

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING
COMMUNITY FORUM (TOWN HALL MEETING)
OCTOBER 15, 2013**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR HERMAN EARWOOD
COUNCIL MEMBER JOANN BUTLER
COUNCIL MEMBER JOANN GORDON

STAFF PRESENT:

CS MARVIN GREGORY
PWD JAMES HATLEY
CCO JOHN PAUL JONES
CCO FABIAN NEATHERY
SHIRLEY WHEAT (COMMUNITY CENTER)
SHIRLEY BLOOMFIELD (COMMUNITY CENTER)

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 p.m., the Community Forum was opened by Mayor Earwood on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at the River Oaks Community Center, 5300 Blackstone Dr., River Oaks, Texas.

2. PUBLIC FORUM: OPEN DISCUSSION FOR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS RELATING TO THE CITY'S UPCOMING VOLUNTARY CURB-SIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM SCHEDULED TO START ON OCTOBER 30, 2013 IN RIVER OAKS.

(The purpose of the meeting is for questions and answers and for providing information to the community about the City's Voluntary Curb-Side Recycling Program including but not limited to how to sign-up for the voluntary program, collection requirements and prohibitions, types of recycling bags, collection days and acceptable recyclables; 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.***

Mayor Earwood opened the Community Forum by summarizing the city's planned voluntary curb-side recycling program and how the program could save landfill costs. He then turned the meeting over to Public Works Director James Hatley to present the program.

PWD James Hatley provided an informative power point video and handouts to those in attendance regarding what recycling is, the results of recycling and what materials will be accepted. PWD Hatley stated to participate in the program, the resident would have to first sign up and to help start off the program the city would be giving away a roll of blue bags (10 bags in the roll) to those that signed up until the bags that the city had in stock were gone.

PWD Hatley stated the recyclables would have to be placed in transparent blue bags that can be purchased at places like Super Save and Home Depot and that other vendors were planning on stocking the blue bags. It was requested that cardboard be folded up and placed under the bags so it wouldn't blow away and that all metals be stacked separately. Plastics would be accepted that had on the bottom numbers 1 through 7, excluding number 6, which is foam. Glass would not be accepted because of breakage. Recyclables will be collected on Wednesday's beginning at 7:00 A.M. on Wednesday, October 30th. Recycling bags with trash in it would not be collected but instead would be picked up on regular garbage days as trash.

CS Gregory mentioned to the audience that they can receive more information about the recycling program and other city updates by logging on to the website and signing up for email notification.

Many of the residents stated how happy they were with the City's Garbage service and comments from the audience included how that recycling would help save the environment and reduce costs.

After the presentation questions were called for from the audience. Mayor Earwood then closed out the community forum.

THERE WAS NO OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL TAKEN.

3. ADJOURN


At 7:45 p.m. the community forum was adjourned for those in the audience to have a chance to come forward and sign up and get their free 10-bag roll. No Council Action was taken.

APPROVED:



Herman Earwood, Mayor

ATTEST:



Marvin Gregory, City Secretary