming OUT of the man holes covers along South Rice).
The Municipal Court Judges and Prosecutor need to be replaced. The Prosecutor treats people horribly, with disrespect - both people charged with cases and the lawyers I saw in the courtroom. The Judges seemed to be doing whatever he wanted. The rule about no phones in the court was ridiculous! The Court staff was rude and had terrible manners. The majority of the people charged with crimes were all minority. It's not a coincidence and one day it will come out in the media!
Love everything about Leaving in Bellaire The only part that we dislike, is not

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feeling safe putting my son at the Public Schools, which taxes are high. Hopefully one day it'll be zoned to Bellaire only. Bellaire Police Rock!!
I strongly support using containers for trash and recycling. Containers will double as storage in house and easier to maneuver. Dev. Serv. Staff could use more training to be proactive in helping residents with permitting issues. Response time to applications, calls and emails is slow. They need to be proactive with SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFYING deficiencies and issues noted with plans during first submittal to reduce re-work, time and resource waste instead of just checking boxes one at a time.
Taxes are too high and appeal process is in name only. Not adequate drainage for city streets causes flooding. Rules governing new construction are not applied with common sense. Police service excellent. Trash service excellent. Utilities are good. Streets are good, but traffic is increasing with the construction of new multifamily complexes.
The city needs to do something about our flooding problem. Beech Street goes completely under water. Several homes get flooded EVERY time there is a heavy rain. Memorial Day Rain, Tax Day Rain, Just last month! Vehicles parked on the street have been ruined. The city must do something. I want to move from here because of it and so do several of my neighbors! Flooding is a problem. Flooding that causes damage to homes and vehicles is a huge problem in Bellaire.
Bellaire is a wonderful place to live, but the chance of my house getting flooded is worrying me to death. We see that every year the water level goes up and up during heavy rain. We know that the property prices will drop like a rock if there is widespread flooding (aside from the giant hassle of having to deal with FFIP and the associated repairs). Bellaire should take all necessary precautions against flooding. Nothing else matters if this is not addressed.
I can't say enough good things about the Parks and Rec/Aquatics staff. I use the pool and fitness room/gym every day and I love the facilities and staff. I appreciate how affordable the membership is, especially now that my household is down to one paycheck (husband retired.) I love all the parks in Bellaire and I spend quite a bit of time in them as well.
Bellaire is a pleasant, centrally located community with above average - excellent parks and recreational facilities. I utilize the tennis courts, and walking paths/sidewalks. Feel sidewalks important on one side of residential streets as with more parked cars on street it's more difficult to walk in the street along the curb. Quality of our drinking water important. Would be nice to get utility wires underground or less conspicuous for more attractive appearance and less hazard during storms.
Asked for yearly membership for tennis courts for many yrs to simplify the time and burden for both players and city employee, but never got an answer or



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response or action. Bellaire is the only city nearby without such membership to make court reservation more efficient
I would prefer hazardous waste recycling to be at Westpark Recycling instead of the Post Oak location.
Bellaire allows new structures to elevate their foundations and yards, which causes runoff and flooding to neighboring housing
No additional comments. Thanks.
Need a downtown to challenge Rice Village, Highland Village and River Oaks. Bellaire is doing a great job redoing the streets because so so many streets are in terrible shape. Coordinate with Houston and Harris County to fix Bissonette. The streets are the big diff from the suburbs since the streets are so old. We are looking forward to using Evelyn park, the other parks are just average. We missed the Fab5 at the gazebo Friday but we planning on going; great idea.
Having lives in West U as well, I think what hinders us is not having sidewalks throughout the city. In comparison, West U feels more pedestrian and family friendly
city signage is poor inside of loop. no city signage at newcastle on north end does not exist.. no text sign exists and ignored during school open/close and speed limit ignored on Newcastle
Very few questions regarding our "flood plan"; Not sure we have one. Every time it rains the neighborhood holds its breath. The incidents are getting more and more frequent. We should stop worrying about sidewalks that no one uses and become aggressive about stopping the threat of flooding not just for the new houses that are build three feet off the ground but for the original Bellaire housing.
Would like to see Bellaire more pedestrian friendly especially between east-west sides. Improving+adding sidewalks. Improving pedestrian walkway/path at 610 underpasses. Streets are a bit dark at night. I like the eco-lights but there are numerous dark patches on my street. Flooding is problematic...as in all of Houston. We need more dedicated Greenspaces-maybe old lots are designated to be free from structures/concrete every so many feet. Give tax incentive for keeping more greenspace.
we are concerned about the increase in crime over the last year. previously i felt very safe here.
We need more sidewalks. It's unpredictable from street to street.
We need continuous sidewalks. Builders need to keep equipment and trucks off of

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the sidewalks, we have. We have several seniors that walk daily and have to move onto the streets. This is very dangerous.

would like to see more green space and park space in Bellaire, improved walking trails, more variety of arts, cultural & rec programs for adults.

Flooding of Bissonnet

Would you city officials, employees, and workers please remove unnecessary traffic signs on private properties? Not only are they eyesores to the city of Bellaire, but also they are causing the devaluation of the property in the neighborhood as a whole. Taking one- direction traffic sign on maple street, for example, most drivers do not obey the signs. They still go in the opposite direction. More outrageously, the one-direction signs are put up private properties, not public property like BHS.

I wish the City would be more adamant with builders regarding their trash and its effect on neighbors! The current recycling method also adds to the trash in the neighborhood. Granted, people overfill the bins but wind and the way its collected sometimes create trash. Flooding continues to be an issue and needs to be addressed in the Southdale area.

Traffic and the speed of drivers is insane. Hate the dog poop EVERYWHERE, on the sidewalks and STREETS. Hate all the trash on the on/off ramps and feeder roads. Poor lighting on jogging path, feel unsafe from debris and muggers. Don't like that dog owners don't rein in their pets when a jogger/biker walks by. LOVE the house watch program. I live near the parks and hate the overfilled trashcans and trash from parties, and over loaded dog bins. I always get the trash blown into my lawn/yard.

You've allowed new homes to cement over too much land, thus creating flooding. New homes have inadequate drains, especially those with pools. "Gardeners" blow debris in the storm drains. You need to work with Houston to relieve flooding at Elm and 610. Let us know when you have caught the thieves the police broadcast on their videos. You've shown little concern for Bellaire's' original homes that get flooded with new construction and with land that is damaged by the pick-up workers builders use.

Insufficient police/public safety presence when streets are flooded. Branch/tree limb pickup for residence is inconsistent.

The city can do a much better job in furthering a) P&Z arena by encouraging housing (single homes) b) parks and rec programs and c) connecting with residents of the city. Good work overall in maintaining the city and its infrastructure given everything else going on in Harris county and Houston at large!

The lack of walking/jogging paths between Bellaire and West University is crazy. This should be a priority.

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The only concerns I have are in regards to flooding. I hope that Bellaire can find ways to reduce the chance of flooding and improve water drainage after large amounts of rain. I think this is the most important thing Bellaire should focus on.
1.boulevard grn occasionally gets missed for recycling for uncertain reasons 2. wish our commercial area looked better and could attract higher end businesses
More and attractive street lighting in the residential areas.
The city of Bellaire needs to institute regulations for dog owners to keep sidewalks clean and pick up after their pets. It needs to strictly enforce/fine dog owners who pollute streets and neighbors' lawns with their pets'mess. There are way too many dog owners in Bellaire who do not observe dog etiquette. It is totally unacceptable to see around the streets/front yards of Bellaire so many dog droppings left irresponsibly. Please do something!
Need more recreational opportunities in region B. PD is spectacular overall. However, they concentrate too much on petty traffic violations, which is hassle. Petition City of Houston to fix & expand South Rice Blvd all the way to WestPark.
Moved to Bellaire about 20 years ago for small town friendliness, police protection and proximity to work. Taxes have gone way up for vanity projects (parks, etc.). An increase in house prices by itself results in a tax increase. Bellaire is a city of homes. I don't want commercial development - we have Houston for shopping. We don't need to spend on parks - used mostly by non-residents anyway. Fund the shorthanded police dept and necessary infrastructure - no other vanity spending please!
Please put more resources on street drainage and flooding. Bellaire almost drowns during every rain
What I'd MOST like to see is better parks and recreational areas. In comparison to West U, Bellaire's facilities are terrible. Drainage is a problem after flash floods. It's a waste of time to fix the Bellaire Public Library given that Houston has an excellent public library at Stella Link, use the space for something else. Would love to see better ordinances for noise, so tired of listening to gardening blowers constantly. I and other residents are willing to help put the word out.
Bellaire is a small sized but well organized city. My family loves to live here.
I wish the Bellaire Library was a Harris County Public Library, such as the one in West University. I go to the library in West U. because I like it better. However, because the West U. library is closed for renovation, I have been going to the Bellaire Library and like the convenience. I am concerned about the possibility of flooding in my area. Water has come as close as 2 inches from my front door. I wish Bellaire had a more "polished" look. Excited about new HEB

