

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING
COMMUNITY FORUM (TOWN HALL MEETING)
AUGUST 18, 2014**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR HERMAN EARWOOD
COUNCIL MEMBER JOANN BUTLER
COUNCIL MEMBER JOANN GORDON

STAFF PRESENT:

PWD JAMES HATLEY
CS MARVIN GREGORY

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 7:03 p.m., the Community Forum was opened by PWD James Hatley on Monday, August 18, 2014 at the River Oaks Community Center, 5300 Blackstone Dr., River Oaks, Texas.

2. PUBLIC FORUM: STAFF UPDATE AND REPORTING AND OPEN DISCUSSION FOR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS RELATING TO THE CITY'S ON-GOING VOLUNTARY CURB-SIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM.

(The purpose of the meeting is for questions and answers regarding the City's Voluntary Curb-Side Recycling Program that started in October, 2013 that may include what's working? what's not? has the City seen benefits? or are there changes coming? There may also be a wide range of other topics discussed that relates to recycling. **THERE WILL BE NO ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL TAKEN.**

PWD James Hatley provided an update to the program that has now increased from 37 participants up to 355 that have been collected by city crews amounting to 655 yards of uncompacted recyclables that were loaded into a total of 80 dumpsters that were removed by Progressive Waste at no cost to the City.

PWD Hatley discussed having surveys that we would appreciate if those in attendance would fill out and turn in. He showed the newest flyer with the blue bags on it and announced that residents could access email notifications from the city website in order to stay updated with city services. He then reviewed again the program plan that the recyclables would have to be placed in transparent blue bags, recyclables will be collected on Wednesday's except for holidays and bags with trash in it would not be collected but instead would be picked up on regular garbage days.

Mayor Earwood thanked Norman Bulaich and Progressive Waste for their assistance with the curbside recycling program in River Oaks and added that their participation is what has made the program successful. **Norman Bulaich** of Progressive Waste provided information about recycle revolution that shows the path of recyclables from collection to its return to the market.

After the presentation questions were called for from the audience. PWD Hatley then closed out the community forum.

THERE WAS NO OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL TAKEN.

3. ADJOURN: At 7:33 p.m. the community forum was adjourned. No Council Action was taken.

APPROVED:


Herman Earwood, Mayor

ATTEST:


Marvin Gregory, City Secretary