

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 4, 2010

RESOLUTION 2010-65R – 3404 CYPRESS STREET APPEAL

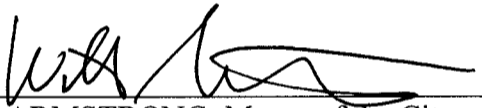
The resolution decides an appeal of the decision of April 22, 2010 of the Building and Standards Commission pursuant to Section 5-180, Article XIV, Unsafe Buildings, of Chapter 5 of the Victoria City Code pertaining to a structure located at 3404 Cypress Street, Victoria, Texas, owned by Dora Cunningham Terrell. John Kaminski.

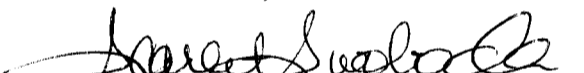
Director of Development Services, John Kaminski advised that the resident had requested additional time and was appealing the Building and Standards Commissions decision. He provided information on the condition of the structure and advised that it was staff’s concern that the cost to repair the structure would exceed the value of the home. He further pointed out that because of the condition of the structure it would not qualify for the home rehabilitation program because that amount was limited to \$25,000.

Cm. Hagan moved to **affirm** the Building and Standards Commissions decision, with Cm. Rangel seconding the motion. The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Rangel, Soliz, Polasek, Hagan, Truman, Halepaska, and Mayor Armstrong
NAYS: None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

APPROVED: 
WILL ARMSTRONG, Mayor of the City of
Victoria, Texas

ATTEST: 
SCARLET SWOBODA, City Secretary

VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL
May 11, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Victoria City Council was called to order by Mayor Will Armstrong at 5:01 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, 2010 in the Council Chambers, 107 W. Juan Linn, Victoria, Texas. The pledge of allegiance was said, and all citizens were welcomed.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Will Armstrong, Mayor
Tom Halepaska, Mayor Pro-Tem
Denise Rangel
Gabriel Soliz
David Hagan
Joe Truman

STAFF PRESENT

Charles E. Windwehen, City Manager
Charmelle Garrett, Deputy City Manager
Thomas A. Gwosdz, City Attorney
Linda Champion, Assistant City Attorney
John Kaminski, Director, Development Services
Lynn Short, Director, Public Works
Doug Cochran, Director, Parks and Recreation
Vance Riley, Fire Chief
O. C. Garza, Public Information Officer
Scarlet Swoboda, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT

Paul Polasek

OTHERS PRESENT

George Matthews, Elections Administrator

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

Cm. Hagan congratulated his colleagues who had won the recent election.

Cm. Truman commented that his dog was run over recently and it could just have easily been his child. It was due to nonresidential traffic going through residential areas. He asked if staff could investigate what other cities have done about closing sections of streets to control traffic. One of the benefits could be that it could slow down drive by shootings, by making it more difficult to get away. He wanted to have public comment and staff input on what other cities have done. He suggested addressing it sometime after the budget season.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Charles Spurlin, 2106 E. Mistletoe provided brochures on the Korean War Conference that would be held at the Victoria College University of Houston-Victoria Auditorium on June 24-26, 2010. He advised that this was one of only two national conventions being held, and the veterans in attendance would be recognized. The guest speaker would be Jim Lehrer of PBS NewsHour, pointing out that Mr. Lehrer was a graduate of Victoria College. Bill Sloan would also be a speaker and was a Pulitzer Prize nominee. He invited the Council and City employees to the event and noted that it was the 60th anniversary of the beginning of the conflict.

Homer Hill, 3410 Swan Drive commented that he wanted the Habitat homes to be built near the cul-de-sac in Swan Crossing. He also commented that building a park near the cul-de-sac would bring people that you do not want back there.

Tommy Lowe, 403 Turtle Rock commented on the closure of Railwood Drive in Woodway Subdivision and provided a map of the area. He stated that he was not opposed to closing Railwood, but if you look at the traffic flow, and close Railwood, the next easiest route through the subdivision was Woodhaven. He commented that the only way to stop traffic through Woodway Subdivision would be to close Woodway Drive, or both Railwood and Woodhaven at the same time. Closing Railwood helps Chimney Rock, but it diverts traffic down different streets and exposes three times as many people to the same traffic that there are concerns about now. When the school opens in August the traffic will increase. He stated that people are not going to cross over the Loop twice, because if they were going to do that, they would be doing it now. He expressed concern with spending money closing Railwood at this point and then coming back to address the same problem, it was just being shifted to another street. He asked Council to reconsider and solve the problem for all of Woodway.

ORDINANCES AND OTHER ITEMS WITH PUBIC HEARINGS

Mayor Armstrong opened a public hearing on the following item:

ORDINANCE 2010-8 – CANVASSING RETURNS FROM MAY 8, 2010 ELECTION

City Attorney, Thomas A. Gwosdz, read the caption of Ordinance 2010-8, which canvasses the returns and declares the results of a Joint General Election of the City of Victoria for City Council Mayor and City Council Member Super Districts 5 and 6, held on May 8, 2010. Emergency Reading. Scarlet Swoboda.