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coming.
1. At 91 year old, don't use city services much any more. 2. Tried to get help with a rooster loose in neighborhood recently, but was told Animal Control could not help 3. Still have flooding concerns when there is a major storm with heavy rains
Great place to live and raise children.
The Bellaire central business district is in serious need of an upgrade. It is not even close to being as nice as Rice Village, in part because of the busy thoroughfares that criss cross it. Therefore, it is not a "destination" like Rice Village, but it could be. For example, a Farmers Market would be a great focal point.
This was hell of a long survey. You could make it more effective and shorten it up...
I wish the city would maintain streets better. lots of potholes. also wish more sidewalks, feel unsafe walking in the street.
Would love for Evergreen Park to feel a little cleaner. Turf, sun shade, better grass, less dirt. We always feel dirty when we leave. We wish the Rec Center Park was fenced in. Love Lafayette Park. Also would like better street lights on streets between Newcastle and the Railroad.
I strongly support upgrading the recycling and trash pick up to include rolling bins. I would also support a composting program or an initiative to encourage composting - there are other cities that provide discounted compost bins to residents! Hoping this is implemented as carrying the boxes and bags is probably difficult for many residents that are older or disabled. Thanks!!
Overall, happy with life in Bellaire, the 610 "divide" does make me feel we are two different communities. Not upset with that, it is just a matter of fact. Wish we (I am on inside - Newcastle and Jane St) had more walking commercial est to visit (restaurants, bars, shops) like they have in West U (Little Matt's, Tiny's, etc) but perhaps w the opening of Evelyn's Park, this will be a much anticipated option - thank you Rubenstein (sp?) family!

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I wish the city would really take more of an effort in forcing landlords to keep up rental houses; in many cases they are falling apart and are not kept up. We have a house down the street from us that has a car in the backyard, junk all along the side of the house, junk in the front and we were told that this is "normal";..not normal; all the other houses on our street are maintained.
Bellaire needs to focus less on spending tax dollars on aesthetics and more on maintaining infrastructure (excluding seldom used city parks)
Suggest all city employees acknowledge or answer emails. Address flooding on First St. and Palmetto.
Northern part of Bellaire's streets are neglected and traffic is horrible with new retail at our back door. We pray that the use of Fournace and Rice will not add to our current problems.
My main concerns are the air and the water. People coming in to the house from the outside smell of chemicals and the water smells awful and has to be filtered. It smells of chemicals and sulphur. For this reason I think it is bad for the health to live in Bellaire
- Sidewalks should be on both sides of streets - Noise barriers, including natural such as trees and bamboo, should be added to decrease increasing noise from I-610; can hardly hear anyone at Ware Family Park - Excessive speed on streets from persons cu
Pool maintenance is terrible and overrun with non-Bellaire residents. Bought membership for years but last year asked for money back as pool conditions and atmosphere were terrible. People do not take care of the yards and no one does anything about it. I support raising taxes to make the city top notch and we know that we have to spend more than other cities because we first respond to 610. Crime should not be tolerated and we should have the best and most police protection possible.NewStreets!
The City of Bellaire will never be a first-class place to live until the code enforcement is stepped up. Solid waste is on the curb of almost every block of every street every day of the week. Recycling bins are left out for days on end. WU wouldn't tolerate this. Neither would COH. It's a messy, dirty-looking neighborhood when garbage is constantly on the curb. I have several neighbors who are persistent offenders. NO ENFORCEMENT OF SOLID WASTE REGS.
We have so many spec houses and so many workers around all the time. I definitely don't feel safe jogging alone, at any time of the day. There's really no shopping or great restaurants in bellaire. Our pools are horrible and we have to bear the burden for 610 accidents therefore our police and fire are taxed. We have too many people with junky yards and rotting stucco. And people don't want



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to support new water meters! It just feels cheap...
Provide more street lights Provide more community flyers More police patrols Provide housing for downsizing
I have seen how the city government works and will not waste my time with comments. The City Council needs to re-vamped, it has taken 10 year or more to get sidewalks in Bellaire. . . Really! Let pay for another sidewalk study! Maybe the University of Houston can do a survey. . . .
Police Dept is amazing. Luckily never needed EMS or Fire. Too much trash along 610 and too many dogs barking. Thank you.
Appreciate the police and emergency services. Hear nothing but bad about Bellaire High School. Enjoy living here.
Code enforcement is the key. Frequently, cars are parked on the sidewalk (s. rice) with impunity. Garbage is on the curb for days at a time. Lawn trash is on the curb pretty much 7 days a week, and the city is not supposed to even accept lawn trash. Landscapers mow 7 days a week even after dark and after the noise ordinances are in effect. Builders block streets with impunity and make them impassable. Pass better codes and enforce the codes for a better City.
The city needs to enforce mowing and upkeep of yards
Streets & drainage are in particular disrepair north of Fournace. No sidewalks or bike paths here. Traffic is always bad on north end of Rice. No public parts other than one lot are available. Police surveillance is light. We pay the same taxes, with many million \$ homes. We get ignored by P&Z, but so far the mayor and some council members are attentive. Pat McLaughlan is disrespectful & angry that we think our neighborhood deserves the same maintenance as his. We feel abandoned by our city.
Biggest sources of displeasure with Bellaire are inadequate sidewalks for public health/safety and quality of life, especially for children, elders, visitors, walkers; and decreasing permeable surfaces due to ever-increasing percent coverage of residential lots; and increasing street parking due to residents requiring space for more vehicles than their own driveways and garages can contain. In combination with increasing service vehicles, deliveries, blocks are impossible to navigate at times.
I agree we should have continuous sidewalks on one side of the street. However, before we demand new homes add sidewalks, we need to determine which side of the street we want the sidewalk. Also, I think Terrain Studio was mis-directed into an urban design that Bellaie will not benefit from.
The only negative I have is that there have been three times in the last two years

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where I've been chewing my fingernails down over the major floods effecting my immediate neighborhood (we've been very lucky, others on our street not so lucky). Whereas my friend who lives south of Bellaire Blvd off Newcastle got ZERO accumulated water during the last two storms. It's frustrating and makes me wonder how his street less than a mile away drains so effectively. We need help!
The City of Bellaire is doing a very good job ans has been for years. Please resist the temptation to increase spending (and taxes) as, in my wife's and my opinions, &quot;It ain't broke so don't try to fix it&quot;
Please evaluate the drainage of the 4500 block of Pine St. It constantly floods with heavy rain.
Fix the flooding. Make the city look better. Our police force is 2nd rate - let's have more interaction than just traffic enforcement around elementary schools. Stop the grandstanding at council and show some leadership and back bone. Roman's a blowhard while David and Michael are ineffective followers who lack a vision for the city. Thank goodness for our new mayor.
Bellaire needs an indoor swimming pool like West U. Pools need to be open longer than 3 hrs/day on the weekend during non-summer months. Zoning committee needs to listen to residents- either don't change zoning for Chevron prop -or limit it to single family homes. Streets in bad shape in Area B - don't have running trails or even continuous sidewalks! Police don't patrol Area B enough. Non-fast food restaurants only please.
In reality Bellaire is a great place to live if wanting to live close in. I encourage our city leaders to focus on what makes it that way; most important is safe for our families - take a hard, aggressive stance on stopping crime, focus on the neighborhood orientation so residence will be proud of where they live, maintains of zoning - recognize zoning has a substantial impact on the neighborhoods, livability and home values quality services, friendly people, responsible financial management
I would like to see the city more aggressively bury its power lines.
Need a sidewalk on every street. We have plenty of parks, we really need a new library. No new apartments or condos should be allowed. Take care of residents, not developers and builders.
Need to employ at a city level, and incentivize at the residential level, use of environmentally responsible plantings, maintenance practices and water management.
Flooding is an issue
Feel unsafe in the dark, or areas/parks only when there are not a lot of people around- due to the crime that I hear about and am thankful to police for giving us

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tips on how to prevent. Please improve streets on Rice north of Beech St and continue to add sidewalks all over. Cars parked too close to stop signs are DANGEROUS when turning corners and I see the same ones day after day! Wish there was a public park close to Bellaire High! Thanks for conducting this survey, want more!

