

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING
COMMUNITY FORUM
MAY 3, 2011**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR HERMAN EARWOOD
MAYOR PRO-TEM JOANN GORDON
COUNCIL MEMBER JOANN BUTLER
COUNCIL MEMBER STEVE HOLLAND
COUNCIL MEMBER JOE CREWS
COUNCIL MEMBER BOB MINTER

STAFF PRESENT:

CITY SECRETARY MARVIN GREGORY
OFFICE MANAGER PAULA BAGWELL
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JAMES HATLEY
POLICE CHIEF DAN CHISHOLM
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
PAUL MCALLISTER

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 7:05 p.m., the Community Forum (Town Hall Meeting) was opened by City Secretary Marvin Gregory on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at the River Oaks Community Center, 5300 Blackstone Dr., River Oaks, Texas.

2. PUBLIC FORUM: OPEN DISCUSSION FOR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS RELATING TO CITY BUSINESS (The purpose of the meeting is to receive input, and provide information, about a wide range of topics related to the City of River Oaks.)

City Secretary Marvin Gregory and Public Works Director James Hatley discussed the newly revised storm water plan, MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm System), the drainage, stagnant water, commercial car washes where there is not an interceptor or catch basin, and blowing leaves and grass into the street.

CS Gregory informed the audience that violations of the revised storm water plan could be enforced as of June 23, 2011. It was questioned from the audience as to what enforcement action would be taken? CS Gregory replied that personal contact would be the first step so as to educate people on the violation and the reason it is being implemented in the plan. The goal is not to issue citations but to obtain compliance, citations are the last resort.

It was questioned as to what is a catch basin and interceptor? CS Gregory explained that they are devices that are either circular or rectangular that are installed underground where drainage is received and the sediments are allowed to settle out and ultimately removed by a disposal contractor.

The resident at 4508 Ohio Garden asked for city assistance regarding the drainage ditch in the rear of her property; with all the debris coming down the ditch it tends to all collect in her part of the ditch. PWD Hatley stated he would check into it and see what could be done. CS Gregory provided information that the drainage channel is like many other ditches in the city in that they are privately owned and not under the city's jurisdiction.

Other discussions included the costs and funding of city wide drainage improvements and the process in order to acquire drainage right of ways.

Afterwards, Public Works Director James Hatley demonstrated the storm water module and handed out literature.

THERE WAS NO OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL TAKEN.

3. ADJOURN

At 7:39 p.m. the meeting was adjourned. No Council Action was taken.

APPROVED:


Herman Earwood, Mayor

ATTEST:


Marvin Gregory, City Secretary