The following people were elected: Will Armstrong, Mayor; Joe Truman, City Council Member Super District 5; and Tom Halepaska, City Council Member Super District 6.

Mayor Armstrong asked if there were any questions from Council or the audience.

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| 2 | Courthouse | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 17 | 19 | 21 | 25 | 29 | 30 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | Early Voting | TOTALS |
| 66 | Trinity Episcopal | 66 | 47 | 29 | 40 | 85 | 66 | 112 | 92 | 26 | 85 | 216 | 148 | 171 | 37 | 32 | 225 | 36 | 16 | 1760 | 3,389 |
| 922 | | 1,222 | 1,586 | 1,787 | 899 | 2,135 | 2,315 | 1,985 | 2,469 | 1,302 | 2,292 | 3,032 | 3,165 | 2,595 | 537 | 1,575 | 2,743 | 1,361 | 664 | 35,266 | |
| 7.2% | | 5.4% | 3.0% | 1.6% | 4.4% | 4.0% | 2.9% | 5.6% | 3.7% | 2.0% | 3.7% | 7.1% | 4.7% | 6.6% | 6.9% | 2.0% | 8.2% | 2.6% | 2.4% | 5.0% | 9.6% |
| 39 | | 47 | 22 | 18 | 27 | 31 | 39 | 64 | 52 | 11 | 56 | 97 | 74 | 95 | 21 | 18 | 163 | 14 | 6 | 1046 | 1,953 |
| 14 | | 9 | 18 | 8 | 9 | 26 | 20 | 24 | 24 | 8 | 13 | 65 | 34 | 46 | 10 | 7 | 49 | 15 | 3 | 478 | 893 |
| 10 | | 7 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 20 | 2 | 15 | 9 | 4 | 10 | 37 | 34 | 12 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 146 | 333 |
| 25 | | 13 | 32 | 13 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 41 | | 51 | 14 | 15 | | 51 | 27 | | | | | | | | | 18 | 99 | 27 | 14 | 207 | 439 |
| | | | | | | 33 | 34 | | | | | | | | | 14 | 125 | 9 | 2 | 249 | 483 |
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I, George Matthews, Elections Administrator for Victoria County, Texas do hereby certify the above to be the true and correct number of votes cast for each candidate in the May 8, 2010 Joint Election.

Signed and sealed this 10th day of May, 2010

George Matthews

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George Matthews, Elections Administrator, 104 W. Stayton provided the certificate of the results of the precinct by precinct breakdown.

Cm. Soliz moved that the ordinance pass on emergency reading, with Cm. Hagan seconding the motion. The ordinance passed on emergency reading by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Rangel, Soliz, Hagan, Truman, Halepaska, and Mayor Armstrong
NAYS: None

Caption:

AN ORDINANCE TO CONSIDER CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF A JOINT GENERAL ELECTION OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA FOR CITY COUNCIL MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBER SUPER DISTRICTS 5 AND 6, HELD ON MAY 8, 2010.

Mayor Armstrong closed the public hearing.

City Manager, Charles E. Windwehen asked Council if they would consider dedicating an afternoon for a strategic planning work session, so that they could set some broad priorities for the next several years. It was the consensus of Council to move forward for a future agenda. The meeting date would be announced once set.

RESOLUTION 2010-66R – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AGREEMENT

The resolution authorizes an agreement with Habitat for Humanity, Victoria, to grant \$82,500 in CDBG funds and real property located at _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____ Swan Drive (originally obtained with CDBG funds) to Habitat in exchange for Habitat’s agreement to construct at least eight single-family housing units thereon, and to construct at least three single family housing units at 810A Virginia, 810B Virginia, and 1010 Park Avenue (currently owned by Habitat), and transfer said units to heads of low-income households in accordance with the regulations of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. John Kaminski.

Cm. Soliz moved that the resolution be adopted, with Cm. Truman seconding the motion.

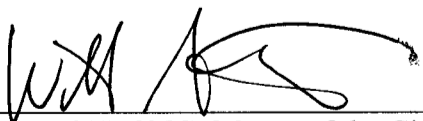
Cm. Hagan commented that Cm. Polasek expressed a desire to be present for discussion on this item and suggested that it be tabled until the next meeting.


Cm. Hagan moved to table the resolution, with Cm. Halepaska seconding the motion. The resolution was **tabled** by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Rangel, Hagan, Halepaska, and Mayor Armstrong
NAYS: Council Members Soliz and Truman

The newly elected Mayor and Council Members were presented Certificates of Election and administered the Oaths of Office.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

APPROVED: 
WILL ARMSTRONG, Mayor of the City of
Victoria, Texas

ATTEST: 
SCARLET SWOBODA, City Secretary