We should allow for nice fences in the front yards at property line(5-6 ft tall) for safety. Consider gated entrances on streets bordering Renwick. Strongly support trash cans (bags are unsanitary), and older homes should have to have yard sump pumps like newer properties. Strongly support increased funding for street repair around Bellaire perimeter. Recommend moving the Bus system to further down Renwick -- it's not needed in Bellaire and congests traffic. Thank you for asking for feedback.

Love living in Bellaire -very convenient to many venues (sports, medical, entertainment, shopping, etc). Outer edge of north and west portions of Bellaire could use some attention in all areas. More infrastructure needs to be addressed (especially condition of streets). Big example - allowing trees to be planted next to streets - knowing that upon maturity the root systems will damage sidewalks and streets resulting in tax dollars spent on repair. Prevention now would eliminate future problems

Love living in Bellaire. Lovely city with lovely people. Think the "aesthetics" need a major improvement. Parks and public spaces (along freeway, medians, sidewalks, etc) aren't up to snuff. Also - downtown area is such an unattractive mishmash. Need major efforts to "beautify" and "unify". Plenty of pretty houses but the city properties need improvements and cohesiveness. West U seems to have a very clear brand and message. We are missing that.

We need to fix/add more sidewalks. Folks are forced to walk on street especially kids.

1) Crime prevention - install cameras at major streets to catch thieves more easily as most of the crimes are committed near 610/major street outlets to get to 610. If so, there would be less burglaries. 2) Parks & Rec/Facilities - Our parks, playgrounds and facilities are in dire need of a renovation/rebuild. The main city building looks like it was built in the 70s and maybe renovated in the early 90s. The parks and playgrounds are falling apart, and we have to go to Southside and West U now.

I was disappointed to see there were no questions regarding flooding in Bellaire. I was born and raised in Bellaire and then moved to this residence in 1994. My house never flooded, including during Allison. Recently in the last few years me and my neighbors have flooded multiple times. The floods have greatly impacted my life as well as my neighbors. I cannot believe the issue of flooding or drainage was not specifically addressed in this survey. I am very disappointed.

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would like to see more police cars patrolling neighborhood streets and enforcing traffic, would like to see street light fixture replacement with more (number) and attractiveness, would like to see more effort in making a tree city and more city signage at entrance/exit points, would like for the street project to finish, would like city to approach projects from a quality standpoint rather than a budget standpoint
Need to have better storm water drainage. When it floods, my young family is cut off from emergency services and this is a major concern.
retail/dining in bellaire is very poor relative to the demographic. Must go to west u, rice village, galleria for these needs. Bus stop at south rice & bellaire needs to be removed; results in more crime, eye sore for community & makes retail investment less desirable. City needs to be more business friendly, redevelop the triangle area for services (mixed use retail/residential) that match demographic of bellaire. Remodel BHS, would be great for city. Lots trash along 610 access roads.
Vote for all 3 propositions were not placed on pre-election day ballots. Therefore, the votes in favor of these bonds are false in favor of what the City Manager is ginning the votes. Water Mains mysteriously went broken timed immediately before the election. Before asking for more taxes, use and do not waste the ever increasing taxes the city rakes in. Fire the City Manager before he gets to fire anymore City Employees. He replaced all senior staff with his corrupt loyal lemmiings.
Would like to upgrade park facilities for small children. A fenced playground facility with new expanded jungle gym's would be a big addition. See the Fire Truck Park in West U or the Pumpkin Park in River Oaks.
Continue replacing drainage and streets. Waste pick up is exceptional. Explore areas that could be developed for older citizens to live, townhomes or small homes. Don't think residents should be charged to use the pools. Think that the savings estimates on replacing the water meters are extravagant. Not broken. Allow changes in zoning to develop high rise apts or conds. It seems to attract younger and professional people.
We really enjoy living in bellaire. I wish more citizens would take pride in their homes and yards. Even though there are many \$million and up homes, some citizens have poorly maintained yards with weeds and trash stacked up around their homes. Also some homes have 3 or 4 cars parked in streets AT ALL TIMES that just don't work and are never moved! Why don't we have stricter codes on such things like this? Think how much prettier our residential streets could be ?
I think Bellaire is a great place to live overall. I love my neighbors. I look forward to HEB opening and possibly more businesses. I wish there were more recycling events/services. Perhaps paying for trash pickup, i.e. one bag free but more bags

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require sticker, would encourage more recycling. I also wish there was more maintenance and main road/sidewalk areas as there is always a lot of trash, esp. along S. Rice. I wish you had a better rec center and library but I think that's in the plans.
The city needs to return to past fiscal conservatism in its redevelopment efforts. The city needs to find a pool professional with lots of experience in water chemistry and maintenance practices. Many of the recent repairs have been the result of unknowledgeable pool managers. A "hands on" adult is needed to supervise the lifeguards, not a college student. The city employees need to welcome the expertise of the pool contractors and not feel threatened by their presence.
Keep the garbage trucks and employees on city payroll. These excellent people are picking up my bags of debris within a couple of days after a major storm. No contractor would provide that service. Its the best of all our public services.
We live close to Feld park. We would really like to go to the park more often -- however, my kids and I always manage to get bitten by mosquitos at the park. We really wish that they would spray the park to help reduce mosquitos. I would imagine many residents would not be opposed to a bond that would allow for more regular maintenance of the parks with spraying for mosquitoes to help reduce bug bites when enjoying our nearby parks.
If Chevron property changes zoning category, it should be used for single-family residential purposes. Any new use other than single-family residential would have adverse affect on surrounding neighborhoods and families.
Something needs to be done about the horrible traffic on Evergreen, maybe radar speed detectors to ensure that drivers remain within the speed limit. Trucks should be banned from using Evergreen as a thoroughfare.
Would like to see more high-end commercial and dining options in the city -- no reason why Bellaire does not have more attractive/appealing retail/dining. Would like to reduce red tape reputation of the city - contractors and service providers charge a Bellaire premium for dealing with city hall. Pay attention to timing on lights, especially Ave B and Bissonnet. Work on preventing petty crimes-break ins to homes/cars. Stop responding to squeaky wheel on spending like unfair Holly Street work.
when you ask about safety you may want to know where they live. We live within two blocks of the police station
Storm drain in front of my house doesn't drain and I have called multiple times requesting that it be addressed. No resolution.
Sidewalks for 2nd street Noise control esp for home generators Light control of



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flood lights
Feeling safe is key. I would like to see Police question persons in our neighborhoods who look out of place here
The street lighting is very poor. All the streets are too dark. Please add more lighting. Also, I'd like a more vibrant downtown. The businesses and appearance of downtown should be improved. Sidewalks need some work. Lack of sidewalks in some parts of the streets makes walking and biking dangerous especially for the kids walking to school.
We need sidewalks in this city! Basic maintenance and cleaning of streets/areas around 610, striping, etc needs to be kept up to date. Our town looks old, dirty and outdated.
Bellaire is a fantastic place to live.
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better areas for safe biking
Bellaire is a great place to live, work, and raise families. Street quality and stormwater (flooding continue to be difficult issues). The appearance and traffic flow in the cities' northwest commercial district are marginal, and in general I avoid it. Really needs work, as it is a scar on the neighborhood...a bunch of small marginal businesses with no central focal point or easy access. Bellaire high school really needs work, no progress is a drag on housing values and appeal to citizens
I would like to see Bellaire require tougher/higher standards in how streets are repaired, construction standards, etc. There are too many instances where things seem to be done "on the cheap" with no apparent long term image concerns. This ultimately makes our City look cheap and diminishes our image. Let's try to be more like West U. in these matters. The length of time it took us to develop Evelyn's Park is an absolute disgrace. I'm surprised the donors didn't demand return of the land.
The city of Bellaire needs a new mayor and city council and city manager.
Enough with the trash bags on the street. They are constantly ripped by animals and the trash scattered over the street. Lets catch up with the rest of society and use trash cans.
I opposed the Newcastle drainage project and forecasted that there would be continued flooding. It has only gotten worse! Street repairs are temporary and street lighting is inconsistent. The "Beautify Bellaire" project is a joke and the city council spends too much money on "surveys & evaluations" with no further action.

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I would like to see pieces of trash picked up from along the Newcastle trail and along Avenue B and along the feeder roads.
My family has lived in Bellaire for more than 25 years and have loved the sense of community, small-town feel, and excellent schools and city facilities. During the past 5-10 years, we have been saddened to see the middle class vanishing from Bellaire, as relatively modest-sized and modest-priced homes have been torn down and replaced with huge mansions. The community has changed, and not for the better. We miss the old Bellaire but still enjoy living here, at least until we retire.
Major concern regarding city planning for Haz-Mat or other event involving Union Pacific railroad or IH610. If response to flooding event of May 2015 and loss of the majority of city assets staged at Public Works on Edith Street is an indicator of planning quality, we have a problem. If there is a plan, especially regarding neighborhood evacuation in a Haz-Mat event, it has not been communicated to the public.
There is an impression that the families living in section B are second class citizens of Bellaire. Our streets, sidewalks and most of all or voiced concerns are ignored and neglected by the City.
Bellaire has become a city of rich snobs. I am ashamed when I have to tell someone where I live--I actually apologize. We used to be a city for middle class families; now we're a city of McMansions (complete with the flooding that comes with a lack of permeable land), snotty soccer moms, and crooked, lying city administrators who have no idea of what it means to be middle class.
Love living in Bellaire and that small town feel but would like to see more action to improve storm drainage and reduce flooding threat. Need to improve wages for Police and Fire to keep staff and reduce turnover.
I have been and am still very put out by the lack of response to my complaint about my next door neighbor's yard and driveway. It is a mess and has been for a very long time. Nothing is being done about it. It affects my yard with weeds and large sycamore leaves, creating a lot of work for me. Yet, last year, when I broke my wrist and could not work in the yard, I was cited for the grass being too long. How about looking next door to the east to see what a real mess looks like.
Real soon Bellaire will be an exclusive place to live with all the million+ \$ homes. Can't say you get what you pay for with the many high dollar homes having structural/exterior problems. The pier/beam foundation to allow water flow is a JOKE as most that I see are walled in to the point of 0 water flow. Involvement with the city by the high dollar home owners will most likely not occur. Unless, they run for city office. Tired of us following in West U's footsteps. Can't we think on our own?

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VERY POOR FISCAL AND COMMERCIAL CONTROL OVER HOW TAXPAYER MONEY IS SPENT-- INFORMATION ON KEY ISSUES IS AVAILABLE ONLY ON A PULL BASIS RATHER THAN PUSHED TO RESIDENTS. INFORMATION CAN BE VERY HARD TO COLLECT.

I support adoption of a master plan for the city to develop some cohesive identity through signage, lighting and gateways. Beautification must be a priority for the city to remain competitive. Parks are improving and much needed, particularly public restroom availability. Protection of the urban forest is POOR. Code enforcement for homes under construction is questionable. Crime is an ongoing concern. Commercial areas are improving, but remain below average. Drainage is a HUGE concern.

Metro station in the Triangle is a nuisance. Need more street lights and after hours patrols. Stop the sidewalk development - lots of speeding through school zones in our City but I only see police in front of Condit. Our solid waste services are the best I have ever seen. Thanks for getting a new HEB here - can't wait for that new amenity! Also love Evelyn's Park. Stop the street racing in Bellaire late at night.

We need sidewalks!

We need to fix our streets and add add attractive lighting. It has improved the W.U. And Southside neighborhoods tremendously.

Lived here since 1985.Seen many changes in the quality of life that existed when we first moved here. Kids played in the front yards.We took part in the city's recreational opportunities - swimming at both pools and using many of the parks and playgrounds. We were close friends with our neighbors.Today there is no interaction between the newer neighbors who live behind closed gates. Neighbors routinely violate city ordinances re:yard contractor waste with impunity. Quality of life has changed.

I'd like the city to improve the downtown area - maybe improve the street design and pedestrian areas to encourage better development. Work with HISD to improve areas for pick-up of children from school.

I think the city of Bellaire has a lot of things they need to improve on. I don't feel safe in this community. Not enough police. They don't ticket the motorcycle racers. I don't think our city hall and employees are the best at what they do. I wish our city offered more. I am not going to vote for anything that increases taxes because I think we already pay too much in taxes as it is. The city does not respond to flooding and complaints from citizens. House are in bad shape and nothing is done

I would use the pool more but I think the price is outrageous for bellaire reaidents. We Also need a redevelopment plan. Bellaire could be a cute little city

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with dining, shopping and maybe a local pub for gathering but we just don't have that!
Public Works, street reasphalting a disaster, very very sloppy, no oversight, no follow up, no accountability No vision for city village like planned development for 50 years. We would support eminent domain. If not now, when? You have the tax base. More festivals, concerts to bring sense of community.
Please make it safe to ride bicycles with my family. Traffic needs to slow down to 25 mph on neighborhood streets and bike routes are needed to travel safely!!
Please enact an ordinance to limit the number of signs a house may have on its yard & house. 20 signs is ridiculous - an eyesore and safety hazard (due to drivers slowing to look at them).
We could use more soft walking/running trails - not concrete. Thank you.
I have seen a decline in the City of Bellaire property values and overall opinion by city of Houston residents. Flooding and crime have made Bellaire not as desirable as other neighborhoods. Also, HISD (Bellaire HS) is over crowded and has outgrown the location. The City leaders need to get a solution to reduce traffic, crime (trespassing, etc) so the school is neighborhood appropriate.
I have lived in Bellaire 28 years. It concerns me that the city has evolved such that only people with very high incomes can afford to live here; the city has lost much of its diversity and its small town feel. Overall, city services and quality of life are excellent.
Supervise public work projects. Money wasted without proper oversight - can cite specific examples. "Art Projects" are amateurish eyesores and negatives. Improve drainage. Take aggressive hardline stance with TXDOT on 610 issues rather than historic "cooperation" (they roll over the city); particularly: drainage, police use, noise/sound walls. Parks plus library should be exclusive to Bellaire citizens, not open to all, crowded, unavailable, unappealing. Consider Southside's "club" model.
I purchased my home in 1952 while I was in the Navy, in the Aleutian Islands during the Korean War. Quite a story I was single then, 59 yrs wedded now. Raised our family in Bellaire, one child lives in Bellaire. A great place.
My house has been flooded three times in the last 3 years. The drainage in our street (Palmetto Street inside the loop) is very bad. We pay a lot in taxes, and hope that some budgets are allocated to improve drainage in our street.
I have three main points I would like to make. First, I have lived in Bellaire for over 20 years and know the tax base has increased but see ZERO benefit from that increase. Second, the commercial buildings in Bellaire generally look very

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run down and horrible. I have called the City Administration many times and often my impression is so very negative. Often the phone is unanswered and when it is answered no one knows who to ask or how to answer my questions. It should be much, much better

We recently moved to bellaire and have mixed feelings about it. It has great schools and they're making lots of improvements but it doesn't feel united since there is a literal separation of a highway which is REALLY loud. I think we were anticipating knowing people in our community better by now but we don't. There seems to be lots of updates needed: community center, library, play structures, grocery stores, etc. We're hoping to stay but not sure just yet.

Be kind to those of us that have lived here a long time, please do not push us out with higher taxes.

often appears building permits are given with little planning and questionable compliance with existing ordinance.

We do not yet know if we have been selected to complete your survey, but there is a topic of importance to us: trash pick-up.

We have lived in Bellaire since 2005; we love it. Overall, we are pleased with the services and administration of the city. We look forward to further development of the commercial areas to be more attractive and 'user friendly.'

The suggestion/request we have is to upgrade to large bins for trash collection. Large bins should eliminate the need for twice weekly pick-up, and trash bags are a significant factor in land fills. I don't know how much they cost to distribute to residents, but it seems that eliminating the bags and one of the pick-up days would contribute to off-setting the cost of bin purchase. It would be more environmentally friendly, more efficient use of personnel and easier for residents to toss rubbish in a bin than to bag and haul it.

The one other comment regards online utility payments. How is a charge of \$1.25 justified for a payment that is processed electronically? Surely that is easier than handling a paper check left in a dropbox or received in the mail?!?!? It would seem more logical for the city to encourage online payments - but that will not happen when you assess a penalty for using what should be an easier process.

We appreciate the efforts of city administrators to improve our city. We hope the results from the survey are helpful in defining what residents deem important.



Survey Questions Where Median Score Was Affected by Inclusion of Volunteered Responses (BC17)					
Question	Question Text	Random Sample		with Volunteered	
		Score	Response	Score	Response
<b>General Community Questions :</b>					
<i>Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Bellaire as a whole:</i>					
2v	Traffic flow on residential streets	2	Above Average	3	Average
<i>In the last year, about how many times per month have you or other household members participated in the following activities in Bellaire?</i>					
3h	Visited the City of Bellaire web site (www.bellairetx.gov)	2	Less than once per month	3	About once per month
<i>Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Bellaire:</i>					
4h	Street cleaning	2	Above Average	3	Average
4u	Animal control	2	Above Average	3	Average
<b>Development Services/Code Enforcement:</b>					
<i>Have you had any in-person, phone or email contact with an employee of the Bellaire Development Services/Code Enforcement over the last year? If so, how would you rate your most recent contact for the following:</i>					
12c	Courtesy	2	Above Average	3	Average
<b>Public Works:</b>					
<i>Please rate the following items regarding your impressions of the Public Works Department in the City of Bellaire</i>					
17a	Overall effectiveness of the department in maintaining the Bellaire public infrastructure	2	Above Average	3	Average



# CITY OF BELLAIRE TEXAS

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MARCH 20, 2017

Council Chamber

Regular Session

6:00 PM

7008 S. RICE AVENUE  
BELLAIRE, TX 77401

### REGULAR SESSION - 6:00 P.M.

#### A. Call to Order - Andrew S. Friedberg, Mayor.

**Andrew S. Friedberg, Mayor**, called the Regular Session of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to order at 6:01 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2017. The Regular Session was held in the Council Chamber, First Floor of City Hall, 7008 South Rice Avenue, Bellaire, Texas 77401.

#### B. Announcement of a Quorum - Andrew S. Friedberg, Mayor.

**Mayor Friedberg** announced that a quorum of the members of City Council was present as set forth in the table below.

Name	Title	Status
Andrew S. Friedberg	Mayor	Present
Roman F. Reed	Mayor Pro Tem	Present
Trisha S. Pollard	Council Member	Present
Gus E. Pappas	Council Member	Present*
Pat B. McLaughlan	Council Member	Present
Michael Fife	Council Member	Present
David R. Montague	Council Member	Present

Other officials present were Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager; Alan P. Petrov, City Attorney; and Tracy L. Dutton, City Clerk.

\*Council Member Gus E. Pappas arrived shortly after the meeting had begun at 6:04 p.m.

#### C. Inspirational Reading and/or Invocation - David R. Montague, Council Member.

**David R. Montague, Council Member**, provided the inspirational reading for the evening.

#### D. Pledges of Allegiance - David R. Montague, Council Member.

**Council Member Montague** led the members of City Council and the audience in the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Mar 20, 2017 6:00 PM (Adoption of Minutes:)

**E. Recognition of Proclamation:**

Issuance of a proclamation by Mayor Andrew S. Friedberg proclaiming March 28, 2017, as Blinded Veterans Day in the City of Bellaire, Texas, in support of the mission of the Blinded Veterans Association and in celebration of its 72nd anniversary.

**Mayor Friedberg** shared a proclamation he had issued at the request of the Greater Houston Regional Group of the Blinded Veterans Association. The proclamation proclaimed March 28, 2017, as Blinded Veterans Day in the City of Bellaire, Texas, in support of the mission of the Blinded Veterans Association (BVA) and in celebration of its 72nd anniversary.

Mayor Friedberg did not formally present the proclamation, but noted that a copy was included in the agenda packet for this evening. The BVA, as stated in the proclamation, was founded by approximately 100 young World War II veterans who had lost their sight in combat with a mission of encouraging blinded veterans to take their rightful place in the community with their fellow citizens and work with them toward the creation of a peaceful world. The BVA continues to this day to advocate for the war blinded to regain their independence, confidence, and self-esteem through rehabilitation and training. The work of the BVA has been recognized by the United States Congress which, in 2010, declared March 28th as National Blinded Veterans Day.

Mayor Friedberg indicated that he was pleased for Bellaire to join in the observance through the proclamation and for the opportunity to promote public awareness of the Blinded Veterans Association and its important mission.

**I. PUBLIC HEARING (PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - TRP DISTRICT)****A. Reading of the Notice of Public Hearing - Tracy L. Dutton, City Clerk.**

**Tracy L. Dutton, City Clerk**, read the "Notice of Public Hearing" into the record. City Clerk Dutton advised that the notice was published in the legal notices section of the Southwest News on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, and mailed on that date to real property owners of record and tenants within 500 feet of the property which was the subject of the public hearing. The notice was also posted on the City's official bulletin board.

**B. Summary of Public Hearing Procedure - Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager.**

**Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager**, summarized the public hearing procedure for the evening.

**C. Presentation:**

Public Hearing on proposed amendments to the City of Bellaire's Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map, with regard to the future redevelopment of the property locally known as the Chevron property. This property is identified as "Business Park" within the Comprehensive Plan, and is currently zoned as Technical Research Park District (TRPD). The property is generally located north of Fournace Place, between South Rice Avenue and the West Loop - Presented by John McDonald, Director of Development Services.

**John McDonald, Director of Development Services**, advised that in 2016,

representatives of Chevron visited with and notified the City that they planned to vacate their property consisting of approximately 30 acres generally located north of Fournace Place, between South Rice Avenue and the West Loop. The City began preparing for redevelopment of the property with the adoption of an ordinance last October which required all new development on that site to have a specific use permit, as an interim measure pending an update to the Comprehensive Plan and zoning ordinances. That same month, the Planning and Zoning Commission ("PZC") began working with Gary Mitchell, President of Kendig Keast Collaborative, who had been serving as their planning consultant for the last several years, in an effort to review the Comprehensive Plan and prepare a recommendation for City Council.

Director McDonald stated that the *Texas Local Government Code* required that any future zoning be in compliance with the City's Comprehensive Plan. Prior to being able to develop regulations to govern the site, the Comprehensive Plan needed to be updated. Therefore, the PZC was seeking to amend the Comprehensive Plan. The amendment, if adopted, would serve as a policy guide to assist in the drafting of future regulations to govern the use and development of the area.

Director McDonald advised that future zoning regulations would include safeguards and buffers similar to those included in other commercial and mixed-use districts to protect adjacent residential properties. Additionally, any proposed future regulations to the area would have to go through the zoning amendment process, which would include public hearings before the PZC and the City Council.

**Gary Mitchell, President of Kendig Keast Collaborative**, was introduced by Director McDonald to present the PZC recommendation to members of City Council.

Mr. Mitchell described the unique characteristics of the Chevron Property, such as the number of contiguous acres in a rectangular shape and access to the freeway and arterial streets. The PZC felt that single-family residential was not a conducive use across the board due to frontage along the freeway. It was determined that the site was likely a candidate for a planned development application ("PD"). Options included detached single-family residential homes on smaller lots, town homes or other forms of attached housing, and a mixed-use development approach. The site could also continue as an office use or a medical use.

Mr. Mitchell stated that it was suggested that the most intensive activity be located along the Loop, with the next tier along South Rice Avenue, and the third tier along Fournace Place. Recognizing a residential neighborhood immediately abutting the property, screening and buffering requirements would be recommended in terms of separation, as well as height limits. The current height limit in the zoning district was six stories, and the office building currently in existence on the property was ten stories.

In closing, Mr. Mitchell advised that the property also provided an opportunity for creative site planning with green expectations, such as continued tree-lined frontage along Fournace Place.

**D. Public Comment.**

**Mayor Friedberg** recognized speakers who had completed a sign-up sheet that was located at the entrance to the Council Chamber. He reminded speakers of the five (5) minute time limit and indicated that notice would be given after four (4) minutes that speakers had one (1) minute left.

**Ed Umbright:**

Mr. Umbright addressed City Council and advised that in his opinion, the goal of the PZC and consultant seemed to be adding more property into the space Chevron was vacating and slowly changing the character of the City a few feet at a time. Mr. Umbright expressed concern that the PZC was modifying zoning to promote development, which he was not sure was to Bellaire's best advantage. Mr. Umbright also expressed concern that citizen participation appeared to be disregarded by the PZC.

Higher density residential property needed to be located near Bellaire Boulevard and the Bellaire Transit Center in Mr. Umbright's opinion. He noted that Bellaire had a unique and one-time opportunity to remove a natural barrier between two smaller neighborhoods. He urged City Council to blend the barrier out and make it disappear.

**Cynthia Freeman:**

Ms. Freeman addressed City Council and asked them not to approve the recommendation made by the PZC for amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. Reference was made to a remediation project currently underway on the Chevron property. Ms. Freeman indicated that she felt the City needed to see what was going environmentally with the property before making a decision.

Reference was also made to a previous proposal for HISD to consider purchasing the Chevron property. At that time, Ms. Freeman requested and received documents and an appraisal from the Houston Independent School District ("HISD") for the property. HISD indicated in the documentation that contact had been made with the City regarding the property. The City advised HISD that the property would likely be permitted for retail and multi-family uses. Ms. Freeman expressed concern that such a statement would be made prior to any public hearings before the PZC and City Council regarding the property.

In closing, Ms. Freeman advised that her understanding of the amendments to the Comprehensive Plan deleted the possibility of a business park. The residents had coexisted with Chevron for years and years with no problems, in her opinion. She suggested that a business park use should be a possibility for the property.

**Jim Balogh:**

Mr. Balogh addressed City Council regarding the Chevron property. Reference was made to the remediation efforts underway on the Chevron property. Mr. Balogh advised that he had contacted the state and was unable to obtain copies of any permits issued for the remediation.

Mr. Balogh also advised that traffic would be a nightmare on South Rice Avenue if the Chevron property redeveloped, in his opinion. Reference was made to the backup caused by parents picking up children from Cunningham Elementary School and additional traffic associated with the Walmart development at South Rice Avenue and the Service Road.



**Bryan Wogenstahl:**

Mr. Wogenstahl addressed City Council and stated that the residents of the north side of Bellaire should have a say in what happened in their community. He expressed concern that residents were not heard and were dismissed by the PZC, in his opinion.

Mr. Wogenstahl urged City Council to reject the proposal that the PZC had put forth. He advised that the neighborhood did not want multi-residential facilities or retail development next to them. He encouraged City Council to send the recommendation back to the PZC and ask them to restructure the proposal in support of the community.

**Brian Taylor:**

Mr. Taylor addressed City Council and noted his appreciation for the opportunity to address them. With respect to the process, Mr. Taylor stated that it seemed to him that the City was abandoning the Comprehensive Plan by saying that the Chevron property was a special development project, which was nonspecific. Mr. Taylor stated further that he felt that the PZC's plan was flawed and indicated that the current business park designation had worked very well for the neighborhood, in his opinion.

Since the PZC plan seemed to look toward the potential for the property for sale purposes as opposed to thinking about the integrity of the neighborhood, in his opinion, Mr. Taylor urged City Council to vote no.

**Carol McDonald:**

Ms. McDonald addressed City Council regarding traffic, flooding, and trash concerns that might arise as the result of a new development on the Chevron property. Reference was made to the current traffic issues along South Rice Avenue.

Ms. McDonald urged City Council not to approve the proposal by the PZC. She advised that she would rather see the property remain as a business park.

**Mayor Friedberg** noted that Catherine Lewis had submitted a written comment for the agenda packet and had also requested to speak this evening. He asked whether any members of City Council were opposed to suspending their rules to allow oral comment as well. Hearing no objection, the rule was suspended by general consent. Mayor Friedberg recognized Catherine Lewis.

**Catherine Lewis:**

Ms. Lewis addressed City Council regarding the PZC recommendation for the Chevron property. She provided a PowerPoint® presentation depicting various apartment complexes near the neighborhood and views of the Chevron property from the backyards of the neighborhood.

Ms. Lewis encouraged City Council to let zoning take priority over the monetary nature of the City's tax base. In her opinion, the neighborhood and character needed to be taken care of.

**Clarence Liang:**

Mr. Liang addressed City Council regarding the Chevron property. He stated that if the property became a multi-use area, all of the advantages of a quiet, decent neighborhood

would be gone, in his opinion.

He indicated that he did not know why the City needed retail or restaurants on the property with Richmond and The Galleria located only one mile away. Mr. Liang indicated that he would like to hear what other residents thought about the proposal and stated that he hoped the City would think more about the residents of Bellaire as opposed to its revenue base.

**Lynn McBee:**

Ms. McBee addressed City Council and stated that her first reaction to the draft proposal was the fact that the phrase "long-term financial outlook" was repeated numerous times throughout the proposed text. She suggested the phrase be removed from the text, as well as the phrase "capitalize on this unique redevelopment opportunity." Ms. McBee stated that zoning was not about "recouping" one's investment, in her opinion.

In closing, Ms. McBee stated that the whole attitude was misrepresenting a zoned city that took its history very personally. She urged City Council to oppose the recommendation.

**David Wall:**

Mr. Wall addressed City Council and urged them to listen to the residents who had come to meetings and repeated their concerns over and over.

Mr. Wall advised that residents moved to Bellaire, the "city of homes," for police, fire, and emergency medical services (as opposed to shopping or restaurants) and single-family homes.

**Ruomin Dong:**

Mr. Dong addressed City Council and indicated that when he moved to the area from Boston, Bellaire stood out as an ideal City. Bellaire had a reputation as a good neighborhood for everyone, in his opinion. He urged City Council not to do anything with the recommendation.

**Annabelle Bitter:**

Ms. Bitter addressed City Council and noted that what she loved about Bellaire was that it was a place of single-family homes and was 15 minutes from everything. Being able to bridge Mayfair Street and Fournace Place together as opposed to a development that was overly commercial was a good idea in her opinion.

**Richard Franke:**

Mr. Franke addressed City Council and indicated that he felt the City had a little "tone at the top" problem. The tone had translated into some of the activities of the PZC, which was "to increase tax revenue." He stated that the City was not required to document, analyze the risk, or quantify the impact to residential property owners for zoning decisions, in his opinion.

Mr. Franke continued and advised that he did not trust the Comprehensive Plan and felt that it had been used as a tool for political manipulation of property owners. Mr. Franke closed by expressing his personal concern that the City was not here to protect property owners--it was here to protect the property tax base. He encouraged City Council to

back up on the process.

**Jennifer Hawes:**

Ms. Hawes addressed City Council and indicated that she disagreed with some of the comments made already. She advised that she hated the public hearing process and would rather see the City Council, PZC, City Attorney, and residents using an alternative form of public engagement, such as a community workshop where questions could be asked and answered immediately.

Ms. Hawes stated that she felt that residents' voices were heard. She noted that the Comprehensive Plan was important, in her opinion, and served as a roadmap for future development.

Multi-family apartments and condominiums, if permitted, would jeopardize resident protection and the goals of the community, in Ms. Hawes' opinion. She asked why the City was rushing and pushing for multi-family development now.

Ms. Hawes suggested prohibiting big box retail and hotels, and to set specific guidelines with respect to architectural design, color schemes, building materials, a good neighbor policy requiring developers to hold workshops and show visual representations of what they envisioned for the property, and to allow for input. In closing, she urged City Council to create a citizen task force to look into the issue.

**Michael Tweedy:**

Mr. Tweedy addressed City Council and urged City Council to vote against the existing recommendation as he believed that the PZC had failed to frame the recommendation properly and evaluate doable options. He also believed that the recommendation was not supported by facts and omitted a number of meaningful, reliable pieces of information.

**Written Comments:**

**Mayor Friedberg** advised that two written comments were received by City Council. **Terisa Wilson** expressed concerns with respect to setbacks between new development and adjacent existing properties, flooding caused by increased density and, in general, traffic and ingress to and from the neighborhood, noise at night, and crime. **Catherine Lewis** submitted her written comment in the form of PowerPoint® slides that accompanied her earlier oral presentation.

**Mayor Friedberg** advised further that complete copies of the written comments were included in the agenda packet for this evening.

**E. Questions from the Mayor and City Council.**

**Mayor Friedberg** opened the floor for questions of Director of Development Services John McDonald and/or Consultant Gary Mitchell.

Following questions, Mayor Friedberg closed the public hearing.

**F. Close of the Public Hearing.**

**Mayor Friedberg** announced that the public hearing was concluded at 8:34 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2017. Instructions regarding written comments were provided to

members of the audience.

### G. Adjourn.

**Mayor Friedberg** announced that the public hearing of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, was adjourned at 8:34 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2017. Members of City Council took a brief recess before resuming their Regular Meeting at 8:45 p.m.

## II. REGULAR MEETING

### A. Call to Order - Andrew S. Friedberg, Mayor.

Mayor Friedberg called the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to order at 8:45 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2017.

### B. Announcement of a Quorum - Andrew S. Friedberg, Mayor.

**Mayor Friedberg** announced that a quorum of the members of City Council was present as set forth in the table below.

Name	Title	Status
Andrew S. Friedberg	Mayor	Present
Roman F. Reed	Mayor Pro Tem	Present
Trisha S. Pollard	Council Member	Present
Gus E. Pappas	Council Member	Present
Pat B. McLaughlan	Council Member	Present
Michael Fife	Council Member	Present
David R. Montague	Council Member	Present

Other officials present were Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager; Alan P. Petrov, City Attorney; and Tracy L. Dutton, City Clerk.

### C. Personal/Audience Comments.

Prior to opening the floor for Personal/Audience Comments, **Mayor Friedberg** noted that comments on the subject of the previously held public hearing were not in order at this time. Instructions were provided regarding the time limit for speakers.

#### Michael Tweedy:

Mr. Tweedy addressed City Council and advised that citizens depended on City Council to protect and represent their interests. The commissions that the City Council put in place were there to protect the interests of the citizens as well; however, the residents were not seeing that and were reacting with frustration and anger.

Mr. Tweedy expressed concern over the contamination issues with the Chevron property and advised that in 2009, the contamination on the Chevron property far exceeded the TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) protective levels of contaminants based on documents provided by HISD that he had seen. Mr. Tweedy stated that the City should be communicating those details to the residents and those details should have been part of the recommendation, in his opinion.

In closing, Mr. Tweedy urged City Council to take some action and restore the citizens'

public trust in its officials.

**James Rowe:**

Mr. Rowe addressed City Council and indicated that he had not received the follow-up to the City's third party investigation that he said was promised to him nor had he received responses to any of his questions.

**Catherine Lewis:**

Ms. Lewis addressed City Council regarding the UV-T District located off of Lehigh Street. She referred to uses identified for the area, such as retail establishments, restaurants, and life-cycle housing. She indicated that she did not feel that the recommendation as to use was well done, as it was already a very busy area in her opinion. She also did not believe that warehouse apartments would be a good neighbor.

**Lynn McBee:**

Ms. McBee addressed City Council regarding an item on the evening's agenda. The item involved the use of City property within the right-of-way at Bissonnet and Chestnut Streets for commercial parking. Ms. McBee advised that the City had handled rights-of-way several ways in the past, such as ignoring them, not maintaining them, giving them away, and selling them for a fee donated to parks.

The City appeared to consider the right-of-way in question an "as of right" use. The right-of-way, which was triangular-shaped, would be leased at no cost to the abutting commercial property owner for 15 years at a time. Ms. McBee stated that she felt giving away rights-of-way without public input was an inappropriate public policy.

**D. Reports and Presentations:**

1. City Manager's Report regarding communication, field and personnel updates, calendar reminders, and notes of appreciation - Submitted by Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager.

**Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager**, presented the City Manager's Report dated March 20, 2017, to members of City Council.

At the conclusion of the City Manager's Report, **Mayor Friedberg** opened the floor for questions from City Council. Following questions, Mayor Friedberg announced that the City Manager's Report was concluded and continued to the next report on the agenda.

2. Presentation of the FY2016 Annual Audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) by Whitley Penn, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, and consideration of and possible action on the acceptance of the FY2016 annual audit and CAFR - Submitted by Terrence Beaman, Chief Financial Officer.

**Mayor Friedberg** advised that the draft 2016 Annual Report and CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) were previously presented to the Audit Finance Board. The members of the Audit Finance Board were noted as follows: Mayor Friedberg, Council Member Michael Fife, Council Member David R. Montague, and Jason Taibel (citizen member).

**Terrence Beaman, Chief Financial Officer**, advised that the City had recently requested proposals for the purpose of engaging an auditor to perform auditing



services for the City. As a result of the process, the City engaged Whitley Penn to perform those services for 2016. Along with Whitley Penn, CFO Beaman and Senior Accountant Jim Harrison were new players on the team.

The Finance Team and Whitley Penn met with the Audit Finance Board on March 9th. CFO Beaman thanked the Mayor and members of the Audit Finance Board for their input and attention to detail. CFO Beaman next introduced Lupe Garcia, Partner of Whitley Penn, for the presentation of the CAFR.

**Lupe Garcia, Partner, Whitley Penn**, advised that the Annual Audit and CAFR process was several months in the making, beginning with a "field" phase during the summer to perform a risk assessment and test internal controls and moving to a "year-end" phase during December to perform year-end procedures on account balances and various transaction classes. During the course of the audit, the auditors performed a variety of audit procedures, including face-to-face interviews, review of source documentation, and a confirmation of information with third parties, all with the goal of coming to an opinion on the City's financial statements.

Mr. Garcia advised that his firm had issued an unmodified opinion on the City's financial statements, which was the highest level of assurance that could be given on a set of financial statements. It was important to note that the City went above and beyond and prepared more than a bare minimum set of financial statements.

Some areas for improvement were identified, and Mr. Garcia advised that management had already acted on the recommendations and had started to implement processes and action plans with regard to the recommendations.

**Mayor Friedberg** opened the floor for questions from City Council. Following questions, Mayor Friedberg asked members of City Council if there were any objections to the formal acceptance of the 2016 Annual Audit and CAFR. Hearing none, **Mayor Friedberg advised that the fiscal year 2016 Annual Audit and CAFR were accepted by general consent.**

## **E. New Business:**

### **1. Consent Agenda:**

#### **a. Adoption of Minutes:**

Consideration of and possible action on the adoption of the minutes of the Regular Session of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, held on Monday, February 20, 2017 - Submitted by Tracy L. Dutton, City Clerk.

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#### **b. Bid Award:**

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Mar 20, 2017 6:00 PM (Adoption of Minutes:)

Consideration of and possible action on a recommendation from the Public Works Department to award Bid No. 17-007, 1.5 Mil Density Polyethylene Bags, to Dyna Pak Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$70,762.50 and on the adoption of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, authorizing the Mayor 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 Dyna Pak Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$70,762.50 - Submitted by Shawn Cox, Administrative Services Manager, Public Works Department.

**c. Investments:**

- i. Consideration of and possible action on the adoption of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, amending the authorized representatives for the City of Bellaire, Texas, for purposes of transmitting funds for investment in the Texas Local Government Investment Pool (TexPool/TexPool Prime), withdrawing funds from TexPool, issuing letters of instruction, and taking all other actions deemed necessary or appropriate for the investment of local funds - Submitted by Terrence Beaman, Chief Financial Officer.
- ii. Consideration of and possible action on the adoption of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, amending the authorized representatives for the City of Bellaire, Texas, for purposes of transmitting funds for investment in the TexSTAR Local Government Investment Pool (TexSTAR), withdrawing funds from TexSTAR, issuing letters of instruction, and taking all other actions deemed necessary or appropriate for the investment of local funds - Submitted by Terrence Beaman, Chief Financial Officer.
- iii. Consideration of and possible action on the adoption of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, amending the authorized representatives for the City of Bellaire, Texas, for purposes of transmitting funds for investment in the TexasTERM Local Government Investment Pool (TexasTERM), withdrawing funds from TexasTERM, issuing letters of instruction, and taking all other actions deemed necessary or appropriate for the investment of local funds - Submitted by Terrence Beaman, Chief Financial Officer.

**Mayor Friedberg** read the captions of the five items listed on the Consent Agenda and asked if any member of City Council wished to remove any of the items for separate consideration. Noting none, Mayor Friedberg called for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.

**Motion:**

**To adopt the Consent Agenda dated March 20, 2017.**

**{Moved by Trisha S. Pollard, Council Member, and seconded by Roman F. Reed, Mayor Pro Tem}**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Trisha S. Pollard, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Roman F. Reed, Mayor Pro

	Tem
<b>AYES:</b>	Friedberg, Reed, Pollard, Pappas, McLaughlan, Fife, Montague
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None

## 2. 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, verifying and acknowledging the annual review of the City's Investment Policy and Investment Strategies (City of Bellaire Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration, Article I, In General, Section 2-10, Investment Policy) - Submitted by Terrence Beaman, Chief Financial Officer.

**Mayor Friedberg** briefly introduced the item before City Council. He advised that the investment policy and investment strategies were previously presented to the Audit Finance Board in advance of City Council's consideration this evening and that no changes were being recommended this year.

### Motion:

**To adopt the ordinance as presented verifying and acknowledging the annual review of the City's Investment Policy and Investment Strategies.**

**{Moved by Michael Fife, Council Member, and seconded by David R. Montague, Council Member}**

**Mayor Friedberg** opened the floor for questions and discussion. Following a question of Chief Financial Officer Beaman, Mayor Friedberg called for action on the motion.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Michael Fife, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	David R. Montague, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Friedberg, Reed, Pollard, Pappas, McLaughlan, Fife, Montague

- b. Consideration of and possible action on the adoption of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to execute a Standard Form of Agreement by and between the City of Bellaire, Texas, and 4900 Bissonnet, LLC, for the use of city property within the right-of-way generally located at the intersection of Bissonnet Street and Chestnut Street for commercial parking - Submitted by John McDonald, Director of Development Services.

**John McDonald, Director of Development Services**, introduced the agenda item which related to the use of City property within the right-of-way located at the intersection of Bissonnet and Chestnut Streets. Director McDonald indicated that the ordinance before City Council would allow a business owner, 4900 Bissonnet, LLC, to use the right-of-way for a parking

area to support their business. A successful two-story commercial center, which was recently redeveloped, currently abutted the right-of-way.

Although the right-of-way was not needed to make the site work, Director McDonald advised that 4900 Bissonnet, LLC, wished to enhance the level of business and services that the owner could bring to Bellaire and additional parking could assist in that endeavor.

**Mayor Friedberg** opened the floor for questions of Director McDonald. Following questions, Mayor Friedberg noted that some of the materials in the agenda packet referred to a "Standard Form of Agreement," however, the document itself was titled a "License, Use and Development Agreement." He entertained a motion to include the title of the document as "License, Use and Development Agreement."

**Motion:**

**To adopt an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a License, Use and Development Agreement with 4900 Bissonnet, LLC, as presented for the use of City property within the right-of-way generally located at the intersection of Bissonnet and Chestnut Streets for commercial parking.**

**{Moved by David M. Montague, Council Member, and seconded by Michael Fife, Council Member}**

**Mayor Friedberg** opened the floor for questions and deliberation. After some deliberation, **Roman F. Reed, Mayor Pro Tem, moved to call the question. Gus E. Pappas, Council Member, seconded the motion.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>FAILED [3 TO 3 TO 1]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Roman F. Reed, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Gus E. Pappas, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Reed, Fife, Montague
<b>NAYS:</b>	Friedberg, Pollard, Pappas
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	McLaughlan
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None

Deliberation among members of City Council continued. Following deliberation, **Mayor Friedberg** restated the motion and called for action on the motion.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [6 TO 1]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	David R. Montague, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michael Fife, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Friedberg, Reed, Pollard, Pappas, Fife, Montague
<b>NAYS:</b>	McLaughlan

**3. Items for Individual Consideration:**

**Mayor Friedberg** advised that agenda items listed as 3(a) and 3(b) were related. To enable City Council to take them all up in one discussion, Mayor Friedberg read

each caption, then turned the floor over to the City Manager for an introduction.

**City Manager Hofmann** advised that the agenda items listed as 3(a) and 3(b) represented another step in the process of implementing the bond program that the voters approved in November of 2016. The agenda items would authorize the City Manager to award professional services contracts for design work and third-party plan review work and the Mayor to execute those contracts.

City Manager Hofmann reviewed the work to be done by category as follows:

Group A - Water and wastewater line replacement work;

Group B - Streets and drainage work (originally identified as part of the Rebuild Bellaire Program);

Group C - Streets and drainage work newly identified as part of the 2016 bond program; and

Group D - Sidewalks to connect gaps.

**Mayor Friedberg** opened the floor for questions of City Manager Hofmann. Following questions, Mayor Friedberg proposed, for procedural purposes and ease of keeping up with motions, that separate motions and votes be taken on each of the six items individually.

**a. Design Engineering Services:**

- i. Consideration of and possible action of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to enter into negotiations for a contract in an amount not to exceed \$320,000 to be executed by the Mayor, with ARKK Engineers, LLC, for Design Engineering and Construction Administration Services for the Bonds for Better Bellaire 2016 Water and Wastewater Line Replacement Project Group A Phase 1 - Submitted by Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager.

**Motion:**

**To authorize the City Manager to enter into negotiations for a contract in an amount not to exceed \$320,000 to be executed by the Mayor with ARKK Engineers, LLC, for design engineering and construction administration services for the Bonds for Better Bellaire 2016 Water and Wastewater Line Replacement Project Group A, Phase 1.**

**{Moved by David R. Montague, Council Member, and seconded by Michael Fife, Council Member}**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	David R. Montague, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michael Fife, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Friedberg, Reed, Pollard, Pappas, McLaughlan, Fife, Montague



<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None

- ii. Consideration of and possible action of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to enter into negotiations for a contract in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 to be executed by the Mayor, with HDR, Inc., for Design Engineering and Construction Administration Services for the Bonds for Better Bellaire 2016 Street and Drainage Project Group B Phase 1 - Submitted by Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager.

**Motion:**

**To authorize the City Manager to enter into negotiations for a contract in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 to be executed by the Mayor with HDR, Inc., for design engineering and construction administration services for the Bonds for Better Bellaire 2016 Street and Drainage Project Group B, Phase 1.**

**{Moved by David R. Montague, Council Member, and seconded by Trisha S. Pollard, Council Member}**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	David R. Montague, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Trisha S. Pollard, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Friedberg, Reed, Pollard, Pappas, McLaughlan, Fife, Montague
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None

- iii. Consideration of and possible action of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to enter into negotiations for a contract in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 to be executed by the Mayor, with Costello, Inc., for Design Engineering and Construction Administration Services for the Bonds for Better Bellaire 2016 Street and Drainage Project Group C Phase 2 - Submitted by Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager.

**Motion:**

**To authorize the City Manager to enter into negotiations for a contract in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 to be executed by the Mayor with Costello, Inc., for design engineering and construction administration services for the Bonds for Better Bellaire 2016 Street and Drainage Project Group C, Phase 2.**

**{Moved by David R. Montague, Council Member, and seconded by Michael Fife, Council Member}**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
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<b>MOVER:</b>	David R. Montague, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michael Fife, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Friedberg, Reed, Pollard, Pappas, McLaughlan, Fife, Montague
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None

- iv. Consideration of and possible action of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to enter into negotiations for a contract in an amount not to exceed \$132,000 to be executed by the Mayor, with Kelly R. Kaluza & Associates, Inc., for Design Engineering and Construction Administration Services for the Bonds for Better Bellaire 2016 Sidewalk Project Group D Phase 1 - Submitted by Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager.

**Motion:**

**To authorize the City Manager to enter into negotiations for a contract in an amount not to exceed \$132,000 to be executed by the Mayor with Kelly R. Kaluza & Associates, Inc., for design engineering and construction administration services for the Bonds for Better Bellaire 2016 Sidewalk Project Group D, Phase 1.**

**{Moved by Trisha S. Pollard, Council Member, and seconded by David R. Montague, Council Member}**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Trisha S. Pollard, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	David R. Montague, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Friedberg, Reed, Pollard, Pappas, McLaughlan, Fife, Montague
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None

**b. Third Party Plan Review Services:**

- i. Consideration of and possible action of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to enter into negotiations for a contract in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 to be executed by the Mayor, with KIT Professionals, Inc., for Third Party Plan Review Services for the Bonds for Better Bellaire 2016 Water and Wastewater Line Replacement Project Group A Phase 1 - Submitted by Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager.

**Motion:**

**To authorize the City Manager to enter into negotiations for a contract in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 to be executed by**

**the Mayor with KIT Professionals, Inc., for third party plan review services for the Bonds for Better Bellaire 2016 Water and Wastewater Line Replacement Project Group A, Phase 1.**

**{Moved by David R. Montague, Council Member, and seconded by Michael Fife, Council Member}**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	David R. Montague, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michael Fife, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Friedberg, Reed, Pollard, Pappas, McLaughlan, Fife, Montague
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None

- ii. Consideration of and possible action of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to enter into negotiations for contracts in an amount not to exceed \$62,000 to be executed by the Mayor, with ARKK Engineers, LLC, for Third Party Plan Review Services for the Bonds for Better Bellaire Street and Drainage Projects Group B Phase 1 and Group C Phase 2 and Sidewalk Project Group D Phase 1 - Submitted by Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager.

**Motion:**

**To authorize the City Manager to enter into negotiations for contracts in an amount not to exceed \$62,000 to be executed by the Mayor with ARKK Engineers, LLC, for third party plan review services for the Bonds for Better Bellaire Street and Drainage Projects Group B, Phase 1, and Group C, Phase 2, and Sidewalk Project Group D, Phase 1.**

**{Moved by Trisha S. Pollard, Council Member, and seconded by Michael Fife, Council Member}**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Trisha S. Pollard, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michael Fife, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Friedberg, Reed, Pollard, Pappas, McLaughlan, Fife, Montague
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None

**F. Community Interest Items from the Mayor and City Council.**

Community interest items from the Mayor and City Council included recognition of City Staff and Public Works for their recent beautification efforts; expression of congratulations to Travis Reed for his recent completion of the U.S. Marine Corps Officer

Candidate School; expressions of thanks to the Audit Finance Board for a job well done and to City Manager Paul A. Hofmann, Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities Karl Miller, and Parks Superintendent Buster Adams for sharing and including Council Member Fife in their plans for the railroad track entry; expression of welcome to Public Works Director Michael Leech; expression of appreciation to City Council and City Staff for representing Bellaire at the Harris County Mayors' & Councils' Association March monthly meeting; and expressions of condolences to the families of Mayor Andrew S. Friedberg and Mauria Still for the recent losses of their loved ones.

**G. Adjourn.**

**Mayor Friedberg** announced that the Regular Session of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, was adjourned at 11:02 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2017.

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Mar 20, 2017 6:00 PM (Adoption of Minutes:)